

# *The Parish Messenger*

The Monthly Newsletter of Trinity & Georgetown Lutheran Churches  
January 2018

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## **Day Off:**

Except for emergencies Pastor Diane will be using Fridays as a day of "Sabbath".

**Georgetown office hours:** Monday 9 to noon  
Tuesday 12:30 to 4:30  
Wednesday 12:30 to 4:30  
Thursday 9 to noon

**Trinity office hours:** Monday 12:30 to 4:30  
Tuesday 9 to noon  
Wednesday 9 to noon  
Thursday 12:30 to 4:30

## **Mission Statement**

We are a Christian community rooted in God's love growing in Christ through reaching out and serving.

When entering the hospital, please tell the admitting personnel that you are a member of our church. Have a family member contact the church office or pastor's office so you can receive pastoral care during your hospital stay.

Like a visit from pastor? Call the church or pastor's office and request a visit or let her know on a Sunday morning.

Remember to update the church office with changes of address, phone numbers, or e-mail.

Both churches are on Facebook. Friend us on Facebook! Contact Kathy Greener at Trinity and Jody Binfet at Georgetown to have us post an event, announce in church or share a picture.

\*\*Information for the upcoming newsletter is due \*\*  
the Thursday Morning prior to the last Sunday of each

## **Pastor's Ponderings**

“Praise the Lord, all you nations!  
Extol him, all you peoples!  
For great is his steadfast love toward us,  
And the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.  
Praise the Lord!” Psalm 117

This short Psalm is entitled “The Universal Call to Worship.” I think it is a wonderful testimony to God’s love for us summed up in the two verses that make up the psalm! As I am thinking over the past nine months of our ministry together at Georgetown-Trinity Lutheran churches these ringing words of thanks come to mind. I have been privileged to watch our congregations live out praise, thanks, and faithful love to God and to our communities and I wanted to thank you for all that you have accomplished in Jesus’ name and to the glory of God!

Thank you for: your attendance and participation in worship  
Your faithful teaching in Sunday School and Vacation Bible School and Godly Play  
Your willingness to pray for each other and share each other’s joys and sorrows  
Your reaching out to the communities through the monthly Community Meal and serving grieving families at funerals  
Your participation in Bible study  
Your faithful offerings and donations that have paid off mortgages and purchased a sign  
Your faithful work in providing quilts, health kits, and baby layettes for global recipients  
Your generous donations to help families celebrate the holidays  
Your generosity toward those experiencing tragedy  
Your spiritual gifts of hospitality, generosity and JOY!

And for anything else I may have left off this list, you know that I am humbly thankful to God for all you do! We have started some new ministries, completed others, and celebrated traditions together this past year. In all of that we have shared the love of God with each other and our communities. I look forward to all the ways we will continue to work together in ministry in the coming year! Praise the Lord!

Pastor Diane

### **What's Going on? Ministry Opportunities to Help Serve**

#### **❖ Community Meal**

This month we hold the meal the third Thursday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, at noon. Georgetown hosts a meal for anyone in the community who wants to come. The menu changes each month. There is no cost but a freewill donation is accepted. One half of the total is given to Loaves and Fishes food pantry. One half stays at the church to help cover expenses.

#### **❖ Memorial Funds**

The purpose of the Memorial Fund is to provide individuals the opportunity to honor a loved one through designated or undesignated contributions that support the ministries of our churches. Each of our churches has designated funds that have been received for this purpose. The councils are updating a list of items that would give people some options for contributing to our memorial funds.

#### **❖ Blessing Buckets**

**Georgetown:** Friends in Need

**Trinity:** God’s Work, Our Hands

## ❖ Council Meetings

**Georgetown:** Sunday, January 14<sup>th</sup> after service at Georgetown.

**Annual Meeting:** Sunday, January 21<sup>st</sup> after service with potluck.

**Trinity:** Tuesday, January 16<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm at Trinity.

**Annual Meeting:** Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup> at 9:40 am.

### Special Music

We invite anyone who would like to share their musical talents with us to let your shepherding group leader know.

### Shepherding Groups

Our congregational members are invited to share in the tasks of Sunday Worship: ushering, reading the lessons, preparing communion, special music, cleaning the church, mowing or shoveling snow as needed, and coffee fellowship.

Shepherding Groups are listed on the bulletin board in the narthex or fellowship hall. If you are not on a list or if you have not been contacted to help please let Pastor know or contact an elder on the council.

