



The Parish Messenger November 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 10:45 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



Reformation Sunday

Congratulations to our youth who were confirmed on Sunday, October 29.

Trinity



Back row: Blake Lundmark, Riley Cummings, Hunter Root, Lin Root
Front row: Addison Shaffer, Greta Weaver, Shon Swanson, Cash Rouzer

Georgetown



Michael Otto, Kooper Klugow, Andrew Frendt

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

LET US BAKE FOR YOU!

Let us bake your Thanksgiving pie for you.
Apple, Dutch Apple, Blueberry and Pumpkin - \$12/each
Pecan - \$15/each

- Made fresh at Trinity
- To be picked up November 21 or 22 (specify pick up date when ordering)
- Sign-up sheets will be at Trinity or call Chris at 715-651-4339 to order



Trinity Women's Meeting

Thursday, November 9

8:30 AM – 2:30 PM

quilting and kit making

Lunch provided

Georgetown Lutheran Fall Harvest Potluck Sunday, November 12 following worship

Bring a dish to pass and celebrate all we are thankful for!



Advent Fest
Sunday, November 26
Trinity - 6:30 PM

Join us at Trinity for an evening of music, stories and more!
Cookies and ice cream to follow.

Interested in playing tone chimes?
Contact Lacy Sellent or Kathy Grenquist if you would like to participate.



Saturday, November 11

NOVEMBER 2023 CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Oct 29	30	31	Nov 1 Dinner & Worship (T) - 5:30-7:00 PM	2	3	4
5 Church Service (GT)-10:45 AM Church Service (T) - 8:45 AM Sunday School (GT)-9:15 AM Sunday School (T)-10:00 AM	6 Bible Study-Georgetown-9:30 AM Bible Study-Trinity-7:00 PM	7	8 Confirmation (GT) - 6:30-7:30 PM	9 Council Meeting (GT) - 6:30 PM Women's Group (T) - 8:30 AM-2:30 PM	10	11 Veteran's Day
12 Church Service (GT)-10:45 AM Church Service (T) - 8:45 AM Fall Harvest Potluck (GT) Sunday School (GT)-9:15 AM Sunday School (T)-10:00 AM	13 Bible Study-Georgetown-9:30 AM Bible Study-Trinity-7:00 PM	14 Council Meeting (T) - 6:30 PM	15 Confirmation (T) - 6:30-7:30 PM	16	17	18
19 Church Service (GT)-10:45 AM Church Service (T) - 8:45 AM Sunday School (GT)-9:15 AM Sunday School (T)-10:00 AM	20 Bible Study-Georgetown-9:30 AM Bible Study-Trinity-7:00 PM	21	22 NO CONFIRMATION	23 Thanksgiving Day	24	25
26 Advent Fest (T) - 6:30 PM Church Service (GT)-10:45 AM Church Service (T) - 8:45 AM Sunday School (GT)-9:15 AM Sunday School (T)-10:00 AM	27 Bible Study-Georgetown-9:30 AM Bible Study-Trinity-7:00 PM	28	29 Confirmation (GT) - 6:30-7:30 PM	30	Dec 1	2



November 2	Mackenzie Cutts (GT)
November 4	Jared Lundmark (T)
November 5	Briana Peterson (GT)
November 6	Steve Hansen (GT)
November 9	Judy Glenna (GT)
November 13	Mary Lou Levi (GT)
November 14	Stacy Bergmann (GT)
	Jeanne Johnson (GT)
	Ryan Lundmark (T)
November 17	Keith Ward (GT)
	Griffin Weaver (T)
November 18	Blake Lundmark (T)
November 24	Jim Filkins (GT)

October Happenings



Georgetown Lutheran Annual Fall Dinner

Another successful fall dinner held at Georgetown on October 15.

****390 meals to go****

****221 bags of meatballs sold****

****46 volunteers to make the event possible****



COMMUNITY OUTREACH OPPORTUNITY



It's that time of year again! Time to register to ring the bell for The Salvation Army's Red Kettle Campaign!

Last year our bell ringers in Polk and Barron Counties helped us to raise \$147,000 for the Red Kettle Campaign. This year, we would like to increase that number to \$150,000 or more.

We will need many ringers to help us reach our goal, so be sure to invite your friends, family members and fellow congregants to join you!

WILL YOU HELP US BLESS THE LOCAL COMMUNITY BY RINGING THE BELL THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON?

Proceeds from bell ringing allow The Salvation Army to feed and shelter residents at The Family House, prevent homelessness with emergency rent and utility assistance, and offer transportation support for Polk and Barron County residents who are starting a new job.

This year, bell ringing will take place November 16th- December 23rd. To reserve your preferred spot, **REGISTER NOW** at www.registertoring.com or call Patty Gallaty at 715-554-4928. Please note we have a special need for ringers the week of Thanksgiving.

Thank you for prayerfully considering this important call to service,

Your Friends at The Family House
Salvation Army of Polk and Barron
Counties



Word from Our Pastor



How do we share and multiply the Joy of Jesus Christ? While there are many ways this month of our Thanksgiving Holiday is a great time to focus on thankfulness. We have just had the confirmation of eleven wonderful young people. We had a wonderful church dinner, continued in worship and Bible study and even had a neat Trunk or Treat.

November is also the month of a great non example of thankfulness in our elections. Our politicians and political parties focus so much on the negative and tearing each other down. Honestly, it's difficult to see what they DO think is good about our country. It's too easy to get caught in that. It's too easy to get caught up in looking at our difficulties far out of proportion to looking at our blessings with gratitude.

