



Church Newsletter
November 2022

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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Upcoming Christian Education Schedule

Wednesday nights in November:

November 2: WOW/Godly Play at Georgetown 5:45-7:30 p.m.

November 9: Confirmation class at Trinity from 6:45-7:30 p.m.

November 16: Confirmation class at Georgetown from 6:45-7:30 p.m.

November 23: No gathering/Happy Thanksgiving!

November 30: Fellowship and fun for all ages at Trinity from 6-7:30 p.m.

PASTOR'S PONDERINGS

by Pastor Diane House

Isaiah 12.1: You will say on that day: I will give thanks to you, O Lord, for though you were angry with me, your anger turned away, and you comforted me.

Psalm 136.1: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures for ever.

Luke 22.19: Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Since it is November and the main day on many minds during this month is Thanksgiving day, I am pondering giving thanks. Usually, the ritual on Thanksgiving Day revolves around all the "things" for which we are thankful...and we have many reasons to be thankful, especially for all that God provides for us.

But, I am thinking about a different reason to be thankful. Instead of just being thankful for "things," I am thinking about continuing gratitude. I am pondering gratitude as a way of life.

If you read the scripture quoted above, you will notice a theme. I chose these three quotations from a search on a bible browser of the word "thanks." That search resulted in 175 uses of the word "thanks" across the Bible! So, if we pay attention to scripture it would seem that thankfulness is too big a discipline to be attained in only one day!

Isaiah gives thanks to God for forgiveness and grace. The Psalm gives thanks to God for steadfast or everlasting love and Luke reminds us that Jesus gave thanks to God before giving us the sacrament of Holy Communion which enacts God's steadfast love on our behalf. This is gratitude as a way of life.

Over and over again scripture gives witness to God's determination to be in relationship with creation. Out of steadfast love God never gives up on us when we try to turn away. Every day God the Holy Spirit forgives our sin, calls us to follow the way of Jesus, and inspires our faith. How else can we live but in continual gratitude.

Thanks be to God, always!
Pastor Diane

~Announcements~

Upcoming Events

Advent Fest

On Sunday, November 27, Trinity will be hosting the annual Advent Fest starting at 6:30pm. Anyone interested in participating (play in the tone chime group, play their own instrument, act out a skit/ song, reading, presenting a collection, etc.) can let Lacy Sellent or Kathy Grenquist know. Ice cream & cookies to follow!

Please put Wednesday, December 7 on our calendar!

On this Wednesday evening we will be joined by Deacon Lidixe Montoya at Trinity at 6:30 p.m. We will have the opportunity to meet her, hear her story and learn more about the Neighbor to Neighbor ministry in our synod! Everyone from Georgetown and Trinity are invited so please come and invite an area neighbor to join you!

Still to be Scheduled November/ December Events:

*Bell ringing for the Salvation Army
Caroling*

Birthdays/Baptisms

Steve Hanson	11-6
Mary Lou Levi	11-13
Jeanne Johnson	11-14
Stacy Bergmann	11-14
Keith Ward	11-17

A reminder that Lacy Sellent is collecting birthdays/ baptismal birthdays to include in the monthly newsletter. A notebook is located at both Trinity and Georgetown to record birthdays.

Trinity Church Council Minutes

10/18/22

Present: Debbie Wickstrom, Shane Beecroft, Pastor Diane, Mandy Rouzer, Kathy Grenquist, Rick Sellent, Lacy Sellent

Missing: Chris Wetzel

Debbie opened the meeting at 6:32 p.m.

Devotions and reading led by Pastor Diane.

Secretary's Report: Lacy moves, Rick 2nd, all approved, carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Monthly Income: \$5187.00 Offering was \$5187.

Monthly Expense: \$ 4451.60

Net Total: \$735.40

TLC Checking has \$5083.27 as of October 18, 2022

TLC Savings has \$636

MI Fund has \$28188.65

Endowment Fund Savings - \$1538.38

Mandy moves to accept, Shane 2nd, all approved, carried.

