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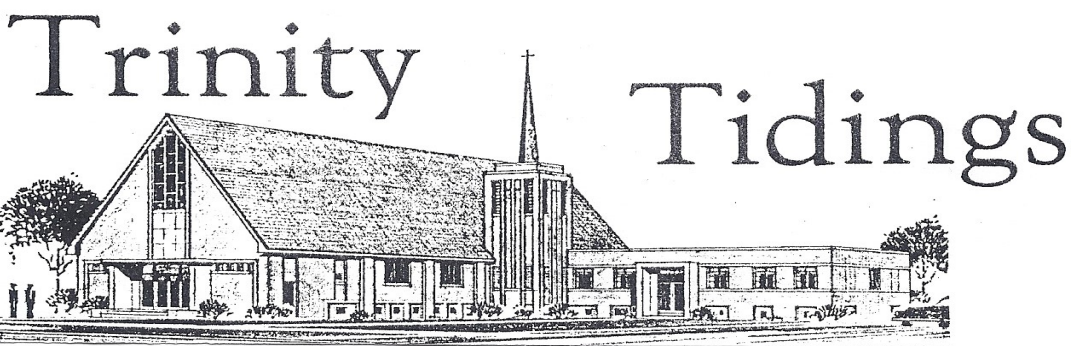
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Trinity Lutheran News



Fellow Watchers,

It's that time of year again, time to make preparations for Christmas: food to buy, presents to buy and wrap, a to do list to accomplish and friends and family to connect with. It is also a time for us to wait in anticipation of what we will get from our spouse, kids, friends... What will their faces look like when they open my gift?

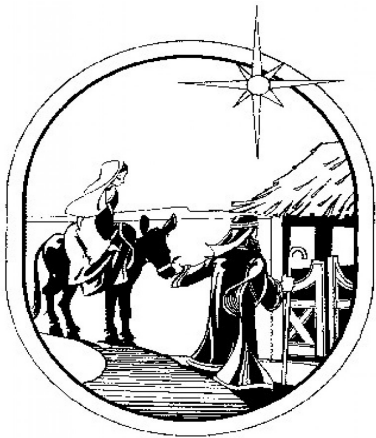
As we wait with anticipation we may take time to just sit and watch the tree lights and think. We think about the last year. We think about those who are no longer with us. We think about how we are going to pay the bills; how will Christmas be paid for? Will there be enough money for all the days of the month that are left? We spend a lot of time waiting for the other shoe to drop these days, probably way too much time on this.

But this does not need to be the case, for you see: Advent is here. We once again are waiting, waiting for the Christ child, waiting for the second coming of Christ, waiting for so much. As we wait we wonder about the majesty of God and all that is done when His Son breaks into the world, fully human and fully divine. How does this happen? How is this even possible? This is possible because we serve a great big God who is capable of anything. It is possible because of the mercy poured out on the cross. It is possible because we believe, we believe that God's Son comes to Earth to accomplish and fulfill the promises of God.

This year I pray that you experience that God is still here. May you see that God is still working, breaking into your life maybe in ways you cannot see right now. He is working in your life behind the scenes, right next to you, within you and before you, preparing the way. I pray your eyes will be opened to the possibilities of what God is doing in your life. I pray for your health and safety, peace and comfort, love, mercy, and joy. May your watching and anticipation be just as exciting and fulfilling as the gift at the end. You are a beloved child of God.

Love God and Love People,

Pastor Rick



Trinity Lutheran Church

Christmas Eve

CANDLELIGHT SERVICE



DECEMBER 24 ~ 4 & 6 PM



*Thank you to all who decorated our sanctuary
for Christmas. It is beautiful!*

**WE ARE THANKFUL TO HAVE RECEIVED
THE FOLLOWING MEMORIALS:**

In Memory of Loren Briss
Roger & Kary Hanson

In Memory of Andy Miklas
Tim & Karen Hornung

In Memory of Brenda Starke
Carol Thorup

In Memory of Duane Loudon
Bryan & Amber Hedstrom

All memorials received are deposited to the Trinity Lutheran Church Memorial Fund. These funds are used to pay for special projects as designated by the donor. Designations currently established are: Banners, Altar Guild, Pew Cushions, Music, Quilters, Rock Garden, SAMs Program, Sunday School, Youth and Undesignated. Please indicate if you would like your memorial designated to one of these or another of your choice. Your giving in honor or memory of loved ones is greatly appreciated.

9. Education Report

- Sunday School attendance has been low.
- The kids will be filling Operation Christmas Child boxes on November 15.
- Bethany asked the council for direction on the Christmas pageant. She will begin planning the pageant.

10. Worship Committee Report

- Pastor Rick is looking for feedback regarding the prefilled communion cups.

