



Church Newsletter February 2020

The Parish Messenger

Mission Statement

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

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

God
proved
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Lenten Service Schedule

Wednesday, March 4 at Trinity
5:30 pm Soup Supper 6:30pm Worship

Wednesday, March 11 at Georgetown
5:30 pm Soup Supper 6:30pm Worship

Wednesday, March 18 at Trinity
5:30 pm Soup Supper 6:30 pm Worship

Wednesday, March 25 at Georgetown
5:30 pm Soup Supper 6:30 pm Worship

PASTOR'S PONDERINGS

by Pastor Diane House

And the king will answer them, “Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.” Matthew 25: 40

I am writing this “pondering” after coming home from an awesome time of bible study on this Feb. 24th morning. The dedicated students and I were studying chapters 24 and 25 of Matthew where Jesus has many difficult teachings and parables about the end times. He describes a world that has turned from God where wickedness and faithlessness rule the day. Jesus admonishes the disciples to remain faithful and to endure during trying times. He encourages them not to be distracted from discipleship by signs such as wars, famines, and earthquakes. He says not to lose hope and that the way to endure these trying times is to faithfully act as a disciple using all your gifts and resourcefulness to serve your neighbor.

After these warning and teachings Jesus tells the parable of the Judgment Day. When the Son of Man comes with the angels in his glory he will separate the nations on his right and left. The faithful will be commended for feeding the hungry, satisfying the thirsty, clothing the naked, welcoming the stranger, and visiting and encouraging the imprisoned. Jesus assures them that “Just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.”

The discussion turned to the needs of our neighbors around us. Some folks expressed frustration about helping and felt that we should be “doing more!” And so plans were made to organize a new ministry to love and serve our neighbors. (You can join us at Georgetown on Monday, March 9th at 9:30 am to learn more!) I was amazed at the enthusiasm and the willingness to act! Thanks, Holy Spirit!

We are now in the season of Lent. The disciplines of this time of reflection include prayer, fasting, and acts of charity. Jesus makes clear the criteria for being a disciple: love God above all, share the gospel and love your neighbor as yourself. During this time of Lent, I encourage all of us to prayer about and reflect on ways both of our congregations can do that. May we all be inspired by the Holy Spirit to act. If you discover a need in our communities and have an idea of how to meet that need, please share it with me and with the church councils. Together, as we pray, reflect, and listen to God we can work to better share the love and grace of God with all in need.

Pastor Diane

~Announcements~

Georgetown **S**hepherding **G**roups

Mary Lou Levi & Carol Mangelson
Tom Levi
Pete Mangelsen
Paul & Maria Gorne
Vern Olson
Shirley Schilling
Dennis & Annie Weise
Larry & Diane Veenendall
Duane & Stephanie Fansler

Trinity **S**hepherding **G**roups

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

Lenten **S**ervice **S**chedule

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Wednesday, April 1 at Trinity
5:30 pm Soup Supper 6:30 pm Worship

Holy **W**eek **S**chedule

Maundy Thursday, April 9 worship at Trinity
at 7:00 pm

Good Friday, April 10 worship at
Georgetown at 7:00 pm

Easter Sunday Worship, April 12, 2020
9:00 am at Trinity (Easter Egg hunt
following worship at 10:15 am)
10:30 am at Georgetown (Easter Egg hunt
before worship at 9:30 am)

Serving Our Neighbors

On Monday, March 9 at 9:30 am at Georgetown Lutheran Church there will be an organizational meeting to discuss a new ministry opportunity called "Serving Our Neighbors!" Come and help us brainstorm ways we can feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, and welcome the stranger. Lunch will be provided.

Youth Group Update

The youth activity for March will be focused around the annual Palt Dinner. As an event that takes a lot of helping hands, the youth will be assisting in preparing the palt balls on Saturday, March 7 or serving/ table waiting/ etc. on Sunday, March 8 (or both if very ambitious!). Always a fun get together!

In March/ April, there will be a collection of small prizes/ small individually wrapped candies to put inside the plastic Easter Eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt. Youth will assemble the eggs following church service on Palm Sunday (April 5) so that they will be ready to hide Easter morning. Easter Egg Hunt to begin following church service Easter Sunday (April 12).

Events to be discussed/ planned include roadside cleanup, serving at the soup kitchen in Rice Lake, game night/ lock in, canoe trip, any additional service projects/ activities the youth may be interested in.