Endowment Fund: Wayne talked to us about the endowment fund. There has been only one submission so far. Wayne met to go over some amendments/additions to the bylaws of the Endowment Fund. If approved as a council it would need to then be posted for 30 days prior to our January congregational meeting. Then the congregation would need to vote to approve the changes. Lacy moves to accept the bylaw changes as written, Shane 2nd, all approved - unanimously, carried.

Pastor's Report: Veteran's plaque – Albert Hanson's name is not on it, we will work on taking care of that. 13 students in confirmation. 12 boys, one girl. One boy will be doing an accelerated program to be confirmed next year. One girl will be going to classes at First Lutheran, but will be confirmed with the Trinity kids next year. One child asked to do online confirmation, Pastor said no. Acts bible study started, went well. This Sunday, Kiera Anderson and Mya Gardner will be confirmed. Pastor will be officiating a wedding on the 28th of October in Eau Claire. Wednesday the 25th we will be at Georgetown at 5:45 for dinner and packing health kits. Need to go over some new constitution amendments that came from the Synod gathering. Keep Kathy Grenquist, Linda Weaver, and Kris Mattson in your prayers. Also, Jeanette Nieman passed away, keep her family in your prayers. Need to renew our One License.

Old Business:

Rodent Pest Control – bat guy came back and did a bat callback. He sealed a gap where bats were entering. There were no other bats observed. Please allow 10 days to exit the building. Debbie met with mouse control guy, Wil-Kil. For \$50/month he can set out traps and make sure they don't come in. We need some new weather stripping for the doors. Debbie moves to have Wil-Kil come to set outside traps to get rid of mice, Mandy 2nd, all approved, carried.

Lighted Cross – tabled to next meeting.

Quarterly Mission for October – December – Feed Hungry Local Children, Mandy moves, Rick 2nd, all approved, carried.

Broadcasting/Recording service – Star Link – hooked up, properly installed.

Shepherding Groups - most people want to leave as is, will continue to look into this.

Church Clean-Up – roadside clean-up is done, Christine weeded a bit. Deedra cleaned cupboards/dishes. Debbie did music room and Sunday School room. Church Directory –Please send Debbie pictures for the directory to: Debbie.wickstrom@gmail.com

Confirmation Sunday October 23, 2022 – will have a cake

Other Old Business - none

New Business:

Bibles for 3rd and 7th/8th Graders – need to get ordered. Two 3rd graders, four 5th graders to get bibles and 11 confirmation kids. Mandy to order after Pastor gives her a list.

Church Secretary (newsletter) – Mandy will do it for November and December. Then hopefully someone else will take over.

New Church Website – We need to basically recreate the site, because the group that was hosting it doesn't want little church websites anymore. Debbie will call Roberta with Georgetown to see who they use for their website.

Trunk or Treat – will be October 30th after church.

H.O.P.E. – Chris Wetzel – tabled until next meeting. She will have the angel tree up soon.

Other new business:

Hearing devices – seem to not be working properly. Shane will check them. Might need to get a different style?

Christmas Program on December 11th.

Next Council Meeting November 15, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m. on a Rick, Mandy motion. Approved.

Respectfully, Mandy Rouzer

Trinity Endowment Fund Committee Minutes

Endowment Fund Committee of Trinity Lutheran Church

Thursday, September 1, 2022

The Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Christine Anderson, temporary chairperson. Present: Committee members: Christine Anderson, member; Lacy Sellent, Council representative; Debbie Wickstrom, Council President and ex-officio member; and Wayne Kendrick, secretary. Steve Kelch, chair, arrived during the meeting. Excused: Pastor Diane House, ex-officio member.

Lacy led devotions describing a baptism that was held for a “rainbow baby.” At the baptism, the clouds parted and the sun shone upon the baptism, a moment she described as a “God moment.”

The Minutes of the May 5, 2022 meeting were approved as printed.