11. New Business

- 2021 Budget – Kelly gave a quick overview of the proposed budget. While the amount charged to Church Repair & Maintenance was over the 2020 budget, the 2021 budget amount will remain the same as no large projects are anticipated. Pastor Rick's payroll amount remains the same with an additional amount contributed to his retirement and health insurance coverage. Bob made a motion to approve the proposed budget and present it to the congregation at the special meeting on November 8 after worship, second by Scott L. Motion carried.

12. Pastor's Time

- Pastor Rick and his family will be moving their animals to a new home this coming week.
- He will be taking vacation November 27-29, December 26-January 2 and some additional days in December.
- Pastor Rick feels we will likely be riding the wave of Covid in our community for the next weeks and encouraged the council to keep up their leadership and remain positive. He stated that God has positioned the council members in these leadership roles for a reason as we continue to press forward as a church.

13. President's Remarks

- Kelly expressed appreciation to all who keep on doing what they do for the church.

Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Allison Anderson, Office Manager



Trinity Lutheran Church Council

Kelly VenHuizen—President

Bob Schlotman—Vice President

Scott Tranby—Treasurer

Bethany Eberhardt—Education

Paige Hanson—Evangelism

Larry Grandalen—Property-Building

Scott Loge—Property-Grounds

Dane Mueller—Social & Fellowship

Karen Hornung—Stewardship

Nicky Wathne—Worship

Next Council meeting—January 6, 7:00PM



**Our 2021 Offering
Envelopes are here and
ready for you to pick up.
Please find yours in the
church library.**



COUNCIL MINUTES



Edited TLC Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, November 4, 2020, 7:00pm via Zoom

Present: Pastor Rick, Kelly VenHuizen, Bob Schlotman, Karen Hornung, Scott Loge, Larry Grandalen, Dane Mueller, Bethany Eberhardt, Allison Anderson

Meeting was called to order by president, Kelly VenHuizen.

Devotions

1. Old Business

- Video/Streaming Upgrade – to record to a flash drive and add an additional HD camera would cost approximately \$16,500. This upgraded system would allow for enhanced live streaming of our worship service. It was noted again that the considerable numbers that view Trinity's worship service online each week should be taken into consideration as we discuss an upgrade to our live streaming capability. The upgrade will be presented to the congregation for approval at a special meeting on November 8.
 - Nominating Committee – Kelly will check in with Brad and Carl.
 - Thanksgiving Eve service – Trinity will host the community service on November 25 at 7:00pm.
 - Red Willow Bible Camp – they will hold their annual meeting at Trinity on Saturday, November 14 at 2:00pm. The new bishop will be here to install the camp director. 65-70 people are expected to attend.
 - Drive-up drop box – tabled for more conversation.
- ### 2. Office Manager's Report
- Motion to approve the report by Bob, second by Scott L. Motion carried.
- ### 3. Secretary's Report
- Motion to approve the report by Scott L., second by Larry. Motion carried.

4. Property/Building Committee Report

- Two parsonage basement windows were replaced by Seth Hanson.
 - The carpet tile in the Fireside Room has been professionally cleaned. The furniture is back in place.
 - Charlie Olson, Dane Mueller, Roger Schilke, Scott and Tatum Loge cleaned and oiled the ceiling fans in the sanctuary.
 - Roger Schilke has donated a fuel oil water heater along with additional parts for installation. Roger is no longer bonded so he cannot do the installation. The cost to have the heater installed is approximately \$750. Larry and Roger will contact someone to install.
 - Recently, elements in our boiler system were found to be burned out. Ottetail discovered that a bird landing had caused the damage. The expense to repair the boiler is estimated to be up to \$7,000. Larry is working with our insurance company for possible coverage of the expense.
 - The propane furnace in the north addition of the church is nearing the end of its expected life. While it is currently working, the council should anticipate replacing the unit at a cost of about \$5,000.
- ### 5. Property/Grounds Committee Report
- Tom Dahl winterized the water line to the Rock Garden.
 - Scott spoke to Tim Erickson for snow removal.
- ### 6. Evangelism Committee Report-tabled.
- ### 7. Social & Fellowship Committee Report-nothing to report.
- ### 8. Stewardship Committee Report
- Karen reported that 300 cookbooks have been ordered. She expects to receive them the first week in December. The books will be sold for \$20 each.



Christmas Eve
CANDLELIGHT
SERVICE

Christmas Eve Worship Plan
Thursday, December 24, 2020
4:00 & 6:00PM

Reservations and masks required to attend. Please see the back of the December calendar for full details.

To make reservations:

Telephone: 701-797-3611

Email: trinityofcooperstown@mlgc.com



FOOD BASKETS

The Bread of Life Food Pantry has food baskets available for Christmas.

