



News & Activities



CAMP LUTHER REGISTRATION

Registration is now open for Camp Luther programs for the summer of 2019. Pick up program information in the narthex and register early. Remember that Trinity will provide scholarships of \$50 for weekend campers and \$100 for week long campers. If you or a friend has never been to Camp Luther, talk to Nancy Graun as we can likely send them to camp for free!

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS:

Please designate your 2019 Thrivent Choice Dollars to Trinity Lutheran Church. This designation must be done annually. Eligible members of Thrivent Financial may direct their Free Choice Dollars by going to www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice or call 1-800-THRIVENT and say "Thrivent Choice". For questions contact Candy Nau at 715-748-2160.

This year so far \$3080 has already been provided to Trinity Lutheran Church through this program.



Ladies Aid Mtg. January 9, 2019

Pastor, finished our Bible Study titled "Grace Upon Grace" from the Fall

Quarterly. We thank Pastor for the many years he has lead our Bible Studies. It is greatly appreciated. We wish him well in his new adventure. Julie volunteered to lead our Bible Study for next month. She chose "Shh! Peace. Be Still." from the Winter Quarterly.

President Sally J. called our meeting to order. Eight members were present. The Secretary's Minutes from Nov. were read. Sharon G. reported that we made \$373.10 on our Cookie Bake. Linda G. gave the Sunshine Fund report. A motion was made and seconded to accept all of the reports. A motion was made and seconded to give \$100.00 to each of the young people going to the National Youth Gathering from our Cookie Bake Sale profits. And \$100.00 in memorial to Mites for Mary Ann Leader.

Sally reported that she made 35 Christmas Bags up. The ones that were left over she took to the Food Bank. A \$50.00 Chamber Gift Card was given to Pastor and \$10.00 ones to the S.S. Teachers and Staff. A Thank You was passed around from Pastor.

The National Convention will be in Mobile, AL on June 20-23, 2019. Marilyn Mueller will be the delegate from the zone. She will be traveling with South Wisconsin District because of too many people for one bus and not enough for a second bus in North Wisconsin.

Marilyn suggested that we redo the funeral lists again this coming year. It was decided that each leader should call their people and see if they are still willing to serve. We will also put out a sign-up sheet to see if there are others who would like to serve.

Sally reported that the officers had met before the meeting to go over the booklet and will get it to the secretary to print. When they are ready, she will either put them in the mailboxes or pass them out at the next meeting.



February

Worship Assistants



February 3

Acolyte: Matthew Jiskra
Reader:
Jr. Ushers: Matthew Jiskra
Natasha Butt
Brier Ahlers

February 10

Acolyte: Cameron Rau
Reader: Nancy Liazuk
Jr. Ushers: Cameron Rau
Colton Dassow
Erica Brandner

February 17

Acolyte: Alex Rehbein
Reader:
Jr. Usher: Alex Rehbein
Hannah Fleegel
Naomi Fleegel

February 24

Acolyte: Kiarah Behling
Reader:
Jr. Usher: Kiarah Behling
Tanner Hruby
Dylan Maurer

Ushers: Richard Birkholz

Finance: Adam Mueller
Sharon Graun
Michael Graun

Altar Guild: Bev Zuleger
Sally Jensen



Upcoming Events

February & beyond



Food Collection



The Ladies Aid invites you to join them during the month of February as they collect pasta, sauces, and bean for the local food pantry

AMAZON SMILE

Those who regularly shop on Amazon are encouraged to begin shopping on: smile.amazon.com. Your shopping experience will be the same. However, you can choose Trinity as the recipient of the percentage donation that Amazon provides through this special program.

Altar Committee

Currently, we have two positions open on our Altar Committee for 2019. Current openings include one person for January and one person for December. If you would be willing to serve on our Altar Committee (setting up Communion, changing paraments), please contact Nancy Graun with your preferred month or for more information. Thank you.

THANK YOU

To all those who shared well wishes in a variety of ways, to those who prepared the Open House, to those who attended, and to those who have and are assisting with moving, we express our appreciation and thankfulness. Your outpouring of gratitude is very much appreciated. God bless you as you take the next step forward. Pastor, Nancy & family



Council Meeting Highlights

January 14, 2019

Special Services/Activities:

Old Business: A motion was approved to discontinue the Congregational Survey at this time.

