



The Parish Messenger January 2025

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 10:30 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 Annual Meetings

Georgetown Lutheran Church
Sunday, January 19, 2025
11:45 AM

Trinity Lutheran Church
Sunday, January 26, 2025
9:35 AM



Please have all reports to parish office by
Wednesday, January 8, to allow parish
secretary time to put together annual reports.

JANUARY 2025 CALENDAR

Date	Time	Meeting/Activity
Sunday, January 5	8:45 AM	Worship Service - Trinity
	9:15 AM	Sunday school - Georgetown
	10:00 AM	Sunday school - Trinity
	10:30 AM	Worship Service - Georgetown
Monday, January 6	9:30 AM	Bible Study - Georgetown
	7:00 PM	Bible Study - Trinity
Wednesday, January 8	6:30 - 7:30 PM	Confirmation class - Georgetown
Thursday, January 9	6:30 PM	Council Meeting - Georgetown
Sunday, January 12	8:45 AM	Worship Service - Trinity
	9:15 AM	Sunday school - Georgetown
	10:00 AM	Sunday school - Trinity
	10:30 AM	Worship Service - Georgetown
Monday, January 13	9:30 AM	Bible Study - Georgetown
	7:00 PM	Bible Study - Trinity
Tuesday, January 14	6:30 PM	Council Meeting - Trinity
Wednesday, January 15	6:30 - 7:30 PM	Confirmation class - Trinity
Sunday, January 19	8:45 AM	Worship Service - Trinity
	9:15 AM	Sunday school - Georgetown
	10:00 AM	Sunday school - Trinity
	10:30 AM	Worship Service - Georgetown
	11:45 AM	Annual Meeting - Georgetown
Monday, January 20	9:30 AM	Bible Study - Georgetown
	7:00 PM	Bible Study - Trinity
Wednesday, January 22	6:30 - 7:30 PM	Confirmation class - Georgetown
Sunday, January 26	8:45 AM	Worship Service - Trinity
	9:15 AM	Sunday school - Georgetown
	9:35 AM	Annual Meeting - Trinity
	10:00 AM	Sunday school - Trinity
	10:30 AM	Worship Service - Georgetown
Monday, January 27	9:30 AM	Bible Study - Georgetown
	7:00 PM	Bible Study - Trinity
Wednesday, January 29	6:30 - 7:30 PM	Confirmation class - Trinity



January 3	Kent Jensen - GT
January 4	Roberta Hansen - GT
January 5	Duke Rouzer(*) - T
January 7	Kevin Klugow - GT
January 11	Pat Bergmann - T
	Jason Cummings - T
	Rick Sellent - T
January 12	Sue Schommer - T
January 22	Christine Wetzell - T
January 27	Kathy Grenquist - T
January 29	Jerry Denver - T

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Trinity Women's Quilting
Thursday, January 9
8:30 AM – 2:30 PM

Come when you can. Lunch provided.



SAVE A LIFE



GIVE BLOOD

Red Cross Blood Drive
Georgetown Lutheran Church
Monday, January 13
12:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS
or
visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter
Balsam Lake WI to schedule an appointment.

Parsonage Workday
Saturday, January 18
Start at 9:00 AM

Bring needle nose pliers
and
something to kneel on.

****LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED****



**Come and
Join Us!**



Trinity/Georgetown Youth Retreat
Luther Park
Friday, February 29 – Sunday, March 2

Contact Lacy Sellent by January 19 if interested in attending.
Looking for chaperones from both churches.

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



November 2024

# Households served:	59	Luck: 43
Adults:	102	Unity: 17
Children:	29	New families: 11
Total people:	118	

Donations: Money: \$1,468.98
 (Below includes TEFAP, purchased food, donations)
 Weight of food coming in: 3,823#
 Weight of food going out: 3,280#
 Volunteer hours: 66.5 hours.

Needs for next month: fresh produce, eggs, milk, mayonnaise, bar soap, laundry soap.
 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; or Gena Bugno nobug115@yahoo.com



Community Referral Agency

Providing Shelter and Services for Survivors of Domestic Abuse and Sexual Assault

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 for news and events!



December

Shelter Needs

Food Items	Pantry
Butter	Handheld can openers
Sugar	Garbage Bags
Flour	Liquid Laundry Soap
Coffee	Paper Towels
Cereal	Window Cleaner
Oatmeal	Deodorant, women & men
Jelly	Conditioner
Mayo	Kleenex
Pickles	Cling Wrap
Syrup	Aluminum Foil
Pancake Mix	Gallon Ziplocs
Miscellaneous	Toilet Bowl Cleaner
ALL size Batteries	Dryer Sheets
Tampons	Hand Soap
Body Wash	All Purpose Cleaner
Bath Towels	
Size 4, 5 & 6 Diapers	
Baby Wipes	

Galatians 5:22-23

By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things.



I find joy to be one of the last appreciated of the fruits of the spirit. I know people in my life that think to be religious is to be quite serious. Joy is thought to be frivolous. Joy is also thought to be an emotion that comes only when the conditions in our lives are "just right." However, this is far from Biblical. Joy is found in the Lord in all circumstances. There are many instances in which God is praised and joy is found that are far from perfect.

I think many of us are influenced by the images all around us of picture perfect lives. On social media people show only the best of their lives. I show the happiness of my grandsons. That headache I had yesterday I don't show. Neither did I show myself writing out my property tax check today. Advertising shows us a million ways to be more fashionable, thinner, wealthier and younger; many of which are questionable pitches for snake oil of one sort or another.

