



Church Newsletter
August 2020
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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Life

Can't be counted in Candles
Or measured in years
That have flown
It's counted in kindnesses
Close friends and loved ones,
And in all the sweet blessings
We've known

Submitted by Marvel Nielsen following her recent birthday

PASTOR'S PONDERINGS

by Pastor Diane House

In 1 Corinthians 11: 23-26, the Apostle Paul wrote these words to a church struggling with the appropriate way to celebrate Holy Communion:

"For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "this is my body that I give for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "this cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

We have not been able to "eat this bread or drink this cup" in our church building since the third week of March. Since that time I have included the following service and recipe for you to use together in your homes. I hope some of you have done that together!

If not, I encourage you to read through these pages and consider having Holy Communion together in your homes with the people you have been quarantining with. Even though we are not in the building and I am not presiding behind the altar, I can assure you that the Lord Jesus will be present with you as you gather around your home table or home altar.

Right now we really don't know when we will be able to gather in the church building. Even when we do we will have to implement changes that will drastically change the "feel" of Holy Communion if and when we offer it. Celebrating the sacrament together at home is probably most appropriate right now.

The church councils and I are discussing and trying to develop some kind of outdoor worship while the weather permits. This could include a modified Communion service. We are working together diligently to be able to gather together in some safe way while at the same time we continue to offer the virtual worship experience on Sunday morning on facebook live and YouTube.

In the meantime, please consider utilizing this home worship service to maintain your spiritual health. If you have any ideas, concerns, requests, for the church councils or myself don't hesitate to communicate. We want to know how you are doing and what kinds of worship opportunities we can develop to help all feel part of our church community.

Once again, here are the best ways to contact me. I would LOVE to hear from you:
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Blessings and peace, Pastor Diane

HEARTS @ HOME



Home Holy Communion Liturgy

CREATING AN ALTAR TABLE AT HOME

- + Add liturgical color to your space - Maundy Thursday=Red; Good Friday=Black; Easter=White
- + Add a small bowl with water - This is a reminder of our baptism.
- + Add a small candle to light as you worship - This is a reminder of the light of Christ.
- + Add a small cross to the space
- + Prepare your table for a meal - You could include special dishes, place cards, or decorations; include some wine or grape juice and bread (*homemade, easy bread recipe found at the end of this document – prepare in advance*)
- + If you are a household of two or more invite each person to share in some aspect of this liturgy, and be sure to include all who are able to share in this meal; together, you are connected to the whole body of Christ.
- + If you are a household of one Christ promises to come to us through the word and sacrament, and you are connected to the whole body of Christ when you speak these words and share in this meal.

A NOTE ABOUT WORSHIP + HOLY COMMUNION

The church is anywhere people gather in Jesus' name. When we cannot meet in a church building, God continues to be present in the creative and intentional ways we gather for worship. Therefore, when you gather in Jesus' name, your home is church, too.

Holy Communion is a special meal we celebrate when we worship. The bread and wine are mysteriously the *real presence* of Jesus Christ, and we trust that Jesus is really with us in this meal. When we cannot gather for this meal in a church building together, it is acceptable to either:

- + 1.) Fast from Holy Communion until you can worship with others in your church building, OR
- + 2.) Use the liturgy in this worship service to celebrate Holy Communion in your home.

LITURGY

+ SCRIPTURE +

(Read the scripture assigned for the day)

+ REFLECTION ON GOD'S WORD +

(Take some time to reflect on God's word, or tune into your pastor's video sermon)

+ CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS +

When the church gathers for Holy Communion with all the saints from every time and place, we hear again the story of God's power and the love shown to us through Jesus' life, death, and resurrection.
We share this word of life, and this bread and cup of blessing, that we may receive these same gifts and be strengthened by the whole Christian community.

Hear us and help us as we confess our sins.

God of mercy, we have failed and become broken in more than one way; we are quick and careless with our words, instead of speaking with truth and kindness; we have been irresponsible with your creation, neglectful of our neighbors, and selfish with what you have provided. We dwell in fear of the unknown and anxiety about the future, instead of trusting your faithfulness and love for us. Please forgive us, fill us with your abundant mercy, and guide us toward a life of healing and wholeness.

God is good, and loves us unconditionally, at all time and in all places. By grace we have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven. **AMEN**

+ WORDS OF INSTITUTION +

(Holding the bread) In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, given for you Do this for the remembrance of me."

(Holding the cup) Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in remembrance of me."