### Shepherding Group for January Trinity:

Leader is Steve Anderson. Families helping include: Lesa & Mic Allen, Ali Anderson, Dona & Terry Lundmark, Debbie & Don Grover, Larry & Nancy Grover, Roy Marske, Bonnie & Jim Niemann, Cecelia & Roland Renstrom, JR & Jamie Shaffer, Barry & Debbie Wickstrom, Brian & Jamie Wickstrom, Mercedes Wickstrom. Thank you to those families who helped in December. There are now sign up sheets available on the usher's stand at Trinity for you to sign up to help with worship. Please look over the schedule and sign up to help where you feel you can. If there is no one signed up for a particular Sunday, then the Shepherding Group will fill in. Thank you in advance for your participation!

### Shepherding Groups for January Georgetown:

Leader is Sherry Doornink. Families helping include: Robert Doornink, Ryan & Diana Peterson, Mick & Jean Ebert, Roy & Lorna Jepsen, Emily & Jeramy Jones, Andy & Geri Mangelsen, Kirsten & Kevin Klugow, Karen Klugow, Jody & Robert Chitty, Cole Hanson, Mollie Hanson, Darcy & Tom Binfet, Reid Binfet, Alex Binfet, Nina & Michael Hutton, Mikayla Allison, Courtney Allison, Doug Jensen and Jan Norlund. Thank you to those families who helped in December.

**If your name is not included in a family group please contact the church office. We apologize for the omittance.**

### Georgetown WELCA

**Meeting:** Wednesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>, Teresa hosts at her home at 6 pm. Kirsten is Bible Study leader.

### **Meeting Minutes:**

Secret Pal exchange and meal was December 6th at the Village Pizzeria in Amery. We enjoyed a meal together and then opened our presents.

Secretary-Kirsten Klugow.

### Trinity WELCA

**Meeting:** No information

**Meeting Minutes:** There were no meeting minutes at the time of printing.

### Quilting at Georgetown

Quilting is at 1:00 pm on Wednesdays. All are Welcome!

### Serenity House

Paper Towels- This is an on-going commitment to the homeless in our county. Do not forget our obligation to the Serenity House. We supply them with paper towels. Bring what you can to church and place in marked receptacle. This is an ongoing project we do joyfully.

### Prayer Shawl Ministry

Trinity Lutheran is starting a Prayer Shawl Ministry. If you feel called to be creative with crochet, knitting, or sewing, like to use those gifts to create a comforting shawl or blanket made in prayer talk to Kathy Grenquist or Pastor Diane to get started. No experience necessary. If you have always wanted to learn we can teach you the basics and you can let your creativity grow and flow!

### **Breakfast Bunch**

The Bible Breakfast will meet each Thursday at Trinity at 8 am to study the Bible texts for the upcoming Sunday.

### **Parish Announcements**

Pastor Diane and George will be on vacation until January 3<sup>rd</sup>; Pastor Karen Johnson will be on call (715)822-3721.

### **Announcements for Trinity**

\*\* As of January 2018, Kathy Grenquist's term as treasurer is up. We will be in need of a new treasurer so if you are feeling called to this position, let Pastor Diane or a council member know. Many thanks to Kathy for her hard work and dedication as treasurer. We are thankful that Kathy used her many gifts to serve so well as treasurer.

### **Announcements for Georgetown**

\*\*We are looking for donations of school supplies for the Amery School District. There are lists for what supplies are needed and a large box in the back of the fellowship hall to collect them. If you have any questions you can contact Teresa.

## **Trinity Youth Group**

The Youth Group invites anyone interested to join them for an afternoon of snow tubing at Trollhaugen (near Dresser, WI) on Saturday, January 27th. Contact Lacy if you have any questions or would like additional details.

A special thanks to all those who donated to Margaret's Project Santa! The Youth Group had an exciting time picking out over \$600 worth of gifts--from Star Wars to stuffed animals, there was quite the variety. Here's hoping that each of these gifts also brought with it a smile of joy this Christmas. Thank you!

## **Trinity Sunday School**

### **Georgetown Sunday School**

Sunday School will begin each Sunday, at 9:15. We are looking for teachers to help throughout the year. Contact Kirsten Klugow or Gretchen Frenndt if you are able to teach.

We are also going to continue with some Wednesday evening activities. Look for more information in next month's newsletter and on our Facebook page.

