

The Parish Messenger

The Monthly Newsletter of Trinity & Georgetown Lutheran Churches
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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
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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

"But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift... The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saying for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. We must no longer be children, tossed to and from and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. But speaking the truth I love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love." Ephesians 4: 7, 11-16

I am "pondering" these verses for this month's newsletter, especially after our great informational meeting yesterday (August 20) regarding "Godly Play." It was a pleasure to work with educational leaders from both congregations and with our excellent presenter, Rev. Suzanne Burke. Godly Play is a theologically, and developmentally sound philosophy of sharing the biblical story. I believe it is a compelling way to help our young people "grow up in every way into Christ."

I also appreciated the questions, feelings, and observations of all present who helped determine the best way to implement this philosophy into our education programs. I think Trinity will be ready to start Godly Play by October of this year. Georgetown may need a little more preparation time to be able to implement it and I look forward to working with those leaders and the council as we consider together the needs we have in offering the best Christian education we can to our youth.

I am also pondering other ways all of us of every age can grow in faith, strengthen and encourage one another in our ministries, and share friendship and fellowship together. If you have ideas for bible or book studies, fun get togethers, or worship experiences share them with me, with council members, with each other and let's see what we can do build up the body of Christ!

I thank God for each of you and your ministry to these churches and to me! I am so thankful to be your pastor and am excited about how we can love our neighbors together as we work to serve our faithful and amazing God!

If you have questions about Godly Play talk to me or to those who attended the meeting: Georgia Palms, Charlotte Peper, Jeanne Johnson, Kirsten Klugow, Gretchen and Tim Frenndt, Mandy Rouzer, Kelly Anderson, and Christine Anderson. I am sure they would be happy to share their observations and ideas!

Pastor Diane

What's Going on? Ministry Opportunities to Help Serve

❖ Community Meal

This month we hold the meal the third Thursday, September 21st, 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, September 10th, 2017 after congregational meeting.

Trinity: Tuesday, September 19th at 6:30 pm.

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 September Trinity:

Leaders are Bill & Kelly Anderson: Families helping include: Chester & Billie Bastil, Kathy Briese, Ed & Pam Dittbrenner, Glenn & Kathy Greener, Albert Hanson, Liz Hanson, Joanne & Wayne Kendrick, Michael & Mandy Rouzer, Beverly & Oscar Schmidt, Heidi & Sean Springsteen, Jim Springsteen, Ernie Rewiestahl, Jeannette Nieman and Deedra Wagner. Thank you to those families who helped in August. 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 September Georgetown:

Leaders are Charlotte Peper & Debbie Monson. Families helping include: Jeanne Johnson, Loren Monson, Bruce & Julie Peper and Makala, Kirsten & Kevin and Kooper, Laverne Parenteau, Don & Caroline Beske, Mary & Leigh Marquardt, Alan & Leah Freer & Family, Ryan & Felicia Braastad & Family, Ford & Joanne Elliot, Jim & Marge Filkins, Harry Peterson & Daughters, Robert & Rita Glenna, Herb & June Johnson, Bob & Linda Knutson, James & Judy Glenna, Jim & Kristine Lindgren, & Roger Christensen. Thank you to those families who helped in August.

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

Georgetown WELCA

Meeting: Wednesday, Sept. 6th, Jeanne Johnson is hostess and Pastor Diane is the Bible Study Leader. We meet at Jeanne's at 6 pm.

Meeting Minutes:

August 2nd potluck at church. Mary read article out of Gather magazine. Mary called meeting to order. Secretary's report was read and approved. Treasurer's report--\$2124 in checking. Sunshine report given.

Old business- We ended up donating 2 \$50 baskets to the Salvation Army backpack fundraiser at the Amery Fire Hall June 9th.

Jeanne has bought school supplies with the \$250 Thrivent money from Loretta. She found 12 leftover bags from a past year when going through leftover supplies from last year. Will assemble during Bible School.

Discussed banners-would like to get a new one for baptism. A few women also saw a funeral banner "If I called you by name" they liked.

The steamer for the kitchen was purchased and Jeanne showed us how to use it.

