



The Parish Messenger April 2024

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

A decorative border surrounds the central text, featuring colorful balloons (red, yellow, blue, green), confetti, and streamers.

Come & Celebrate

Dale Jensen's

79th Birthday

Sunday, April 7

Georgetown

Lutheran Church

1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

A portrait of Dale Jensen, an elderly man with glasses, wearing a maroon shirt, sitting at a table.

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Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton | Easter 2024

“So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone for they were afraid.” That’s where the Gospel of Mark originally ended. And it just seems so odd to me. It’s so abrupt. I mean, the women had seen the angel. He’d announced that

Jesus was raised from the dead, and then he tells them all this good news and wants them to go on their way. And they just are not going to say a single word.

There are three words in that passage that really stand out for me, especially in the Greek. One is fear — phobos. We get phobia from that. The other one is amazement — ekstasis. We get ecstasy from that. And the other one has to do with being seized. It actually means “being possessed.” So we take a look at these women, and they’ve had this miraculous appearance by an angel. They’ve heard the good news that Jesus has raised from the dead, and they’re too afraid to do anything about it, and they just are going to be silent. It seems that nothing changed. They came to take care of Jesus’ dead body because on the Sabbath they could not work. But on the first day of the week, they were there. They have this announcement, and then it’s all the same.

Sometimes I think we feel like nothing’s changed. Sometimes I think that the events in our country, in our church, around the world are just so terrifying and so overwhelming that it seems like the resurrection really didn’t make a difference. But these three words really say something about the women, and I think about us and, most especially, about Easter. When they said that they were filled with amazement — this is this ecstasy, ekstasis — they were really standing. It means literally standing in a different place. So though they were still in the tomb and they hadn’t reacted yet, nevertheless, everything had changed. And because of the resurrection, we, all of us, are standing in a different place. The whole of creation is standing in a different place. And the word for fear, phobos, phobia we get from that. But it’s really a sense of trembling in the presence of God, of awe that they were actually filled with awe — not paralyzed by fear but filled with awe. And I hope this Eastertide and all year round, we have a sense of the presence of God that fills us with awe.

And it also says that they were seized with fear. Well, the word means “possessed.” And yes, we believe that in baptism because of the resurrection, Jesus sent the Holy Spirit and we now are all Spirit-possessed.

When things seem to be staying the same, when things seem to be happening and coming at us so quickly, I think it’s very important to take time to be a little amazed, to be standing in a different place, to have a sense of this awe and trembling before the Lord, and to allow ourselves to be possessed by the Spirit, who will give us power and courage in these times.

My favorite hymn is “Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song.” It’s ELW 808. And the last verse goes like this: “I fear in the dark and the doubt of my journey; but courage will come with the sound of his steps by my side. And with all of the family Jesus saved by his love, we’ll sing to his dawn at the end of our journey.”

Be well, dear church. Happy Easter.

APRIL 2024 CALENDAR

Date	Time	Meeting/Activity
Monday, April 1		NO BIBLE STUDY
Wednesday, April 3		NO CONFIRMATION
Sunday, April 7	8:45 AM	Worship Service - Trinity
	10:45 AM	Worship Service - Georgetown
Monday, April 8	9:30 AM	Bible Study - Georgetown
	7:00 PM	Bible Study - Trinity
Tuesday, April 9	12:30-6:30 PM	Red Cross Blood Drive - Georgetown
Wednesday, April 10		NO CONFIRMATION
Thursday, April 11	6:00 PM	Joint Council Meeting - Trinity
Sunday, April 14	8:45 AM	Worship Service - Trinity
	10:45 AM	Worship Service - Georgetown
Monday, April 15	9:30 AM	Bible Study - Georgetown
	7:00 PM	Bible Study - Trinity
Wednesday, April 17	6:30 PM	Confirmation - Georgetown
Sunday, April 21	8:45 AM	Worship Service - Trinity
	10:45 AM	Worship Service - Georgetown
Monday, April 22	9:30 AM	Bible Study - Georgetown
	7:00 PM	Bible Study - Trinity
Wednesday, April 24	6:30 PM	Confirmation - Trinity
Sunday, April 28	8:45 AM	Worship Service - Trinity
	10:45 AM	Worship Service - Georgetown
Monday, April 29	9:30 AM	Bible Study - Georgetown
	7:00 PM	Bible Study - Trinity



If we are missing your birthday and/or baptism (*) and you would like it included, please send To church email.

