

The Parish Messenger

January 2019

Georgetown Worship: 9:00 a.m. Sunday school 10:30 a.m. Service

Trinity Worship: 9:00 a.m. Service 10:15 am Sunday school

Mission Statement

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

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January Schedule

Council Meetings: **GLC:** Thursday, Jan. 10th at 6 p.m.

TLC: Tuesday, Jan. 15th at 6 p.m.

Annual Meeting: **GLC:** Sunday, Jan. 20th after church

TLC: Sunday, Jan. 27th after church

Georgetown Community Meal: Jan. 17th at noon.

Pastor's Ponderings

Georgetown and Trinity Lutheran
Churches

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Luke 1: 29 “But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be.”

Luke 2: 19: “But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart.”

In Luke’s gospel, Mary is a very thoughtful woman. Given her experiences with angelic visitors, amazing messages, a divine call to bear the Christ-child, the experience of risky travel during the last trimester of pregnancy, and everything that happened during and after Jesus’ birth, it isn’t surprising that she is! She had much to think about!

I find myself pondering about Christmas today, December 26th. Advent and Christmas worship is completed. The paraments have been changed to white for Christmas and Epiphany. The advent wreathes have been put away. I find myself turning toward January and all that needs to be done before both annual meetings. At the same time, I find that I want to slow down, to treasure Christmas and ponder for awhile the meaning of God becoming flesh in the human form of the baby, Jesus. I want to spend some time to consider how this miracle calls us once again into relationship with God and with each other. I found myself thinking of this poem by Howard Thurman (1889-1981), author, philosopher, theologian, educator, and civil rights leader:

THE WORK OF CHRISTMAS

When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and the princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flock,

The Work of Christmas begins:

To find the lost,
To heal the broken,
To feed the hungry,
To release the prisoner,
To rebuild the nations,
To bring peace among brothers,
To make music in the heart.

As we put the decorations away, recycle the wrapping and boxes, take down the trees and wreathes, let’s remember to keep the “Work of Christmas” in our hearts and on our minds answering the call of God to love and serve.

Pastor Diane

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.

Blood Drive
Balsam Lake Community
Located at Georgetown
Lutheran Church
January 28th 2019
12:30-6:30 pm

Information for the upcoming newsletter is due the 25th of the month by noon!

GLC Council December 13, 2018

Present – Steve Hansen, Charlotte Peper, Dennis Wiese, Tom Levi, Jeanne Johnson, Kirsten Klugow, Dale Jensen and Pastor Diane House. Absent – Teresa Vollrath and Tim Frenedt.

Pastor opened with prayer.

Secretary minutes approved as read.

Treasurer’s report: behind budget. Discussion on shared expenses with Trinity.

Pastor – reported on people with illness. Pastor will attend Synod Winter Theological event. Jeanne Johnson motion to pay Pastor’s expense- includes no housing – (\$100.00) Pastor thanked WELCA for gift to attend the Christmas play at Wapogasset.

Old Business:

Steve/ furnace filters are purchased.

Update on secretary position – no one has come forward. Pastor is printing weekly bulletins. Kelly Anderson (Trinity) has been doing the monthly newsletter. Will discuss this issue at Annual Meeting.

Jeanne Johnson reported Bob Anthony has a recent phot of the church to put on web site. Samples will be run off and brought back to council. Recent photos are to be given to Roberta Hansen/Gretchen Frenedt to update web site.

New Business:

Tom Levi asked if a picture could be put on the sign –Nativity.

Set budget for 2019. Dale, Kirsten and Tim are done serving 3 year terms.

All are eligible to return for another 3 years.

Christmas tree needs to be decorated.

All reports are to be in the church office by January 1st for annual meeting, 3rd Sunday, January 20th. This is a very important meeting for Georgetown Church. Please attend and share your input for the growth and serving of your church. Many decisions need to be made.

Dale motion to close, Tom seconded. Closed with the Lord’s Prayer. By Charlotte Peper (filling in).

Next meeting January 10th at 6:00pm.

