

Trinity Lutheran Church

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January 2024

A NOTE FROM THE CALL COMMITTEE

Greetings Church Family!

Happy New Year, fellow members of Trinity! We hope this New Year brings health, happiness, and prosperity to each of you!

We, the call committee, would like to give you another update on the progress of hiring a new pastor for our congregation. As we told you last time, we have been interviewing a fantastic candidate. We met with him and his wife at the end of November, and then again in early December. He is incredibly Christ centered and God focused. Being a pastor is more than a job to him, it is a Calling from God himself. He brings with him many years of experience, and a wife who will be his partner in every way. She is just as amazing as he is and would be such a good addition to our church family! They are both musically inclined and are also people that like to be very involved in the community they are serving. They asked us to please refrain from moving forward during the Christmas season, both because it is so busy for everyone and so that we would all have time to pray, making sure that this is the move that God wants everyone involved to make. So now that January is upon us, we will be talking to them again about bringing them to Carrington and Trinity.

We have a favor to ask you, brothers and sisters. Will you please pray for this candidate? Pray that we are the lucky congregation God is leading him towards. And also pray that our congregation is ready to receive a new pastor. Since this is a new year, it is a good time for a fresh start. Commit to saying YES when Trinity calls for your service. Stepping out of our comfort zone allows us to grow and our church community to improve. Just because it seems like a small or insignificant contribution doesn't mean it isn't appreciated or necessary. We need to be a congregation that is willing to be involved in the ministries of the church and be a church that is ready for the future.

God's peace to all of you!

Call Committee



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BLAST

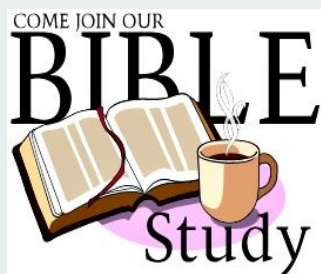
Blast Supper will be
January 3rd, 2024

Serving from 5:30 to 6:15
Students and Families are
invited.

BLAST is from 6:30 p.m. to
7:30 p.m.

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation class is from
6:30pm—8:00pm on
Wednesday evenings



Women's Bible Study

The Third Tuesday of
every month at 9:00
a.m.

in the church
fellowship hall

Dear Trinity Family,

As we bid farewell to 2023, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude for your unwavering support and exceptional financial stewardship that has allowed Trinity to thrive.

Our Christmas program was a resounding success, thanks to the incredible efforts of our talented BLAST students, teachers and those who volunteered their time to organize the program. The Christ-centered atmosphere they created filled all hearts with joy and reminded us of the true meaning of Christmas.

Thank you to our staff and those who volunteered throughout the year, ensuring the seamless operation of Trinity in various capacities. Your commitment to service is the backbone of our church. Thank you all for your time, energy, and dedication.

As we embark on a new year, let's carry forward the spirit of gratitude, unity and service to God that defines our Trinity congregation. Your generosity and commitment have made this year memorable, and I look forward to the continued growth and fellowship in the coming year.

Wishing each of you and your families a blessed and joy-filled New Year!

With sincere thanks,

Nic Beach
Trinity Council President



A RECIPE TO LIVE BY

Take a cup of Forgiveness, stir in some of God's grace,
then fold it into your heart and this recipe you'll embrace.

But, you'll need to keep adding, more ingredients as you go,
if you plan on having a year where Love can rise and grow.

You're going to need Patience, at least a cup or two...
if you want to have meekness bubbling up inside of you.

Slowly blend in a heaping spoonful of Goodness;
beat into the mixture to whip up Gentleness.

Don't forget to add a pinch of Joy; and, as you whisk it into Peace,
add a dollop of Faith and Trust, so Hope you will release.

If you live in the Spirit, you will need to walk in it, too...
If you follow this recipe to produce His fruit in you!

- AUTHOR UNKNOWN

FEBRUARY FAITH IN SERVICE LIST

Membership of Trinity Lutheran is divided into 11 groups that each take a month to be responsible for tasks within the church. Each month we will be looking for ushers, lay readers, communion set-up, communion servers and coffee servers.

The list below is the service group scheduled for January. The coordinators for February are Nikole Hoggarth and Michelle Rexin. If your name is on this list, please check the calendar and see what Sunday(s) in February works best for you and call Nikole(650-7429) or Michelle (240-1772) to volunteer. If you are called, please prayerfully consider how you can help. Please say yes when called. Thank you for doing your part and participating in our worship services.

