



The Parish Messenger October 2023

Mission Statement

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

CHURCHES

Georgetown Lutheran
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PASTOR

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WORSHIP TIMES

Georgetown
Worship 10:45 AM

Trinity
Worship 8:45 AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL TIMES

Georgetown
9:15 AM (Sept-May)

Trinity
10:00 AM (Sept-May)

OFFICE HOURS

Mondays 9:00 AM- 3:00 PM

UPCOMING EVENTS

Georgetown Lutheran Church

Annual Fall Dinner

877-190th Avenue

Balsam Lake (Fox Creek)

Sunday, October 15, 2023

11:45 am to 1:30 pm



MENU

- *Homemade Swedish Meatballs*
- *Mashed Potatoes/Gravy*
- *Locally grown Corn & Baked Beans*
- *Coleslaw, Cranberries, Char's pickle & Bun*
- *Homemade slice of pie, your choice Apple or Pumpkin*

Drive – Thru meals only! \$13.00 each.

NO CALL IN ORDERS. All orders will be taken in line day of dinner.

SALE ITEM

Meatballs/with gravy (\$7.00 per package)

THRIVENT FINANCIAL ACTION PROJECT





Trinity

Roadside Clean Up

Sunday, October 8

Trinity 3:00 PM

PIZZA TO FOLLOW

Haunted Woods

Saturday, October 28

The Sellent's Home
6:30 PM to 8:00 PM

Lighted trail, snacks and campfire.

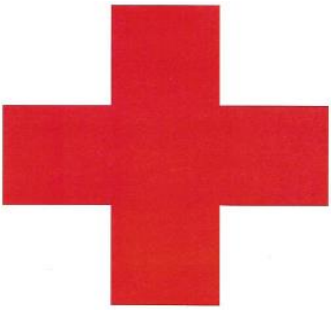


Trunk or Treat



Monday, October 30, Trinity, 6 PM – 7 PM

Give blood.
Every 2 seconds someone
in the U.S. needs blood.
American Red Cross



Blood Drive
Balsam Lake Community
Located at
Georgetown Lutheran Church
877 190th Avenue/County Road G
(Fox Creek)

Tuesday, October 31, 2023
12:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org
and enter: Balsam Lake to schedule an appointment.



Come to give Oct. 21 thru Nov. 9 for a \$10 e-gift card.
Treat yourself to lunch on us!



OCTOBER 2023 CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Oct 1 Church Service (GT)-10:45 AM Church Service (T) - 8:45 AM Sunday School (GT)-9:15 AM Sunday School (T)-10:00 AM	2 Bible Study-Georgetown-9:30 AM Bible Study-Trinity-7:00 PM	3	4 5:30pm Confirmation - Georgetown	5 6:00pm Joint Council Meeting - GT	6	7
8 Church Service (GT)-10:45 AM Church Service (T) - 8:45 AM Sunday School (GT)-9:15 AM Sunday School (T)-10:00 AM 3:00pm Roadside Clean Up - Trinity	9 Bible Study-Georgetown-9:30 AM Bible Study-Trinity-7:00 PM	10	11 6:30pm Confirmation - Trinity	12	13	14
15 Church Service (GT)-10:45 AM Church Service (T) - 8:45 AM Sunday School (GT)-9:15 AM Sunday School (T)-10:00 AM 11:45am Annual Fall Dinner - Georgetown	16 Bible Study-Georgetown-9:30 AM Bible Study-Trinity-7:00 PM	17	18 6:30pm Confirmation - Georgetown	19	20	21
22 Church Service (GT)-10:45 AM Church Service (T) - 8:45 AM Sunday School (GT)-9:15 AM Sunday School (T)-10:00 AM	23 Bible Study-Georgetown-9:30 AM Bible Study-Trinity-7:00 PM	24	25 6:30pm Confirmation - Trinity	26	27	28 6:30pm Haunted Woods - The Sellent's
29 Church Service (GT)-10:45 AM Church Service (T) - 8:45 AM CONFIRMATION SUNDAY Sunday School (GT)-9:15 AM Sunday School (T)-10:00 AM	30 Bible Study-Georgetown-9:30 AM Bible Study-Trinity-7:00 PM 6:00pm Trunk or Treat - Trinity	31 12:30pm Red Cross Blood Drive - GT	Nov 1	2	3	4



September Happenings

Our Georgetown quilting ladies made 57 quilts for Lutheran World Relief. They also put together 73 school kits. These kits consisted of a back pack with all the necessary school supplies. AWESOME JOB!



Trinity held their annual car show and kids carnival on September 16. Looks like fun was had by all!



THANK YOU to all the volunteers and bakers who helped with 2023 Wurstfest.

What a great day!



