

FEBRUARY

The Parish Messenger February 2025

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 10:30 AM

Trinity
Worship 8:45 AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL TIMES

Georgetown
9:15 AM (Sept-May)

Trinity
10:00 AM (Sept-May)

OFFICE HOURS

Mondays 10:00 AM- 3:00 PM



Souper Bowl Sunday



Soup Bowl Cook -Off Fundraiser

Sunday, February 2, 2025

11:45am – 1:00 pm

Georgetown Lutheran Church

Competitors: Provide and serve a crockpot of homemade soup for tasting. Please bring a copy of your recipe. Serving cups and tray are provided. No entry fee for competitors.

Entrance for Soup Tasters is \$10.

Bring a donation of canned soup or crackers for Loaves and Fishes and get in for \$8. Enjoy the soups made by the competitors, and bid on your favorites.

Extra Votes: \$1 each OR 1 bid per each item donated

Winner will be announced at 1:00PM.

Winner will have bragging rights for 1 year, and 50% of event proceeds to their favorite Non-Profit Organization. 50% goes to the Georgetown Lutheran Church General Fund

Soup Competitors: Sign up by contacting Gretchen Frenedt at frenedt4@gmail.com or calling 715-475-9453. Please have your designated Non-Profit ready at sign-up.

FEBRUARY 2025 CALENDAR

Date	Time	Meeting/Activity
Sunday, February 2	8:45 AM	Worship Service - Trinity
	9:15 AM	Sunday school - Georgetown
	10:00 AM	Sunday school - Trinity
	10:30 AM	Worship Service - Georgetown
	12:00 PM	Annual Souper Bowl Sunday-Georgetown
Monday, February 3	9:30 AM	Bible Study - Georgetown
	7:00 PM	Bible Study - Trinity
Wednesday, February 5	6:00 - 7:30 PM	WOW Wednesday Worship - Trinity
Sunday, February 9	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, February 10	9:30 AM	Bible Study - Georgetown
	7:00 PM	Bible Study - Trinity
Wednesday, February 12	6:30 - 7:30 PM	Confirmation class - Georgetown
Thursday, February 13	6:30 PM	Council Meeting - Georgetown
Friday, February 14		HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY
Sunday, February 16	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, February 17	9:30 AM	Bible Study - Georgetown
	7:00 PM	Bible Study - Trinity
Tuesday, February 18	6:30 PM	Council Meeting - Trinity
Wednesday, February 19	6:30 - 7:30 PM	Confirmation class - Trinity
Sunday, February 23	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, February 24	9:30 AM	Bible Study - Georgetown
	7:00 PM	Bible Study - Trinity
Wednesday, February 26	6:30 - 7:30 PM	Confirmation Class - Georgetown



February 5	Gene Palas (GT)
February 6	Cash Rouzer (T)
February 7	Will Bergmann (GT)
	Emily Jones (GT)
February 9	Melinda Hansen (GT)
February 12	Robin Denver (T)
February 17	Hunter Sellent (T)(*)
	Pete Mangelsen (GT)
February 20	Lillian Otto (GT)
February 23	Sherry Doornink (GT)
February 26	Larry Veenendall (GT)

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

UPCOMING EVENTS



Wanting to learn to crochet or knit?
Then this group is for you!

Come and join us at Georgetown Lutheran Church
Sunday, February 9 @ 4:00 PM

Bring a current project you are working on to share
with the group, come to learn, or just come to visit
and maybe learn a new hobby!

WELCA Quilting
Georgetown Lutheran Church
Fridays from 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Come and enjoy a time of crafting,
visiting, and, of course, *some coffee
and treats!*



WELCA Quilting
Trinity Lutheran Church
Thursday, February 13
8:30 AM – 2:30 PM



Come when you can and leave when you want.
Always coffee breaks and lunch.

We are always collecting items used in **LWR kits**. New toothbrushes, 4 oz. bars of soap in wrapper, nail clippers with file and gently used baby clothing from 6 months to 2 years. No camo, no shoes and no pants.

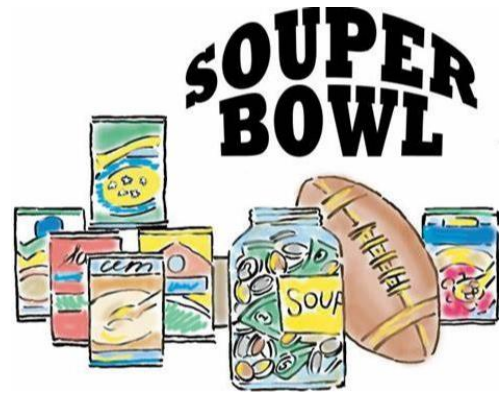


**Trinity/Georgetown Youth
Retreat @ Luther Park**
Friday, February 29 – Sunday, March 2

Looking for chaperones from both churches.

