



## The Parish Messenger March 2024

### 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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Balsam Lake, WI 54810  
Office: 715.857.5580

Trinity Lutheran  
2532-15<sup>th</sup> Street  
Cumberland, WI 54829  
715.822.3001

### PASTOR

Diane Norstad  
715-501-4129 (cell)  
715-268-5706 (home)  
[revdianenorstad@yahoo.com](mailto:revdianenorstad@yahoo.com)

### 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

### Parish Lenten & Easter Service Schedule

#### **Wednesday, March 6**

Lenten Service – Trinity  
Dinner 5:30 PM – 6:30 PM; Worship Service 6:30 PM – 7:00 PM  
The General's High School Reunion

#### **Wednesday, March 13**

Lenten Service - Georgetown  
Dinner 5:30 PM – 6:30 PM; Worship Service 6:30 PM – 7:00 PM  
Read All About it! Hooker Saves Israel!

#### **Wednesday, March 20**

Lenten Service - Trinity  
Dinner 5:30 PM – 6:30 PM; Worship Service 6:30 PM – 7:00 PM  
Sister! God Dissed Her!

#### **Sunday, March 24**

##### **Palm Sunday**

Worship Service – Trinity 8:45 AM  
Worship Service – Georgetown 10:45 AM

#### **Thursday, March 28**

##### **Maundy Thursday – Trinity**

Worship Service 6:30 PM

#### **Friday, March 29**

##### **Good Friday – Georgetown**

Worship Service 6:30 PM

#### **Easter Sunday, March 31**

Worship Service – Trinity 8:45 AM  
Worship Service – Georgetown 10:45 AM

## MARCH 2024 CALENDAR

Date	Time	Meeting/Activity
Sunday, March 3	8:45 AM	Worship Service - Trinity
	10:45 AM	Worship Service - Georgetown
Monday, March 4	9:30 AM	Bible Study - Georgetown
	7:00 PM	Bible Study - Trinity
Wednesday, March 6	5:30 PM	Lenten Service - Trinity
Sunday, March 10	8:45 AM	Worship Service - Trinity
	10:45 AM	Worship Service - Georgetown
	11:30-2:00	Palt Dinner - Trinity
Monday, March 11	9:30 AM	Bible Study - Georgetown
	7:00 PM	Bible Study - Trinity
Wednesday, March 13	5:30 PM	Lenten Service - Georgetown
Sunday, March 17	8:45 AM	Worship Service - Trinity
	10:45 AM	Worship Service - Georgetown
Monday, March 18	9:30 AM	Bible Study - Georgetown
	7:00 PM	Bible Study - Trinity
Tuesday, March 19	6:30 PM	Council Meeting - Trinity
Wednesday, March 20	5:30 PM	Lenten Service - Trinity
Friday, March 22	5:00 PM	Pancake Supper & Youth Lock In - Georgetown
Sunday, March 24	8:45 AM	Palm Sunday Worship Service - Trinity
	10:45 AM	Palm Sunday Worship Service - Georgetown
Monday, March 25	9:30 AM	Bible Study - Georgetown
	7:00 PM	Bible Study - Trinity
Thursday, March 28	6:30 PM	Maundy Thursday Service - Trinity
Friday, March 29	6:30 PM	Good Friday Service - Georgetown
Sunday, March 31	8:45 AM	Easter Worship Service - Trinity
	9:15 AM	Easter Egg Hunt - Georgetown
	10:00 AM	Easter Egg Hunt - Trinity
	10:45 AM	Easter Worship Service - Georgetown



Happy  
Birthday  
March  
babies!

March 4	Joe Glenna (T)
March 6	Chazz Hegna (GT)
March 7	Aidan Hansen (GT)
March 8	Dawson Jensen (GT)
March 10	Robin Denver (T)(*)
March 14	Alexus Braastad (GT)
March 17	Trevor Hegna (GT)
March 19	Linnea Grenquist (T)
March 20	Mikayla Peper (GT)
March 25	Jim Palas (GT)
March 28	Mandy Rouzer (T)
	Lola Roodell (GT)
March 29	JoAnn Doornbos (Gt)

## PARISH HAPPENINGS

### Georgetown WELCA Quilting

Wednesdays from 1:00-4:00 PM

Come and help create beautiful quilts while visiting, sharing treats and a cup of coffee (or many cups)!