Trinity Shepherding Groups (NEW Schedule)

Mandy Rouzer: Mike Rouzer, Glenn/Kathy Greener, Albert Hanson, Heidi Wagner, James Springsteen, Wayne Kendrick, Dee Wagner, Edie Severson

Joann & Rick Sellent: Dennis/Gail Anderson, Jan/Ray Clark, Kathy/Sam Grenquist Brenda/Tim Rouzer, Lacy Sellent, Jordan Sellent, Travis/Marie Sellent, Chris Wetzel

Steve Anderson: Alison Anderson, Roland/Cecelia Renstrom, JR/Jamie Shaffer, Barry/Debbie Wickstrom, Brian/Jamie Wickstrom, Mercedes Wickstrom, Acsia Naessen, Richard and Joanne Anderson, Scott & Jill Riebe

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

Judy Kelch: Steve Kelch, Bill/Dorothea Beecroft, Paul/Ellen Bergmann, Patricia Bergmann, Liz Buchholz, Chandra/Jason Cummings, Shane Beecroft, Jerry/Robin Denver, John/Gurinne Gall, Paul Grenquist, Allie and Dillon Snowbank, Kristen McQuay

2020

January - Joann & Rick Sellent
 February - Steve Anderson
 March - Christine Anderson
 April - Judy Kelch
 May - Mandy Rouzer
 June - Joann & Rick Sellent
 July - Steve Anderson
 August - Christine Anderson
 September - Judy Kelch
 October - Mandy Rouzer
 November - Joann & Rick Sellent
 December - Steve Anderson

2021

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 March - Mandy Rouzer
 April - Joann & Rick Sellent
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*If you don't see your name in a Shepherding Group and would like to, please let Debbie Wickstrom know.

Trinity Church Council Minutes

February 18, 2020

Members present: Steven Anderson, Brenda Rouzer (Treasurer), Pastor Diane House, Debbie Wickstrom, Christine Anderson, JoAnn Sellent and John Gall and Robin Denver

Opening devotions.

Welcome to new council member, Robin Denver!!

Meeting called to order by Steve Anderson. Elections for president and secretary were held. Steve Anderson is the president for 2020. Christine Anderson will be secretary for 2020.

Secretary's Report: A motion to accept the secretary's report for the Jan. 21, 2020 council meeting was made by Debbie Wickstrom and seconded by Robin Denver. Minutes accepted by council.

Treasurer's Report: Brenda Rouzer provided the monthly statement and it is posted on the church kiosk. Brenda shared a schedule of the tasks that she completes as treasurer, the purpose of this document is to share with anyone who is interested in becoming the new treasurer. At the time of this meeting, there is one person considering. We received a credit from Church Mutual insurance for the adjustments. Brenda will call to find out how much was for the church and how much for the parsonage. The new mileage reimbursement rate from Wisconsin is \$0.575 per mile (up from \$0.570 last year).

Pastor's Report:

- The end of the year congregational report for the synod has been submitted. This contains things like membership numbers, financial situation, worship/faith formation activities, etc.
- Lent begins soon. Ash Wednesday will be at Georgetown with communion on Feb. 26th. Weekly soup supper and Lenten services will rotate between Trinity and Georgetown. (March 4-Trinity, March 11-Georgetown, March 18-Trinity, March 25- Georgetown, April 1-Trinity). Holy week worship will be Maundy Thursday, April 9 at Trinity with a special meal and worship, Good Friday, April 10th at Georgetown.
- Cumberland Schools sent a letter about raising money for the Wolf Ridge experience. Robin Denver made a motion to donate \$100 to the 6th graders for this adventure. Christine Anderson seconded and the motion passed.

Old Business:

• **Endowment Fund:**

As directed by the congregation at the annual meeting in January. The Endowment Committee has completed the application to set up the fund with the ELCA. Brenda will organize the money and send it to the ELCA Foundation.

Christine Anderson agreed to serve as council representative to the Endowment Committee. Members elected at the annual meeting to serve on the Endowment Committee are Wayne Kendrick, Steve Kelch and Gurine Gall.

- **Air Conditioning:** Steve Anderson contacted Bryan Johnson from Milltown. He came to church to have a look. His quote was \$14,137 for all 4 units including installing the coils (not including electrical work that may need to be done). This is about half of the quote we got 2 years ago. Steve Anderson made a motion that we begin this work this Spring/Summer and fund it this way:

- \$5000 memorial donation designated for air conditioning

- \$5000 from Elsie Marklund's estate (At the annual meeting, the congregation directed the council to spend the remaining memorial for items on the wish list)
 - \$5000 raised by congregational donations.
- Parsonage egress window installation has been scheduled for this summer (Chad Anderson).
 - Thank you to Debbie Wickstrom for evaluating and updating Shepherding Groups She will provide updated list.
 - Palt Dinner is March 8th. Ads will be placed in newspapers and on radio.
 - **LED lights** are here just waiting for installation.

