



THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF  
TRINITY AND GEORGETOWN LUTHERAN CHURCHES

Church Newsletter  
August 2019

The Parish  
Messenger

**Mission Statement**

We are a Christian community rooted in God's love growing in Christ through reaching out and serving.

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# PASTOR'S PONDERINGS

by Pastor Diane House

**1 Thessalonians 5: 1-5a, 11**

"Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, 'There is peace and security,' then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day...Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing."

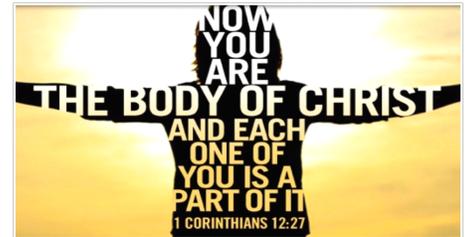
**Wow! I am still pondering** the violent storm of July 19th and its devastating aftermath! John and Gurine Gall, Wayne Kendrick, Marvel Nielsen, Gene and Georgia Palas, Neil Jensen, Jim Renneke and so many more whose property sustained devastating damage! That storm was a "sudden destruction" on a relatively peaceful day. For those in the path of the brunt of it, there was no escape! My heart was breaking visiting people and surveying the damage!

**The destruction of woodlands and farmlands is serious,**

but we can be so very thankful that no one was hurt or killed! We can also take time to give thanks to all the fire and rescue crews, power company workers, police officers, and neighborly people who took time to help clean up damage and restore power. The total clean up will be ongoing so that is why I am pondering verse 11 of the quoted scripture from 1 Thessalonians. As clean up continues let us be mindful to encourage and build one another up. Share stories. Listen to stories. Pray and continue to be of help wherever you can!

**In time, the storm will become a memory**

and the woodlands and farmlands will heal. We look forward to that day even as we share the concern of those hardest hit and mourn with them their losses. Thanks be to God and our Lord, Jesus Christ that we are knit together in the community of saints so that we can bear one another's burdens and build each other up!



**Worship Times**

**Georgetown**

Worship 10:30 a.m.

Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Sept.-May

**Trinity**

Worship 9:00 a.m.

Sunday School 10:15 a.m. Sept.-May

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## Announcements

### ATTENTION SUNDAY SCHOOLS Of Trinity and Georgetown!

You are invited to participate in the  
Musical by Allen Pote

"OH, JONAH"

Songs are easy to learn and there is  
very little memorization!

If you would like to be a part of this musical  
please let Debbie Wickstrom know!  
(715) 419-0482

There is no set date of presentation yet!



### The Church Council Invites All Members of Trinity Lutheran Church in McKinley

You are invited to a meeting on August 21st, from  
6:00 pm to 8:00 pm to discuss options for the best  
use of the generous gift from Elsie Marklund. Please  
come and add your wisdom, hopes, and dreams to  
this discussion. Together we can decide how to best  
steward this gift into the future!

### The Church Council Invites All Members Georgetown VBS "Who is My Neighbor?"

Georgetown will be having VBS August 11<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>.  
We will be kicking off VBS with lunch after church on  
Sunday, August 11<sup>th</sup>. August 12-15<sup>th</sup> it will be from  
5-7:30 with wrapping up Thursday evening with a  
Community Pancake Supper served by the VBS kids!

### Don't Forget our Summer Worship on Wednesdays!

This summer, Trinity and Georgetown Lutheran Churches, are offering a Wednesday evening, outdoor, camp-like  
worship service. All are invited to join us at the following times and places for worship, fellowship, and fun!  
There are only four left, don't miss out!

Wednesday, August 7 at 6:30 at Georgetown

Come and join in for  
SMORE fun!

# Trinity Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes

July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019

by Christine Anderson

**Members present:** Steven Anderson, Brenda Rouzer (Treasurer), Pastor Diane House, Allie Snowbank, John Gall, Christine Anderson. Absent were Debbie Wickstrom and JoAnn Sellent



Opened with a reading from John 15 and prayer.  
Meeting called to order by Steve Anderson.