New business- This year we will buy school supplies for Amery school.

The Blake Lake Association would like us to serve breakfast at their meeting August 19th at \$5/plate for 80-100 people. Proceeds to be split between the Youth Activities Fund and the church for use of the kitchen.

Roberta received a quote from Archer's for \$497 to clean the carpet in the fellowship hall. She made a motion to have them clean stains only when tables up for blood drive. Jeanne seconded it and motion passed. Will have whole carpet cleaned sometime before Christmas.

Blood drive is August 21st.

2017 Fall retreat is August 26th at First Lutheran Church in Cushing. Time is 8:30 -12. Need to send registration of \$12 to Nancy Priebe by August 19th .

We received a thank you for Harry Petersen memorial from his family. Discussed asking Trinity if would be okay to start alternating Thursday morning Bible study breakfast as there are a few members interested in attending from our church at this time.

Jeanne asked Pastor Diane if she would like to do the September 6th Bible study at our next meeting.

Meeting adjourned. Secretary, Kirsten

Trinity WELCA

Meeting: Thursday, September 14th, 2017

Meeting Minutes: August 10, 2017

Balance on hand \$1,568.92. Ellen, Gall, Deedra, Jan A., Heidi and Emilie went to HON Women's retreat at Luther Park. Our treasury will pay ½ of fees for a total of \$87.50. Future Bible Study Leaders and Hostess

Sept. Pastor Diane Cecelia

Oct. Ellen Gall

Nov. Thank offering Kelly

Dec. Christmas Tea Saturday Dec. 2

We need candidates for Secretary and President. We will be quilting in September, date to be announced. Gall will order another quilt batt. Cecelia gave a wonderful Bible Study and Ellen served. Next meeting Sept. 14, 2017

Trinity WELCA Mystery Trip: July 13, 2017

Wonderful Trip to gallery that is run by Northwest Passage. They have in house therapy for troubled children. They display photography by the kids. The photographers add very poignant statements of feelings they have while observing nature. We were surprised by a monetary gift from Chuck Berke. It was enough to buy us lunch at Emily's Restaurant. A quaint restaurant in Webster, WI. Thank you again. Shopped at the Rustic Hearts gift shop. It happens to be owned by George House's sister. This wonderful day was planned by Kelly Anderson. It was wonderful and hope you do it next year.

Quilting at Georgetown

Please see this space again in the fall to see when we start back up again in the fall!

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.

Congregational Meeting

There will be a meeting on September 10th after the worship service to vote on a new sign outside of the church. The sign committee has worked hard to pin down all the details which they will present and after discussion, there will be a vote on purchasing a new sign for the church. Please plan to attend that day for this important decision. Please spread the word to all members of The Georgetown Lutheran Church, so that everyone is able to vote. If you have any questions about this meeting please ask any of the church council members and they will be able to help you answer your questions.

Parish Announcements

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.

**Sunday, September 10th is the ELCA's "God Work, Our Hands" Sunday. We will be doing highway clean-up, church clean-up and community clean-up. If you would like some help and would be willing to provide an opportunity for our churches to be of service in God's world, let Pastor Diane, someone from either council, or either church office know.

**September 15 and 16 - Louie's Brat Stand - We need lots and lots of bars/cookies to sell. Please see Heidi if you are able to help in the brat stand Friday or Saturday. Saturday is very busy, so the more help, the better!

**September 23-24 Sunday School Carnival and Camp-Out - we are having our last camp-out of the season and we will be having a carnival! All are welcome to come and hang out Saturday afternoon/evening and/or camp-out all night! We'll be having a pot-luck dinner once again! More details to follow in the bulletin.

** September 24 - Pancake Fundraiser for Ben and Lexi's Confirmation Project - please come and support Ben and Lexi in their quest to build a new playground at church. Come and enjoy some pancakes!!

Trinity Youth Group

Nothing at this time.

Trinity Sunday School

We will be starting Sunday School September 10th!

Georgetown Sunday School

Sunday School will begin on Sunday, September 10th 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.

