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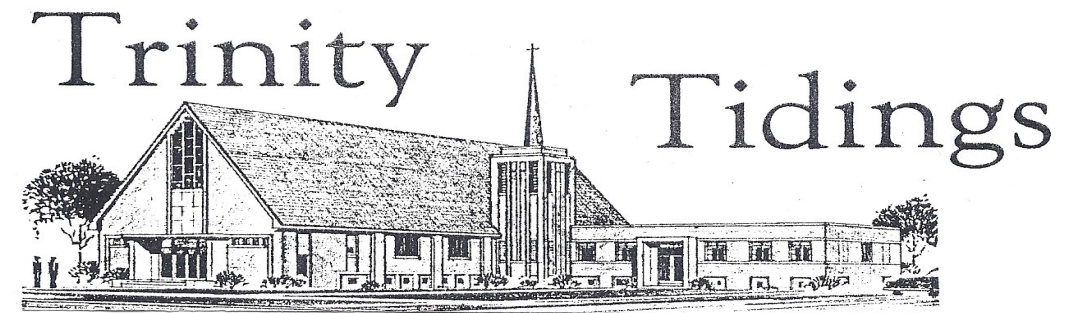
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Brothers and Sisters of the Light,

Something you may not know about your pastor is that he is an empath and an introvert. This means that I take on feelings of those I come in contact with, whether directly or indirectly. I take on feelings of sadness and joy, anger and angst, love and hate, and I feel it deep in my being. As an introvert sometimes I need space to just be alone and process what I am taking in.

In this last month or so our community has experienced a lot of loss. Loss of moms, dads, friends and loss of business leaders. Cooperstown seems to be lost in a cover of darkness. Trust me when I say I know how you feel, literally. I can feel the weight and heaviness of your grief and I want to let you know it is ok. We need to feel what we feel and recognize it as such. The idea of shoving it aside and putting on the persona that all is well and life is great cannot uphold. If we do this it can eat at us from the inside out. It will also manifest and show itself in other ways, anger, resentment, yelling, uncontrollable tears...I know because I have been there. It took me many years to learn how to deal with my feelings.

If you are hurting please know that you are not alone; your community is hurting too. One of the keys to dealing with our feelings is to talk about them with someone, to name them for what they are and to figure out what to do with those feelings. Because, let's face it, after the funerals are over and everyone has gone home, the feelings are still there. If you need to talk, yell, or just have someone there, know that I am here for you. Please call, text or email me. If I am not the one, please talk with someone.

I want you to know there is hope. Hope in knowing that God makes good on his promise of everlasting life through His Son, Jesus. Hope that because of this we will see our loved ones again. Hope that we are still in our journey on Earth and that Jesus walks with us. Hope that we will bloom where we are planted.

Jesus Christ is the light of the world. So, no matter what darkness seems to have descended on Cooperstown, it cannot and will not overcome the light of Christ. That light shines on and in you. That light shines for you and out to others in the world.

May God watch over you, Christ walk with you and the Holy Spirit work within you.

“If God brings us to it, He will lead us through it”

We're in this together,

Pastor Rick

*“Almighty God, source of all mercy and giver of comfort, graciously tend to those who mourn, that, casting all their sorrow on you, they may know the consolation of your love, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen”*

ELW Funeral Prayer of the Day




Trinity Lutheran News

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

**ANNUAL
MEETING**

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 2020
FOLLOWING WORSHIP

Trinity Tidings



WE ARE THANKFUL TO HAVE RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING MEMORIALS:

In Memory of Kelly Peterson

Gene & Rebecca Loge

In Memory of Esther Peterson

Gene & Rebecca Loge

Marilyn Clark

In Memory of Mae Monson

Richard & Phyllis Trostad

Curtis & Bebe McCardle -Pew Cushions

Marilyn Clark

Tim & Deb Soma

Connie & Duane Loudon

Lynn & Sonja Johnson

Roger & Alice Schilke

Troy & Lauri Olson

Ruth Evans

Donna Rothert-Rock Garden

Larry & JoAnne White-Rock Garden

Michael Beaton

Clarence & JuliAnn Sandvik

Tom & Ardys Dahl

In Memory of Jim Rogne

Curtis & Bebe McCardle-Pew Cushions

In Memory of Tom Greenwood

Curtis & Bebe McCardle-Pew Cushions

In Memory of Mildred Johnson

Marilyn Clark

In Memory of Adeline Berge

Shirley Short

Ruth Evans

Richard & Phyllis Trostad

Lynn & Sonja Johnson

Loran & Allison Anderson

In Memory of Lillian Myers

Ruth Evans

Eldon Conant

Tim & Deb Soma

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In Memory of Alice Klien

Scott Tranby

In Memory of Tamara Somerville

Clarence & JuliAnn Sandvik

Eldon Conant

In Memory of Beverly & Jergen Soma, Lillian Breckel, Beth Schlotman, Clifford Andesron, Ina Ronningen, Jeff Reiten

Bennett & Elayne Michaelis

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, SAM 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.

TRINITY QUILTERS APPRECIATE THE FOLLOWING:

In Memory of Julianne Urness & Beverly Basol

Bennett & Elayne Michaelis

- The church office will be closed December 24th – January 1st.
- Pastor Rick will take vacation December 25 – January 5th.

12. Pastor's Time

- Pastor Rick has had 2 funerals and one baptism.
- Confirmation is going well. Eleven students are attending each week.
- Pastor Rick will be taking family medical leave November 24-30 and vacation December 7-11 and December 25-January 5.
- He will be hosting the Griggs County Ministerial at Trinity on November 7. A community Thanksgiving Eve service is planned for November 27 at Cornerstone. There will be a Live Nativity at the fair barn on Sunday, December 22.

13. President's Remarks

- Carl reminded the council that many in our community are dealing with serious health issues and many farmers are still struggling to complete their harvest.

Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Allison Anderson, Office Manager

Trinity Lutheran Church Council

Carl Sad—President

Kelly VenHuizen—Vice President

Scott Tranby—Treasurer

Bethany Eberhardt—Education

Paige Hanson—Evangelism

Larry Grandalen—Property-Building

Scott Loge—Property-Grounds

Dane Mueller—Social & Fellowship

Bob Schlotman—Stewardship

Nicky Wathne—Worship

Council meets the first Wednesday of the month at 7:00pm.



FCA Sports Camp

100%

June 28—July 3, 2020

Contact Pastor Rick for more information.

WE LOVE OUR VOLUNTEERS

We are fortunate in our church to have so many willing to help out when needed. Please let us know if you would like to be added to any of our lists for ushering, reading, greeting, serving communion, serving for funerals, counting offering, etc.

Thank you!

Pastor Rick and Trinity Council

Edited TLC Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, November 6, 2019, 7:00pm

Present: Pastor Rick, Carl Sad, Kelly VenHuizen, Larry Grandalen, Paige Hanson, Bob Schlotman, Dane Mueller, Allison Anderson

Meeting was called to order by president, Carl Sad.

Devotions

1. Old Business

- Wedding Policy update-tabled.

2. Office Manager's Report

- Motion to approve the report by Kelly, second by Dane. Motion carried.

3. Secretary's Report

- Motion to approve the report by Larry, second by Paige. Motion carried.

4. Property/Building Committee Report

- Roger Schilke has researched and suggests installing wi-fi sensors that would alert when a sump pump fails. Each unit would cost approximately \$86.00. Our church has nine sump pumps which have all be recently replaced. Kelly made a motion to purchase one sensor to try, second by Bob. Motion carried.
- Tom Dahl and Bryan Hedstrom have plumbed the sump in the elevator shaft to a nearby floor drain.
- The concrete pathway in the Rock Garden will be completed as weather allows.
- Service Master will be cleaning the youth room carpet tiles. They will also test the walls for any moisture damage.
- A crew worked many hours vacuuming water in the basement.
- After discussion, Kelly made a motion to purchase a remote-controlled window blind for the window in the choir loft using funds designated to music. This blind will allow for better viewing of the screen during sunny times. Motion seconded by Bob. Motion carried.
- Pastor Rick requested permission to purchase supplies to repair the basement handrail at the parsonage. He also reported that the parsonage front outdoor light is not working.