All are welcome!



Thank you to the members of Trinity, the Endowment Fund Committee, Women's Group and Youth Group, for the generous donations of money towards my ELCA Youth Gathering trip in New Orleans this summer. This money will not only impact my life, but countless others' lives who are less fortunate than myself. When I'm in New Orleans, I will be volunteering and helping those that need an extra hand. I appreciate you supporting my trip. I am so blessed.

Cash Rouzer

Georgetown held their annual **Souper Bowl Sunday** soup cook off. The winner was Roberta Hansen with her cheesy cheddar chowder! Roberta designated half of the proceeds to Loaves & Fishes. Thank you to everyone that participated and thank you Gretchen Frenndt for organizing!



### Georgetown Lutheran Church Spring Garage Sale

Thurs., May 2 – Sat., May 4

\*\*Accepting donations\*\*

Contact Roberta Hansen

715-553-0007

Stay tuned for further details . . .



### Trinity Lutheran Church Garage/Bake/Craft Sale Saturday, May 4

\*\*Accepting donations\*\*

Bring donations to the church any time. No shoes or clothes. If you would like to help, please let Chris Wetzel, Judy Kelch or Debbie Wickstrom.

## **PARISH NEWS**

Both congregations held their annual meetings at the end of January and new council members were elected.

### **2024 Council Members Trinity**

#### **Deacons**

- Lacy Sellent
- Judy Kelch

#### **Trustees**

- Deedra Wagner
- Steve Kelch

#### **Elders**

- Steve Anderson
- Heidi Wagner

#### **Trinity Treasurer**

Bill Anderson

### **2024 Council Members Georgetown**

#### **Deacons**

- Nicole Norlund
- Judy Gammel
- Bruce Peper

#### **Trustees**

- Dale Jensen
- Keith Ward
- Andrew Frenndt
  - Dennis Weise fill in

#### **Elders**

- Stephanie Fansler
- Sherry Doornink
- Tim Frenndt

#### **Georgetown Treasurer**

Roberta Hansen



## PARISH UPCOMING EVENTS

# PÅLT Dinner

**Sunday, March 10, 2024**

**11:30 AM – 2:00 PM**

**Trinity Lutheran Church – McKinley**

Adults - \$10; Ages 6-12 - \$5; Under 6 - FREE

### Menu

Traditional (Swedish) Boiled Palt  
Butter Fried (American) Palt  
Baked Ham  
Cranberry Salad  
Scandinavian Fruit Soup & Homemade Pie

**Friday, March 22, 2024**  
**Georgetown Lutheran Church**  
**5:00 PM – 7:30 PM**  
**Free Will Offering**

All you can eat pancakes, Anderson's Maple Syrup, sausages links and beverage.  
All donations will go to the Youth Activities Fund

**Youth lock-in to follow supper. Stay tuned for more information. . . . .**



**Annual Easter Egg Hunt**  
**Sunday, March 31, 2024**  
**Trinity Lutheran Church – McKinley**  
**10:00 AM**

There will be a box in the fellowship area to collect individually wrapped candies/stickers/small prizes, etc., to be put into the plastic eggs. Eggs will be assembled following the Palm Sunday Service on March 24.

**Annual Easter Egg Hunt**  
**Sunday, March 31, 2024**  
**Georgetown Lutheran Church**  
**9:15 AM**



We are looking for donations to fill Easter eggs. The eggs will be located in the fellowship hall. Please have them filled by Palm Sunday, March 24.

