



Church Newsletter
November 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 November

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

November Theme: The Lord's Prayer

November 6, 2019 at Trinity: Godly Play Story "Circle of the Church Year"

November 13 at Georgetown: Make Liturgical Year Banner?

PASTOR'S PONDERINGS

by Pastor Diane House

“As God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothes yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body and be thankful.” Colossians 3: 12-14

There is a lot to ponder on this pastor’s heart today. The weather is blustery, damp, and cold. I am pondering how anyone could live without adequate shelter or warm clothing in this weather especially knowing it is only going to get worse.

I watch the chipmunks, squirrels, and wild birds scurrying and flying about getting ready to winter and ponder how any human could make it through the winter without adequate food. I am thinking about last July’s storm and how folks in our community are still trying to clear debris, fix damage, find resources, etc.

As I ponder, the Holy Spirit keeps reminding me that we are on in Christ and we are to bear with one another and share each other’s burdens. These words from Colossians were written to a community dealing with false teachers who were claiming that the Colossians were not yet fully united with Christ and needed some kind of special knowledge and must live in very strict ways in order to be **fully** united with Christ. Paul is writing to them from prison to remind them they have already received Christ and so are to continue to live as they had been taught.

These word of reminder apply to us, too. Because we have been claimed and loved by Christ, we are free to set aside our differences and complaints and focus on the needs of our neighbors serving God in humility, meekness, and patience.

Trinity is hosting a warm clothing drive and Margaret’s Project Santa this month. Georgetown just had their fall dinner and offered money in support of mental health programs through the county. Both churches are starting a visitation ministry to reach out to those homebound in both communities.

As always both councils are eager to hear ways that we can reach out in love and service to all in need. I encourage all to ponder the needs of our neighbors, to help make known that need and to answer God’s call to address these needs with compassion. Thank you for all the ways you serve Christ in the church and outside its walls and for the ways you glorify God in all you do.

Pastor Diane

Announcements

Attention WELCA Ladies!

Ladies WELCA meeting for Nov. will be Thurs., Nov. 14, 1:30 p.m. at the church. Gurine will lead Bible study.

Christmas Brunch!

Save the date: Sat. Dec. 7, 2019, 11:00 a.m. Christmas Brunch for the Trinity women. It will be at the Red Maple Eatery

Give blood. Help Save Live



Blood Drive

Balsam Lake Community
Locate at Georgetown Lutheran Church

877 190th Ave./Cty. Rd. G
(Fox Creek)

Monday, November 4th, 2019
12:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

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

or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter:
Balsam Lake WI to schedule an
appointment.
American Red Cross

1-800-733-2767 redcrossblood.org
Download the Blood Donor App

Youth Group Update!

November 1st at 4:30pm anyone interested in helping with roadside cleanup will meet at Trinity. Pizza and fellowship will follow. If there is snow the cleanup will be cancelled.

Trunk or Treat

Trunk or Treat will be held at Trinity Lutheran on Sunday, Nov. 3 after church. Kids don't miss your chance to show off your costumes one more time. Come to worship to remember all the saints in our lives and then we can treat our youngest saints after the service!

Operation Christmas Child

The shoebox ministry will begin Nov. 3, 2019 and be completed by Sun. Nov. 20, 2019. Information will be in the church narthax.

Thanksgiving Eve Service

There will be a service on Tuesday, November 26 at 6:30 p.m. to give thanks and praise to God at Georgetown Lutheran Church. Pastors and people from Fristad Lutheran, Luck Lutheran, Cushing and Laketown Lutheran, and North Running Valley Lutheran will be joining us. After the service there will be time to visit in the Georgetown fellowship hall. Georgetown will provide the coffee and beverages and everyone is invited to bring breads or bars to share! Join us for this time of worship and friendship and bring a neighbor or friend.

Trinity Council

Meeting Minutes

October 15, 2019

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

Opened with prayer

Meeting called to order by Steve Anderson.

Reports:

Secretary's Report: Minutes from September council meeting were read. The LPBC speaker is Jana Klien (not Tim Wright). A motion to approve minutes with the above change was made by Debbie/Christine. Minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report:

September statement is posted on the kiosk in the church entry. The balance is lower due to 2 larger payments completed in September (pledged contribution to NW Synod of WI and propane for the winter).