5. Property/Grounds Committee Report-tabled.

6. Evangelism Committee Report

- Paige will be working on the communion assistant, reader, greeter lists.

7. Social & Fellowship Committee Report

- The Mexican potluck was not well attended due to weather.

8. Stewardship Committee Report

- The total raised during the Pay It Forward event was \$1,828.00. Of that amount, \$394 was designated to Youth. Bob shared the results of the recent survey regarding the event. He was encouraged by the council to repeat the event to build the idea of community and working together.

9. Education Report-tabled.

10. Worship Committee Report

- The committee has planned worship through mid-January.
- The committee recommends having only one service on Christmas Eve at 4:00 p.m. The late service has not been well attended in past years. The council suggested that Pastor Rick make the announcement to the congregation soon.

11. New Business

- Committee annual reports will be due to Allison by December 13.
- A financial audit of the church records should be done. Bob made a motion that Scott Tranby contact Citizens State Bank for the audit, second by Paige. Motion carried.
- Carl Sad's term on the council will end January, 2020. Paige made a motion to activate the nominating committee to fill the vacancy on the council, second by Dane. Motion carried.
- To commemorate the 40th year of the Griggs County Council on the Arts Christmas Concert, the concert will be offered free of charge to those attending – a free will offering will be taken. Kelly made a motion to waive the fee for use of Trinity, second by Dane. Motion carried. The multi-media fee will still apply.

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Interested in joining Trinity?

New member classes will be held on

January 12 and 19.

Please talk to Pastor Rick or the church office for more information.

TLC

Annual Meeting

Sunday, Jan. 26



Our envelopes for 2020 are ready to be picked up. Please find yours in the library.

Thank you!



The TLC 2019 Annual Report is available to review. Please find a copy on the table in the Narthex.



Confirmation

- Jan. 8, 3:45pm—Old Testament
 - Snacks—Kindle C.
- Jan. 15, 3:45pm—Old Testament
 - Snacks—Coltyn & Clayre H.
- Jan. 22, 3:45pm—Old Testament
 - Snacks—Kindle C.
- Jan. 29, 3:45pm—Old Testament
 - Snacks—
- Feb. 5, 3:45pm—Old Testament
 - Snacks—Kadance K.



Congratulations, Nicky! We are proud of you.
Everyone else in this picture and behind the
scenes is pretty awesome, too.



E. Hall

2019 GC MINISTERIAL
LIVE NATIVITY
GRIGGS COUNTY FAIR BARN



The Holy Family and
the Shepherds



TRINITY THANKS:

Please help us to use this space to thank others for their kindness, big or small.

- ◆ Thank you, **Ronnie Edland**! We can always count on you to set up our manger scene outside in the courtyard.
—Trinity Congregation
- ◆ Thank you to **those who meet me and help me** at the bottom of the steps each Sunday.
— Richard Trostad
- ◆ Vernon and Lois K. are thankful for **Tim and Travis Soma** who made another wood delivery! This started one year with the confirmation students doing good deeds for older people as part of their confirmation program. Travis and his dad have continued every year since. We appreciate them!
— Vernon & Lois
- ◆ Many thanks are due to the **Evangelism Committee** for preparing and handing out the Christmas candy bags after the pageant!
It's a nice tradition.
- ◆ **Everyone** who helped to take down and put away Christmas at church is appreciated by Allison!

Submit your thank you wishes to the church office by email to:
trinityofcooperstown@mlgc.com