♥ October ♥
 Birthday Month!

October 2	Ray Clark – T
	Teressa Jensen – GT
October 3	Hunter Sellent – T
October 5	Tim Frennd- GT *
	Andrew Frenndt – GT*
	Carl Grenquist – T*
October 6	Wayne Kendrick – T
October 8	Anne Weise - GT
October 9	Felicia Braastad – FT
	Tim Frenndt – GT
October 13	Ira Rouzer – T
October 17	Deedra Wagner – T
October 19	Mike Rouzer – T
	Maria Gorne - GT
October 21	Duke Rouzer – T
October 24	Jennifer Gorne Johnson – GT
	George House

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

HALLOWEEN

Oct. 31

Across

1. a large, round vegetable with hard yellow or orange flesh
3. believed to be visited by ghosts
4. a dead body wrapped in long narrow pieces of cloth
5. the bones of the head
7. a net that a spider makes out of thin sticky strings
10. a large round metal container used for cooking over a fire
11. a large, flat stone that lies over a grave or stands at one end, that shows the name, age, etc. of the person buried there
13. a character in stories who appears at night to bite people's necks and suck their blood
14. an area of ground where dead people are buried

Down

1. a trick that is done to someone usually as a joke
2. a farming tool with a curved blade and long handle that is used for cutting grass, grain, etc.
5. the set of bones that supports a human or animal body
6. (in stories) a small, ugly creature that is harmful to humans
7. a long coat without sleeves, that fastens around your neck
8. someone who, in stories, changes into a wolf at the time of the full moon
9. a small animal like a mouse with wings that flies at night
10. a set of clothes worn in order to look like someone or something else
12. a woman in stories who has magic powers

Word from Our Pastor



Jeremiah 29:11

For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD, for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.

Dear Parish,

Change. It's not universally loved. We can be leery of change or even afraid of it. We often seem to favor what is familiar. Isaac Newton said that, "Everything continues in a state of rest unless it is compelled to change by forces impressed upon it." While Newton was speaking of a scientific fact I think it's just as applicable to human behavior. And yet, ironically, change is one of life's few constants.

The other constant is God and God's presence in our lives. In Jeremiah God seems to acknowledge our fear of change and reassures us of plans, good plans, for our lives. We are not the only ones looking toward our future. God is, too. There's where I find both comfort and hope.

Going into a future where things may be unfamiliar, and we don't know what will be next, can be challenging but with God we don't need to be afraid. Interim can be a time of change that is both unexpected and unwelcomed. It can also be a time of discovery, joy and creativity. There is no need to be afraid. God has a plan for us and, as the scriptures tell us, it is a plan to give us a future with hope.

This interim, this time of change that we're in, is going to be okay. I happen to think it's going really well and it's going to turn out great. What is exactly will our future be? I don't know. I do know that God will be with us and that's the greatest assurance we could possibly hope for. Let's go into our future with faithfulness, hope, and a good dose of joy!

Faithfully, Pastor Diane Norstad

NEWS FROM OUR COUNCILS

Georgetown Church Council Meeting Minutes

September 14, 2023

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

Members Absent: Bruce Peper.

The meeting was called to order by Council President, Keith Ward.

Prayer and Devotions: Pastor Diane Norstad started the meeting with a prayer and devotions from Philippians 4: 19& 20.

Secretary's Report: Minutes from the August meeting were reviewed and accepted.

Treasurer's Report: Members reviewed the Treasurer's Report passed out by Roberta Hansen. Opening balance on August 1, 2023 was \$17,266.92. Closing balance on August 31, 2023 was \$17,937.80 after income and expenses. Net Operating Funds as of 8/31/2023 were \$7,309.54. The Memorial Fund of \$5,879.70 includes funds set aside for improvements in the kitchen and the local food shelf. Treasurer's Report approved.

Pastor's Report, Calendar, and Family/Visitor Update: Pastor indicated that the change in worship times effective September 1, 2023 is going well at both churches. Confirmation will take place at both churches with 11 or 12 to be confirmed. Pastor will be off the week of October 15th. We may be involved in a event called "Squeaky Clean" at the Community Referral Agency which is designed to get donations for liquid laundry detergent. Pastor indicated that she may be ordering some materials from Augsburg.

Council Member Reports:

Elders: Stephanie brought up the issue of live streaming our church service versus recording. Further discussion will take place in Old Business.

Deacons: The Blessing of the Animals went very well with a great turnout. Sunday School will begin on Sunday, September 17th. Some new Sunday School materials have been ordered.

Trustees: The fence alongside the property was painted white today. The step will be painted soon. The furnace above the kitchen may need some work and a second opinion will be requested before any work is initiated. We will discuss further at our November Council meeting.