April 1	Doris Gaetz (GT)
April 6	Dale Jensen (GT)
April 10	Sara Sellent (T)(*)
April 12	Diane Veenendall (GT) Marge Filkins (GT)
April 13	Steve Kelch (T)
April 15	Ryan Braastad (GT)
April 17	Lacy Sellent (T) Jeremylee Stacy (T)(*)
April 19	Cash Rouzer (T)(*)
April 21	Jody Binfet (GT)
April 22	Ben Anderson (T)
April 23	LeAnn Jensen (GT) Jean Ebert (GT) Andy Mangelsen (GT)
April 24	Bridgett Bergmann (GT) Jim Glenna (GT)
April 25	Dennis Anderson (T) Tom Weaver (T)
April 28	Chelsey Jensen (GT)
April 29	Dorothy Lauritsen (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 Dennis Anderson, Steve Kelch and John Gahl. The women decided we needed a bigger closet for storage of quilts and kit materials. The three men went ahead and designed, rounded up materials, and constructed it. THANK YOU!

Thank you Glen Greener for volunteering to pick up Trinity's new oven and connect it. We appreciate the help and Bill A. said the new range worked exceptionally well!

Trinity WELCA

Trinity WELCA Quilting

Wednesday, April 11

8:30 AM – 2:30 PM

Lunch is provided and also coffee breaks. This is a good social event. We often say if you can tie a knot, we can use you. Lewi Mae surprised us last month when he came and helped tie quilts. Dennis A. has been supplying us with quilts ready to edge and tie. He cuts and designs and Gail sews them together. **Many hands do God's work.**



Tuesday, April 9

Georgetown Lutheran Church

12:30 PM – 6:30 PM

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

MARCH PARISH FUN

**Trinity
Palt Dinner Preparation**



**Georgetown
Pancake Supper**





GARAGE SALE

Georgetown Lutheran Church

887 190th Ave, CTH G, Balsam Lake (Fox Creek)

Thursday, May 2, 2024 – 4 pm – 6 pm
Friday, May 3, 2024 – 8 am to 5 pm
Saturday, May 4, 2024 – 8 am to Noon

There is something here for everyone!
All proceeds from the garage sale benefit the Georgetown Lutheran Church
Winter Fuel Fund and Mission Projects.

Garage Sale

Trinity Lutheran Church
Saturday, May 4, 2024
8:00 AM

There will be lots of garage sale items,
crafts, plants, and baked goods for sale.
We will also have lunch available.

If you would like to rent a space to sell your crafts,
contact Chris Wetzel at 715-651-4339.

Looking for donations of household items, furniture, crafts, baked
goods or whatever you would like to get rid of.

Congratulations Pastor Diane!

Celebrating 17 years of ordination! We are blessed to have you in our midst.



COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Loaves & Fishes Monthly Report

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

February 2024

# Households served	36	Luck 24
Adults:	57	Unity 12
Children:	7	
Total people:	64	
Donations: Money:	\$691.00	
(Below includes TEFAP, purchased food, donations)		
Weight of food coming in:	#1,337	
Weight of food going out:	#1,600	
Volunteer hours:	52 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

Word from Our Pastor



Grace to you and peace!

The Easter Season is finally here! We've waited through very unique winter and for the fun and renewal that spring will bring. Spring is a time of new life.

A wonderful sign of new life that I've been watching is the wonderful number of swans in our area. Did you know that they were considered extinct in 1900? God has given us a wonderful sign of renewal and hope right in our midst. People had thought that it was over for these beautiful creatures. God had a different idea!

Are there things in your life that you've given up hope on? Not like dreams of being a cowboy or runway model. I mean serious things. When life looks at its toughest our outlook is not the last word. Just because we think hope is lost (as for the swans) God may have a very different plan for us. God can and does bring new life even when we can't imagine that it will come. The one who resurrected from the grave can resurrect our lives as well.

