



Church Newsletter October 2019

The Parish Messenger

Mission Statement

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

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF
TRINITY AND GEORGETOWN LUTHERAN CHURCHES

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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Don't Forget our **Worship on Wednesdays!**

WOW Schedule for October

All Wednesdays begin at 5:45 p.m. and end at 7:30 p.m.

October Theme: The Apostle's Creed

October 2, 2019 at Trinity: Godly Play Story "Synagogue and Upper Room"

Oct. 9 at Georgetown

Oct. 16 at Trinity

Oct. 23 at Georgetown

PASTOR'S PONDERINGS

by Pastor Diane House

“But he [Elijah] himself went a day’s journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die...Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” He answered, “I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken you covenant, thrown down your altar, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone a left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.” He [God] said, “Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by.” Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.”

1Kings 19: 4, 10-13a

Today I find myself pondering wind, strong and destructive winds. Last night the strong and destructive winds of a tornado once again blew through Wisconsin, this time through the town of Elk Mound and the township of Wheaton leaving behind the chaos of destroyed property. I am sure that many of you reading this know exactly how the people of these towns feel right now.

I am also pondering prophets, people who are called or compelled to call attention to the plights of people. On my mind today is the young Swedish prophet, Greta Thunberg. This committed young lady took the United Nations and all adults, really, to task for failing in our responsibility to be stewards of the Earth ensuring the next generation a planet to live on. She faced extreme criticism, but persevered in her message.

So, now I am pondering messages, messengers, and who it is that we are willing to listen to. Elijah faithfully brought the message of repentance to the Israelites and they responded by seeking to take away his life. After fleeing the wrath of Jezebel and the people of Israel, Elijah is protected and refreshed by angels and then instructed to stand in the presence of the LORD. This holy presence is heralded by a great wind splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces, by an earthquake and fire, and then sheer silence. Elijah encounters God’s holy presence in sheer silence.

Is that where we find God? After the tornado that ripped through our area in July, was it in the silence that God was present? In that silence we could pray and meditate on our response to the storm. In that silence we could take time to consider the warnings about climate change that contribute to these strong, unpredictable, and deadly storms. We could consider some ways we could change our behaviors and habits so that we are better stewards of the environment God created for us to live in and with.

We definitely will consider how to respond and help our brothers and sisters in Christ in Elk Mound and in Wheaton. Let’s think together about ways we can be of service to these neighbors in need.

Pastor Diane

Attention Ladies!

The Womens ELCA meeting will be at the church on Thursday, Oct. 10, at 1:30. Pastor Diane will be presenting the Bible study and Gurine will serve refreshments

Caregiving Ministry Opportunity

“Caring for another person involves meeting the needs for that whole person. Through actions of love, God reaches down and touches people with his power. His healing activity can renew all specks of an individual’s life.” (“Christian Caregiving: a way of life” by Kenneth C. Haugk, page 136.)

Would you like to be part of a team that brings this love and healing to others? Georgetown is starting a group to provide Christian caregiving to homebound members and others who need outreach from our church. An organizational meeting will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 22 at 6 pm at Georgetown. Please let Pastor Diane (house.dianerev@gmail.com or 715-8222-3553) or any council member know if you are interested in attending.

New Giving Opportunities to Support the Ministries of Georgetown Lutheran Church!

There are two new ways to support the ministries of Georgetown through your offering:

There is an online giving button on our website. You can click the bright green “Give” tab and a dropbox with giving options will open. Just follow the instructions to make an offering!

If you are watching our Facebook live-feed on Sunday morning you can follow the “Use App” instructions to make an online offering there! Currently Georgetown needs a weekly offering of \$1,262.75 to make ministry happen in our church and community. This was the offering we received in August as reported at September’s council meeting:

- August 4: \$798
- August 11: \$1,148
- August 18: \$835
- August 25: \$663

As you can see we did not receive the minimum required amount any of the weeks of August creating a bit of a hole in the budget. Please consider using the online giving options that have been created for you to use when you can not join us in worship. Your support of the ministries of this church are always greatly appreciated! To God be the glory!

Trinity Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes

September 17th, 2019

Minutes submitted by Debbie Wickstrom

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

Devotions from Psalm 24—Caring for Creation
Meeting called to order by Steve Anderson.

Reports:

Secretary's Report: Minutes from August council meeting were read. Motion to approve minutes as amended made by Allie/JoAnn. Minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report:

August statement is posted on the kiosk in the church entry.
JoAnn/Debbie made a motion to accept the treasurers report. Report accepted.

Pastor's Report:

- Christine Wetzel has asked to have her membership transferred to Trinity Lutheran Church. Motion made and seconded by Allie/JoAnn to accept Christine as a member. Approved unanimously.
- Luther Park Bible Camp is starting a capital campaign for a new worship center. Jana from LPBC will come to talk on November 3, 2019. This will be our November Mission of the Month.
- Pastor Mike from Cumberland Methodist Church is hosting a prayer walk around the schools on September 29th. Anyone interested in joining is to meet at the Cumberland High School at 3:30. There will be a chili supper at 5:30 after the walk.
- Pastor Diane attended the Fall Ministry retreat at Heartwood Lodge in Trego on September 22-24.

Old Business:

Estate Visioning Meeting for the gift from Elsie Marklund is set for October 13, 2019 following the worship service.