Souper Bowl Sunday
Trinity Lutheran Church
Sunday, February 9

Bring in your soup & crackers (and other food items) in a collection to send to the food shelf this Super Bowl Sunday--or should we say, *Souper* Bowl Sunday!



Thank you to all those who donated/ helped ring bells for the Salvation Army back on November 27.

The totals are in... there was over \$93,000 raised in Barron County alone! It's estimated over half that amount was gathered from Marketplace in Rice Lake (the location we rang at).

Amy Clay (Salvation Army Fundraising Manager for Barron County) stated "every dollar that is raised will fuel critical services for individuals and families in need through shelter, assistance programs, disaster relief efforts and so much more." Thank you!!

Giveuary at Georgetown Lutheran Church

The church is always in need of supplies. If you are able to donate items, we are needing the following:

Building Needs

- Paper towel
- Toilet paper – 2 ply
- Kleenex
- Bleach
- Mr. Clean – nothing harsher so we don't ruin the tile
- Bathroom cleaner
- Toilet bowl cleaner
- Hand soap – nothing w/ lotion (Soft Soap works best)

Kitchen Needs

- Coffee – regular or decaf only
- Paper plates – large or small
- Napkins
- Ziploc bags – quart & gallon
- Dawn dish soap
- Dishwasher tables
- Jet Dry for dishwasher
- Gift card to buy product
- Garbage bags (13 gallon)
- Garbage bags (33 gallon)

YOUR 2025 COUNCIL MEMBERS

ELDER

ELDERS are responsible for the worship life of the congregation, fellowship activities and evangelistic outreach of the community.

GEORGETOWN:

- *Sherry Doornink
- *Tim Frenndt
- *Kim Doyle

TRINITY:

- *Heidi Wagner
- *Randy Mattson

DEACON

DEACONS are responsible for the educational and youth ministry of the church.

GEORGETOWN:

- *Judy Gammel
- *Bruce Peper
- *Nicole Norlund

TRINITY:

- *Judy Kelch
- *Robin Denver

TRUSTEE

TRUSTEES are responsible for managing the property and financial affairs of the congregation, including the development of a congregational program of Biblical Stewardship.

GEORGETOWN:

- *Keith Ward
- *Andrew Frenndt
- *Dennis Weise

TRINITY:

- *Steve Kelch
- *Deedra Wagner

TREASURERS

GEORGETOWN:

- *Roberta Hansen

TRINITY:

- *Bill Anderson



hyg·ge /'hōogə,'hōogə/

noun

Word from Our Pastor



1. a quality of coziness and comfortable [conviviality](#) that [engenders](#) a feeling of [contentment](#) or well-being (regarded as a defining characteristic of Danish culture).

"why not follow the Danish example and bring more hygge into your daily life?"

Dear Parish,

Many of our ancestors are from some rather cold northern European countries. Enduring cold winters is nothing new for us. We do what we can in the cold, short days to make life livable.

A few years ago the Danish concept of hygge was trending. Books were being read (according to the Danish, they were only for the non Danes), tips and suggestions abounded and, of course, things were being marketed to help us experience hygge. What is this? It's a hard to describe feeling of warmth, comfort and contentment full of coziness, family and friends. It's taking things a bit slower and focusing on the simple and good things of life. Often it's pictured as time in front of a hearth with candles, blankets, and a cup of tea.

Honestly, I like this concept of hygge. I do think they left something out of recent trends, though. Most of our ancestors were also people of great faith. It is our faith that provides us the greatest comfort. I like candles and tea but it's just temporary. God is our greatest comfort. Surrounding ourselves with prayer, devotion, scriptures, and church family brings peace. This reminds me of something my daughter did for me many years ago when she was still at home. She had found in one of her magazines a page of scriptures quotes that she thought was neat. She taped them up all over the house where I'd find them. They were in my closet, on my mirror, and even on the keyboard of my piano. It was truly thoughtful of her. It was comforting.

Matthew 11:29

Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

Let's learn from the Danish to slow down and be content. Let's also expand this notion to wrapping our lives most importantly in the rest and comfort that God can give. God provides the deepest of rest and the truest of peace.

For all of you, I wish God's peace.

Pastor Diane

NEWS FROM OUR COUNCILS

Trinity Church Council Minutes January 14, 2025

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

Motion by Steve Anderson to approve November minutes, 2nd by Deedra Wagner. Approved.

Motion by Steve Anderson to approve December minutes, 2nd by Deedra Wagner. Approved.