Old Business:

1. Discussion regarding the Parsonage. The suggestion to extend the current agreement until June 1 was discussed and supported. The suggestion was made that the agreement could include a

30-day notice if needed by a new Pastor. The issue will be brought up at the joint meeting of the two churches in October.

2. Update regarding recording/live streaming of Sunday service. Stephanie is currently doing the recording for the summer. There was discussion about how to proceed in the future. Nikki is willing to learn and Stephanie will contact someone if she is not available. The statement was made that more people tend to watch the live stream rather than the recording.
3. Furnace Tune-up. Discussed above.

New Business:

1. Building Use Requests: No new requests at this time.
2. Joint meeting of Church councils. We are hosting the meeting at Georgetown on October 5, 2023 with dinner at 6:00 pm and the meeting at 6:30 pm. We discussed the menu and each person was assigned an item to bring for dinner.

Meeting adjourned and closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Judy Gammel.

The Church Councils from Trinity and Georgetown will meet in a joint meeting at Georgetown on Thursday, October 5, 2023 at 6:00 pm.

The next Georgetown Church Council Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 9, 2023 at 6:30 pm

	FINANCIAL REPORT		
	Aug-23		YEAR TO DATE
INCOME	\$5,357.00		\$47,091.40
EXPENSE	\$5,192.37		\$44,494.15
<u>DIFFERENCE</u>	<u>\$167.63</u>		<u>\$2,597.25</u>

Trinity Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes
09/12/2023

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

Shane opened the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

Secretary's Report: Shane gave the report. Lacy Sellent made a motion to accept the minutes, Steve Anderson 2nd. Approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Monthly Income: \$ 6511.78 Offering was \$3806.50 (\$2603 was shed)

Monthly Expense: \$5901.24

Net Total: \$610.54

TLC Checking has \$9924.02

TLC Savings has \$638.91

MI Fund has \$13273.61

CD has \$15000

Endowment Fund Savings has \$240.94

Deedra Wagner made a motion, Lacy Sellent 2nd, all approved.

Pastor's Report: 2 confirmation services for 8 kids from Trinity and 3 Georgetown on October 29th. Found 11 robes in GT and 3 in Trinity. Tim's insurance through Cobra is done, so Pastor will paid for him to join. New Member Sunday will be November 12 at 8:45. New members that have applied are: Robert Welch, Cynthia Rouzer, Natasha, Hunter, Lin and Nataleeah Root, Susan Schommer, Marlys Orf, Rev. Diane and Tim Norstad. Steve Anderson makes a motion to accept all new member applications and give Pastor authority to approve new members between now and new member service. Deedra 2nd, all approved. Pastor needs more time with Confirmation students, so we will only have one joint church service a month.

Youth Report: Need to schedule a highway clean-up day. Lacy will work on that.

Old Business:

Elect Call Committee Members- Steve Anderson, Randy Mattson, Emilie Springsteen, Lacy Sellent, Kathy Grenquist, Christine Anderson. Mandy Rouzer makes a motion to accept the call committee members, Shane Beecroft 2^{nds}, all approved.

Update of Water Nitrates – no update

Lighted Cross – No update yet, looking for an electrician to help.

Update of Outdoor Storage Building – outside complete, shelving to be put up. Shane will look over the shed to see where he could put shelves.

Updates to Fundraising for Shed – October 15 was going to be a pie and ice cream social, but it's also the meatball dinner at Georgetown, so that will have to be changed. We will look for a new date. We still need to raise \$1586.54.

Wurstfest Money – the last few years the monies have gone to the Ladies' group, and this year it will as well.

Other Old Business –

Carnival and Car Show- to take place Saturday, September 16, always need volunteers, if raining we'll move the carnival inside.

June 22nd Possible Wedding Reception (a back-up in case of weather). Will give them the reception policy once it's complete.

Mission of the Quarter – Steven Anderson moves to have Interfaith Caregivers be our 4th Quarter mission, Mandy Rouzer 2nds, all approved.

Field Rental – Eddie Dittbrenner has a check for us for field rental. Steve will get it. The check will be \$450.

New Business

Community Referral Agency – Pastor would like to do another project for the CRA, during Advent perhaps, called "Silent Night Project". They are in need of XL Twin sheets and new pillows.

Turn in annual review forms before October 5 to Shane.

Motion made by Mandy Rouzer to adjourn the meeting. Second by Deedra Wagner. Closed with the Lord's Prayer. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Next Council Meeting November 14, 2023 at 6:30 p.m., unless otherwise needed.

Joint Council Meeting: Thursday, October 5 at Georgetown (meal to start at 6pm)

Respectfully, Mandy Rouzer and Lacy Sellent