



Church Newsletter
October 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



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Congratulations!

Congratulations to Nels Anderson, Dawson Johnson, and Ryan Lundmark who will all affirm their faith in their baptismal promises on October 18th! The Rite of the Affirmation of Faith (Confirmation) will take place at Trinity Lutheran Church on Sunday, October 18 at 3:30 p.m. The service will be limited to these students and their parents and siblings because of COVID-19 health and safety protocols. The service will be recorded and posted on Trinity and Georgetown's Facebook pages for others to view. Please join the church in congratulating these young men as they take this step in their life-long journey of faith!

PASTOR'S PONDERINGS

by Pastor Diane House

In the twelfth chapter of Romans, the Apostle Paul writes these words: "Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering preserve in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all." (Romans 12: 9-18)

As I ponder this wisdom today, I am thankful. I am thankful to all of you because I have seen so many examples of these Christian attributes expressed over and over again at both churches and in our community. Since March while navigating all the health-safety protocols and changing circumstances you have all been so patient. So many of you have been consistent in your support of both Church Council's efforts to help keep people healthy and slow the spread of the virus. You have been gracious in your comments and questions and appreciative of the ways we have been trying to offer meaningful worship and study opportunities in ways we have never had to do before! Thank you!

I hope and pray that our efforts to love our neighbors and stay healthy will pay off and we can begin to gather indoors as the weather forces us inside. There will new habits to get used to and health and safety protocols to follow but I really believe with some creativity and flexibility we can gather and worship in a way that works.

As we continue to navigating this new and challenging world with the COVID 19 virus present, let's take the Apostle Paul's words to heart and continue to let them be a guiding principle in our life together. Thank you for all the ways you contribute to the ministries of Trinity and Georgetown Lutheran Churches and for all the ways you live out the gospel of Jesus Christ in your daily lives.

Blessings and Peace, Pastor Diane



Georgetown Lutheran Church
Annual Fall Dinner
877-190th Avenue
Balsam Lake (Fox Creek)
Sunday, October 18, 2020
11:45 am to 1:30 pm

MENU

- *Homemade Swedish Meatballs***
- *Mashed Potatoes/Gravy***
- *Corn & Baked Beans***
- *Salad* *Char's pickle* *Bun***
- *Homemade slice of pie, your choice apple or pumpkin***

Adults: \$10.00 Children 5 – 12: \$5.00 4 & Under: FREE

Drive thru meal only!
Call 715-553-0007 or 715-553-3127 ahead to place order. Day of call
715-857-5580. Will deliver if within 10 miles.

SALE ITEM

Meatballs

THRIVENT FINANCIAL ACTION PROJECT



~Announcements~

WOW (Wonder of the Word Wednesdays) in October

WOW Wednesdays are back, but a little different due to COVID 19. Two major changes have been decided upon: First, we will not be serving food so please eat before you come and second, we will meet every other week to limit exposure to potential infection. This means we will meet twice this month and hopefully plan to be outdoors. On October 14th we will meet at Trinity at 6:30 pm and on October 28th we will meet at Georgetown at 6:30 p.m. If we have to move indoors, we will make changes to accommodate health and safety protocols. Please join us for a fun time of studying the Bible together!

COME WORSHIP WITH US!

We are now worshipping together outdoors at both Trinity and Georgetown Lutheran Churches! On Sunday morning at 9 a.m. Trinity holds worship outdoors in the parking lot. As you arrive an usher will help you park and you can worship in the safety of your vehicle! Please have one person who wears a mask ready to engage the usher as you are given what you will need to participate at the service. Any offering you would like to make will be collected by the usher as you leave the parking lot after worship.

At 10:30 a.m. Georgetown holds worship outdoors on the patio behind the fellowship hall. Please bring a chair and a mask. There is a container on a table to collect any offering you would like to make and can be placed there before or after worship.

We celebrate Holy Communion on the first, third, and fifth Sundays of each month. On those Sundays please bring with you your own communion elements: either a piece of bread or a cracker and some wine or juice for each person worshipping with you. We have a limited number of pre-packaged communion elements for those who may forget!

See you on Sunday!

Confirmation Class Schedule

Students in 7th and 8th grade will meet for Confirmation twice a month at Trinity from 6:30 to 7:15 pm. In October we will meet on October 7th and October 21st. We will meet and be physically distanced in the sanctuary. Please wear a mask and bring a notebook and pen or pencil to write answers to discussion questions that you will be sharing with your parents at home. As of now there are five students planning to attend:

Mya Gardner
Keira Anderson
Mya Anderson
Claire Nelson
Landon Wickstrom

If you are in 7th or 8th grade and your name is not on this list and you would like to participate, please contact Pastor Diane at 715-822-3553 or house.dianerev@gmail.com and let her know! We would love to have you join us!

Help Wanted

Trinity council is looking for someone to finish the trim work remaining on the egress window at the parsonage. If you have experience and is willing to work on this, Contact Steve Anderson president or Pastor Diane.