# COMMUNITY OUTREACH

## Loaves & Fishes Monthly Report

Open Tues. & Thurs. 11 am-1:00pm  
Lions Hall, 300 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. Luck, WI  
P.O. Box 554 Luck, WI 54853

### January 2024

# Households served	32	Luck 21
Adults:	44	Unity 11
Children:	8	
Total people:	52	
Donations: Money: \$3,178		
(Below includes TEFAP, purchased food, donations)		
Weight of food coming in: #	2,174.46	
Weight of food going out: #	1,676.50	
Volunteer hours:	53.25 hours	
Needs for next month: eggs, milk, mayonnaise, coffee, peanut butter, tuna. Personal products, men & women.		



We are currently operating with two interim food shelf coordinators. We would like to get a Full time coordinator. We will train people who are interested. We can always use more volunteer workers. If interested, please contact Pam Girtz 320-232-7541 email: [girtzp@gmail.com](mailto:girtzp@gmail.com)

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### Chili Feed Dine In or Take Out

Sunday, March 10  
Luck Lutheran Church  
510 Foster Avenue  
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Silent Auction - something for everyone!

Proceeds to benefit the Northwoods Homeless Shelter located in luck

[www.NorthwoodsShelters.org](http://www.NorthwoodsShelters.org)  
715-268-5730

# Word from Our Pastor



I hate Petunia the Pig. Really I do, but let me explain. There is this cloth doll/pig toy that I inherited when my mother died. It's not pretty. It looks like Laura Ingalls Wilder's wardrobe on a pig with a highly distorted snout. The fabric is faded and the outfit fits poorly. Yet, it was one of my mother's favorite things. She just loved "her Petunia!" It sat on top her bed in a couple different homes, the nursing home, and finally *my* guest bed. I must make some allowances for her thinking it was so cute as she was given it as a gift after she had lost most of her eyesight. Maybe I need to take off my much needed glasses and look at it from a distance in dim lighting.

So, why on earth do I keep something that I dislike so very much? Well, it's complicated. It's something mom loved and I loved her. We had very different likes. She had tons of pig knickknacks and I don't like knickknacks and prefer cats. Yet, we were mother and daughter and did love each other. When will I finally throw dear Petunia in the trash? Who knows?

I find that most relationships are a bit complicated. We all have differences and we don't always understand each other. Our relationship with God can be complicated, too. God is far greater and more complex than we can fully understand. Honestly, I'm still conflicted over mom's old stuffed pig! So what do we do with our relationship with God? Simply put, in love we do our best. There's always challenges in our friendships and family relationships. My oldest friend and I have known each other since middle school. We've had our differences and we work them through. The important thing is that we've never given up. Let's give the same love and time to our relationship with God. We learn about God through our reading the Bible, going to church, Bible study and many other ways. We can learn more simply by picking up a devotional at church and giving that a try. Most importantly we can pray and communicate with God whenever and wherever we'd like.

Whatever is going on in our lives, let's never give up on our relationship with God. It's challenging and we may not understand everything but know this – God loved you enough to send His only Son for you. Yes, YOU! Getting to know God is worth every minute. Let's do our best to love, serve, and know God.

In Peace, Pastor Diane Norstad and Petunia the Pig

# NEWS FROM OUR COUNCILS

Trinity Church Council Minutes  
February 15, 2024

Present: Kathy Grenquist, Steve Anderson, Shane Beecroft, Steve Kelch, Judy Kelch, Heidi Wagner, Lacy Sellent. Not Present: Deedra Wagner, Pastor Diane Norstad  
Opening devotions by Steve Kelch.  
Meeting called to order at 6:35pm by Shane Beecroft.

## **Voted in Officers:**

President – Heidi Wagner

Secretary – Lacy Sellent

Treasurer – Kathy Grenquist /Bill Anderson

Motion by Steve Anderson to approve officers, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Steve Kelch—approved.

## **Secretary's Report**

Motion to approve Secretary's Report by Steve Anderson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Judy Kelch—approved.

## **Treasurer's Report**

Gross Profit: \$6,641.87

Expense: \$5,578.09

Net Profit: \$1,063.78

TLC Checking: \$6,334.64

TLC Savings: \$641.30

MIF Savings: \$13,300.33

MIF CD: \$15,378.76

Endowment Savings: \$291.85

Motion to approve Treasurer's Report made by Lacy Sellent, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Steve Anderson—approved.

