

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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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

"For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven." Maybe you are familiar with the verse from Ecclesiastes chapter three? It is a wise saying with much truth that we recognize.

August is the close of summer and it is the time that we begin to think about going back to school and all the fall activities we enjoy like football games, bonfires, walks in the crisp air through the woods beautified by the changing colors of the leaves on the trees.

August is also the time when pastors and church leaders begin to plan for fall and winter programs like Sunday School and Confirmation. During the summer I have been asking questions of the parents who participated in Vacation Bible School but not Sunday School. I have done some listening to families who have been having a hard time getting to Sunday morning worship services for one reason or another. These families are seeking to deepen their relationship with God and to participate in the life of our church but our current times of worship make it hard for them to do that.

I strongly feel we need to listen to their concerns and hear about their needs and offer a worship time that fits their schedules. There is a "time for every matter under heaven" and from what I can gather, Wednesday evening would work well for them. I along with the church councils and education leaders at Georgetown/Trinity have been discussing and developing a Wednesday evening worship and education opportunity to be held the last Wednesday of each month beginning in September.

We will meet for a light meal, sing, pray, and hear God's Word together. If you know of families that had been worshipping but have been absent let them know about this Wednesday night service. If you know of someone who has been searching for a community to be part of, or a church to attend but may not be able to gather on Sunday morning, let them know about this worship opportunity. Invite them to come and see if this is an experience that feeds their spiritual longing.

"For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven." As we prepare for another Fall, Winter, and Spring season in the church may we continue to listen to God and let the Holy Spirit guide us in our planning and participating. Together we reach out to our communities showing and sharing the love of God and inviting all to come, see, and experience the love of God active in their lives, too.

Pastor Diane

What's Going on? Ministry Opportunities to Help Serve

❖ Community Meal

There will be no Community meal for the months of July or August and we will join back up again in September. Thank you! 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, August 13th, 2017 after joint outdoor service.

Trinity: Tuesday, August 15th at 6 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 August Trinity:

Leader is Judy Kelch: Families helping include Bill & Dorothea Beecroft, Paul & Ellen Bergmann, Patricia Bergmann, Liz & Fred Buchholz, Jenny & Tom Buchholz, Lisa & Rob Buchholz, Chandra & Jason Cummings, Shane Beecroft, Jerry & Robin Denver, Jane Gibson, Farmer and Kelly Freer, John & Gurinne Gall, Paul Grenquist, Penny Sundvall, Jennifer Grover. Thank you to those families who helped in July. 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 August Georgetown:

Leader is Sherry Doornink. Helpers include: Robert Doornink, Ryan & Diana Peterson, Mick & Jean Ebert, Roy & Lorna Jepsen, Emily & Jeremy 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 July.

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

Georgetown WELCA

Meeting: Wednesday, August 2nd, Charlotte Peper is hostess and has Bible Study. We meet at the church at 6 pm

Trinity WELCA

Meeting: Thursday, August 10th, 2017

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 August 6th 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

Sunday, August 13th will be a joint, outdoor worship service at the Bone Lake pavilion at the boat landing on Bone Lake. Join us for fun and fellowship! We will be constructing Luther's Rose Seal out of Legos, learning more about Martin Luther and the Reformation in celebration of the 500th anniversary, and enjoying a potluck lunch after the service. The worship service begins at 10:00 am. Invite a friend and see you then!

Sunday, September 10th is the ELCA's "God Work, Our Hands" Sunday. Each church is looking for opportunities to serve on that day. 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.

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

Blake Lake Association will be having their Annual Fall Meeting at our facility on Saturday, August 19th from 8:00 am to 12:00Pm. Looking for volunteers to help with serving them breakfast like the one we do for Palm Sunday. Please contact Roberta Hansen if you can help.

Trinity Youth Group

Up Coming Dates for Youth Group: **August 20th Canoe Trip**

Next meeting August 15th 5:45pm

Canoe Trip: Sunday, August 20th. We plan to leave the church by 11 AM and bring a packed lunch to eat along the river.

****Thank You to those that volunteered at the St. Vincent de Paul's soup kitchen. We served over 40 meals!**

Trinity Sunday School

We will be starting Sunday School September 10th!