Georgetown Vacation Bible School

Georgetown was blessed with a successful and memorable vacation bible school again this year. We were able to collaborate with Crosswalk Community Church in Frederic in making the props and decorations. I cannot say enough about the creativity and hard work of Crosswalk members, Bruce and Laurie Paulsen. This relationship was brought planning and preparations to a new level. For the third year in a row, we have provided a meal to the children, parents, and volunteers at the start of each evening. Thank you to those who donated, prepared food, served, and cleaned up after the meals. Our teachers went above and beyond in sharing their view of Maker Fun Factory. Thank you to Jeanie Johnson for including the children in the backpack project, and for cleaning up after a very messy Friday evening. Throughout the three days, we had 22 youth and 16 adults participating. We ended on Friday evening with family movie night and snacks.

September Birthdays

3 Andee Wright
Cami Peterson
4 Andrew Frendt
6 Britta Norlund
8 Jamie Wickstrom
11 Mikayla Allison
13 Brady Kellen
14 Joe Harriman
Heidi Seeland
Jordan Sellent
Sara Sellent
15 Lee Geldernick
21 Cassie Polzin
22 Temprance Cook
Annaleise Greener
23 Heidi Long
Traci Lundmark
Jacey Smith
24 Christine Anderson
Joanne Sellent
Gretchen Frendt
Charlotte Glenna
25 Shirley Kelch
27 Arlene Olson
Peggy Lundmark
Bryce Gibson
Riley Cummings
29 Maggie Swiontek
30 Phyllis Erickson

September Baptisms

1 Debra Peterson
2 Noah Besky
3 Norman Anderson
Gerri Mangelsen
5 Bayley Ebert
6 Emily Erickson
9 Casi Anderson
12 Jennifer Koosman
14 Mark Hanson
15 Skyler Peper
Tiffany Peper
17 Debbie Monzel
18 Sam Grenquist
Payton Larson
Joseph Larson
20 Jamie Greener
Olivia Greener
Kevin Avery
Emily Monzel
Joshua Gorne
Sadie Rau
Katelynn Swiontek
22 Derin Rouzer
23 Travis Sellent
26 Matthew Randall
Robert Glenna
Courtney Glenna
27 Emily Gallmeier
29 Keri Nelson

Trinity Lutheran Church Council Minutes

August 15, 2017

Members Present: Bill, Kelly, Steve, Mandy, Pastor Diane, Lacey, Shannon

Secretary's Report: Read ~ separate congregational meeting from council minutes. Kelly made a motion to approve, seconded by Steve. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report:

Income	\$5,808.78
Expenses	\$5,039.87
General Fund	\$11,970.22

Pastor's Report:

- Joint Outdoor Worship went well ~ very nice, fun, great music and pot luck
- Confirmation orientation Sept. 13th
- Fall ministry Sept. 24-26th for Pastor
- Godly Play training Sunday August 20th 1-4
- Youth Group canoe trip August 20th leave church at 11
- Wedding September 15 would possibly like to use fridge/kitchen. We would charge \$100, but refer to WELCA
- God's Work Our Hands September 10th looking for yard work to help with

Family & Visitor Report:

Old Business:

- sign-up sheet for fellowship & ushering is ready

New Business:

- August 16th 6:30-8 Pie and ice cream social
 - August 20th Graduate quilt service possibly -September 10th Start of Sunday School, Bible Sunday and God's Work Our Hands. Youth Group will plan to help.
 - September 27th Godly Play 5-7:30
 - October 22nd Trunk or Treat
 - October 25th Godly Play 5-7:30
 - October 29th Confirmation
 - Ben and Alexis Confirmation project presentation. They will work together to raise money and set up a new swing set.
 - Youth Group checking account will be started with Lacey Sellent and Kathy Grenquist as the signors and the \$1500 donated for the youth.
 - Next meeting September 19th at 6:30
- Kelly made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mandy. Motion passed.

Trinity's Treasurer's Report

This report was not available for printing.

Georgetown Lutheran Church Council Meeting

Sunday, August 6, 2017

Present: Steve Hansen, Dale Jensen, Kirsten Klugow, Jeanne Johnson Tom Levi, Charlotte Peper, and Bruce Peper

Absent: Pete Mangelsen and Tim Frendt

President Steve Hansen called meeting to order at 12:00 pm

Secretary's report was read and approved.