## Reports:

**Secretary's Report:** Minutes from Trinity July 18<sup>th</sup> council meeting were read. Date of previous meeting was changed from April 30<sup>th</sup> to May 21<sup>st</sup>. Motion to approve the minutes as written in the newsletter with amended date of last meeting. Motion was made by Allie/John. Minutes approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** A separate account has been opened that will contain only the gift from Elsie Marklund. The general report is posted on the kiosk for congregational reference. Last month's income/expenses report was down about \$759. The general fund is stable. Before the council meeting Brenda will prepare a report listing memorial fund designations.

Motion to accept treasurers report was made by Christine/Allie. Report accepted unanimously.

## Pastor's Report:

- Fall planning
  - WOW will start September 4<sup>th</sup> at Trinity
  - Looking for congregational help with Wednesday night meals. This will be announced in church and a sign-up sheet started.
- Georgetown community meals will be in the evening during the summer.
- Georgetown is planning to host the Purple Cat in their parking lot. This is a mobile veterinary clinic with the goal of preventing unwanted cats. They will be offering spay and neuter services to anyone in the community on a date to be announced.

## Old Business:

Air conditioning in the sanctuary and fellowship hall. Our last estimate was from July 2018 from Maxwell. Our furnace units were installed to accept AC, however the coils still need to be installed. In July 2018 the estimate was \$15,000 to install coils in all 4 units. Allie will contact another company for a new estimate.

LED lights in fellowship hall. This will cut down on our electricity use. We qualify for Focus on Energy reimbursement as well as an X-cel match. Steve A. will get a firm estimate on the bulbs and labor.

Digital Communication: Allie and Mandy Rouzer are administrators of our facebook pages. Allie will set up a new page to allow more people to post.

Egress window in the parsonage: We have a quote of \$8000 for this work. This includes moving the location of the window and installing. We will continue this discussion with Georgetown council.

Building Use Policy: Trinity Council will look at what Georgetown has developed at the next council meeting.

Shed: Council is considering building a shed to store the lawnmower, carnival games, table umbrellas, etc. Congregational input is needed.

Motion light: Steve A. will talk with Mandy about the motion light for the front door.

Labyrinth: Council discussed experimenting with a labyrinth next summer, by letting some of the grass grow and mowing a temporary shape into the yard.

### Mission of the Month:

The council has been approached about reviving the “blessing bucket” idea in order to draw attention to local needs but to avoid putting a bucket out on the way into church. As a result, we will experiment with the following:

- o Announce the mission of the month in church on the first Sunday of the month.
- o Request that checks be made directly to the mission of the month
- o Put a box for collection at a table in the fellowship hall
- o The treasurer will not be tracking donations

August 2019 Mission of the Month donations will go to Benjamin’s House in Rice Lake.

### New Business:

- Trinity received a donation to be used for the next Palt dinner in memory of Phyllis Erickson. We thank the Erickson family for their generosity.
- Trinity kids and youth have been invited to join Bone Lake Lutheran for VBS August 4-8 (5:30-7:30pm) and a youth day August 9 (from noon on).
- Wurstfest at Louie’s will be September 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>.
- **Congregational meeting has been set for Wednesday, August 21<sup>st</sup> 6-8pm** to discuss the gift from Elsie Marklund’s to Trinity Lutheran Church. The purpose of the meeting is to vision the future of Trinity and how this gift can be part of that. It is important for the congregation to be involved in this conversation and this will likely be the first of multiple discussions. Final decisions will not be made during this first meeting.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by John/Christine. Meeting adjourned.

Next council meeting will be at Trinity on Tuesday, August 20 at 6:30pm.