Have there been voices in your life that have stood in your way? Have you been told you're too young, old, busy, unqualified or other nonsense? Don't listen. There is reason for hope at every time in life. God has made us uniquely qualified for the work God has given. Besides, do you really think the naysayers of this world have what's best for you at heart? They don't - but God does.

The future may or may not look like what we want, but it will be what we need. As seen on a wise church sign "God answers prayers, not advice."

Psalm 71:5

For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O Lord, from my youth.

You, my friends at Georgetown and Trinity, are exactly who Jesus rose for! As Easter brings new life, let's open our hearts to the new life that God gives to us as well. Let's enjoy spring with hope in our hearts!

Peace, Pastor Diane

NEWS FROM OUR COUNCILS

Trinity Church Council Minutes March 19, 2024

Present: Kathy Grenquist, Bill Anderson, Steve Anderson, Steve Kelch, Judy Kelch, Heidi Wagner, Lacy Sellent, Deedra Wagner, Pastor Diane Norstad.

Opening devotions by Pastor.

Meeting called to order at 6:40pm by Heidi Wagner.

Secretary's Report

Steve Anderson made motion to approve, 2nd by Deedra Wagner—approved.

Treasurer's Report

Gross Profit: \$13,021.50

Expense: \$13,028.75

Net Profit: -\$7.25

TLC Checking: \$14,662.46

TLC Savings: \$641.30

MIF Savings: \$13,295.83

MIF CD: \$15,378.76

Endowment Savings: \$291.85

Steve Anderson made motion to approve, 2nd by Heidi Wagner—approved.

Pastor's Report

- Pastor has upcoming funeral for Oscar Schmidt.
- Installation of council members will take place on Sunday, April 21.

Youth Report

- Lock-in 7:30pm—8am at Georgetown on Friday, March 22. There will be games and a guest speaker.
- Collecting donations for Easter Egg Hunt—individually wrapped candy, stickers, small prizes that can fit into plastic eggs. 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

- Financial audit performed by Kris Mattson and Robin Denver.
- Special congregational meeting was held Sunday, March 17.
- Heidi Wagner and Steve Anderson opened meeting at 8:50am. Deedra Wagner made motion to use general fund to finish the \$1,250 (or so) needed for the lighting of the cross. Already have \$2,644 from palt money. Second by Lewi May.
- Kathy Grenquist made motion for council to decide on the \$1,900 for second camera vs. wiring. Second by Paul Sanders.
- Christine Anderson made motion to adjourn meeting—second by Kathy Grenquist. Meeting adjourned at 10:05am.
- Decision by council is to get wiring in place for a new camera, but not to purchase a new camera at this time.
- One furnace was "fixed" before palt, but is still blowing cold air. Trustees will look into.
- Will be blowing out the cracks in blacktop this summer and filling with tar.

- Dennis Anderson, Steve Kelch, and John Gall constructed a closet space in the back classroom for quilts. Shelves ready, still need paint. Paid for with Menards rebate.
- Discussion of palt money and where money will be donated

New Business

- Motion made by Steve Anderson to accept Bill Anderson as new treasurer and have Bill Anderson added as a signatory. Second by Lacy Sellent. Motion passed.
- Bill Anderson brought up that he would like to use a newer computer program as treasurer—he suggested the cloud based, online software “Quick Books” (cost would be \$30 per month). Steve Anderson made motion to accept this suggestion and use the \$30 per month Quick Books program—second by Heidi Wagner.
- Lacy Sellent to serve as 2024 council representative on Endowment Fund Committee. Kris Mattson to serve on Endowment Fund Committee until the 2025 annual meeting.
- Instead of paying \$50 each month for Wil-Kil to check for mice, Heidi Wagner made motion that we purchase our own traps and do it ourselves. Second by Steve Kelch.
- It is \$360 per year for Wil-Kil to watch for bats—Steve Anderson made motion to renew for another year. Second by Heidi Wagner.
- Option of \$500 warranty for water filtration system through Aquarius. This would extend the manufacturer and service provider warranty’s and would include two service visits in first year. Deedra Wagner will meet with Aquarius to receive more details.
- Debbie Wickstrom, Judy Kelch, and Chris Wetzel are organizing a May 4 garage sale to finish raising money for the shed.
- All church directories were sold—Steve Anderson made motion to purchase 10 more copies at the \$13 discounted price. Second by Deedra Wagner.
- Lacy Sellent ordered palms for Trinity and Georgetown for a total of \$19.96—a cost to be split between the two congregations. Lacy will pick up palms from Nilssen’s in Cumberland. Easter flower orders also placed—available for pickup March 28.
- Motion made by Steve Kelch to adjourn the meeting. Second by Judy Kelch. Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm and closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