Aljets, Tim & Tami	Koenig, Mike & Shaunette	Sinkler, Billi
Aljets, Travis & Chelsea	Kutz, Dayne	Solberg, Darwin & Lori
Anderson, Vern & Jan	Kutz, Gary & Julie	Struxness, John
Drewlow, Gene & Becky	Lysne, Jo & Beach, Kevin	Thurlow, Tom & Tammi
Edwardson, Eugene & Clara	Nieland, Matt & Erin	Wangen, Ken & Stephanie
Ellingson, Lester & Valborg	Olson, Harlan & Linda	
Henson, Soraia	Pogatshnik, DeeDee	
Hertel, Jerold & Gladys	Schaubert, Steven	

TREASURER'S REPORT AS OF NOVEMBER 30, 2023

	<u>November Income</u>	<u>Disbursed</u>	<u>Weekly Income and Attendance</u>		
General	\$24,500.81	\$15,755.65	Weekly Need:	\$5,027.40	
B.L.A.S.T.	\$	-	11/05/2023	4,693.00	194
Mission	\$	\$	11/12/2023	2,180.00	110
Building	\$	\$ 8,160.55	11/19/2023	3,102.00	155
Total	\$20,063.63	\$23,916.20	11/26/2023	7,234.00	129

Budget Report for January 1, 2023—December 31, 2023

<u>Categories</u>	<u>Disbursed to Date</u>	<u>Budgeted for Year</u>	<u>Difference for Year</u>
Benevolence	\$1,250.00	\$3,250.00	\$ 2,000.00
Pastoral Ministry and Staff	\$161,504.71	167,250.00	\$ 5,745.29
Congregational Life	\$19,315.27	30,525.00	\$11,209.73
Building and Maintenance	\$45,201.49	60,400.00	\$15,198.51
Totals	\$227,271.47	\$261,425.00	\$34,153.53

COUNCIL MINUTES

Trinity Church Council Meeting Minutes December 10, 2023

President Nic Beach called the meeting to order.

Council members in attendance: Janice Gussiaas, Josh Cabler, Kerry Smith, Jana Lesmeister, Morgan Wetzel, Rob Marcotte, Larry Schagunn, Matt VanRay, Claudia Park, Justin Cook, Nic Beach, and Ruth Braaten. Sheryl Roundy was also in attendance.

Nic opened with prayer, and Rob gave devotions.

The minutes from the November 14 meeting were approved by Rob, seconded by Claudia, and carried by the council.

Treasurer's Report by Janice:

General Account: \$15,580.95

Missions Account: \$82,865.96

Reserve Account: \$51,701.74

The LYO Account was closed on 11/29/2023. The money, \$4,239.33, was transferred to the missions account in the New Life Youth Group Fund. Morgan made a motion to approve the treasurer's report, Jana seconded it, and the motion carried.

Deacons' Report: Morgan reported that she had met with confirmation students and taught them the slideshow/radio. Hopefully they will volunteer for January and on. The pulpit supply with Troy has gone very well.

Board of Education: B.L.A.S.T. will be introducing a "noisy offering" during the kids' church program. Kids will walk around with coffee cans collecting change in place of penny power. The money will be donated to The Kid Experience. They will continue doing this during the school year in conjunction with the kids singing. W.O.W. donated \$1,000.00 to the B.L.A.S.T. program. They are looking to update chairs and tables in a few of the smaller classrooms. The Christmas party for students on Dec. 17 will be put on using a donation to the B.L.A.S.T. program. K-2 will be able to attend the movie "The Star" at the youth center with pop and popcorn provided. Grades 3-6 will have open bowling with Christmas cookies provided. The New Life Youth Group have been meeting when able at the Marcotte Farm working on crafts and baked goods for their annual craft/bake sale scheduled for Sunday, December 10, after church. The 4:12 Youth Group would like to host a Lock In at the church on Maundy Thursday for the 7th and 8th grade students.

Board Of Trustees: Josh reported that the trustees went through each line item on the budget and made some adjustments for 2024. Matt offered to install the church windows with the help of his crew. Curt Walen has agreed to do the audit for the church, and Kerry offered to help. To date, a total of \$11,265.00 has been designated to the parking lot project.

New Business: Nic and Justin agreed to serve on the nominating committee for the church council. They will be looking for three church members to serve with them.

Call Committee Update: Matt reported that they are very excited about pastoral candidate whom they have met with twice. Please pray for the call committee and the candidate regarding decisions to be made in the new year.

Rob will give the devotions at the next meeting on January 7 at 7:00 pm.

Nic closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Ruth Braaten.

JANUARY 2024 WOMEN OF THE WORD (WOW)

BOARD MEETING

The regular meeting of the WOW board was called to order at 7:00 pm on December 11, 2023 by Co-President Billie Knudson. Those in attendance were Michelle Kliem, Karen Buskness, Traci Lura, Kristen Hewitt, Kristee Page, Sharie Mattson and Billie Knudson. Teresa Edland, Sheila Harrington and Julee Erdman were absent. Kristen Hewitt shared a Christmas devotion.

Minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed. Michelle approved the minutes as presented and Karen seconded. All were in favor.

Treasurer's Report: Michelle presented the financials for November. The beginning balance for November was \$21,283.25 with total deposits of \$653.74; \$25.74 from coffee hours, \$15.00 from a quilters donation and Thank Offering of \$613.00. We received another check for \$100 for the Thank Offering that will reflect on the December financial report for a total of \$713.00 Thank Offering. Expenses were \$5,689.36. Bills paid were Jill Edinger for painting class, \$140.00, Carrington Chamber for fall supper advertising, \$25.00, DJ's Home Center for the microwave, \$374.50, Dakota Dust Tex, \$196.65, Leever's, \$1364.21 for fall supper and Blast, Independent for fall supper advertising, \$39.00. Donations made were: Feed My Starving Children, \$1000, Anne Carlsen Center, \$100, Trinity to sponsor a radio broadcast in honor of all church volunteers, \$50, Healthy Communities Kid Experience, \$200, Safe Shelter, \$200, Trinity Friends in Need, \$1000 and Trinity BLAST program for school supplies, \$1000. Bills presented were Leever's, \$28.20 and we are awaiting an invoice from Dakota Dust Tex. Budget items remaining for 2023 are \$300 to the Trinity Library, \$2000 to the parsonage fund and \$500 to the Sunshine Committee as well as the \$713.00 for the Back Pack Program from the Thank Offering. Billie made a motion to pay these three budget items and write the check to the Back Pack Program. Kristen seconded and all were in favor. Kristen approved the financial report as presented and Kristee seconded. All were in favor.

Vice President's Report: Sharie reported 4 coffee hours and no funerals.

Fellowship Report: Karen reported that garland hanging went well. Church decorating was not able to be done Thanksgiving weekend as usual as there was an extra week between Thanksgiving and Advent this year. Decorating went well. Decorations will need to be taken down January 6th.

Stewardship Report: Kristen reported the Thank Offering was their most recent event. Currently there are no additional projects/events. They will work to find replacements for Billie and Teresa as their terms are up and they are not seeking re-election.

Correspondence: We received thank you cards/letters from Safe Shelter, Lutheran Home of the Good Shepherd, Healthy Communities Kid Experience and Anne Carlsen Center.

New and Unfinished Business: Last year's annual report was reviewed for changes or additions that need to be made. Billie will complete and submit the annual report for 2023.

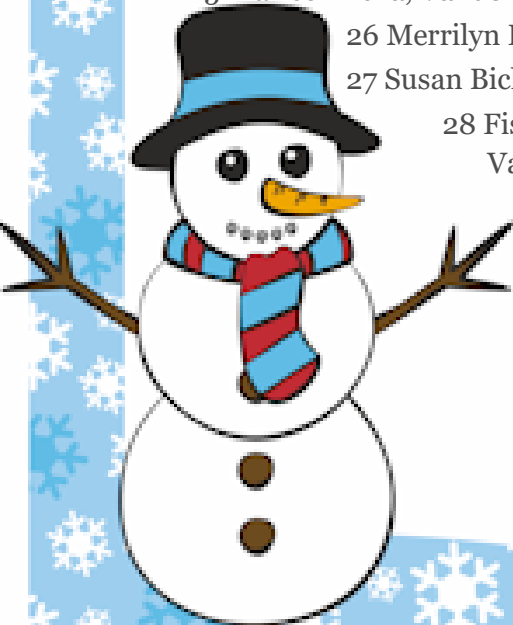
Kristen will follow up with Julee about any groups that still need callers for 2024 Service Groups as Julee agreed to complete this task rather than turning this back over to the Deacons as originally planned.

The meeting concluded with the Lord's Prayer. The next meeting is scheduled for January 8th, 2024 at 7:00 pm in the church library.