## Trinity Shepherding Group

### August

#### **Joann & Rick Sellent:**

Pam Avery, Dennis/Gail Anderson, Jan/Ray Clark, Kathy/Sam Grenquist family, Brenda/Tim Rouzer, Lacy Sellent, Jordan Sellent, Travis/Marie Sellent

### September

#### **Steve Anderson:**

Lesa/Mickey Allen, Alison Anderson, Terry/Dona Lundmark, Debbie/Don Grover, Larry/Nancy Grover, Roy Marske, Bonnie/Jim Niemann, Roland/Cecelia Renstrom, JR/Jamie Shaffer, Barry/Debbie Wickstrom, Brian/Jamie Wickstrom, Mercedes Wickstrom



# Georgetown Council Meeting Minutes July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019



**Members present:** Jeanne Johnson, Stacy Bergmann, Tom Levi, Dennis Wiese, Tim Frendt, Gretchen Frendt, Teresa Vollrath, Charlotte Peper, Bruce Peper, Pastor Diane

**Absent:** Tom Levi, Jeanne Johnson, Teresa Vollrath

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m. Pastor Diane started with a reading and discussion of John 15

## **Reports:**

### **Secretary's Report:**

Minutes from the June council meeting were received as written.

**Treasurer's Report** The end of June we were \$3,090.95 behind budget. The operating fund is at \$5,576.34. A motion was made and seconded to accept the treasurer's report. It carried unanimously.

### **Report:**

Pastor Diane gave a report and discussed her calendar. Pastor Diane gave a family and visitor report.

## **Old Business:**

**Web Page/Giving Icon:** Tim Frendt will get a link on the webpage as soon as he has time.

**Fundraisers:** To take the place of Third Thursday lunches from Charlotte, a spaghetti supper will be held at the church on Thursday, July 18 beginning at 6 p.m. and a pancake supper on August 15. The meal in August will coincide with VBS.

**Facebook Linkage:** Gretchen will get the video linked to the church's website. Gretchen is also looking for a backup person to video services when she is not able to attend church.

**Update Membership Directories:** Stacy Bergmann started working on the electronic lists forwarded to her from Pastor. They were separated into members/nonmembers/people who get newsletters. They appear to be all mixed up because members are showing up on the nonmember list and some people are no longer alive that are getting newsletters. Charlotte Peper is going to review the lists and get them back to Stacy in August.

**LP Contract:** Bruce Peper is still checking into prices and will report back to the council in August.

**Church Secretary:** Gretchen Frendt will place an ad for a church secretary.

**Garage/Shed Roof:** Bruce Peper checked on steel for the garage/shed roof with ReStore and discussed with Steve Hansen. Steve said the Cemetery Association was also working on it and will let Bruce know the date when a group will be doing repairs.

**Renting the Fellowship Hall:** A sign is posted above the calendar asking everyone to contact Bruce Peper, Dennis Wiese or Tim Frendt who will go over the building use policy with them prior to use. Tim Frendt is working on a building use checklist that will include no use of alcohol or tobacco are allowed and the bathrooms must be cleaned, the church must be vacuumed and garbage must be removed after use. Tim Frendt will also create a building use request form that will include information on the event, date, time, length of event, contact person, how many people will be attendance, whether or not they will need to use the kitchen. All will be charged a \$100 deposit and \$50 will be returned if the building is left in good condition. Molly Jepson has currently reserved the fellowship hall for Saturday, August 4 for a wedding reception. Bruce Peper will contact her and go over the

details. Bruce Peper will contact Jim Rennie to see how his Judo classes in the fellowship hall every Saturday from 2 to 3:30 p.m. are going and ask if he will be considering a donation for use of the hall.

### New Business:

Parsonage Egress Windows: An estimate of \$8,000 to replace the egress windows at the parsonage. It would be cheaper if the clean up/touch up work was done by the church. Tim Frenndt will contact Steve Kelch to see a copy of the estimate before the council makes a decision.

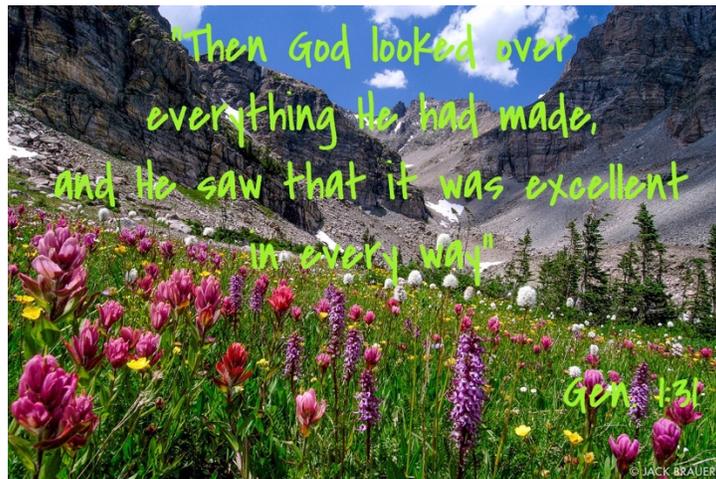
Church Debit Card: Council discussed the advantage/disadvantages of having a debit card for the church. Dennis Wiese will check out the details for a debit card for the church to discuss at the August council meeting.

