



The Parish Messenger July 2023

Mission Statement

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

CHURCHES

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WORSHIP TIMES

Georgetown
Worship 10:30 AM

Trinity
Worship 8:30 AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL TIMES

Georgetown
9:00 AM (Sept-May)

Trinity
10:15 AM (Sept-May)

OFFICE HOURS

Mondays 9:00 AM- 3:00 PM

2023 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

God's New Creation

Georgetown Lutheran & Trinity Lutheran Church VBS

Join Us for four Wednesdays this summer at 5:30 for a light meal followed by an intergenerational learning adventure!

July 12th @ Georgetown
July 19th @ Trinity
July 26th @ Georgetown
August 2nd @ Trinity



ELCA World Hunger

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Jun 25	26	27	28	29	30	Jul 1
			Pastor-Vacation			
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Pastor-Vacation						
Church Service - Georgetown - 10:30 AM Church Service - Trinity - 8:30 AM	NO BIBLE STUDY					
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Pastor-Vacation						
Church Service - Georgetown - 10:30 AM Church Service - Trinity - 8:30 AM	Bible Study-Georgetown-9:30 AM Bible Study-Trinity-7:00 PM	Council Meeting - Trinity - 6:30 PM	VBS - Georgetown - 5:30 PM	Council Meeting - Georgetown - 6:30 PM		
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Church Service - Georgetown - 10:30 AM Church Service - Trinity - 8:30 AM	Bible Study-Georgetown-9:30 AM Bible Study-Trinity-7:00 PM		VBS-Trinity - 5:30 PM			
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Church Service - Georgetown - 10:30 AM Church Service - Trinity - 8:30 AM	Bible Study-Georgetown-9:30 AM Bible Study-Trinity-7:00 PM		VBS - Georgetown - 5:30 PM			
30	31	Aug 1	2	3	4	5
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Marvel Nielsen's 90th Birthday Party

When: Saturday, July 15

Where: Hunky Dory Resort

Time: 1:00-4:00 PM

Come and celebrate Marvel
and
enjoy some cake & ice cream!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

(Baptisms are marked with *)



July 7	Michael Hansen - GT
July 9	Tom Levi - GT
	Bob Glenna - GT
July 10	Alison Anderson - T
July 11	Nicki Norlund - GT
July 15	Richard Anderson - T
July 20	Steve Anderson - T
	Dennis Anderson *
	Marvel Nielsen - GT
July 22	Julie Peper - GT
July 23	Lillian Otto* - GT
July 24	Michael Otto* - GT
July 26	Judy Kelch - T

If your birthday and/or baptism are missing from the list, please email the church office so lists can be updated.

Fourth of July CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- Fill in this famous quote common among Patriots: "No _____ without representation!"
- The Star-Spangled Banner was written about the American _____.
- The _____ of Independence begins with "We the people."
- British tea was dumped into the harbor during the _____ Tea Party.
- The colors of the United States are red, white and _____.
- _____ is the power or right to act, speak, or think how you want.

DOWN

- This general went on to become our first president.
- The National _____ is sung before many sports events.
- There were _____ states in 1776.
- These things light up the sky on the Fourth of July.
- During the American _____, the colonies wanted to separate from Great Britain.
- A _____ dollar bill has George Washington on it.

ANSWERS: 1. Washington 2. Andrew 3. bicentennial 4. Boston 5. Declaration 6. Freedom 7. fireworks 8. Boston 9. blue 10. how 11. freedom

JULY BRAIN TEASERS

4th Of July Word Search

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FIREWORKS
LIBERTY ANTHEM PATRIOTIC

FREEDOM
FLAG JULY BARBEQUE

INDEPENDENCE
AMERICA SUMMER PHILADELPHIA

Word from Our Pastor



Grace to you and peace!

Freedom! Can we celebrate anything more wonderful than having the freedom to worship God without fear of persecution? Many of my seminary friends from other countries had in their past to worship in secret, had their lives threatened, or in the case of one alumnus, lost their lives in service to Christ. Seems weird doesn't it? I can't imagine what it would be to live like that. I'm so thankful that I can't.

What a blessing it is to us. It begs the question, though, what are we going to do with that freedom? Are you participating in the church? Attending worship? Helping in the programs and fundraisers? Praying and reading scripture at home?

I'm not asking these things to be unkind or a force for guilt. I have simply had the opportunity to see what you may not have; people who had to live in fear of their lives if they were found to be worshippers of Jesus Christ. I have heard how busy we all are and how if the church were just a little different in music or people we'd be right there. Perhaps we as Americans need to be reminded of the precious gift of religious freedom that we have been given.