Georgetown Lutheran Church Treasurer’s Report:

ITEMIZED CATEGORIES –NOVEMBER 2018

11/01/2018 through 11/30/2018 (Cash Basis)

INCOME

4,536.50

Miscellaneous Income

1,154.00

Blessing Bucket 50.00

Fall Dinner

215.00

Quilt Raffle

747.00

Thrivent Choice 142.00

Offering

3,382.50

EXPENSES

-5,708.67

Church

-462.07

Electric

-317.19

Propane

-243.00

Telephone

-98.12

Miscellaneous Expense

-257.01

Sunday school

-131.01

Fall Dinner

-126.00

Missions & Youth

-48.98

Sunday School

-48.98

Office Expenses

-579.11

Web Design

-550.00

Worship & Office Supply

29.11

Parsonage

-734.23

Electric

-88.21

Propane

-645.00

Telephone

-1.02

Pastor

-3,738.13

Continuing Education

-147.50

Disability Benefit

-85.11

Health Insurance

-710.50

Home Equity

-119.00

Life Insurance

-8.51

Mileage

-181.76

Retirement

-303.55

Salary

-1,932.62

Social Security Tax

-249.58

Secretary

110.86

Salary

110.86

Overall Total -1,172.17

Trinity Council Meeting minutes

Dec.18th 2018 Present: Christine, Steve A., Allie Snowbank, Mandy, Kelly, Steve K
Pastor Diane and Brenda R. treasurer

Read and approved Nov. minutes, Allie/Christine carried

Pastor's Report:

A thank you to the VBS group on their contributions this summer.

Continuing Ed. Jan 20-21, Winter Theological Study. \$50 approved by council

Next FIN at Luther Park is Jan. 19.

Cherish our Children is looking for a donation, Motion to give \$50, carried by all

Discussion about a 'round robin' for Lent this year with neighboring Pastors. It was decided for us to past on it this year, and consider for next year.

Pastor is working on a Power point for Christmas Service and thinking about Sunday Services.

Caroling around the neighborhood and nursing home was a good time had by all.

Old Business

Mandy to call insurance company to sort out the cost of the church and the parsonage. Right now it is lumped into one price.

250 watt bulb for outside parking lot light, it is currently working properly.

Steve K. to call the estate lawyer. Synod has a lawyer that helps congregations with this sort of gift. Maybe talk to Gurin?

Keys now work in the second set of doors. The lockbox will be inside the breeze way.

New Business

Treasurer's Report General fund \$13,243.40

Discussion on budget for 2019. The council has one more meeting before annual meeting.

Outgoing Council members: Steve Kelch, Mandy Rouzer, Allie Snowbank.

Next meeting Jan.15, 6pm

Annual Meeting Jan. 27, following worship.

Meeting Adjourned, Steve A./Steve K.

Georgetown Shepherding Group

Sherry Doornink – January & August

Robert Doornink, Ryan & Diana Peterson, Briana, Zach, Mick & Jean Ebert & Family, Roy & Lorna Jepson, Royce, Annie, Molly
Emily & Jeremy Jones & Family, Andy & Geri Mangelsen, Kim & Derek Doyle, Korrin, Andrew, Crystal, Sierra, Jody Benfit & Hunter, Mollie & Cole Hansen, Darcy & Tom Binfet, Reid & Alex Benfit, Nina & Mike Hutton, Courtney & Makayla Allison
Doug Jensen, Jan Norlund, Britta, Nicole Norlund, Linda Norlund, Denny & Pam Armstrong, Rochelle & Jeremy Zacco & Landon
Elizabeth Knutson and family, Allen & Doris Moe

Georgetown WELCA

Youth Group Activities 2018

It was another busy year for the Youth Group. We started the year off with snow tubing at Trollhaugen in January and then a Flapjack Fundraiser in February. With the help of many individuals, the youth were able to raise enough money to pay for a well in Malawi.

In a special Lenten service, Assistant to the Bishop John Sutherland gave an informative talk about what daily life is like for the people of Malawi. Girls often miss school because they are walking miles in order to gather enough water for cooking, drinking, and general hygiene. The water that is used often makes the people sick. He went on to say that providing access to clean water has the potential to change lives. The Youth then presented him with their check of \$2500 for the water well. It was a wonderful service project, but the Youth didn't stop there...

Over the year, the Youth Group has also organized the annual Easter Egg Hunt, helped with Highway Cleanup, baked cookies to share, wrote Thank You cards for members of the community, played tone chimes at both the Cumberland and Luck Nursing Homes, and collected money for the Salvation Army.

Sprinkled in throughout the year were also some fun group activities like completing a Scripture Scavenger Hunt at the Gall's—which was followed by music and s'mores around the campfire. There was also the challenging experience of trying to balance 25 feet up in the air at the ropes course at Luther Park, biking to the Dairy Queen on the Gandy Dancer State Trail, and canoeing the Namekagon River—which was celebrating its 50th Anniversary for being a National Scenic Riverway!

All in all, it was quite the year!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 WOW Wednesday at Trinity at 5:45 pm	3	4	5
6 TLC service at 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am GLC service at 10:30 am Sunday School 9:00 am	7	8	9 WOW Wednesday at Georgetown at 5:45 pm	10 GLC council meeting at 6:pm	11	12
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