Treasurer's report

* Closing balance 7/31/17 \$17,419.26

* Building fund balance 7/31/17 \$ 6,303.72

* Building fund principal balance 7/31/17 \$ 45,712.03

OLD BUSINESS:

Church sign update-Reset sign vote meeting as we didn't have enough for a quorum today to September 10.

Parsonage-Garage door replaced and Bruce Peper will order basement windows at approximately \$1000 /church.

NEW BUSINESS:

LP- Dale made a motion to continue with Countryside Coop and try to lower our monthly payment. Charlotte Peper seconded it and motion passed.

VBS-This coming Wednesday-Friday

Joint outdoor worship at Bone Lake Pavilion. Bible school kids will sing a few songs and there will be a potluck afterwards. August 13th.

Blake Lake Association meeting-August 19th. Dale made a motion to approve a pancake breakfast at \$5/plate with 2/3 money going to Mission trip for kids and 1/3 to church for use of the kitchen. Bruce seconded it and motion passed. Roberta lining up workers.

Thursday morning Bible study-some are interested in having at our church again.

Next community meal September 21st.

Blood drive August 21st.

Meeting adjourned. Next meeting September 10th after worship.

Georgetown's Treasurer Report
ITEMIZED CATEGORIES – August 2017
7/1/2017 through 7/31/2017 (Cash Basis)

INCOME	7,468.00
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Building Fund Income	920.00
Miscellaneous Income	140.00
Blessing Bucket	110.00
Memorial Fund	30.00
Offering	6,408.00
EXPENSES	-5,878.08
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Business Expenses	-920.00
Building Fund	-920.00
Church	-475.98
Electric	-185.40
Telephone	51.42
Garbage	-63.00
Workers Comp Insurance	-294.21
Office Expenses	-538.04
Ads	-47.20
Organist	-375.00
Postage	98.00
Worship & Office Supply	29.99
Parsonage	-1,139.66
Electric	-120.86
Propane	-35.00
Repair & Maintenance	-907.50
Telephone	-76.30
Pastor	-3,193.44
Secretary	145.21
Salary	145.21
Overall Total	1,589.92

GEORGETOWN BUILDING FUND – August, 2017****No financial information available until Annual Meeting**

Minimum Needed Weekly: \$1,476.97

(Payment due 25th of each month)

Opening Balance: \$6,860.69

Closing Balance: \$6,303.72

Principal Balance: \$45,712.03

****The council has set a goal to have a \$10,000 balance in the account to allow for variations in giving. Any balance in excess of this will be used to pay down the mortgage****September 2017**This is a blank and printable September Calendar. Downloaded from WinCalendar.com

September 2017						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3 TLC Service 9:00 GLC Service 10:30	4	5	6 GLC WELCA at Jeanne Johnson's	7 Breakfast Bunch @ 8 am @TLC	8	9
10 TLC Service 9:00 GLC Service 10:30 TLC & GLC Sunday School Starts GLC Congregational Meeting after church and GLC Council meeting. God's Work, Our Hands Day	11	12	13 Confirmation Orientation and ice cream Sundaes @ 6:30pm at GLC	14 Breakfast Bunch @ 8 am @TLC TLC WELCA bible study at TLC at 1:30pm	15 TLC- Brat Stand at Louie's Finer Meats - See Heidi to sign-up to help	16 TLC- Brat Stand at Louie's Finer Meats - See Heidi to sign-up to help
17 TLC Service 9:00 GLC Service 10:30	18	19 TLC- Church Council @6:30 pm	20	21 Breakfast Bunch @ 8 am @TLC	22	23 TLC Carnival 2-4, with kickball, potluck dinner, and overnight camp out to Sunday. Morning All are Welcome!!
24 TLC Service 9:00 GLC Service 10:30 TLC Ben Anderson and Lexie Kelch will be making a pancake breakfast. Free will offering will support their confirmation project to buy and assemble a new playset.	25	26	27	28 Breakfast Bunch @ 8 am @TLC	29	30 Wedding at Trinity @4pm