Christine/Allie made a motion to accept the treasurers report. Report accepted.

Pastor's Report:

- Irene Hanson passed away on October 1. The funeral will be November 9th.
- Confirmation Sunday is Oct. 27th. Sarah Sellent will affirm her baptism at that time.
- October 30th will be a pumpkin carving/decorating event for the youth at 6:15pm.
- Luther Park Bible Camp is starting a capital campaign for a new worship center. Jana Klien from LPBC will come to talk on November 3, 2019. This will be our November Mission of the Month.
- Trunk or Treat will be Sunday, Nov. 3rd after worship
- Tuesday, Nov. 26th at 6:30 pm there will be a Thanksgiving Eve Service at Georgetown. This is a collaboration between a few local congregations.

Old Business:

Building Improvements:

- LED lights are here and ready to install when the electrician is ready. We discussed the possible need for scaffolding.
- AC research has been put on hold until February.
- There is a small leak in furnace room, which is coming from the roof.
- First Lutheran is borrowing carnival games for their Trunk or Treat.

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

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

Oh Jonah! The performance will be October 27th at 3pm at Trinity.

Noisy Offering: We will continue

Improvement Wish-List In an attempt to prioritize, the council sorted the following.

- Parking Lot improvements (striping for parking spots, motion like for lot, consider trap rock)

- A/C we have a \$5000 donation, the past quote was \$15,000. We will continue to gather quotes starting in February.
- Shad for storage (Christmas decorations, carnival games, garage sale racks, palt dinner buckets, possibly lawnmower)
- Lighted Sign (electricity to the current sign or entirely new sign?)
- WiFi
- Saving for a roof in the future (solar panels?)

Memorial Fund Meeting for the gift from Elsie Marklund was held October 13, 2019. Minutes from the meeting we read. These minutes are available to anyone, if congregation members would like them, please request from Christine Anderson. As a result of the Oct. 13th meeting, the council has two tasks:

1. Establish an accurate voting membership count to establish a quorum. Debbie Wickstrom agreed to work on this.
2. Rework a proposal for using the donation from Elsie and bring back to the congregation for consideration.

The council has been and will continue to research how other congregations in our area handle their endowment funds (Bone Lake, First Lutheran, Synod). After much discussion, it was decided that the council would develop two plans to present to the congregation. One is to include establishing an endowment fund using the entire gift amount and address congregational concerns about the limits on access to the principle. The second will include establishing an endowment fund with most of the donation and putting a smaller portion into a matching fund to be used to “jump start” donations for congregational improvements.

New Business:

Mission of the Month: December will be a 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.

Photo Directory: Is it time to think about a photo directory again?

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

Joint Council meeting will be At Georgetown on Sunday, November 10th at 5:30pm.

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

Minutes submitted by Christine Anderson

Trinity **Shepherding** Groups

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

Georgetown Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes



September 26, 2019

Present: Jeanne Johnson, Stacy Bergmann, Tom Levi, Tim Frendt, Gretchen Frendt, Charlotte Peper, Pastor Diane

Absent: Dennis Wiese, Teresa Vollrath, Bruce Peper

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m.
Pastor Diane lead devotions.

Secretary Report: Minutes from the August council meeting were received as written.

Treasurers Report: The end of August we were \$6,084.95 behind budget. The operating fund is at \$1,400.18. A motion was made and seconded to table the treasurer's report until the council can get some explanation as to why the opening and closing balance are the exact same. It carried unanimously.

The council discussed the need to have a financial person at each council meeting. Tim Frendt will talk with Diana Peterson and see if she would be available to attend council meetings for the treasurer's report portion of the meeting.

The council also discussed sending a letter to the congregation making them aware of the electronic donation option on our website and to ask for additional giving. Gretchen Frendt will draft a letter. The council requested the finance summary be included in the newsletter like it used to be.

Pastor Diane gave a report and discussed her calendar.

Pastor Diane gave a family and visitor report.

Old Business

- **Web Page/Giving Icon:** The Giving link in on the webpage.
- **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. We applied for an Innovative Technology Grant to purchase recording equipment.