**Please call Farrah at 701-730-6221 any time before December 16 for more information and to reserve.*

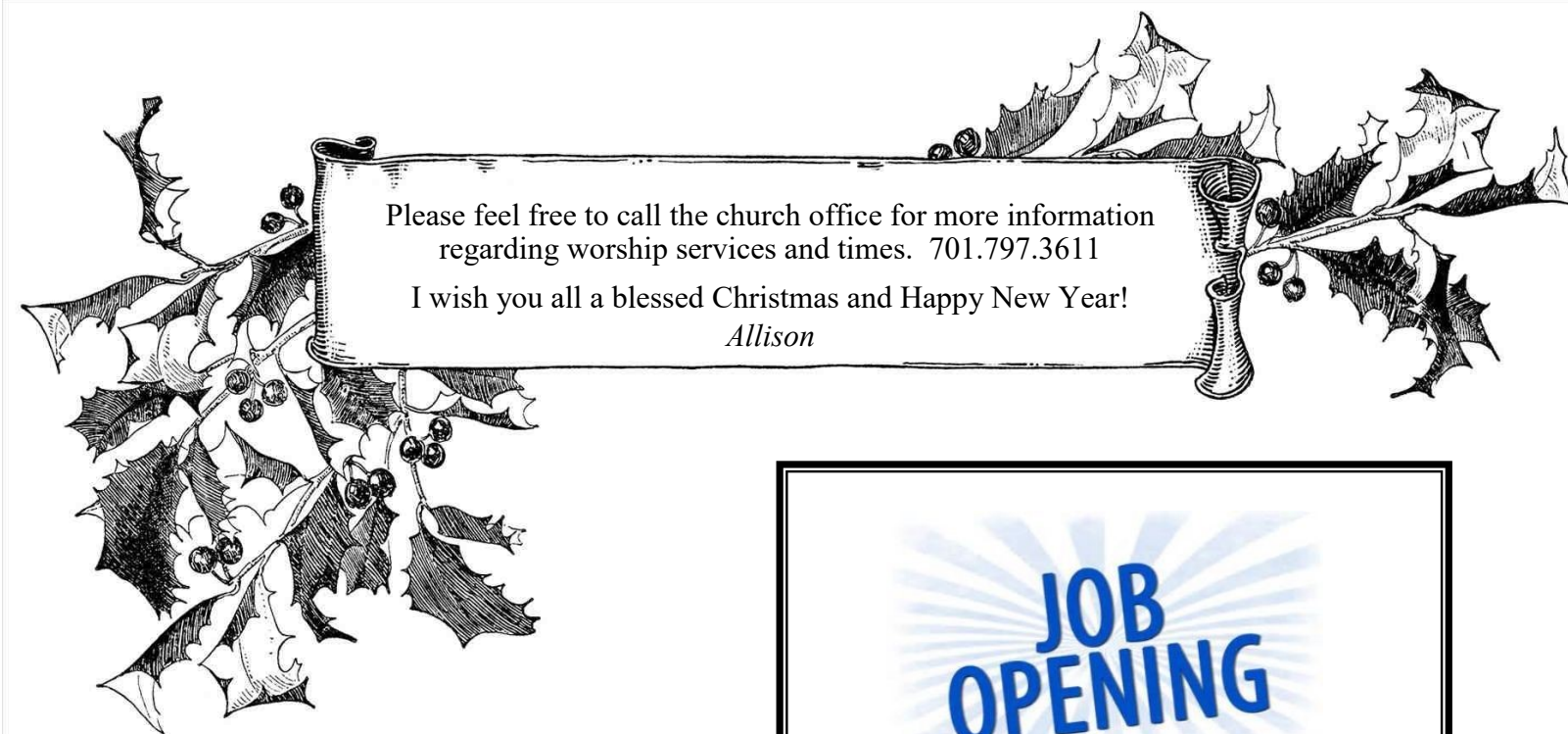
**Calling ahead allows the Food Pantry to prepare.*

¹⁰if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday." Isaiah 58:10

DONATE

The Food Pantry appreciates all donations of non-perishable food items, laundry products and paper products, especially at this time of year.

³⁵for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' ³⁷Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? ³⁸And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' ⁴⁰And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' **Matthew 25:35-40**



Please feel free to call the church office for more information regarding worship services and times. 701.797.3611

I wish you all a blessed Christmas and Happy New Year!

Allison

**JOB
OPENING**

Site Manager Position Description:

Full-time, salaried

Come join our team at Red Willow! Red Willow seeks a mechanically-inclined, self-motivated individual who will take pride in maintaining and beautifying Red Willow's facilities and grounds. Applicants should have basic skills in maintenance, small engines, and general fix-it knowledge. Must work well alongside contractors, specialists, and volunteers. Must be personable with camp staff, volunteers, and campers.

To apply, please send a resume to director @redwillowbiblecamp.org

*O' Holy Night
the stars are
brightly
shining, It is the
of our dear
Savior's birth*

GRIEF SHARE

Wednesdays, 6:30-8:30pm
Trinity Lutheran Church

ABC's

**7th & 8th Grade Classes
resume January 3.**

To view our Sunday worship: tlccooperstown.com