New Business:

GAINS: Transfer In: Hunter Buehler from Our Savior's, Holoway

(Baptisms inadvertently omitted previously:)

Baptism: Phoenix Susannah Dake - June 2, 2018; Liam James Branowitz - June 2, 2018;

Connor James Blasel - June 17, 2018; Kenley Rose Allen - July 29, 2018; Maverick

James Dassow - August 11, 2018

An historical adjustment was made to our membership data so that our present membership as noted in the Council and Voter's agendas agrees with the entries in our CDM+ church data program. Membership as noted on our agendas: Present Membership: Baptized - 590 Communicant - 461

Historical adjusted membership: Present Membership: Baptized - 575 Communicant - 455

Pastor's Activity Report: (12/17 - 1/13) (Pastor on vacation for wedding 12/25 - 12/30)

Worship Services - 9; Hospital Visits - 0; Shut-in Visits - 4; Pastoral Care - 3; Teaching Activities - 4; Meetings - 3.

➤ Financial Glance ◀ December

<u>Total Income:</u>	18,830.52
<u>Restricted Use Income:</u> (Includes memorials, Brick by Brick, Gift Card Program, missions & other designated monies)	4,192.57
<u>Operating Income:</u> (All monies that can be used to offset operating expenses)	14,637.95
<u>Operating Expenses:</u>	10,155.57
Over/Under for Month	4,482.38

➤ Attendance Glance ◀ December/January

<u>Date</u>	<u>Total</u>
December 30.....	67
January 6.....	92
January 13.....	88
January 20.....	165

Average for Reported Sundays: 103
Average for Previous Report: 120

Members of Trinity Chelsea, and Trinity, Medford:

Greetings in the Name of our Lord and Savior – Christ Jesus! As of January 27, I have been asked to serve as your Vacancy Pastor. Pastor Jeppesen has been very helpful in providing information on the past mission and ministry of the two Trinity churches. On January 13, I met with some of the leadership of both congregations. They were very helpful in providing more information on the mission and ministry of the two congregations. I have been collating this information to see how we can continue mission and ministry together.

One of the challenges before us is getting to know each other relationally, which will depend upon communication. I ask for your help and assistance in letting me know your needs and concerns. I do not have ESP; therefore I cannot read your mind. The best form is to talk to one another in person. An alternative is to put it in writing. The least desirable is to tell it to others, thinking it will get through to whomever you want to know about it. Getting to know each other helps us relate and helps us to minister to each other's spiritual needs. Let us daily pray for each other and ask the Holy Spirit to show us His missions for us.

Let us also pray for the Holy Spirit's guidance and empowerment during this time of transition and the Call process. Thank you to each one of you for your participation and contribution to keeping the mission and ministry going. Let us trust that the Lord knows best regarding the timetable for the vacancy, and that He will bring it to resolution in His way and time.

Let us pray for Pastor Jeppesen, Nancy and his family, that the Lord will keep and guide them in this time of transition. We thank the Lord for their ministry in the past, and ask Him to show them their mission for the future.

Who am I? I have been a pastor for 46 years, married 47 years. My wife is Lois, a mother, grandmother, and former Parish Worker, organist, and active in LWML at Peace in Park Falls. We have a son, Timothy (sons Kristian & Gabriel) in Maple Grove, MN, and a daughter, Heidi (husband Leo, sons Samuel, Elliott and Jacob) in Wausau, WI. Lois grew up in Cleveland, Ohio; I grew up in the Wausau area. I graduated from Trinity Lutheran School in Wausau, Concordia High School and Jr. College in Milwaukee, Sr. College in Fort Wayne, IN, and Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, MO. Between calls and vacancies, I have served 20 congregations, served as Circuit Counselor/Visitor, and LWML Speaker. My hobbies are reading, cars, hunting, forest management, classic DVD & CD collector.

In the Lord's, Service,

Rev. Gary Lodholz