Today, I am enjoying Tim's company at home. It's not the flashiest day. Perhaps I could be in knots with stress and worry. He did just have surgery and it was a serious event. Yet, I choose the joy I have in his company and in God's provision for us rather than to focus on the negative. We have much to be thankful for. Tim was also at my side for many joyful moments in the midst of my cancer struggle years ago. Joy can be found in the most difficult of times. Joy is a choice, not just some after effect of life going our way.

This new year, choose joy. It is a fruit of the Spirit as much as generosity, faithfulness and self-control. Don't wait for joy to fall into your lap. Choosing joy is as much a discipline of faith as patience. It will take work and time. It will be worth it. Serving God comes in many ways and isn't sharing joy one of them? Of course it is.

Tim and I wish you a happy and healthy new year.

In Joyful Service to Christ,

Pastor Diane Norstad

Psalm 92:4-5

For you, O Lord, have made me glad by your work; at the works of your hands I sing for joy.
How great are your works, O Lord! Your thoughts are very deep!

NEWS FROM OUR COUNCILS

Trinity Church Council Minutes December 17, 2024

Present: Heidi Wagner, Deedra Wagner, Judy Kelch, Steve Kelch, Lacy Sellent, Steve Anderson, Bill Anderson. Not present: Pastor Diane Norstad. Meeting called to order at 6:40pm.

Secretary's Report

Will look to approve at January 14, 2025 meeting.

Treasurer's Report *(as of November 30, 2024)*

Net Revenue: \$276.28 YTD

Total Expenditures: \$4,299.76

Checking (2092): \$3,841.34

Savings (3300): \$10,974.45

Endowment Savings (8210): \$592.40

Steve Anderson made motion to move MIF CD from a 3.75% interest rate for 3 years to a 4.4% interest rate for 1 year. Second by Deedra Wagner.

Pastor's Report

- None

Youth Report

- Bell Ringing for Salvation Army took place at Rice Lake Marketplace on Wednesday, November 27. Started with empty bucket, rang for 2.5 hours, bucket was stuffed full by the end.
- Sunday School program to be part of Candlelight Service Monday, December 23 at 7pm.
- Luther Park Retreat (Trinity/ Georgetown youth) Friday, February 28 – Sunday, March 2. If interested, let Lacy Sellent know by January, 19 2025.

Old Business

- Advent Fest had lively turn out and tasty snacks.
- Caroled at Cumberland nursing home—along with nearly a dozen residences. Food and games were provided at Deedra Wagner's home.

New Business

- Parsonage work day will be Saturday, January 18—meet at parsonage.
- Discussion of Budget.
- Annual meeting Sunday, January 26 at 9:35am. Steven Anderson, Deedra Wagner, and Lacy Sellent terms are ending.
- Aquarius checkup scheduled for July 2, 2025.

- Looking into new candelabras through Daylight Cabinets. Cost is \$2,400—may already have donations to cover cost.
- Received information from Mission Investment Fund that nonprofits are now eligible to access federal Direct Pay Rebates as part of the Inflation Reduction Act.
- Nothing new to report from call committee.
- Motion made by Deedra Wagner to adjourn the meeting. Second by Steve Kelch. Closed with the Lord’s Prayer. Meeting adjourned at 8pm.

Next Trinity council meeting: Tuesday, January 14th at 6:30pm
 Trinity Annual Meeting: Sunday, January 26th at 9:35am

Respectfully, Lacy Sellent

**Georgetown Lutheran Church Council Meeting
 December 12, 2024 @ 6:30 PM**

Attending: Stephanie Fansler, Sherry Doornink, Bruce Peper, Dennis Wiese, Keith Ward, Roberta Hansen – Treasurer

Absent: Tim Frendt, Nicole Norlund, Judy Gammel, Andrew Frendt

Meeting called to order by Council President Keith Ward.
 Opening devotion and prayer led by Stephanie Fansler.
 Motion made to approved secretary’s report with a correction of the amount of the donation from the blessing bucket to the food shelf of \$300.00 rather than \$500.00. Passed
 Treasurer’s report read and approved as presented.

Old Business:

No updates at this time regarding the parish parsonage. Keith suggested that in the spring, leaf guards be installed where needed.

No report from the call committee as there has been nothing to update.

The 1st annual church bazaar is scheduled for this Saturday.

The Next Red Cross Blood drive is scheduled for January 13th from 12:00–6:00 PM.

New Business:

2 building use requests were reviewed and approved.

WELCA has covered the cost of shampooing the carpet in the fellowship hall and hallway.

Proposed budget for 2025 was reviewed and discussed. It will be finalized at the January council meeting.

Council approved sending Luther Point a donation of \$100.00. Discussion on Summit services and cost, other more local fire service companies, will be contacted.

Annual Meeting of Georgetown Lutheran is scheduled for January 19th, following worship service. All reports needed for the annual report are due in the office by January 8th to give ample time for the parish secretary to include them in the annual report. Any agenda items needed for the annual meeting need to be submitted also. Ryan Peterson, Gretchen Frenndt, Bruce Peper, Jeanne Johnson and Nicole Norlund are on the nominating committee and Ryan has scheduled a meeting date for this group.

Council reviewed our current funeral policy. There will be an addition to the fee items to include the use of video equipment for livestreaming and technicians.

Next meeting; January 9th 6:30 pm.
Meeting closed with prayer and meeting adjourned.

Report submitted by Sherry Doornink

	<u>NOVEMBER</u>		<u>YEAR TO DATE</u>
INCOME	\$4,920.00		\$72,477.65
EXPENSE	\$9,685.28		\$69,089.15
DIFFERENCE	(\$4,765.28)		\$3,388.50