Next council meeting is Joint Council at Trinity: Thursday, April 11
Supper at 6pm and meeting at 6:30pm

Respectfully,
Lacy Sellent

Georgetown Church Council Meeting Minutes March 14, 2024

Members Present: Sherry Doornink, Bruce Peper, Nicole Norlund, Keith Ward, Stephanie Fansler, alternate Dennis Weise, and Roberta Hansen, Treasurer.

Members Absent: Dale Jensen and Pastor Diane Norstad

Council President, Ward called the meeting to order at 6:38 P.M.

Prayer and Devotions: Peper offered the opening prayer.

Secretary's Report: Motion (Fansler/Norlund) to dispense with the reading of the minutes. Approved. Motion (Peper/Doornink) to approve the minutes as presented. Approved.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Hansen presented the February Financial report. Motion (Weise/Norlund) to accept the financial report as presented. Approved.

6:46 Member's Andrew Frendt and Tim Frendt joined the meeting.

Pastor's Report s: none.

Council Member Reports:

Deacons – Easter egg hunt 3/31 at 9 A.M. Plans are set for the pancake supper and lock-in 3/22. Blessing of the Bike's will not be held this year.
Elders – Cleaning contract to deal with during old business
Trustee – Kitchen faucet and lights need attention. Furnace filters were changed. Doors were sprayed for bugs.

Old Business:

1. Water improvement grant – on hold.
2. Call Committee/Parsonage – no change.
3. Janitorial service - Doornink shared with the Council the agreement we have with Endeavors for cleaning and reported her observations of their work performed. Motion (Peper/Norlund) to accept the terms of the contract. Approved.
4. Resumption of Community Meals. We have someone interested in coordinating Community Meals. Discussion – Need to assemble operating guide in consultation Charlotte Peper. Look into Thrivent funds.

New Business:

1. Building use request – Blood Drive 4/9/24 and Garage Sale in May.
2. Video System Upgrade – Steve Hansen presented some options to upgrade our Video services. We need to first decide if we want screens in the church. If so, make other improvements/changes as needed. Funds will be donated for the project. If we proceed with changes, there will be a sub-committee formed to development/implementation. Motion (Norlund/Peper) to move forward with plausibility study. Approved.
3. New member requests approved. Keith and Mary Ward. Judith Gammel from Seasonal member to full member.

Review and discuss Parish Agreement in preparation for the Parish meeting next month.

Open Discussion – Bruce will proceed with the Laptop purchase. Laker advertising.

Next Meetings: April 11, Parish Council @ Trinity 6 P.M. May 9th 6:30 P/M. Georgetown Council.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Adjourn at 8:21 P.M. Motion (Peper/Norlund) to adjourn. Approved.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Stephanie Fansler

	Feb-24	YEAR TO DATE
INCOME	\$5,271.00	\$9,490.00
EXPENSE	\$4,270.59	\$11,111.95
DIFFERENCE	\$1,000.41	(\$1,557.95)

APRIL ACTIVITY



WORD SEARCH

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See how many of these newspaper related words you can find in the puzzle.
The words can be forward, backward or diagonal.

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| 2. DAY | 6. REUSE | 10. LAND | 14. CLIMATE |
| 3. APRIL | 7. REDUCE | 11. AIR | 15. POLLUTION |
| 4. ENVIRONMENT | 8. RESOURCES | 12. GLOBAL | 16. COMPOST |