- **Update Membership Directories:** Stacy Bergmann is continuing to work on the directory.
- **LP Contract:** A contract is locked in through Countryside Co-op at \$1.09.
- **Visitation Ministry:** There will be a meeting on October 22 at 6 p.m. for anyone that wants to be part of a visitation ministry that will visit congregation members and friends that are unable to make it to church.
- **Technology Grant:** The church received a \$4,500 grant to purchase equipment that we can use for videoing service and putting it on our Facebook feed.

New Business

- **Lawnmower:** A motion was made and seconded for a committee to be formed to researching and price shop new lawnmowers. The cemetery committee has offered to pay for half of it.
- **Project Forms:**
A motion was made and seconded to approve the fundraiser at Sherrards Resort on Saturday, September 28 from 6 to 8 p.m. Money raised will go towards a new lawnmower.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Fall Dinner fundraiser on Sunday, October 20. The money raised will go towards the blacktop fund.

The next council meeting was scheduled for October 17 at 6:30 p.m. The meeting adjourned at 8 p.m.



Georgetown Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes

October 17, 2019

Present: Gretchen Frendt, Tim Frendt, Jeanne Johnson, Tom Levi, Bruce Peper, Charlotte Peper, Teresa Vollrath

Absent: Stacy Bergmann and Denis Weise

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 PM.

Pastor Diane opened with a devotion and reading from Everyday Epiphones.

Secretary Report: Minutes from the September council meeting were accepted as written.

Treasurer Report: The end of September reports that we were \$6,384.20.20 behind budget. The operating fund is at \$4,771.18. A motion was made and seconded to table the September treasure's report until questions regarding bank errors and fundraising discrepancies are clarified. It was carried unanimously.

Tim Frendt will speak with and request that Diana Peterson and Denis Weise meet with the council after church on November 3, 2019 to get unanswered questions clarified.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Diane gave a family and visitor report, and gave updates to current projects and calendar updates. She has been active in the ELCA Candidacy Committee, which has entered two new people. Attended Bridge Builder conflict training. WOW has been well attended. No WOW on October 30, but all are welcome to decorate pumpkins at Trinity that evening. Bible study will resume on Monday, October 21, with options of 9:30am at Georgetown and 7pm at Trinity. First meeting for the new Visitation ministry will be on Tuesday, October 22. Irene Hansen funeral on November 9. Considering a special service on Nov 10 to commemorate the 30th anniversary of the falling of the Berlin wall. Thanksgiving Eve service will be a joint service at Georgetown with Luck Lutheran, Fristad/Milltown Lutheran, Cushing, Laketown, and possibly Bone Lake on Tuesday, November 26. Worship will be at 6:30; fellowship will follow.

Deacon Report: Bibles will be given out to youth on November 9. Sunday School Christmas Program will be December 22. Charlotte Peper reported that the Sunday School children made "Thinking Of You" cards for those who are homebound. She will mail them out.

Trustees Report: Met with contractor to finalize the new siding and roofing. Weather permitting, work may happen yet this fall. If temps continue to stay cold, work will be done in the spring. Bruce will look into energy efficient lighting for outdoors, and motion sensory switches for bathrooms and closet.

Elder Report: Teresa reported that Fristad/Milltown Lutheran has donated 47 Cranberry Hymnals. A thank you will be sent.

Old Business:

- Visitation Ministry will start with a meeting on Tuesday, October 22nd.

New Business:

- **Portico Plan:** Motion was made to continue with existing Portico plan for the coming year. Motion passed.
- **Joint Council Meeting:** **Joint** Council Meeting was set for Sunday, November 10 at 5:30. Georgetown will meet at 5pm.
- **Insurance Deductible:** Motion was made to pay the \$1000 deductible to Built Strong Exteriors to finalize the commitment of contract. Motion passed.
- **Building Use Forms:** Approved use for Private Party on November 3, and Blood Drive on Nov 4.
- **Annual Calendar:** Gretchen suggested an annual calendar be developed to use as reminders for council and fellow members of what needs to be done. Calendar will be an ongoing project.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 and ended with the Lord's Prayer.