I encourage you to cherish and exercise your freedom of religion. We all need a good word after a long week and the companionship of others on the path of faith. Blessings to all of you this Fourth of July.

In Faith, *Pastor Diane*

New Worship Times!

Beginning on September 3rd we will have new worship times.

Trinity 8:45 am and Georgetown 10:45 am

Why are we doing this? Each congregation is moving just 15 minutes so that Pastor can have some time for fellowship with Trinity as well as Georgetown. Let's give it a try.

Pastor has left the country

Pastor Norstad left for England for a conference on June 28th and will be back on duty July 12th. Rev. Tim Schmidt will cover emergencies and can be reached at church 715-822-4416 or on cell at 715-413-0238.

NEWS FROM OUR COUNCILS

Georgetown Church Council Meeting Minutes

June 8, 2023

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

Members Absent: Felicia Braastad, Ryan Braastad.

The meeting was called to order by Keith Ward.

Prayer and Devotions: Pastor Diane Norstad started the meeting with a prayer.

Secretary's Report: Judy read the minutes from the May 11, 2023 Council Meeting. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes. Motion carried. Discussion took place regarding how Council members wanted to receive the minutes in the future. It was agreed that copies of the minutes of the previous meeting would be distributed at the next meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Members reviewed the Treasurer's Report passed out by Roberta Hansen. Opening balance on May 1, 2023 was \$18,740.05. Total income for the month was \$9,182.00 and expense was \$5,097.50 which led to a closing balance on May 31, 2023 of \$22,824.55. Roberta pointed out that income from the Garage Sale was included in the balance but the expenses have not been included as yet. In the Memorial Fund of \$5,759.70, the amount of \$1,150.00 has been designated specifically for use by the Kitchen. There was a motion and a second to approve the budget as presented. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report, Calendar, and Family/Visitor Update: Pastor indicated that Confirmation went very well. There may be an interest in the group going camping. Pastor will be traveling to England for continuing education, utilizing only the continuing education funds designated in the budget. She will be leaving 6/28/23 and returning 7/9/2023. Wayne Kendrick will be preaching in her absence and Tim Schmidt will be on call. The Community Resource Agency in Milltown needs donations of backpacks and school supplies for school age children. We were encouraged to consider having a combined Facebook page with Trinity. Pastor brought up the topic of a "Food Resource Bank" which would be working together to produce a crop of some sort that would go to a local food concern.

Council Member Reports:

Elders: If we will be conducting an evaluation process this year we need to look into the necessary forms. Sherry presented some information for a Wedding Policy and an updated information sheet for Baptism. The information was discussed and it was suggested that a Facility Usage form accompany each policy. No action was taken.

Deacons: The Blessing of the Bicycles was very well received. The suggestion was made to hold Vacation Bible School on the Wednesdays of July 6, 13, 20 and 27. Nikki will contact Christine Anderson to discuss the involvement of Trinity. Nicki suggested that new Sunday School supplies need to be purchased at a cost of \$40.00 to \$80.00.

Trustees: There was a reminder that the work dates of June 10 and 17 are scheduled for some outdoor work. It was mentioned that some of the flower vases in the Cemetery were turned over which may have been vandalism.

Old Business:

1. Family registration/Child safety protocol has been finalized,
2. Water improvement Grant application. The grant application has been put on hold because the nitrates in our water supply are currently under 10/mg per liter. The DNR will continue to test our water periodically and the grant funding will be on hold for us through December, 2024.
3. Update regarding the parsonage and the Call Committee. The facility needs of the parsonage were discussed and Sherry will communicate with Steve Anderson to discuss how things are going. We need to add one more person to the Call Committee and the suggestion was made to ask a Congregation member to join the Committee.
4. Update regarding Spring clean-up. Steve and Roberta Hansen have offered to take care of the painting/sealing of the outside doors.

New Business:

1. Building Use Requests: No new requests at this time.
2. Time of worship service: The suggestion was made to adjust the starting times of church services to provide more time for issues/questions that may arise at Trinity. A suggestion was made to change the start time of services at Trinity to start 15 minutes earlier than currently scheduled. Likewise, another suggestion was made to change the start time for services at Georgetown to 15 minutes later than currently scheduled. After much discussion, a motion was made and seconded to make those changes effective on the first Sunday in September. Motion carried.
3. Gretchen Frendt contacted the Council regarding her summer schedule and her inability to live stream our Sunday church service on a number of Sundays. Stephanie offered to record the noted Sunday services for publication on Monday.
4. Alcivia has sent a service contract for upcoming propane delivery. Keith will sign the contract.