Georgetown Sunday School

Sunday School is finished for the Summer, but we will be back in the fall! Stay tuned for more info.

Georgetown Vacation Bible School

Speaking of Vacation Bible School, Maker Fun Factory will be Wednesday, August 9th - Friday, August 11th. At Maker Fun Factory, we will spend time together learning that we were created by God, and built for a purpose! As always, we need lots of volunteers to make this the great event it is. Please let Gretchen Frenndt know if you can help out in any way.

August Birthdays

2 Heidi Springsteen
5 Nicole Knutson
6 Carol Mangelsen
Paul Bergmann
9 Debbie Monson
10 Marilyn Anthony
11 Mercedes Wickstrom
12 Lyle Jensen
Lance Peper
Roy Jepsen
13 Annie Jepsen
Debra Monzel
James Glenna, Jr.
14 Bill Anderson
Caleb Greener
15 Emilie Springsteen
Terry Lundmark
16 Rachel Bystrom
20 Gail Anderson
21 Larry Grover
22 Donald Grover
24 Ryan Knutson
25 Karen Mashak
Travis Sellent
26 Colton Braastad
27 Dennis Glenna
Patrick Severson
30 Gary Johnson
31 Mya Anderson
Alex Binfet
Jamie Greener
Nina Hutton

August Baptisms

1 Arlene Olson
3 Kevin Wickstrom
Chelsey Jensen
4 Sarah Palas
Charlotte Glenna
Chazz Hegna
Trevor Hegna
Joseph Glenna
7 Andrea Dueholm
8 David Cran
9 Kristen Norlund
13 Kirsten Klugow
14 Kelly Anderson
16 Jordan Lundmark
Brad Peper
Jeremiah Gorne
17 Mercedes Wickstrom
18 Eric Pratt
19 Janice Anderson
Jordan Anderson
20 Hailey Beauvais
22 Vern Olson
Rita Glenna
23 Taylor Gibson
24 Ryan Knutson
Zachary Peterson
25 Reeve Nieman
26 Bob Erickson
Carl Erickson
Dennis Glenna
27 Cole Kushel
Nels Anderson
29 Camille Kushel
Ryan Peterson
30 Joan Carlson

Trinity Lutheran Church Council Minutes

July 18, 2017

Members Present: Pastor Diane, Steve, Mandy, Bill, Shannon, Kathy and Lacey

Secretary's Report: Read, change to Luther Park

Treasurer's Report:

Income \$4,435.93

Expenses \$5,422.08

General Fund \$14,286.83

Black top fund \$3,757.16

Memorial Fund \$1,440.40

Worship Group \$200.62

Youth Encouragement \$2,978.20

Steve made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, seconded by Mandy. Motion passed.

Pastor's Report:

Godly Play Sunday school will be used for Wednesday night service. Pastor will talk to Kristine about scheduling training.

Book sale at Georgetown Saturday July 22.

Garage doors will be fixed Friday.

Septic was pumped and riser cover was put on.

Joint worship August 13th at 10AM at the Bone Lake boat landing, followed by a pot luck lunch. Bring a chair; GT is the back up for rain.

Starting a lady's book club in the fall.

Vacation Sunday August 6th.

Family & Visitor Report:

Old Business:

Trash pickup done. Thanks to all who helped!

VBS went well. Thanks to all who donated time, food, & money!

New Business:

Congregational meeting to discuss spending \$1500 to hire church cleaner. Allie made a motion to hire someone, seconded by Joanne. Motion passed. Mandy made a motion to hire Shannon, Bill seconded. Motion passed.

Mandy will make a sign up sheet for fellowship and ushering if no one signs up, then shepherding groups will cover.

June & July mission was for the Briese Family. \$173 was donated. Bill made a motion to give \$500, Steve seconded. Motion passed.

Mission giving for August will be for God's Work, Our Hands.

September giving will be for school needs.