Georgetown Shepherding Groups

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



2019

December 1: Sherry's Group
 December 8: Carol & Mary Lou
 December 15: Charlotte's Group
 December 22: Roberta's Group
 December 29 Teressa's Group

Georgetown Lutheran Church

Treasurer's Report

September 1-30, 2019

Opening Balance September 1, 2019 **\$24,271.18**

September Income

Bank Refund (Bank Error)	\$100.00
Offering	\$6,015.50
Blessing Bucket (August)	\$20.00
Sherrard's Fundraiser	\$1,901.00

Total \$8,035.50

September Expenses \$4,198.47

Closing Balance September 30, 2019 **\$28,108.21**

Budget 2019 \$65,663.00

Needed Weekly \$1,262.75

Offering thru September 20, 2019 \$42,863.05

Budgeted offering to date \$49,247.25

Ahead/Behind Budget **(\$6,384.20)**

Offering:

1-Sep	\$1,137.00
8-Sep	\$1,070.00
15-Sep	\$1,879.00
22-Sep	\$923.50
29-Sep	\$1,005.00

Fund Balances

Youth Activity Fund \$3,706.66

Memorial Fund \$2,483.36

Blacktop Fund \$10,537.01

Lawnmower Fund \$1,901.00

Bold Generosity Capital Campaign Appeal \$4,500.00

Operating Fund \$4,771.18

Community Meal \$1,436.50 9/30/19

Blessing Bucket \$209.00 9/30/19

Georgetown Lutheran Church

Treasurer's Report

September 1-30, 2019

Date	Amount	Number	Description	Memo	Amount
Income					\$8,035.50
Miscellaneous Income					\$2,021.00
Bank Refund					\$100.00
9/17/19	Checking	DEP		Bank Error	\$100.00
Blessings Bucket					\$20.00
9/1/19	Checking	DEP		Aug-19	\$20.00
Sherrard's Fundraiser					\$1,901.00
9/28/19	Checking	DEP		Sherrards	\$1,901.00
Offering					\$6,014.50
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Expenses					\$4,198.47
Church					-\$347.03
Propane					-\$247.29
9/14/19	Checking	5128	Countryside..		-\$247.29
Telephone					-\$99.74
9/14/19	Checking	5127	Lakeside...		-\$99.74
Office Expenses					-\$114.52
Ads					-\$74.52
Worship & Office Supply					-\$40.00
					-
Pastor					\$3,736.92
Continuing Education					-\$132.50
Disability Benefit					-\$69.75
Health Insurance					-\$768.00
Home Equity					-\$119.00
Life Insurance					-\$5.58
Mileage					-\$197.49
Retirement					-\$298.53
					-
Salary					\$1,951.95
Social Security Tax					-\$194.12
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					-
Overall Total					\$3,837.03

Thanks to these children for the wonderful message your shared with us in *“Oh, Jonah.”*

Special thanks to Debbie Wickstrom and Christine Anderson for all of their hard work pulling off this wonderful production!

The Angels & Jonah



The Sailors



Nineveh The City of Sin



The Bossy Whale





November



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 4:30 Roadside Clean up TLC	2
3 Trinity Worship 9:00 Sun. School 10:15 Trunk or Treat Georgetown Worship 10:30 Sun. School 9:00	4 12:30 Blood Drive GLC	5	6 1:00 Quilting at GLC WOW Wednesday- Trinity - 5:45p.m	7 1:30 Trinity ELCA Meeting at Church	8	9
10 Trinity Worship 9:00 Sun. School 10:15 Georgetown Worship 10:30 Sun. School 9:00 Joint Council Meeting 5:30	11	12	13 1:00 Quilting at GLC 5:45 WELCA/Meeting WOW Wednesday at GLC 5:45 p.m	14 Ladies WELCA Mtg. 1:30 TLC	15	16
17 Trinity Worship 9:00 Sun. School 10:15 Georgetown Worship 10:30 Sun. School 9:00	18	19 Outreach Organization Meeting at Georgetown 6:00	20	21 12:00 p.m. Community Meal	22	23
24 Trinity Worship 9:00 Sun. School 10:15 Georgetown Worship 10:30 Sun. School 9:00	25	26 6:30 Thanksgiving Eve Service at GLC	27	28	29	30