When we eat this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

(Tear the bread, share with each person – invite them to dip into the cup of wine/grape juice)

+ LORD'S PRAYER +

Our Father in heaven,
Hallowed be your name,
Your kingdom come,
Your will be done,
On earth, as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
As we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
And deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
And the glory are yours,
Now and forever. **AMEN.**



+ SHARING THE MEAL +

- + When giving the bread say, "The body of Christ, given for you."
- + When giving the wine/grape juice say, "The blood of Christ, shed for you."

+ PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION +

In the mystery of Christ's resurrection, you shine light into the darkness, provide water that brings new life, and give bread that nourishes your people and frees us from our fear. Help us be witnesses of the resurrection and empower us to show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.
AMEN

+ BLESSING EACH OTHER +

*Using your pointer finger, dip it in the bowl of water, and make the sign of the cross on another's forehead or the back of their hand saying, "You are a beloved child of God."
Take turns until each household member has been blessed.*

+ CLOSING WORDS +

Called to walk together as the body of Christ, let us abide with one another in peace.
Thanks be to God.

Communion Bread Recipe

From Luther Seminary to your table

Sift dry ingredients together **three times**: (important!)

*2 c whole wheat flour
1 c white flour
1 & 1/4 tsp baking powder
1 & 1/4 tsp salt*

Stir in 4 tsp oil. Set aside.

Mix wet ingredients together until dissolved:

*3/4 cup + 2 Tbsp very hot water (minimum of 180 degrees F)
3 Tbsp honey
3 Tbsp molasses*

Add wet ingredients to dry ingredients and mix well. Dough should be slightly sticky. Do not knead.

Divide into four balls and flatten each into a 1/4 inch thick disk.

With a knife, score the top of each loaf into eight pie-shaped sections, so that the sections can be more easily broken off while serving. Alternatively, you could score a cross onto the loaf.



Lay the loaves on a baking sheet. Bake at 350 degrees for 10 minutes. Remove from oven and brush the tops of the loaves with oil. Bake an additional 5-8 minutes. Let cool.

Yield: four 8 oz. loaves. Each loaf serves 60-70 people, depending upon the size of the piece given. The loaves freeze well.

Trinity Church Council Minutes

July 21, 2020

Members present: Steven Anderson, Kathy Grenquist (Treasurer), Pastor Diane House, Debbie Wickstrom, John Gall, Robin Denver and Christine Anderson. Absent JoAnn Sellent

Devotions led by Pastor Diane

Meeting called to order by Steve Anderson.

Reports:

Secretary's Report: Minutes from Trinity May 19th council meeting were read. Motion to approve the minutes as written was made by Robin Denver and seconded by Debbie Wickstrom. Minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report: The monthly statement was provided and discussed by the council. Kathy suggested she bring a mid-month report to each meeting moving forward. This will provide more up to date numbers. Council agreed to this change. The summary for the month of June is:

Income \$4,994

Total Expense.....\$6,727

June balance- \$1,733

Motion to approve the report as written was made by Christine, seconded by Robin. Report approved.

Pastor's Report:

- A memorial service for Ken Beecroft will be held at Coyland Creek (5400 Townline Road, Frederic) from 12-2pm on August 8th. The family reminds everyone that there is room for physical distance. If you want to wear a mask, please bring your own. Food will be available.
- Phone calls and physically distant visits continue to happen. Council discussed ways to help those who do not use Facebook or e-mail. We have members who are not connected and haven't been for quite a few months.
 - We are concerned for spiritual health of those who aren't able to connect through technology.
 - We are concerned for the physical health of those who are vulnerable to the virus.
 - How can we balance these concerns in a healthy, caring way?
 - A parking lot service is a possibility with careful guidelines to keep attendees safe. Congregation members should remain in their cars for the worship. Facemasks are recommended. Services will continue to be shared on Facebook Live at 10:30am and everyone is encouraged to participate in that, especially if they are in a high risk group.
 - Conversation continued in the Covid update during Old Business.

Old Business:

- **The air conditioning** work is complete. Thanks to an anonymous donation for the final \$1000 it is completely paid for! We are so grateful for the generosity of this congregation.
- **PPP loan** money has been spent. We are waiting for the program to end in order to submit an application to turn the loan into a grant. Steve and Kathy have everything documented and have been in contact regularly with the bank.

- **Egress Window** has been installed in the parsonage. Chad Anderson did excellent work. Backfill dirt has been smoothed and grass seed planted. The next step is to trim the window. If anyone has carpentry experience and is willing to work on this, contact a council member.