Building Improvements:

- Steve A. is researching quotes for LED lights.
- AC quotes have been put on hold until February since this is a busy time of year and all the storm damage.
- There is a small leak in furnace room, possibly from condensation. Needs to be monitored to find the source.
- Church and Parsonage were sprayed for Asian beetles by Wil-Kil.

Newsletter: Jamie Shaffer has agreed to continue. All items for the newsletter should be written the way you want them to appear and sent to Jamie at venice.shaffers@gmail.com.

On-Line Giving: Bone Lake Lutheran uses Simply Giving and it is monitored by the secretary.

Wurstfest: profit of \$1,790! Next year Trinity will work on Saturday only and release the Friday date.

Copyright License: A motion was made and seconded by Allie/John to pay \$195 to One License for copyright privileges for one year.

WOW: 5:45 – 7:30 for an opening, meal, lesson/activity and closing each week. We really need volunteers to make meals!

Oh Jonah! Practices are going well and it is great to have Georgetown joining us! The performance will be October 27th at 3pm at Trinity.

Carnival is Sept 22nd! Everything is all set and prizes are still coming in.

New Business:

Mission of the Month: October is Coat Drive (hats and mittens) and Margaret Project Santa. November is Luther Park Capital Campaign. Council is looking for ideas from the congregation for future months.

Noisy Offering: It was suggested to have a "noisy offering" which is a time when kids would bring change to church and put in a bucket during offering.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by JoAnn/Allie. Meeting adjourned.

Next council meeting will be at Trinity on Tuesday, October 15 at 6:30pm.

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Trinity Shepherding Groups

October**Josh and Shannon Kelch:**

Christine Anderson, Jan & Norm Anderson, Darren/Tonya Johnson, Chad/Staci Lundmark, Tim/Peggy Lundmark, Tom/Anna Weaver, Linda Weaver, Diane/Kevin Wickstrom

November**Judy Kelch**

Bill/Dorothea Beecroft, Paul/Ellen Bergmann, Patricia Bergmann, Liz Buchholz, Tom/Jenny Buchholz, Rob/Lisa Buchholz, Chandra/Jason Cummings, Shane Beecroft, Jerry/Robin Denver, Jane Gibson, John/Gurinne Gall, Paul Grenquist, Penny Sundvall, Jennifer Grover, Allie and Dillon Snowbank

Announcement!

I would like to thank EVERYONE for making the community carnival a huge success. Thank you for the many generous prize donations, to those who built amazing games, for running the games, for the help setting up and taking down. The kids AND the adults had a lot of fun and I was told it was the best carnival ever. That's because of all of you. Special thank you to Kelch's Concessions for the great food! Thank you!

Debbie Wickstrom



Georgetown Shepherding Groups

October

Roberta Hanson

Steve Hansen, Bruce & Julie Peper & Mikayla, Mackenzie Peper, Cami Peterson & Cole Kuschel, Dorothy Lauritsen, Tim & Gretchen Frenndt, Andrew & Emily, Doug & Audrey Schulte, Bill Enberg, David & Lois Cran, Neal & Janice Jensen, Laura & Jillian Jensen, Michael & Mindy Hansen, Alex and Aiden Hansen, Anthony Hansen, Maggie & Mick Swiontek, Katelyn

Swiontek, Joan Carlson, Lisa Larson, Neil Larson, Joe, Payton, Carol Osterloh, Kevin & Cora Seeland, Pam Murphy, Luke Hetfield, David Randall, Sandy Randall, Larry & Nancy Cox, Dennis Glenn



November

Dale & Teressa Jensen

Lyle Jensen, Gene & Georgia Palas, Jim Palas & Sara, Theresa & Randy Vollrath, Julie Wassberg, Marvel Nielsen, Jim Rennie, Jessie & Derek Rennie, Don Wenzel & Amy Wenzel, Charlotte & Randy Glenna, Joe, Courtney, Chazz & Trevor Hegna, Will & Stacy Bergmann & Bridgett, Wyatt Bergmann, Kent & Heidi Jensen, Dawson, Krista Jensen, Joanne Schmidt, Trina & Troy Strand & Family, Travis & Alissa Norlund & Family, Max & Loretta Bay, Lola Roodell, Kathy and Krissy Norlund, Debbie Peterson, Carl & Sara Dueholm & Family



Georgetown and Trinity Lutheran Children

will be presenting

“Oh, Jonah”

A musical by Allen Pote and Carole McCann

Sunday, October 27th

3:00pm

at Trinity Lutheran Church

*Please come and see our children
tell the story of Jonah and the whale and about
responsibility, repentance and listening to God*





October



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 WOW Wednesday- at Trinity: Godly Play Story "Synagogue and Upper Room	3	4	5
6 Trinity Worship 9:00 Sun. School 10:15 Georgetown Worship 10:30 Sun. School 9:00	7	8	9 WOW Wednesday- GT- 5:45p.m	10 1:30 Trinity ELCA Meeting at Church	11	12
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20 Trinity Worship 9:00 Sun. School 10:15 Georgetown Worship 10:30 Sun. School 9:00	21	22 Outreach Organization Meeting at Georgetown 6:00	23 WOW Wednesday. at GT- 5:45 p.m	24	25	26
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