## **Pastor's Report**

Not present.

## **Youth Report**

- Looking for youth to help during palt—peeling/ cutting/ grinding potatoes, washing dishes/ tables, serving.
- Collecting donations for Easter Egg Hunt—individually wrapped candy, stickers, small prizes that can fit into plastic eggs. There will be a box set out in fellowship area to collect the goodies. Eggs will be assembled following Palm Sunday service on March 24 at 10am and the Egg Hunt will take place following Easter Sunday service on March 31 at 10am.

## **Old Business**

- Steve Anderson received quotes from B & B Electric Inc. in Eau Claire for:
  - The install of 2 lights on the steeple to shine up on the cross (\$2,644—but may actually be lower if we have our own bucket truck to use)
  - Change 2 entry lights to LED dusk to dawn lights (\$585)
  - Install 120v power & cat 5 to camera (\$1,171)
  - Speaker cable & cat 5 from PC to front closet (\$762)
- Special congregational meeting to follow service Sunday, March 17 to discuss quotes
- Still looking for 2 people to audit financial books



- Dennis Anderson working on building a closet space in the back classroom for quilts

**New Business**

- Ministry Site Profile draft was discussed. Motion was made by Judy Kelch to approve the draft so that it could be submitted. Second was made by Steve Kelch. Approved.
- Looking for additional help with palt and additional pies (aiming for 50+ pies)—sold over 260 tickets to palt dinner in 2023.
- Discussion of gifting 10% of extra \$7,500 we had in Trinity savings in 2023.
- Black top cracks will need to be repaired this summer.
- Motion made by Steve Kelch to adjourn the meeting. Second by Lacy Sellent. Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm and closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

Next council meeting: Tuesday, March 19 at 6:30pm  
 (Now to be held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month)

Respectfully,  
 Lacy Sellent

**Georgetown Church Council Minutes**

FEBRUARY MINUTES NOT AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME

GEORGETOWN	<u>Jan-24</u>		<u>YEAR TO DATE</u>
INCOME	\$4,219.00		\$4,219.00
EXPENSE	\$4,294.33		\$4,294.33
DIFFERENCE	(\$11.33)		(\$11.33)

# MARCH PUZZLE FUN

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



## *Easter Story* WORD SEARCH

**DIRECTIONS:** Find and circle the vocabulary words in the grid. Look for them in all directions including backwards and diagonally.

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CRUCIFIXION  
DISCIPLES  
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GOOD FRIDAY

JESUS CHRIST  
JUDAS  
LAMB  
LAST SUPPER  
LENT  
MARY  
MIRACLE  
PASSOVER  
PENANCE  
PENTECOST

PRAYER  
REDEMPTION  
REJOICE  
RESURRECTION  
RISEN  
SAVIOR  
SON  
THORNS  
TOMB



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## *Easter* RIDDLES & JOKES

Easter jokes and riddles to grow your child's listening and spoken language skills. Freebie from Lissen With Lynn™

What do you call the Easter Bunny when he tells a good joke?  
*A funny bunny!*



**KNOCK, KNOCK, WHO'S THERE?**  
EARS.  
EARS WHO?  
*Ears a good spot to hide some eggs!*



Why did the Easter egg hide?  
*He was a little chicken!*



**WHAT KIND OF STORIES DO RABBITS LIKE BEST?**  
*Ones with happy endings!*

How does the Easter Bunny travel?  
*By Hare-plane!*



What kind of bean never grows in the garden?  
*Jelly beans!*



How does the Easter Bunny stay fit?  
*ECC-ercise and Hare-robics!*



How do you know carrots are good for your eyes?  
*Have you ever seen a rabbit wearing glasses?*



**Knock, Knock**  
Who's there?  
**Juan.**  
Juan who?  
*Juan, two, three, four eggs in my basket!*