## Newsletter Birthday List

### January

- 1 Dana Fansler  
LaVerne Parenteau
- 2 Jeff Peper
- 3 Kent Jensen  
Adalyn Jones
- 4 Roberta Hansen  
Amelia Kelch
- 5 Jahna Randall
- 7 Cole Wickstrom  
Lou Wickstrom  
Kevin Klugow
- 8 Brian Peper
- 11 Rick Sellent  
Pat Bergmann  
Talena Randall  
Wes Christiansen
- 12 Alicia Cran  
Ford Elliot  
Joy Severson
- 16 Allen Davis
- 17 Kevin Bystrom
- 18 Don Wenzel
- 19 Carl Erickson
- 21 Gail Leslie
- 23 Jennifer Grover
- 24 Violet Carlson
- 25 Liz Hanson  
Matt Fjorden
- 26 Jillian Allen  
Dawson Johnson  
David Ekenstedt
- 27 Kathy Grenquist  
Mollie Jepsen

- 29 Julie Wassberg  
Desiree Nelson

## Newsletter Baptism List

### January

- 1 Bruce Johnson
- 3 Andrea Eldridge  
Corinne Eldridge
- 5 John Gorne  
Duke Rouzer
- 6 Gary Nelson  
Thomas Colombo
- 8 Austin Parmeter  
Ryan Lundmark
- 9 Krista Ann Jensen
- 11 Riley Cummings  
Greta Weaver
- 14 Yolanda Brackee  
Betty Briese
- 18 Herb Johnson  
Trent Jensen
- 20 Karen Berger  
Christian Dueholm
- 21 Stacy Bergmann  
David Stone
- 23 Rachel Hanson  
Briana Peterson
- 24 Diana Beecroft
- 26 James Springsteen
- 27 Joshua Johnson  
Gracie Stepnowski
- 29 Debbie Wickstrom  
Brant Beecroft
- 30 Julie Wassberg

# Trinity Lutheran Church Council Minutes

12-19-17

**Members present:** Bill, Steve, Kathy, Pastor Diane, Mandy, Kelly, & Shannon

**Secretary's Report:** Read

Allie made a motion to accept the Secretary's Report, seconded by Steve. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Income \$5,143.17  
Expenses \$8,624.50 - Church insurance & prepaid propane  
General Fund \$17,854.89  
Blacktop fund \$3,757.16  
Interest \$ 34.59  
Memorial Fund \$1,550.40  
Worship Group \$ 200.62  
Youth Encouragement \$3,452.15

Shannon made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Allie. Motion carried.

**Pastor's Report:**

Funeral service for Bob Erickson Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup>

Memorial service for Sonny Buchholz Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup>

Vacation Dec. 29<sup>th</sup> to Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup> Pastor Kathy will be on call (715)822-3721. Mandy will lead service on Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Family & Visitors Report:**

**Old Business:**

Youth raised \$682.50 for Margaret's Project Santa. Thanks to Youth for shopping, Lacey for organizing, and donators for making it possible.

Godly Play was GREAT! 14 kids & good food

Advent Fest was Wonderful! Christmas Program was AWESOME! Thank you to Debbie, Kristine & all who helped! The kids were FANTASTIC!!

**New Business:**

Godly Play Dec, 27<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 ~ Pastor - soup, Mandy & Shan - sandwiches

Council members will each come up with ideas on donating some funds for the next meeting. Ideas will be presented to the congregation at annual meeting.

Out-going members: Bill - Elder, Shannon - Deacon & Kathy - Treasurer Allie can stay on as Trustee. Candidates were discussed.

None of the vacuum cleaners at the church work well. Mandy made motion to purchase Shark vacuum, seconded by Allie. Motion carried.

Trash - remember to collect from kitchen and bathrooms after fellowship.

Need to update subscription list for the Living Lutheran possibly online

Budget for Annual meeting discussed. Allie made a motion to accept proposed budget, seconded by Mandy. Motion carried.

Council meeting Jan. 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00

Annual meeting Jan. 28<sup>th</sup> at 9:40

Palt March 4<sup>th</sup>

Allie made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Shannon. Motion carried.

## Trinity's Treasurer's Report

Report was not available at time of printing.

## **Georgetown Lutheran Church Council Meeting**

Sunday, December 10th

**Present:** Peter Mangelsen, Tom Levi, Jeanne Johnson, Dale Jensen, Kirsten Klugow, Charlotte Peper, Steve Hansen, Bruce Peper, and Tim Frendt

President Steve Hansen called the meeting to order at 11:45 am. Secretary's report was read, the Xmas Eve Service time should be changed from 4:30 to 4:00. Parsonage windows should be changed to basement parsonage windows. Approved with these changes.

### **Treasurer's report**

\* Closing balance \$29,789.01

The total sign fund balance is \$9,015.01, still need \$5,293.99 before we can order the electronic part of the sign. Treasurer Diana Peterson went through our budget and we increased some line items and decreased others.