The July 31, 2022 Financial Report from the Ministry Growth Fund, the depository of Trinity’s Fund, was reviewed and approved. A Financial Report for the newly opened \$3,000 Undesignated Fund will be available at the end of September. In addition, Trinity is holding \$1,535 dedicated for ELCA Ministries, awaiting its growth to \$2,000 for deposit as a third Fund.

The 2022 withdrawal from Trinity’s Fund was set at \$2,500.

The Gift Application Form was reviewed and minor changes were made. The announcement of the opening for receiving Gift Applications will begin immediately through Trinity’s email list, the newsletter, Sunday announcements and personal conversations.

The Committee then reviewed sections D1 and D2 under D Plan For Disposition or Transfer of Fund in the Endowment Fund’s Bylaws. Amendments to the Bylaws of the Fund must be approved by the Church Council and, finally, by the Annual Meeting. (Amendments are indicated by []).

The Committee recommends that D1 be amended to read: When in the opinion of the [C]ommittee, circumstances are of such an emergency nature that the future of the congregation is at stake, and that the only recourse seems to be the use of the [portion of the] Fund [designated for Trinity Lutheran Church or its members], the Committee shall, upon a majority vote, recommend such authorizing action to the [C]ouncil. The [C]ouncil shall then call a special meeting of the congregation who, with a

constitutionally defined quorum present and 2/3 of the present members voting to do so, may utilize [that portion of] the Fund's asset[s] for the church's needs.

The Committee recommends that D2 be amended to read: In the event our congregation [is moving towards] ceas[es ing] to exist, either through merger or dissolution, disposition or transfer of the Fund [assets designated for Trinity Lutheran Church or its members] shall be by recommendation of the [E]ndowment [C]ommittee to the Church Council. The Council shall then call a [special] meeting of the Congregation [who may approve] [for approval of] the recommendation in conformity with the Congregation Constitution and Bylaws and in consultation with the Bishop of the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin to which this Congregation belongs.

The Committee recommends that D3 be added to read: [D3. In the event our congregation is moving towards ceasing to exist, either through merger or dissolution, the Fund assets designated for the Northwest Synod of WI affiliated agencies, institutions or ministries, or the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America affiliated agencies, institutions or ministries, or any local non-profit or charitable organizations, shall either be transferred to the newly merged Congregation to establish an Endowment Fund, or added to the existing Endowment Fund of the other Congregation(s) after Constitutional provisions that these designations would be honored and continued.]

The Committee recommends that D4 be added to read: [In the event that D3 can not be accomplished, the Committee will recommend that the funds under D3 be dispersed to the ELCA's or the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin's own Endowment Funds with these particular designations; or directly to the designated affiliated agencies, institutions, ministries, or local non-profit or charitable organization. The Council shall then call a special meeting of the Congregation for approval of the recommendation in conformity with the Congregation Constitution and Bylaws and in consultation with the Bishop of the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin to which this Congregation belongs.]

The next meeting of the Committee was set for November 3, 2022 at 7:00 PM.

The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne Kendrick

Georgetown Council Minutes

October 6, 2022

Members Present: Sherry Doornink, Stephanie Fansler, Felicia Braastad, Ryan Braastad, Judy Gammel, Bruce Peper, Nicole Norlund, Keith Ward, Dale Jensen, Roberta Hansen, Treasurer, Pastor Diane.

Members Absent:

The meeting was called to order by Keith Ward.

Prayer and Devotions: Pastor Diane read from Romans 12: 3 – 15.