Thankfulness does not go with destructive negativism. Being thankful is taking the time to look beyond the annoyances of the day to what we truly appreciate in our lives and in each other. Being thankful is a GREAT way to share the joy of Jesus Christ. I challenge us to go beyond our usual Thanksgiving table prayers that give thanks for food and family and start looking at the good in others and in our church that we often don't stop to appreciate. Jesus took the time to appreciate the good in those around him: crooked tax collectors, thieves, prostitutes, and sinners of all sort. Jesus took the time to find the good in each of us. Let's look at others with the eyes of Jesus and find the good and give thanks. In giving thanks for the good in others and lifting that up we share the Joy of Jesus Christ. We let others know that they are precious and wonderful children of God. Doesn't the world need that kind of Joy? I think so. Happy Thanksgiving to you all. You are precious in the eyes of Jesus and in mine, too.

May you all enjoy the Joy of Jesus! *In Faith, Pastor Diane*

Advent's Amazing Projects

Am I jumping ahead? Yes I am but it is for good reasons. Most of us begin our Christmas shopping well in advance and there are two great projects upcoming this season. Both are to help the Community Referral Agency in Milltown that houses and helps those leaving abusive situations. If you find a good deal on either of these types of items you can leave them at either church. Thanks for sharing your love and Jesus' love this Christmas! Pastor Diane

Trinity – A Silent Night Campaign

There is always a considerable need for new pillows and for Extra Long Twin Sheets. Let's help our struggling neighbors to have a peaceful night at the shelter and hopefully many more peaceful nights to come. There is a red tub in the narthex of Trinity for these items.

Georgetown – A Squeaky Clean Advent

Liquid laundry detergent is always in short supply at the shelter. Often times, people come with very few clothes and just whatever they can grab as they leave a bad situation in a hurry. Being able to wash their clothes is a something we often take for granted but will mean so much to these women and children.

NEWS FROM OUR COUNCILS

Georgetown/Trinity Joint Church Council Meeting Minutes October 5, 2023

Meeting was held at Georgetown Lutheran Church.

Members present: Rick Sellent, Lacy Sellent, Kathy Grenquist, Shane Beecroft, Deedra Wagner, Steve Anderson, Stephanie Fansler, Roberta Hansen, Judy Gammel, Keith Ward, Nicole Norlund, Sherry Doornink. **Absent:** Mandy Rouzer, Bruce Peper, Ryan Braastad, Felicia Braastad, Dale Jensen.

Call To Order: The meeting was called to order by Keith Ward, Georgetown Council President.

Devotions: Devotions were led by Pastor Diane Norstad.

Reports: Pastor Diane reported that everything is going well. We are preparing for the Confirmation of 12 this fall with 6 starting or in their 2nd year. The names of the 12 Confirmands are as follows: Kooper Klugow, Andrew Frendt, Michael Otto, Addison Shaffer, Hunter Root, Cash Rouzer, Riley Cummings, Blake Lundmark, Greta Weaver, Elliot Erickson, Shon Swanson. A motion was made and seconded to approve the Confirmation of these students. Motion carried.

Pastor Diane reviewed the Mission Statement of our joint churches and suggested that we make an effort to use the statement on more of our publications and informational materials. That mission statement is: "We are a Christian community rooted in God's love, growing in Christ through reaching out and serving".

Trinity is having a Christmas program on December 17th.

Approval of the Minutes from the Joint Meeting on April 18, 2023. Judy Gammel read the minutes from the April 18, 2023 Joint Council Meeting. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as read. Motion carried.

Old Business

1. **Joint Activities:** A joint caroling opportunity has already been established and is open to both Churches. It has been suggested that the youth need more of the Pastor's time so there will be a joint service one week and Confirmation activities the next 3 weeks. It might be helpful to mention the schedule in the bulletin.
2. **Shared Budget Expenses:** There was discussion about the cost of telephone service at each church and previously at the parsonage. At each church, the telephone and internet service combined expense is different due to different service providers.
3. **Treasurers:** Discussed above.
4. **Directory:** A draft directory for Trinity is ready to print. Georgetown needs to get information to Debbie. Keith will work to connect with Debbie.
5. **Parsonage:** Steve shared an update on the parsonage and all the work that the current tenant has been doing. The contract with the tenant has been extended to May 31, 2024. The new address of the parsonage is: 2496 E. Grenquist Lake Lane.
6. **Call Committee:** The Call Committee has not met yet. There are 6 people on the Call Committee from Trinity and 4 people on the Call Committee from Georgetown which is not as previously agreed upon. After much discussion about the discrepancy in the number of committee members, the following statement was agreed to by the Council. "The Parish Council made the decision that Trinity will retain 6 members of the Call Committee and Georgetown will have 4 members of the Call Committee. But a final vote will consist of 4 members of each congregation".
7. **Evaluation:** Trinity presented some evaluation information about how things were going.
8. **Policy Forms:** Sherry shared some completed policy forms that can be discussed in the future.

New Business

Next Joint Council Meeting: The next Joint Parish Council meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 11, 2024 at Trinity. Supper will be served at 6:00 pm and the meeting will begin at 6:30 pm.

Meeting Adjourned: A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Judy Gammel.

Next Joint Parish Council Meeting: Thursday, April 11, 2024 at Trinity

Georgetown Financial Report

Georgetown	Sep-23		YEAR TO DATE
INCOME	\$4,013.00		\$52,212.40
EXPENSE	\$6,895.04		\$51,389.19
DIFFERENCE	-\$2,882.04		\$823.21