Treasurer's Report

Net Revenue: \$842.46

Total Expenditures: \$7,147.41

Checking (2092): \$5,368.80

Savings (3300): \$9,989.45

Endowment Savings (8210): \$1,092.40

Motion by Steve Anderson to approve, 2nd by Heidi Wagner. Approved.

Pastor's Report

- None

Youth Report

- Possible Luther Park Retreat (Trinity/ Georgetown youth) Friday, February 28 – Sunday, March 2. Looking for chaperones from both churches. If interested, let Lacy Sellent know by January, 19 2025.

Old Business

- Parsonage Workday will be Saturday, January 18—meet at parsonage at 9am.
- 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.
- New candelabras through Daylight Cabinets. Memorials for Marlys Orf and Jack Wagner. The cost is \$2,400 and has already been paid in full. Candelabras will be picked up January 15, 2025.
- Received information from Mission Investment Fund that nonprofits are now eligible to access federal Direct Pay Rebates as part of the Inflation Reduction Act.
- Tom Weaver suggested fixing roof over sanctuary but leave the 4 – 5 other spots until the entire roof gets done. May try to fix sanctuary in spring/ summer 2025.

New Business

- Furnace in fellowship area is blowing cold air—will be calling Maxwell.
- Mission of Quarter was voted on electronically in January—will be for Cumberland, Luck, and Frederic food shelves.
- Donation boxes are out to collect food items to be blessed on "Souper" Bowl Sunday (Sunday, February 9)
- Motion made by Steve Anderson to adjourn the meeting. Second by Deedra Wagner. Closed with the Lord's Prayer. Meeting adjourned at 7:40pm.

Next Trinity council meeting: Tuesday, February 18th at 6:30pm

Trinity Annual Meeting: Sunday, January 26th at 9:35am

Respectfully, Lacy Sellent

Georgetown Lutheran Church Council Meeting January 9, 2025

Attending: Keith Ward, Sherry Doornink, Stephanie Fansler, Nicole Norlund, Bruce Peper, Tim Frendt, Roberta Hansen-Treasure, Pastor Diane Norstad.
Absent: Dennis Wiese, Andrew Frendt, Judy Gammel

Meeting called to order at 6:30 PM by Council President Keith Ward.
Opening Prayer and devotion lead by Pastor Norstad.
The secretary's report was accepted and approved as printed.
Treasurer's report approved as presented. Media 1517 will be contacted on the number of bulletin inserts they are sending.
\$400.00 from the Blessing Bucket was given to Kirsten Nyquist family. Motion approved.
Information updated for the 2025 clergy standard for fill-in ministry.
Pastors Report: Review of current prayer list. A baptism will be held in March.
Deacon Report: Sunday School continues and hoping to increase attendance. Nicki will be ordering NRSV bibles for 3rd and 4th graders. They will be presented to students on Palm Sunday.
Elders Report: discussion on the funeral policy regarding videographer use and fee. Sherry will update the current policy to reflect the changes. The council will review it at the February council meeting.
Trustee Report: Furnace above the kitchen and the kitchen stove have been repaired. Discussion on possibly upgrading the stove to electronic ignitors rather than the pilot lights. Keith will contact Marvin Sloper about the cost of such a project. He will report back on this at the February meeting.

Old Business:

Call committee will be meeting at Trinity of January 23.
The Parsonage workday is scheduled for Saturday January 18. Meet at the parsonage.
The bazaar was very successful. The bazaar committee thought they may hold it earlier next year.
The 2025 annual meeting agenda was reviewed and approved.

New Business:

Council approved a building use application from Morgon Jensen for March 16 baptism.
2 youth retreats are coming up at Luther Park in February and March. One is a family retreat, and the other one is a youth retreat. Funds are available in the Youth Activities Fund to apply to the cost.
The council approved an application of membership for Morgon Jensen.
The annual Souper Bowl contest will be held February 2nd. Bring a pot of soup to share and crackers and canned soup for the food shelf.
Palm Sunday will be bible Sunday and first communion for first time youth receiving their first communion.
WELCA has moved their quilting day to Fridays beginning at 1:00 pm. All are welcome to come and participate.
2025 budget reviewed and approved.
Pancake supper youth fund raiser is being scheduled.

Next council meeting is February 13th at 6:30 pm

Meeting closed with prayer and meeting adjourned.

Report submitted by Sherry Doornink

	<u>DECEMBER</u>	<u>YEAR TO DATE</u>
INCOME	\$9,738.25	\$82,215.90
EXPENSE	\$8,517.56	\$74,806.71
DIFFERENCE	\$1,220.69	\$7,409.19