Trinity Church Council Minutes September 15, 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: A motion was made to approve the minutes from the August 18th council meeting by Robin Denver and seconded by John Gall. Minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report: The monthly statement was provided and discussed by the council. The summary for Aug 15-Sept. 15 is:

Income	\$6,778.45
Total Expense.....	\$7945.08
June balance	- \$1166.63

Mission of the Month donations (school lunches): \$200

Checkbook Balance: \$19,923.71

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

Pastor's Report:

- Drive-In Parking lot Worship: Survey's from the Aug. 30th worship were positive. There were suggestions to provide communion elements for those who forget these have been ordered and we have them for the next outdoor service. Another suggestion was to have a bulletin with words for the hymns, this will be provided at the next service, September 20th. Thank you to the congregation for the great feedback!
 - Ira will receive his first communion at the September 20th Drive in Worship!
- Facebook Live: Worship services will continue to be posted at 10:30 every Sunday and the YouTube recording sent out to those on the newsletter e-mail list. Georgetown will be having outdoor worship on September 20th. This will be broadcast on Facebook Live.
- Confirmation Update: A letter has been sent to all families (3) about beginning confirmation in person at Trinity with precautions (physically distant seating, face coverings). Sessions will be 6:30-7:45.
 - Students ready to affirm their Baptism this fall have been contacted and are choosing a date to have Confirmation Service outside or a private family service inside. The plan is to record for posting after the service.
- Pastor will be off on October 11th. Wayne Kendrick has agreed to lead worship that week.

Old Business:

- **Drive-In Worship** will continue every week while the weather holds.
- **Covid Update**

- Barron County guidelines on group gathering was shared. It is recommended that ANY gatherings follow 6 foot distance between households, face coverings be worn, increased hand washing/sanitation, control of areas of high contact (entrance/exit), those at high risk limit attendance and keep track of who is present in case notification needs to happen later. Gathering size guidelines are based on positive cases.
- NW Synod of WI and Bishop Skow-Anderson provided similar cautions including limiting singing due to the increase in droplets expelled.
- Our average attendance in church is 38-40. Considerations for inside are:
 - Continue to monitor positive cases especially due to school starting
 - Measure space in sanctuary to allow for 6 foot distance between families
 - Assign pew spaces and place any paper needed in those spaces
 - More than one worship with a sign-up tool for high attendance times (Christmas, etc)
 - All congregation members wear masks during the service
 - No gathering in the narthex or fellowship hall
 - **Outdoor worship and Facebook Live Worship will continue until mid October. The Covid situation will be evaluated at that time.**
- **PPP loan** application for forgiveness has been completed. Steve will follow up with the bank in October.
- **Egress Window** has been installed in the parsonage. We are in need of someone to finish the trim.
- **Mission of the Month/Quarter:**
 - We will extend the school lunch donation through December 2020.
 - Council is looking for suggestions for upcoming Missions of the Month (Jan-March)
- **Handicap parking signs:** A motion was made by Steve Anderson and seconded by Robin Denver to order 2 signs and purchase posts for the spots near the entrance of the Church. Motion carried.

New Business:

- Joint Council meeting is coming up in November. Georgetown will host. Health care insurance plan must be chosen by each council in October, before the joint meeting.
- Thanks to Kathy Grenquist for the new prayer shawl rack!
- Debbie Wickstrom continues to work to get our membership roster up to date. Pastor will compare the list with the book housed in the office at Georgetown.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Christine and seconded by Debbie. Meeting adjourned.

Next council meeting will be at Trinity on Tuesday, October 20th at 6:30pm.

Minutes submitted by Christine Anderson

Georgetown Financial Report

August Income

Offering	\$5,485.00	
Memorial Fund	\$50.00	
Total Income	\$5,535.00	\$82,917.80
August Expenses	\$51,000.41	
Closing Balance August 31, 2020		\$31,917.39

Budget 2020	\$66,879.00
Needed Weekly	\$1,286.13

Offering Through August 31, 2020	\$35,223.65
Budgeted offering to date	\$45,014.55
Ahead/Behind Budget	-\$9,790.90

Offering:

2-Aug	\$1,065.00
9-Aug	\$1,300.00
16-Aug	\$510.00
23-Aug	\$1,950.00
30-Aug	\$660.00

Fund Balances

Youth Activities Fund	\$3,706.66	
Memorial Fund	\$2,533.36	
Blacktop Fund	\$14,282.80	
Bold Generosity Capital Campaign Appeal	\$506.87	
P & C Claim Fund	\$0.00	
Mission Endowment Fund	\$2,000.00	
Blessing Bucket Fund	\$172.29	8/31/2020

Funds totals	\$23,201.98
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OPERATING FUNDS	\$8,715.41
Payroll Protection Program	-\$8,500.00
NET OPERATING FUNDS	\$215.41