

THE PARISH MESSENGER

The Monthly Newsletter of Trinity and Georgetown Lutheran Churches

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Mission Statement

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

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

When entering the hospital, please tell the admitting personnel that you are a member of our church. Have a family member contact the church office or pastor's office so you can receive pastoral care during your hospital stay.

Like a visit from pastor? Call the church or pastor's office and request a visit or let her know on a Sunday morning.

Remember to update the church office with changes of address, phone numbers, or e-mail.

Both churches are on Facebook. Friend us on Facebook! Contact Kathy Greener at Trinity and Jody Binfet at Georgetown to have us post an event, announce in church or share a picture.

****Information for the upcoming newsletter is due the 25th of each month. Please send information to venice.shaffers@gmail.com.**



Pastor Diane will be switching her day off from Fridays to Mondays.

Georgetown Vacation Bible School will be August 11th-15th. They are looking for volunteers to help out, as well as provide meals on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. Thursday will be an evening community meal that our VBS children and families will host.

Thursday, July 18 at 6:00 pm is an Evening Community Meal will be at Georgetown. This will be a Spaghetti Dinner with a freewill offering received to support the ministry.

The Trinity Women will NOT be meeting the 2nd Thursday of July. A surprise trip is being planned, more information will be announced later this month.

Youth Group Updates

Saturday, July 20

Shanty Town camp out at the church! Meet at 7pm to assemble your shanty--AKA a cardboard box. Some boxes and duct tape will be provided, but feel free to bring more if you want!



Don't Forget our Summer Worship on Wednesdays!

This summer Trinity and Georgetown Lutheran Churches will be 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, July 10 at 6:30 at Trinity
Wednesday, July 24 at 6:30 at Georgetown
Wednesday, August 7 at 6:30 at Trinity
Wednesday, August 21 at 6:30 at Georgetown

Put these dates and times on your calendar and join us. Bring a friend or two and spread the word! S'mores will be served!

Pastor's Pondering

“As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.” 1 Timothy 6: 17-19

As I write this today I am looking out into the woods that is richly green with abundant plant life. I am again pondering the miracle of Spring and Summer and being thankful for the abundant beauty of the woods.

As I drive around our communities I notice the abundance of growing crops, the beauty of well tended farms, and I appreciate the picturesque landscape dotted by grazing animals. I give thanks for the beauty of rural Wisconsin and all the hard work of our farmers.

As I gaze out at Grenquist Lake or fish and boat on one of my favorite lakes, Lake Hemlock, I take in the smell of the water, the feel of the breeze, the many and varied bird songs and I am thankful for the opportunity to praise and worship God in nature.

There are many ways we in this “present age are rich.” We are abundantly blessed with produce, natural beauty, secure homes, family, friends, community...to name just a few. God does indeed “richly provide us with everything for our enjoyment.”

In these long and lovely days of summer, I hope all of you can enjoy these blessings! Better yet, I hope you are finding ways to do good, to be rich in good works, generous and ready to share them! God has richly blessed us to be blessings to others. Because we are freed by grace, we are assured that we can generously share this abundance without fear of scarcity. God provides, and will continue to provide out of love for us.

Let's “take hold the life that really is life” by praising God and giving thanks for all that is provided for our enjoyment! When you are out and about in God's beautiful world, take a moment or two to give thanks to our loving creator for all that God provides. Then, share generously so that others may be blessed, too!

Pastor Diane



Trinity Church Council Minutes

June 18, 2019

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

Opened with prayer

Meeting called to order by Steve Anderson.

Reports:

Secretary's Report: Minutes from Trinity April 30th council meeting were read. Motion to approve the minutes as written was made by John/Debbie. Minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report: A general report is posted on the kiosk for congregational reference. 6 month budget update shows that our expenses are in line with expected amounts at this point in the 2019 budget. Motion to approve the report as written was made by Debbie/Christine. Report approved.

Pastor's Report:

- Pastor is switching her day off from Friday to Monday each week.
- FIN leaders have been looking for ways to support people in our community. They have 2 questions they are exploring right now:
 - How can we support the local school districts with their summer meal programs for kids? (providing transportation, etc?)
 - How can we support local farmer's market workers?
- Violet Carlson's memorial service has been set for July 6th at 11am at Trinity.