August 13th Joint Worship 10 am at Bone Lake boat landing

August 16th Pie and Ice Cream Social, We will need 2 gallons of ice cream & pie list

August 20th Graduation send off with quilts

Sept. 10th God's Work, Our Hands *Need Ideas*

Start Sunday School

Sept. 23rd Carnival Camp Out

Sept. 27th Godly Play 5:00-7:30 (last Wednesday of the month)

Next meeting August 15th at 6 pm

Trinity's Treasurer's Report

Report for July

	Current Month	Year to Date	Budget
<u>Parish</u>			
Office Expense			
Worship and Office Supplies		\$ -	\$ 1,000.00
Phone		<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 700.00</u>
Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,700.00
Parsonage			
Electric(PB)		\$ -	\$ 900.00
Propane	\$ 17.50	\$ -	\$ 750.00
Insurance		\$ -	\$ 155.00
Repair & Maintenance	<u>\$ 327.50</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 5,000.00</u>
Total	\$ 345.00	\$ -	\$ 6,805.00
Pastor & Secretary			
Payroll taxes		\$ -	\$ 150.00
Workman's Comp.		\$ -	\$ 360.00
Secretaries Salary		<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 800.00</u>
Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,310.00
Pastor			
2% Health Discount Credit		\$ -	
Expenses to Call Pastor		\$ -	\$ 1,000.00
Salary	\$ 1,891.08	\$ -	\$22,693.00
Social Security	\$ 188.09	\$ -	\$ 2,257.00
Social Security 2		\$ -	
Salary 2		\$ -	
Housing Equity	\$ 189.66	\$ -	\$ 1,429.00
Retirement	\$ 430.78	\$ -	\$ 3,176.00
Health Insurance	\$ 1,059.87	\$ -	\$10,078.00
Basic Group Life	\$ 12.93	\$ -	\$ 97.00
Disability/Survivor	\$ 129.24	\$ -	\$ 971.00
Retiree Support	\$ 30.16	\$ -	\$ 226.50
Mileage	\$ 123.05	\$ -	\$ 2,500.00
Continuing Education		\$ -	\$ 450.00
Pulpit Supply	\$ 75.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00
Synod Assembly		\$ -	\$ 245.00
Housing Allowance		<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Total	\$ 4,129.86	\$ -	\$45,622.50

	Current Month	Year to Date	Budget
Missions			
Northwest Synod of WI	\$ 417.00	\$ -	\$ 2,500.00
Mission	<u>\$ 200.00</u>	\$ -	<u>\$ 2,500.00</u>
Total	\$ 617.00	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00

Uncatergorized

Gift basket		<u>\$ 39.62</u>	
Total		\$ 39.62	

Worship and Encouragement

The Lutheran		\$ -	\$ 500.00
Devotionals & Bulletin inserts		\$ -	\$ 200.00
Sunday School & VBS		\$ -	\$ 1,000.00
Office Supplies(not share)& Worship		\$ -	\$ 550.00
Member Assemblies/Conferences		\$ -	\$ 250.00
Youth Encouragement	<u>\$ 120.00</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 800.00</u>
Total	\$ 120.00	\$ -	\$ 3,300.00

Church Building & Property

Church Propane	\$ 155.00	\$ -	\$ 2,500.00
Church Electric(Xcel)	\$ 100.01	\$ -	\$ 1,700.00
Maintenance/Improvmnets		\$ -	\$ 1,000.00
Insurance on Church		\$ -	\$ 2,200.00
phone	<u>\$ 24.79</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 500.00</u>
Total	\$ 279.80	\$ -	\$ 7,900.00

<u>Grand Total</u>	\$ 5,491.66	\$ 39.62	\$71,637.50
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TLC Savings

Blacktop Fund	\$ 3,757.16		
Interest	\$ 31.15		
Memorial Fund	\$ 1,440.40		
Worship Group	\$ 200.62		
Youth Encouragement	<u>\$ 4,478.20</u>		
	\$ 9,907.53		

Georgetown Lutheran Church Council Meeting

Sunday, July 9, 2017

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

President Steve Hansen called meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

Treasurer's report

* Closing balance 6/30/17 \$15,829.34

* Building fund balance 6/30/17 \$6,860.69

* Building fund principal balance 6/30/17 \$47,039.26

OLD BUSINESS:

Church sign: Sherry Doornink and Jim Filkins now on committee with Jeanne Johnson and Tom Levi. Approximate cost of sign \$21,000 for 18 MM display. Electrician cost about \$750. Need to bring before church membership for approval before start fundraising. There will be a meeting after church August 6th. Parsonage-Garage doors: Need to set a date to replace. Also basement windows.