New Business:

- Luck football players will be taking part in an All-star game for charity this summer. Hunter Sellent has been chosen to be on the 8-man North team, along with 3 other Luck football teammates. The players are raising money for Children's Hospital of Wisconsin. Debbie Wickstrom made a motion to donate \$100 to this effort. Christine Anderson seconded and the motion was passed unanimously.
- Mission of the quarter is a Coat Drive (Jan-March). Please bring children's snowpants. Next quarter will be Luther Park Bible Camp.
- Discussed importance of having youth representation on council.
- Summer events are being explored for youth
- An HDMI wireless connection for the TVs has been purchased.
- Council meetings will continue to be held the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm.

Motion to adjourn made by JoAnn Sellent and seconded by Robin Denver. Meeting adjourned. Next Trinity council meeting will be at Trinity on Tuesday, March 17, 2020 at 6:30pm. Minutes submitted by Christine Anderson

Georgetown Lutheran Church Annual Meeting for 2019

January 19, 2020

President Tim Frendt called the meeting to order at 11:54 a.m. A quorum was established with thirty-two (32) congregation members present. Pastor Diane gave an opening prayer. Stacy Bergmann was appointed recording secretary.

Agenda

A motion was made and seconded to approve the annual meeting agenda as presented.

Minutes

Minutes from the January 19, 2019 annual meeting were received as written.

Appoint Tellers

Diana Peterson and Teresa Vollrath were appointed as tellers.

Reports

There was a motion and second to forgo the reading of the reports and approve all reports as written. The motion carried.

Election of Council Members

Elder

Sherry Doornick was nominated for the open position of Elder. A motion was made and seconded to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Sherry Doornick as Elder for a three-year term. The motion carried.

Elder Teresa Vollrath stepped down from her position on the council due to travel distance. Stephanie Fansler was appointed to fill the remaining term.

Deacon

Kirsten Klugow, Mary Ward and Judy Gammel were nominated for the open position of Deacon. A motion to close nominations was made and seconded. The motion carried. After a ballot vote, Judy Gammel was elected as Deacon for a three-year term.

Trustee

Bruce Peper and Keith Ward were nominated for the open position of Trustee. A motion was made and seconded to close nominations. The motion carried. After a ballot vote, Keith Ward was elected as Trustee for a three-year term.

Cemetery Association

Two seats are open on the cemetery association. Mick Ebert will serve another term. Ryan Peterson was nominated to fill the other seat. A motion was made and seconded to close nominations. The motion carried. Mick Ebert and Ryan Peterson will serve on the cemetery association for a three-year term.

Appoint Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee for 2021 will be Georgia Pala, Bruce Peper, Jeanne Johnson and two council members.

2020 Budget

The 2020 budget was reviewed and discussed by the congregation. The 2020 budget proposes a weekly giving needed of \$1,286.13. A motion was made and seconded to approve the 2020 budget was approved as stated. The motion carried.

Old Business

- Project Forms/Building Use Forms: Building use forms are located in the kitchen by the calendar. Project forms are located by the dry erase board in the fellowship hall. Fees to rent the fellowship hall are \$50 deposit for members, which is returned if the building is left in good condition. Non-members are charged \$100 and will get \$50 returned if the building is left in good condition.

New Business

- Faith Lutheran Church, Balsam Lake: We were recently approached by Faith Lutheran Church in Balsam Lake to see if there was any interest in forming a three-point parish. There is a meeting scheduled for 2 p.m. January 19 (this afternoon) to meet with several other area churches to see if there is interest.
- Technology Grant: We were awarded a \$4,800 grant from the synod to use to purchase video equipment. Before the annual meeting started Gretchen Frendt gave a presentation on the plans and equipment that will be purchased.
- Fundraising Committee: Fundraising will continue to be necessary in 2020 to assist in the church's financial obligations as well as the other items we are raising money for. Please complete a project form and submit it to the council for any fundraising plans/ideas.
- Other New Business:
 - Status of Insurance Claim: We received \$42,000 from the insurance company to make repairs to siding and roof due to 2019 summer storm damage to the church and little utility shed. We received an extension and work must be completed by April to receive the remainder of the claim of \$29,000. President Frendt will get in touch with the contractor so we can get the repairs made and collect the remaining insurance money.
 - Also discussed was the importance of getting this project complete and that the contractor will do all the work, congregation members will not be needed to assist in completing the repairs.
 - Last year, the congregation proposed preparing a resolution to allow seasonal members to be on the council. It was later learned that a resolution is not the proper way to do that, it will need to be a change to the ELCA constitution.
 - Also discussed was that to be considered a member you need to attend church, give offering and receive communion one time per year.