- **Facebook** There is more than one Trinity Lutheran Church Facebook page. Please be sure to use Trinity Lutheran Church of McKinley or Trinity Lutheran McKinley Sunday School pages. Christine will work to get the other one deactivated.
- **Tith.ly** is an on-line donation platform of the ELCA. We will look into posting a tutorial on the web-site to help people with getting set up if they are interested.
- **Wednesday Night gatherings** have been going well. Using tables really helps families stay 6 feet (or more) apart. The games have been adjusted to minimize close contact. There are still improvements to be made, but we are learning ways to be together while keeping our distance.
- **Mission of the Month/Quarter:**
 - April-June was the capital campaign for Luther Park Bible Camp. We did not receive any donations from congregation members. Council discussed making a donation from the mission support budget item. Christine made a motion to donate \$500 to LPBC and Robin seconded. The motion passed and Kathy will send the money to Luther Park.
 - July-September will focus on school lunch money. Christine will contact someone at Cumberland and Debbie will contact Luck about what money is needed. If making a donation by check, make a note in the memo line "School Lunches". If making a donation by tithe.ly choose "mission of the month" from the drop down menu.
 - Council is looking for suggestions for upcoming Missions of the Month (Oct-Dec , Jan-March)
- **Wi-Fi** Christine has been talking to Century Link about the cost. Preliminary information says it would be between \$79-109 per month for a 2-year contract. Christine is waiting to hear back from our account representative to verify the cost and speed availability.
- **COVID update** Council continued to discuss the local situation, recommendations from the synod and concerns of our congregation. The numbers of positive cases in Polk and Barron Counties continue to rise by 1.3. and 1.7 per day over the past 7 days. The recommendations continue to be to wear facemasks in public places, keep 6 feet distance, wash hands, and stay away if you are sick or have been with someone who is sick.
 - A motion was made to hold off on meeting inside the church building for worship and continue worship via Facebook Live. Robin made the motion, seconded by John and the motion passed.
 - A motion was made to hold a parking lot drive-in service on August 9th with a survey to be completed by those who attend. The motion was made by Christine, seconded by Robin and the motion passed.
 - Pastor Diane will write a letter for the newsletter about this experiment.

Trim work that needs to be done.



- The letter will also include a covenant for safety precautions that we ask all worshippers to follow during the service.

New Business:

- We have new lines painted in the parking lot! Thanks to John Gall, Wayne Kendrick and Norman Anderson for the work.
- Council will explore the cost to purchase handicap parking signs for the spots near the entrance.
- Council will discuss the Synergy Coop pre-buy option at the August meeting.
- The annual carnival is cancelled. Council is very interested in finding a way to celebrate our kids in a different way this fall.
- Thanks to Deedra Wagner for spending her time to clean up the flower beds and other things around the church building!

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Robin and seconded by John. Meeting adjourned. Next council meeting will be at Trinity on Tuesday, August 18th at 6:30pm.

Minutes submitted by Christine Anderson

Please note changes to above agenda: 9 days after the council meeting a decision was made to cancel the drive-in service for now. The decision was made due to significant increase in positive cases in Barron County over the previous 3 days.

Georgetown Lutheran Council Meeting Minutes

**Georgetown Lutheran Church Council Meeting
July 16, 2020**

Present: Stephanie Fansler, Sherry Doornink, Tom Levi,
Gretchen Frendt, Judy Gammel, Dennis Weise, Tim
Frendt, Keith Ward, Pastor Diane.
Absent: Stacy Bergmann

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

Pastor led prayer and devotions.

Secretary's Report: Sherry read the minutes of the June

18, 2020 Council meeting. Sherry requested that the spelling of her last name be corrected in the minutes. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as corrected. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Roberta was not in attendance to elaborate on the report other than to explain that some errors were found in the April and May budget figures. They have since been corrected and the closing balance, as of June 30, 2020, is behind budget in the amount of \$6,950.73. The electrician is scheduled to finish their work on Friday and once that is completed the contractor will be paid in full.

Pastor's Report: Vacation Bible School is going well with good attendance and families are staying apart from each other to prevent the spread of the Coronavirus. Bill and Kelly from Red Maple Restaurant are making box suppers. Marge Filkins has volunteered to make the supper for the upcoming evening at Georgetown on July 22, so we need to know how many are planning to attend. A family box is being put together for each family that contains the activities and supplies for that week, including hand sanitizer.

Pastor suggested that our experience with VBS may help the church consider future church activities such as parking lot services or group church services in the yard. However, Polk County is currently considered high risk with 79 cases of the Coronavirus.

Pastor is doing some socially distant visiting of church members. She asked that we keep Vicki Dorner in our prayers as she waits for surgery, that is supposed to take place in Florida. She also asked that we pray for Nikki Norlund, Shirley Schilling, Mary Marquardt and Trinity Beauvais.