Secretary's Report: Judy read the minutes from the September 8, 2022 Council Meeting prepared by Sherry Doornink. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Members reviewed the Treasurer's Report passed out by Roberta Hansen. The total garage sale receipts were \$4,918.30 and were deposited in the winter Fuel Fund as previously planned. The Youth Activities Fund was used to pay for children attending summer camp. The Net Operating Fund Balance of \$316.24 does not include the Fuel Fund balance. Roberta revised the Itemized Categories budget page to provide an easier understanding of money spent. Next month's expenses will include the license for the internet. A motion was made and seconded to approve the report. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report, Calendar, and Family/Visitor Update: Pastor attended a Fall ministry retreat. WOW started last night and Confirmation will start next Wednesday for two weeks. Confirmation Sunday will be October 23 and there will be 2 confirmands from Trinity. There was discussion about how many Bibles to order for upcoming Confirmation participants.

Council Member Reports:

Elders: New liturgy has been introduced and is going well. We need to change the message on the answering machine at Georgetown.

Deacons: Nicole indicated that Sunday School has started. Our "Bless the Animals" outdoor Sunday event went very well with a variety of animals attending and a beautiful day.

Trustees: Thanks to Charlie the ramp has been fixed. It will need to be pressure washed and stained in the future. The outdoor light in the parking lot has finally been replaced thanks to Ryan and PBEC. Future items that will need to be addressed next spring include: the white fence in the parking lot, a rain spout to direct water away from the corner of the Fellowship Hall. These items will be brought to the Annual Meeting.

Old Business:

1. Church Directory. Debbie Wickstrom will be working on a joint Church directory and has asked us to forward contact information and pictures (if interested) to her. Bruce offered to gather our information by Christmas.
2. A Red Cross Blood Drive will be held at Georgetown on Tuesday, November 1, 2022.

New Business:

1. There were no new building use requests at this time.
2. Fall Dinner. We will be making meatballs on Saturday, October 8 and again on Friday, October 14. Cole slaw will be made on Saturday, October 15. The Fall Dinner is scheduled for Sunday, October 16 beginning at 11:45 am. The price will be \$10.00 for any age.
3. Hiring of a Church secretary. The position is not to exceed 20 hours per month and will be paid \$12.50/hour. Ads have been placed in the local newspapers.
4. We need volunteers to provide meals for families at five WOW Wednesdays and Family nights beginning October 26. Stephanie has volunteered to coordinate the meals. Meals will be served at 5:45 pm for approximately 20 people.

5. Audit Committee and date. The Church audit will take place during the 1st week in January and will be conducted by Stephanie Fansler and Judy Gammel.

Open Discussion:

1. Nicole brought up the children's Christmas program and when and how to proceed. The suggestion was made to hold the program on Sunday, December 18 and to have some special music, maybe a poem and contribute to the regular service.
2. Interest was expressed in holding a "Souper Bowl Sunday" at church for Super Bowl Sunday, February 12, 2023. It would include both Georgetown and Trinity Churches and would include a contest of homemade soups, voting and prizes. Further discussion will take place.

Meeting adjourned and closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Judy Gammel.

The next Georgetown Council Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 10, 2022 at 6:30 pm

Georgetown Financial Report

Opening Balance September 1, 2022 **\$14,180.46**

September Income

Offering	\$3,916.00
Blessing Bucket	\$40.00
Garage Sale	\$305.00

TOTAL INCOME **\$4,261.00**

\$18,441.46

September Expenses **\$5,591.04**

Closing Balance September 30, 2022 **\$12,850.42**

Budget for 2022	\$67,621.70
Needed Weekly	\$1,300.42

Offering Through September 30, 2022 **\$41,457.22**

Budgeted offering to date	\$50,716.38
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Ahead/Behind Budget	-\$9,259.16
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Offering:

4-Sep	\$820.00
11-Sep	\$625.00
18-Sep	\$1,055.00
25-Sep	\$1,296.00

Fund Balances

Youth Activities Fund	\$2,971.56
Memorial Fund	\$4,214.70
Blessing Bucket Fund	\$429.62
Fuel Fund	\$4,918.30

9/30/2022

Funds totals **\$12,534.18**

NET OPERATING FUNDS	\$316.24
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Savings Account - Blacktop Fund	\$42.65	(.01 interest)	\$42.67
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