Old Business:

- New Communion Set is being used. It looks beautiful.
- We reviewed the building use policy. Christine will type up the changes discussed and council will review next month.
- Allie provided the name of a recommended contractor for the egress work on the parsonage. Steve will contact him about the work that needs to be done.
- Digital Communication: Anyone can post and share to Trinity Lutheran McKinley's Facebook page. Mandy Rouzer is an administrator if you do not want to post on your own. Debbie Wickstrom is the contact for adding things to the church web-site.
- The secretary position has been shared through the newsletter and the web-site. This can be added to the church Facebook page.
- We are exploring the cost of changing to LED in fellowship hall for energy efficiency.
- We are grateful for the generous gift left to Trinity by Elsie Marklund. The estate has been settled and we have received \$48,623.36. According to the will Elsie directed the money "be used locally for the church and its members". The council has been discussing options including setting up a fund (like an endowment) that would be separate from the operating budget of the congregation. The parameters for such a fund would need to be established by the congregation. The council will continue working with Gurene Gall and the Synod to develop ideas to be presented to the congregation. Council welcomes suggestions as we consider next steps. A motion was made to open a separate interest bearing savings account to hold this money until the council can set up an entity to manage such funds. Motion made by Christine/Debbie.

Motion passed. Steve Anderson will make an announcement in church on Sunday, June 23rd to inform the congregation.

New Business:

- The Blessing Bucket was discontinued, and a suggestion was made to add a ministry of the month program. The congregation would choose a ministry to support with special offerings each month or every two months. The council is looking for suggestions from the congregation about ministries to lift up each month.
- Council is considering building a shed to store the lawnmower, carnival games, table umbrellas, etc. Congregational input is needed. Discussion will continue at next month's meeting.
- Discussion will continue in the July meeting about designing and mowing a labyrinth.
- Debbie has proposed preparing a musical with the kids. Council enthusiastically supports the idea!
- Trinity VBS will be Sat. June 29, 3-6pm (with church campout after), Sunday, June 30, 10-1pm, Mon., July 1 and Tuesday, July 2 5-7:30pm.
- 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).

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Debbie/Christine. Meeting adjourned.
Next council meeting will be at Trinity on Tuesday, July 16 at 6:30pm.

Minutes submitted by Christine Anderson

Trinity Shepherding Groups

July

Bill & Kelly Anderson: Mandy/Mike Rouzer, Glenn/Kathy Greener, Albert Hanson, Liz Hanson, Heidi Wagner, James Springsteen, Ernie Riewestahl, Jeanette Niemann, Kathy Briese, Oscar/Beverly Schmidt, Wayne Kendrick, Dee Wagner

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



Georgetown Council Meeting

June 19, 2019

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.
Pastor Diane started with a reading and discussion of John 15

Secretary Report: A motion was made a seconded to approve a correction to the May minutes that the church service is at the Wiese's on June 30 (not June 31). Motion carried unanimously

Treasurers Report: The end of May we were \$1,536.20 behind budget. The operating fund is at \$4,879.46. A motion was made and seconded to accept the treasurer's report. It carried unanimously.

Pastor Diane gave a report and discussed her calendar. Pastor will be on vacation July 13-15. Pastor Wayne Kendrick will fill in on July 14. Pastor is changing her day off to Monday's instead of Fridays.

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 will work to get the membership lists updated.
- LP Contract: Bruce Peper will check into prices and report back to the council in July.
- Sale of Bass: Neal and Doreen Weltzin sent a donation of \$750 for the bass. Stacy will send them a thank you.

New Business

- Service at Weise's: Everyone is invited to the church service at the Weise's barn on June 30. Potluck will follow, bring a chair.
- Renting the Fellowship Hall: The council discussed how to handle requests for renting/using the church fellowship hall. After a great deal of discussion, the council would like all requests to go through the council. Stacy will make a sign to post 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 will work 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 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 in left is good condition.

Molly Jepson has currently reserved the fellowship hall for Saturday, August 4 for a wedding reception. Bruce will contact her and go over the details.

The council then discussed a request from Jim Rennie to hold Judo classes in the fellowship hall every Saturday from 2 to 3:30 p.m. After discussion, a motion was made to permit Jim to use the fellowship for Judo classes on Saturday for one month and then evaluate the use. The council is asking for a donation from Jim for the use. The motion carried. Bruce will contact Jim Rennie.

Other Discussion

- The Sunday School start time needs to be changed to 9 a.m. on the church bulletin.
- Jeanne will contact Maggie Swintek to get her ideas for planting around the new sign.
- Bruce is checking on prices on steel for the garage/shed roof.
- Debbie Wickstrom is planning a musical. All kids are invited to participate.

The next council meeting was scheduled for July 17 at 6:30 p.m. The meeting adjourned at 9 p.m.





**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!

July

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 VBS at Trinity 5:00-7:30	2 VBS at Trinity 5:00-7:30	3	4	5	6 Memorial for Violet Carlson 11:00
7 Trinity Worship 9:00 Sun. School 10:15 Georgetown Worship 10:30 Sun. School 9:00	8	9	10 Campfire Worship at Trinity 6:30	11	12	13
14 Trinity Worship 9:00 Sun. School 10:15 Georgetown Worship 10:30 Sun. School 9:00 *Wynn Kershik will preach, Pastor Diana is gone	15	16 Trinity Council Meeting 6:30	17 Georgetown Council Meeting 6:30	18 Evening Community Meal at Georgetown 6:00	19	20
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