The meeting adjourned at 1 p.m. Potluck dinner followed the meeting.

Stacy Bergmann
Recording Secretary

Georgetown Lutheran Council Meeting Minutes February 20, 2020



Present: Stacy Bergmann, Tim Frenndt, Gretchen Frenndt, Judy Gammel, Keith Ward, Dennis Weiss, Pastor Diane,
Absent: Tom Levi, Stephanie Fansler, Sherry Doornick

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m.

Pastor led devotions and prayer.

Secretary Report: Minutes from the January 9, 2020 council were received as written.

Treasurers Report: The end of January we were \$491.27 behind budget. The operating fund is at \$924.67. Dennis will check with Diana Peterson to make sure Molly Jepsen was reimbursed for her building use deposit. Council also asked Dennis to find out why the community meal fund is \$0. A motion was made and seconded to accept the treasurer's report. It carried unanimously.

Pastor Diane gave her report and calendar.

- Year end reports were all submitted to ELCA.
- February 22 Pastor will be attending Walking Together in Eau Claire
- Palms need to be ordered for Palm Sunday. Gretchen will order them.
- Ash Wednesday service will be held at Georgetown.
- Lent services will rotate between Georgetown and Trinity on Wednesdays. Soup supper starts at 5:30 p.m. Service will begin at 6:30 p.m.
- Maundy Thursday service will be held at Trinity
- Good Friday service will be held at Georgetown.

Old Business

- **Church Mutual Insurance Claim:** Tim Frenndt forwarded the insurance letter to the contractor who assured him they would begin the job once the weather warms up.
- **Faith Lutheran Church:** The meeting on Sunday, January 19 included five other churches. They are basically looking to see if another church wants to share a pastor and be a two-point parish.

New Business

- **Election of Officers:** Ballots were distributed to elect a President and Secretary. Tim Frenndt was elected as President and Stacy Bergmann was elected as secretary for a one-year term.
- **Appoint Treasurer:** Roberta Hanson is interested in being the church treasurer. The council discussed keeping two people as co-treasurers. It is good to have a separation of duties with church finances. Previously, Dennis was been making deposits and

Diana was paying the bills. A motion was made and seconded to appoint Roberta Hanson and Dennis Wiese as co-treasurers. The motion carried.

- Signature Cards at Bank: A motion was made and seconded to have Tim Frendt, Roberta Hanson and Dennis Wiese on the signature cards for the bank accounts at RCU. The motion carried.
- Debit Card: The council discussed having debit cards. One would be with the treasurer and one would be with pastor. Debit cards would make it easier to make purchases for church instead of reimbursing people for purchases they make on behalf of the church, *i.e.*, Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, equipment for the technology grant.
- Appoint Auditors: Michael Hanson and Will Bergmann were appointed auditors and will audit the church finance records when Michael returns from vacation.
- Building Use Forms: The council approved two building use forms. Nicole Norlund will use the fellowship hall February 22 from 2 to 5 p.m. Michael Jones will use the fellowship hall February 23 from 2 to 6 p.m.
- Project Forms: No project forms were received.

Other Business

The council discussed another way for people to drop off building use forms to ensure the payments and will look into a lockbox that will hang on the wall. It would be a secure way for people to drop off building use deposits.

Tim Frendt will meet with Dennis Wiese and Roberta Hanson, co-treasurers, to go over treasurer duties and discuss how to handle building use deposits.

The next council meeting was scheduled for Thursday, March 19 at 5:30 p.m. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

~March 2020~

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Trinity Worship 9:00 Sun. School 10:15 Georgetown Worship 10:30 Sun. School 9:00	2	3	4 Lenten Service at Trinity 5:30 Soup Supper 6:30 Worship	5	6	7 Youth Group Help Prepare Palt Dinner
8 Trinity Worship 9:00 Sun. School 10:15 Palt Dinner at Trinity 11:30-2:00 Georgetown Worship 10:30 Sun. School 9:00	9 Serving Our Neighbors Mtg. at Georgetown 9:30 am	10	11 Lenten Service at Georgetown 5:30 Soup Supper 6:30 Worship	12	13	14
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