Open Discussion

1. The Freedom Fest in Balsam Lake on July 5 might be an opportunity for a bake sale.
2. The Blessing of the Animals is scheduled for August 13 and will be on the patio.
3. Diana purchased Microsoft 365 for the new computer and will be reimbursed.

Meeting adjourned and closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Judy Gammel.

The next Georgetown Church Council Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 13, 2023 at 6:30 pm

MAY FINANCIAL REPORT		
	May-23	YEAR TO DATE
INCOME	\$7,972.00	\$30,281.75
EXPENSES	\$5,097.50	\$25,416.85
DIFFERENCE	(\$2,874.50)	(\$4,864.90)

Trinity Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes

06/13/2023

Present: Pastor Diane Norstad, Mandy Rouzer, Steve Anderson, Rick Sellent, Lacy Sellent, Shane Beecroft, Deedra Wagner, Kathy Grenquist

Shane opened the meeting at 6:41 p.m.

Secretary's Report: Mandy gave the report. Steve Anderson made a motion, Deedra Wagner 2nd. All approved. Carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Monthly Income: \$8963.35 Offering was \$7620.60

Monthly Expense: \$ 4548.19

Net Total: \$4415.16

TLC Checking has \$20,025.30 as of June 13, 2023

TLC Savings has \$637.98

MI Fund has \$13235.21

CD has \$15,000 after Kathy moved it to a MIF CD at 5.1%.

Endowment Fund Savings has \$90.82

Lacy Sellent made a motion, Steve Anderson 2nd, all approved.

Pastor's Report: Big back packs are needed for high school kids. We will make "kits" at VBS. Lists of things needed is out in the entry way. Pastor isn't able to meet with Trinity members after church because of Georgetown's start time. Pastor is wondering if we can start church at 8:45 on Sundays, starting September 3. Georgetown would then start at 10:45. Mandy made a motion, Shane 2nd, all approved.

Youth Report: Luther Park don't have anyone in charge of the ropes course, so we can't go there. Called Wild Mountain, hasn't heard back from them yet. Called Benjamin's House to see if they need assistance from kids. VBS is July 12 through August 2 on Wednesdays at 5:30. This will be at Georgetown this year.

Old Business:

Lighted Cross – Steve had an electrician come look at what we want. They are still working out some details. Steve also talked to him about running electricity to the shed and the sign. Also, talked about motion lights in the front entrance. The electrician is working on getting prices.

Outdoor Storage Building – concrete is poured. Steve is going to order the actual building tomorrow, along with Shane and Glenn

Draft of Wedding, Funeral and Baptism Policy – went over policies. Have to add under the music part that it has to be approved by the Pastor.

Water Nitrates – We were approved for the \$14,400 grant for the water system that we were quoted for. Lacy will sign and mail in the form which is contract for well compensation award. We have until May 16th next year to get the system installed. Mandy Rouzer moves that Lacy signs the grant award form, Steve Anderson 2nd. All approved.

Parsonage – John moved into the parsonage this past weekend. Steve has a list of things John will be fixing/working on and it's been approved by Georgetown as well as Trinity. He has painted the living room, entrance, hallway, a bedroom and is working on the next two bedrooms. Glenn has repaired the ceilings that needed healing. He has spent approximately \$420. A signed copy of the agreement between John, Georgetown and Trinity has been distributed amongst all parties.

Palt Monies - Kathy Grenquist brought up that we have a 100 cup coffee maker that has been having issues--suggested using some of the Palt money to buy a new one. Dee Wagner will pick one up.

Insurance company was informed that the parsonage is no longer vacant--that insurance is now updated, along with insurance for the shed. As long as the shed cost is \$10,000 or less (and is located within 1,000 feet of the church), then the shed--and everything in it--will be covered by insurance.

Pastor has continuing education June 28 - July 12. Wayne Kendrick will cover Sunday services. Tim Schmidt will be the backup Pastor.

New Business

Discussion of having a pie & ice cream social in July or August to raise money for shed--looking for someone that could lead it. Could also maybe try making lefse again?

Wil-Kil recommends new door jams to help keep pests out (2 are done, 4 need to be done).

Sign up list to be made for those interested in being on the Call Committee.

Rick Sellent made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Second by Shane Beecroft. Meeting adjourned at 8:25pm. Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Next Council Meeting July 11, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully, Mandy Rouzer and Lacy Sellent