Billie Knudson, WOW Co-President

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Bill Bauer
- 2 Rexton Aljets, Mike Balvitsch
- 3 Bob Buskness, Kylie Skadberg, Doug Smith
- 4 Mark Frost, Kimber Moravec, Laurie Struxness
- 6 Zoey Kollman, Cole Solwey, Kylie Solwey, Cory & Tana McKibben
- 7 Lynelle Bachmeier, Kade Erdmann, Shaunette Koenig
- 8 Cody Bickett, Kristin Cabler, Molly Fiebiger, Julie Kutz, Chris Schmid, Jerome Zink
- 10 Brooks Mozelle
- 11 Indy Beach, Jaedyn Lura, Traci Lura
- 12 Tyler Ingebretson, Bradee Schroeder, Jenean Smith, Brewen VanRay, Val & Fred Piatz
- 13 Brittney Moravec
- 14 Gracie Carr, Kirk Stokes, Kenzie VanRay
- 15 Aubree Carr, Ann Hoffert, Rilynn Ingebretson, Emma Koll, Michael Rexin
- 16 Karen Buskness, Kaulder Kvamme, Jackie Schroeder
- 17 Kaydri Cabler, Emma Rindy, Grace Rindy, Jim Scheen
- 18 Jacob Edland, Val Ellingson, Linda Olson, Val & Lester Ellingson
- 19 Kelsey Carr
- 20 Skip Beach
- 21 Jameson Rzaszutak, Dan Wick, Jensyn Wolf
- 22 Kansas Hooley
- 23 Justin Dunn, Gary LaBelle, Mac Miller
- 24 Maddyx Davis, Trace Hoggarth, Heidi Johnson, Larry Schagunn
- 25 Lawson Lura, Vander Lura
- 26 Merrilyn Dahl
- 27 Susan Bickett
- 28 Fisher Cook, Cole Ferguson, Rhen Skytland, River Skytland, Marrah VanRay, Gladys & Jerold Hertel
- 29 Asley Reinsour
- 30 Zach Creviston
- 31 Paityn Knudson, Jordan Kramer



JANUARY 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 New Years Day Church Office Closed	2 Church Office Closed	3 5:00-6:15pm BLAST Family Supper 6:30 pm BLAST/ Confirmation	4	5	6
7 9:30am Worship/ Communion 10:30am Coffee Hour 7:00pm Church Council Meeting	8 1:00 pm Quilting/ Nalbinding 7:00pm WOW Meeting	9	10 6:30 pm BLAST/ Confirmation	11	12	13
14 9:30am Worship 10:30am Coffee Hour 1:00-3:00pm Feed My Starving Children in Fargo	15 1:00 pm Quilting/ Nalbinding	16 9:00am Women's Bible Study	17 6:30 pm BLAST/ Confirmation	18	19	20
21 9:30am Worship / Comm 10:30 Coffee Hour 10:30 Annual Meeting	22 1:00 pm Quilting/ Nalbinding	23	24 6:30pm BLAST/ Confirmation	25	26	27
28 9:30am Worship BLAST Students Sing 10:30am Coffee Hour	29 1:00 pm Quilting/ Nalbinding	30	31 6:30pm BLAST/ Confirmation			

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January 2024

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

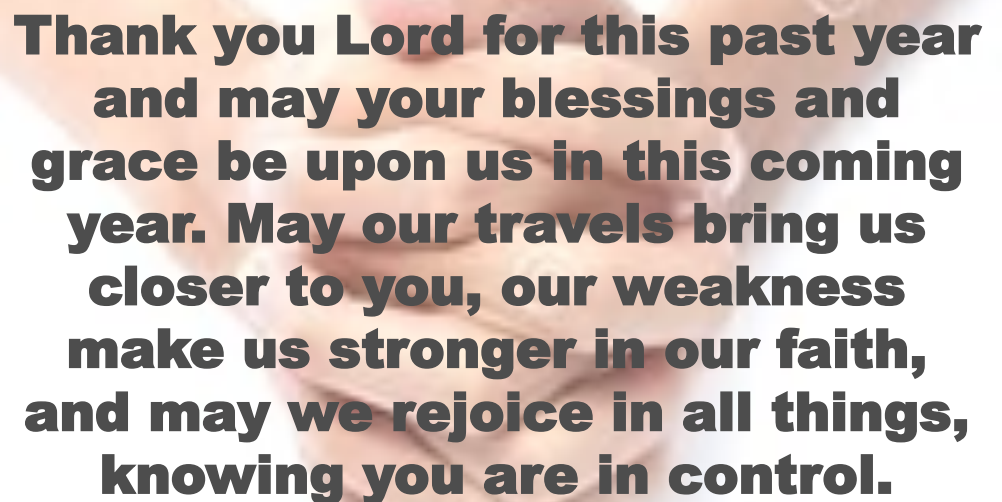
**TRINITY LUTHERAN
CHURCH**

Worship Services are
Sundays at 9:30 am

Listen to us Sundays at 11:30 a.m.
on KDAK (1600 AM)
-or-
online at www.newsdakota.com

Office Hours:
Monday – Thursday
8:00 am – 3:00 pm

Pastor Office Hours:
Thursday & Friday
8:00 am – 3:00 pm
By appointment at all other times



**Thank you Lord for this past year
and may your blessings and
grace be upon us in this coming
year. May our travels bring us
closer to you, our weakness
make us stronger in our faith,
and may we rejoice in all things,
knowing you are in control.**