NEW BUSINESS:

Need to replace Max Bay on council as trustee as he is moving. Decided to ask Tim Frenndt, Gene Palas, and Loren Monson.

VBS: August 9th-11th. Kirsten will ask Gretchen if she has a date in mind for a planning meeting.

Eagle Lounge Event planned for September for a Youth and building fund fundraiser. Jody Binfet needs members to find places to donate door prizes.

Don Besky Event: planning on having book sale July 22nd at church, wants church women to have bake sale with it. Jeanne Johnson made a motion to approve this event with Bruce Peper second. Motion passed.

Joint outdoor worship: August 13th. Pastor has contacted Bone Lake Pavilion as Hunky Dory still has guests. Still waiting to hear back from coordinator.

Will ask Marvel if could have outdoor service at Hunky Dory in September.

Trustees: need to look into fixing garage roof, metal foundation pieces, and scraping rock in parking lot.

The next community meal will be September 21st.

Meeting adjourned. Next meeting will be August 13th after joint outdoor worship service.

Steve & I would like to thank our Friends at Georgetown Lutheran for helping us celebrate our 50th Anniversary. A special "Thanks" to our family for organizing an providing us both with such a lovely afternoon. All cash gifts were given to the Building Fund in honor of our special occasion. Thanks Again, Steve & Roberta Hansen.

GEORGETOWN BUILDING FUND – July, 2017

****No financial information available until Annual Meeting**

Minimum Needed Weekly: \$1,476.97

(Payment due 25th of each month)

Opening Balance: \$4,674.41

Closing Balance: \$6,860.69

Principal Balance: \$47,039.26

****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**

Georgetown's Treasurer Report
ITEMIZED CATEGORIES – JUNE 2017
6/1/2017 through 6/31/2017 (Cash Basis)

INCOME	4,268.00
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Building Fund Income	300.00
Miscellaneous Income	697.00
Blessing Bucket	52.00
Building Fund	250.00
Community Meal	350.00
Memorial Fund	45.00
Offering	3,271.00
EXPENSES	-8,582.29
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Business Expenses	-3,663.25
Building Fund	-3,663.25
Church	-1,019.21
Maintenance & Repair	-925.59
Telephone	-93.62
Office Expenses	-538.04
Ads	-23.60
Postage	-196.00
Web Design	-280.00
Worship & Office Supply	-38.44
Pastor	-3,245.60
Disability, Survivor, Retiree Support	-81.09
Health Insurance	-665.00
Life Insurance	-8.11
Mileage	-123.05
Retiree Support	-18.92
Retirement	-270.29
Salary	1,891.08
Social Security Tax	-188.06
Secretary	-116.19
Salary	-116.19
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Overall Total	- 4,314.29

Give blood. Help save lives.



Blood Drive
Balsam Lake Community
Located at
Georgetown Lutheran Church
 877 190th Avenue/County Road G
 (Fox Creek)
Monday, August 21, 2017
12:30 PM to 6:30 PM

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit redcrossblood.org and enter: Balsam Lake WI to schedule an appointment.



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August 2017						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 Breakfast Bunch @ 8 am @TLC	4	5
6 TLC Service 9:00 GLC Service 10:30 GLC Congregational Meeting after church	7	8	9 GLC VBS 5-8:30pm	10 Breakfast Bunch @ 8 am @TLC GLC VBS 5-8:30pm	11 GLC VBS 5-8:30pm	12
13 Joint Service Service 10:00	14	15 TLC Youth Group Meeting @ 5:45pm TLC- Church Council @6pm	16	17 Breakfast Bunch @ 8 am @TLC	18	19 Blake Lake Association Annual Fall Meeting 8:00 am
20 TLC Service 9:00 GLC Service 10:30	21 GLC Blood Drive 12:30-6:30pm	22	23	24 Breakfast Bunch @ 8 am @TLC	25	26
27 TLC Service 9:00 GLC Service 10:30	28	29	30	31 Breakfast Bunch @ 8 am @TLC		