Jeanne Johnson made a motion that we add a Sunday school line item so we could stop having a separate checkbook for the Sunday school. Tim Frendt seconded it and motion passed.

Pastor Diane gave us her update. Will be taking a vacation 12\29-1\3. Karen Johnson from Cumberland will be available if needed for any pastoral care. Lydia Rennie is currently at home. Please keep her, Fred Buccholz, and JoAnn Kendrick in our prayers.

Trustee update: Both the parsonage basement windows and church garage roof projects were postponed until spring. Also the A\C for the parsonage.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Church sign-still need over \$5,000. Dale Jensen made a motion to move \$2,000 from the memorial fund to the sign fund. Bruce Peper seconded it and motion passed.

Eagle's Event-we raised \$3,200 with half going to the sign fund and half going to Lutheran Disaster Relief. Thanks to all who either helped or donated supplies for this.

Paint quote-Jeanne Johnson contact hasn't responded yet.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Worship times for Christmas Eve Service will be 10:30 and 4:00.

The annual meeting will be the third Sunday next month so get your reports to Emily by beginning of January.

We will be having a worship band coming to the Sunday School Christmas program. Tom Levi made a motion to pay them \$125. Jeanne seconded and motion passed.

Next meeting will be January 14th at noon.

**Georgetown's Treasurer Report**  
**ITEMIZED CATEGORIES –NOVEMBER 2017**  
**11/1/2017 through 11/30/2017 (Cash Basis)**

<b>INCOME</b>	<b>7,540.24</b>
Miscellaneous Income	2,852.24
Blessing Bucket	33.00
Blacktop Fund	2,403.10
Community Meal	147.14
Sign Fund	100.00
Thrivent Choice	169.00
Offering	4,688.00
<b>EXPENSES</b>	<b>-4,248.20</b>
<b>Church</b>	<b>-534.34</b>
Electric	-145.51
11/7/2017 checking 4214 Polk Burnett	-145.51
Maintenance & Repair	-165.00
11/16/2017 checking 4217 Dalles Electric..pantry light	-165.00
Propane	-125.00
11/18/2017 checking 4218 Countryside Coop	-125.00
Telephone	-98.83
11/7/2017 checking 4215 Lakeland	-98.83
<b>Miscellaneous Expense</b>	<b>-121.50</b>
<b>Fall Dinner</b>	<b>-121.50</b>
<b>Office Expenses</b>	<b>-54.48</b>
Worship & Office Supply	-54.48
<b>Pastor</b>	<b>-3,456.89</b>
Disability Benefit	-81.09
Health Insurance	-665.00
Home Equity	-119.00
Life Insurance	-8.11
Mileage	-215.34
Retiree Support	-18.92
Retirement	-270.29
Salary	-1,891.08
Social Security Tax	-188.06
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>-80.99</b>
Salary	-80.99

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**Overall Total           -3,292.04**

## Georgetown Sign Fund-November 2017

Cost of Sign: \$ 21,500.00

Received to Date: \$ 16,206.01

Down Payment: \$ 7,191.00

In Account: \$ 9,015.01

Still Needed to Finish: \$ 5,293.99

## January 2018

This is a blank and printable January Calendar. Downloaded from [WinCalendar.com](http://WinCalendar.com)

◀ Dec 2017		January 2018					Feb 2018 ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
	<b>1</b> Pastor Diane and George on vacation-----	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> GLC Quilting at 1:00 pm All are Welcome! GLC WELCA Meeting at Teresa's home at 6pm **Pastor Diane and George on vacation	<b>4</b> Breakfast Bunch @ 8 am @TLC	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	
<b>7</b> TLC Service 9:00 GLC Service 10:30	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> GLC Quilting at 1:00 pm All are Welcome!	<b>11</b> Breakfast Bunch @ 8 am @TLC	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	
<b>14</b> TLC Service 9:00 GLC Service 10:30 GLC Council Meeting after service	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> TLC Council Meeting @ 6:00 pm	<b>17</b> GLC Quilting at 1:00 pm All are Welcome!	<b>18</b> Breakfast Bunch @ 8 am @TLC GLC Community Meal @ noon	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	
<b>21</b> TLC Service 9:00 GLC Service 10:30 GLC Annual Meeting and Potluck after service	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> GLC Quilting at 1:00 pm All are Welcome!	<b>25</b> Breakfast Bunch @ 8 am @TLC	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> The Youth Group invites anyone interested to join them for an afternoon of snow tubing at Trollhaugen (near Dresser, WI) on Saturday, January 27th. Contact Lacy if you have any questions or would like additional details.	
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