Project Forms: The council discussed two project forms from Steve Hansen, one for removing the tree in front of the kitchen door and proceeding along the south side with landscaping and the other from landscaping around the new sign. Marvin Pass will be doing to landscaping. The council felt they were excellent project ideas. Tim Frenndt will talk with Steve Hansen on the projects, specifically the one on the south side of the fellowship hall as that is where Phase 3 of the building project is supposed to occur, when the time is right.

### Other Discussion:

- The council discussed holding a spay and neuter clinic for cats (pets, feral, community farm colony) in the church parking lot in October 2019. They need a few volunteers to help work that day. More information will be shared once details are finalized.
- The council discussed visiting members who are not able to make it to church. Pastor Diane explained that she goes by the wishes of the people she contacts to make a visit. Pastor discussed a visitation ministry that is made up of congregation members that go around and visit with church members that aren't able to come to church. Pastor will write something up to put in the newsletter.
- A new table/chair check out list needs to be made to include a phone number. Gretchen Frenndt will make a new form.

The next council meeting was scheduled for August 22 at 6:30 p.m. The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.



## Job Opening

### Secretary for Trinity and Georgetown Lutheran Churches

#### Job Description and responsibilities

- Type and print weekly bulletins and announcements
- Type, print, and assemble monthly newsletter. Mail and email newsletter
- Maintain and update emails, addresses
- Update Georgetown electronic sign and website with current information
- Computer skills and abilities absolutely necessary; Microsoft Office Products, as well as standard office equipment. Must be able to handle and transmit information clearly over the phone or in person. Must have strong organizational skills.

The above statements are intended to describe the general nature and level of work being performed by the church secretary. They are not intended to be construed as a list of all responsibilities. Please contact Pastor Diane if you are interested in this position. Home: 715-822-3553 Cell: 715-702-1240



### Blood Drive

Balsam Lake Community

Located at Georgetown Lutheran Church

877 190<sup>th</sup> Ave./County Rd. G

(Fox Creek)

Tuesday, August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Please call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767)

#### Newsletter Information

Information for the upcoming newsletter is due the 25th of each month. Please send information to [venice.shaffers@gmail.com](mailto:venice.shaffers@gmail.com).

## Be a Better Person

Posted on January 24, 2017 by Bulletin Digest

Don't we all wish that everyone would be a better person? Do we not hope that some bad people would turn their lives around and start doing good? Do we wish our neighbor would treat us better than before? Do we hope that the people we meet each day would show us respect and treat us fairly? If we expect others to be nicer and fairer, should we not make the effort as well? The Golden Rule is that we should treat others the way we would want them to treat us.

Be a better person now. Do not wait until next year and make a resolution about it. Do not put it off until next week or even tomorrow. Start right now. Look at the person closest to you and show them love. Pick up the phone and call someone who would appreciate a thoughtful consideration. Help someone who needs it, and even if they do not need help, help them anyway. Perhaps they will return the favor and help someone else. If we would just try, we could turn our society around and make it a pleasant adventure each day to interact with others. Smile. Wish someone a nice day. Be courteous. Encourage others to be good. Tell people about God and His promises. Read 1 John 3:17 and meditate upon it.

"My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth" (1 John 3:18).  
Don't just talk the talk, but walk the walk. Show your love to others.

"If someone says, 'I love God,' and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen?" (1 John 4:20).

One way to turn your life around is to change your focus. When you focus upon God you become a better person. When you focus upon helping others, you become a better person.

Our goal is to get people focused upon God and become people that are better. Our community would be much better if more people were better.

Carey Scott

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