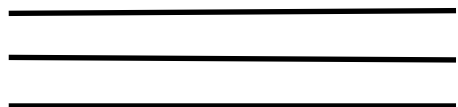


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December 2022

Worship with us this Christmas Eve
3:00pm & 5:00pm Worship Services
in our Sanctuary

Both services will be live streamed on Trinity's YouTube channel
Silent Night. Holy Night

The Trinity building and office will be
closed for the holidays on December 23rd,
December 26-30th & January 2nd.

Please note, pastoral staff will
be on call as needed

December & January WORSHIPS

Advent Worships	Sundays at 9:00am Wednesdays at 6:15pm
December 25	Worship at 9am; no coffee
December 28	No worship, meal or activities
January 1	Lessons & Carols Worship at 9am; No coffee
January 4	No worship, meal or activities
January 8	Worship, Coffee, Kids Connect
January 11	Wed programming resumes

Christmas Eve

WORSHIP

December 24

3:00PM 5:00PM

Carols-n-Cheer!

Sunday, December 4th
4:00-6:00pm
@ Bucks Mill Brewing

FAMILY FRIENDLY EVENT!
* WEAR YOUR CHRISTMAS SWEATERS! *

4:00pm - Fellowship and Food! Trinity will be providing delicious appetizers, treats and hot chocolate. Other 'cheer' and delicious Bucks Mills beverages will be available to purchase. Root beer and other non-alcoholic options are available.

~4:30pm - The singing begins! Whether you sing well or not...sing loud! There will be songs for everyone! Kid ones to the classics! All ages! There will also be a little bit of fun trivia in the mix too!

The best way to spread Christmas cheer is singing loud for all to hear!

**TRINITY'S
ANNUAL
MEETING**
January 22nd

**10am - Annual Meeting
with potluck to follow!**

*Bad weather makeup
date: Jan 29th*

*Annual reports due to
Teri by January 6th*



As we move more deeply into Advent, I wonder, what are you waiting for? So often we think about Advent as a countdown to Christmas, to Jesus being born that we forget that we are also waiting for Christ to arrive in our midst once again. Even this idea can seem abstract and mysterious. So many years have come and gone, seemingly with the prophecies going unfulfilled. We worry about end times predictions and being ready for the exact right moment. If I knew that Jesus was going to arrive tomorrow, I would definitely make different choices with my time and energy in order to be prepared. And at the same time, I am glad the day and time is not marked on the calendar. It gives me the opportunity to be preparing, even now. Because it's not so much about having everything in order or completed for Jesus to review, it's about acting now in ways that reveal Christ's presence among us here and now. Perhaps

there is a relationship that needs healing, or a community need that you are particularly called to fulfill, or a kind word that you can speak to bring hope or peace to someone, or an issue that can use your voice to amplify its message. Whatever it is, we don't have to wait. We can bear witness to the glimmers of light in the darkness as we watch for the Light of the World.

~Pastor Megan

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY

Donations Needed for the Kid's Advent Store - it's back!

Looking for all types of items, new or gently used for:

Men, Women, Kids, & Wrapping Supplies

Please bring all donations to the large storage room by Dec 5th - thanks!



Kid's Advent Store!

Saturday, December 10th
11:30am-2:00pm

Kid's can shop for their loved ones for only .25 cents a gift! Lunch included!

Sign up on Trinity's website,
www.trinitylutherandl.org
by December 7th



Youth Christmas Event

MIDDLE SCHOOL 6-8

December 18
5:00 - 6:30pm

HIGH SCHOOL 9-12

December 14
8:00 - 9:00pm

CONNECT KIDS SING

DECEMBER 11
Wednesday Connect Kids Sing

DECEMBER 14
Sunday Connect Kids Sing



* SUNDAYS: December 25 & January 1
NO Kids Connect

WEDNESDAYS: December 28 & January 4
NO Kids Connect, 6th Grade,
Confirmation, Meal or Worship

PROGRAMS RESUME JANUARY 8



Trinity Lutheran Church Council Minutes--Abbreviated - November 15, 2022, 6:30 PM

Members present: Doug Dunham , Kelly Gag, Dean Johnson, Leola Olson, Kristin Schiltz, Tim Siewert , Brent Gerber, Ross Gonitzke, Lori Velde , Pastor Megan (not an official member)

Call to order: Leola Olson 6:33pm

TLC Treasurer Report --Accepted as presented / TLC Council Secretary Report - Accepted with correction.

TLC Financial Report -- Accepted as presented •Discuss financial info presented in bulletin each week.

Committee Reports:

- TTT -- first meeting will be 11/16/2022

Pastor Megan's report to Council

She has been working on her sermon series for Christmas through Lent, researching models on how to be proactive vs reactive in regard to stewardship and more. Still busy getting to know people, teaching confirmation and her Relevance to Resonance project.

Unfinished Business: NONE

New Business

- 2023 budget including clarifications. Long discussion -- will continue at Dec. meeting.
- **MOTION: Lori/Brent** that we leave the staff CE amounts as is for 2023 budget, allow for rolling the unused CE funds for up to 3 years, and to reduce the Staff Travel budget for 2023 to \$3500. **PASSED.**
- **MOTION: Brent/Tim** to pay \$400 from the Thrivent designated fund to Christian Outreach for the Coat Give Away. **PASSED.**
- **MOTION: Doug/Kelly** to pay up to \$500 from the Thrivent designated fund to Worship and Music for Christmas decorations. **PASSED.**
- Date for 2023 Annual meeting as January 22 with January 29 as back-up date. A Potluck will be held after the meeting -- Service at 9:00, Meeting 10:05 or so, Potluck to follow.
- Council will meet in person in the winter, with a zoom link if needed.
- Shawn May to give temple talk November 27 -- building project, giving,

Next meeting: December 20, 2022 @ 6:30pm

- TIDBITS from Teri -

- ▶ **Volunteers are needed to help count the offerings on a rotating schedule.** Contact Roger Josephson!!
- ▶ **Are you interested in helping with the meals on Wednesday nights?** Contact Rachel Moen.
- ▶ **Heart O Lakes Harmony** presents, That Old Country Christmas on Sunday, December 11th at 3pm at the Pelican Rapids High School Auditorium. Our own Brent Gerber is the director and Greta will be a special guest!
- ▶ Hearing amplifiers and/or large print bulletins are available if you need them. Please ask the ushers.
- ▶ If you would like to have a listing of the birthdays each month, or a different part of the newsletter,

YOU DID IT! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!



Your generosity helped so many this November! We reached the goal of collecting 500 items for the Becker Food Pantry and in return we are also able to gift them \$1000!

We were also able to gift 27 households with a Thanksgiving meal through our basket project! Thank you!!

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE!

Please return your gifts to Trinity by Dec 7th
Thanks for making a difference to another this Christmas season!

For more information, contact Connie Wood at 218-234-5982.



FOOD, FUN & FELLOWSHIP!

is scheduled for...

Tuesday, December 20th
@ 11:30am

in Trinity's Fellowship Hall

ALL ARE WELCOME!