Pastor is expecting a visit from her Grandkids on Sunday through Wednesday, after a long quarantine.

Deacon, Elder and Trustee Report: Keith got a price of \$528 from the lumber yard in Milltown to replace the broken window. It will cost \$150 for installation. It was moved and seconded that Keith purchase the window and have it installed. Motion carried. The stained-glass window that was reported as cracked is not a structural problem, so no action will be taken at this time.

Discussion took place regarding how often we, as church Council members, invite others to attend our church service. Keith challenged us to think about inviting people to join our worship. Last week's service on Facebook was viewed by a minimum of 241 people, considering that in many households more than one person might be watching.

Old Business: Discussion took place about last month's suggestion of changing our "Garage Sale" into an on-line sale. There was concern that we were collecting a significant amount of large sale items that might be a problem for Jeanne Johnson, where they are currently being stored. Jeanne stated that the continued storage of those items was not a problem. In addition, it was stated that one of the purposes of having a sale at the church was to have non-church members feel comfortable coming to our church. As a result, the Council members felt we should postpone the sale until such time as we could have the sale in the church building.



The egress window at the sanctuary has been installed. There is some inside finishing work that needs to be completed.

Gretchen completed an application for the Bold Generosity Fund which was due on June 30, 2020. In the application, she included funds for a 2nd camera, 2 wall mounts, a camera link and a laptop. If the application is approved funds will be available in August.

New Business: Much discussion took place regarding the possibility of re-opening the building for general use. Being that Polk County is currently considered at high risk for the spread of the Coronavirus, we cannot resume services as usual. Other ideas were brainstormed including holding services in the parking lot, broadcasting the Facebook service outside with members maintaining social distance, and having members bring their own individual Communion components. The consensus was to talk to members to see what they would like.

Gretchen volunteered to put a survey together that would be submitted through email asking members how they would like to proceed with services and if there were areas that they could lend a hand. Judy will attempt to contact members that do not have email.

The August 9, 2020 service will be held in the Trinity parking lot utilizing the newly marked parking spaces.

A suggestion was made to utilize \$500 of the Blessing Bucket funds for Kathy Tuttle, who was burglarized recently. Motion was made and seconded. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

The next Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 11, 2020 at 6:30 pm

Georgetown Financial Report

Itemized Categories - Jun 2020
6/1/2020 through 6/30/2020 (Cash Basis)

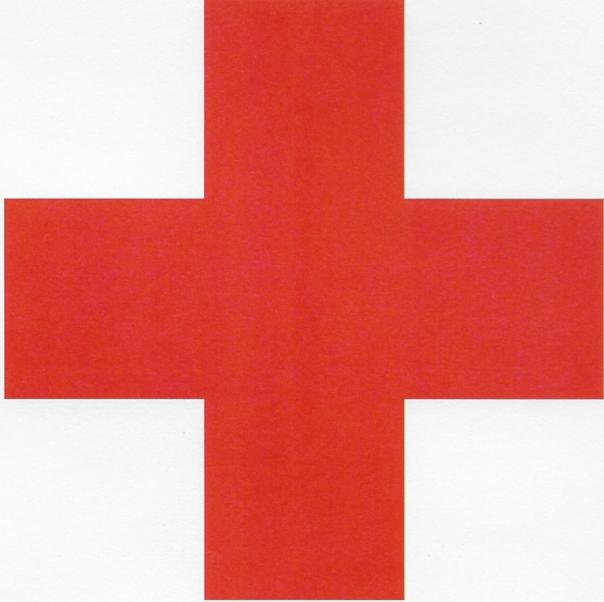
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Date	Account	Num	Description	Memo	Tag	Clr	Amount
INCOME							
	Miscellaneous Income						50,259.54
	Bold Generosity Capital Campaign Appeal						46,834.54
	P & C Insurance Claim						52.72
	Offering						46,781.82
							3,425.00
EXPENSES							
	Church						-4,760.15
	Electric						-919.73
	Kitchen License						-195.17
	Propane						-363.00
	Telephone						-247.29
	Worker's Comp Insurance						-108.27
	Miscellaneous Expense						-6.00
	Bold Generosity Technology Grant						-87.71
	Office Expenses						-87.71
	Ads						-265.34
	Web Design						-24.84
	Worship & Office Supply						-203.75
	Pastor						-36.75
	Disability Benefit						-3,487.37
	Health Insurance						-42.69
	Home Equity						-811.50
	Life Insurance						-119.00
	Retirement						-19.92
	Salary						-304.49
	Social Security Tax						-1,991.76
							-198.01
OVERALL TOTAL							45,499.39



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12:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.**

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