

The

Parish Perspective

Trinity Lutheran Church

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From our Council

President's Update

Greetings Members of Trinity,

After a year of transition, our congregation is moving into the new decade with new energy and hope for the future. We are welcoming 2020 with lots of plans and ideas too! It's time to give the inside of our church "a facelift" to reflect our vitality and God's goodness. We plan to begin with the storage areas, which many of us recognize as overdue for some attention and reorganization. Starting on Thursday, February 27, and continuing throughout Friday, February 28, and hopefully done by noon on Saturday, February 29. All committees should have at least one representative at the church—both to help organize and to ensure that items used by the committee are kept and classified properly. A dumpster will be available to dispose of any items that are no longer needed and/or functioning. Hope to see you there!



Marc Jacobson

Building upgrades will be start sometime this spring—including new paint, new furniture, and refreshed cabinetry. If anyone has some thoughts or ideas on other improvements, please email them to me at marc.jacobson@midco.com and I will share them with the Council.

Newly elected to the church council is Annie Savage and Cortney Mongeon, and representing our congregation as synod delegates will be Larry Kounkel and Gary Nelson. The budget was also approved at the annual meeting at the end of January. I want to thank Steve Fuchs and Cory Kosloske for serving on the Church Council as their terms have concluded. Both have shared some great ideas and their input is always welcome.

As many of you know, we are still trying to fill the office positions and the Personnel Committee is hoping to return to full staff shortly. I want to thank everyone who has offered and volunteered to help us out in the office during this time. Trinity is blessed to have all of you!

God Bless, Marc Jacobson

Office Help Wanted

Do you know someone who only wants to work a few days a week? Or only work half days?

Trinity is looking for a couple of persons to work in the office. Good hourly wage. Reasonably flexible schedule. Part-time. Training provided. Interested individuals may go to our website tlcmonticello.org for a complete job description and more details.



New Staff Members—Mark Mongeon, Paul Fallon

Trinity has two new custodians on staff.

Both are employed part-time, started January 1 and have been alternating weekly duties. As members of Trinity, they have a vested interest in the functioning and cleanliness of our facility.

If your group does not have a key, please contact the office ahead of your meeting to make arrangements.

Welcome Paul and Mark.



Children, Youth, and Family

Confirmation Servanthood Project

As part of the current Confirmation curriculum, students are encouraged to complete 10 hours of service within the congregation and out in the community. Several evenings throughout the year are designated as “service nights”.

At the end of January, students visited the Monticello Help Center (aka Food Shelf) to learn about the needs in Monticello and the surrounding areas. Lars Carlson, the director, shared how frequently the food shelf is utilized and how a variety of needs are met by this resource. He said that sometimes people just need a little assistance to make it to the next payday, while others have greater needs. A job loss or illness could cause what he termed “food insecurity”—individuals and families uncertain of the source of their next meal. Lars stressed that donations of goods are appreciated and volunteers are always welcome.

Food is not the only assistance offered at the Help Center. Clothing and personal hygiene products are also available. As an act of service, students sorted clothes and organized the racks of apparel and shoes during the hour visit.



Spotlight—*In the World, not of the World*

On almost any winter Saturday, Trinity member and high school senior Victoria (Tori) Brandt can be found using her God-given intelligence as she competes on the Monticello Knowledge Bowl team. Sometimes called KB or QuizBowl, scholarly students answer a variety of questions, like “What is the term for a regional dialect expression?” (colloquialism) or “Almonds, pecans, cashews, and walnuts are the seeds of fruits classified as *what?*” (drupes). These intense weekly trivia competitions are held throughout the state, and spectators are welcome. Pastor Amy caught Tori a few weeks ago. The next meet is at Elk River High School on February 22.



Children, Youth, and Family



Scout Sunday Celebration on February 16

In an effort to continue to uphold the 12th point of the Scout law, "A Scout is Reverent," the Scouts at Trinity helped as ushers and communion assistants during worship. Here are a few photos from the morning. Thank you Scouts!



"What is Baptism?" Class scheduled for April 15

By water and the Word, the church formally welcomes children and adults into the family of God, during regular worship. The most recent baptism at Trinity occurred this past month.

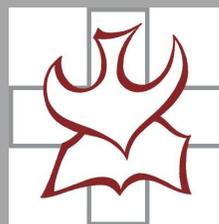
But what about those promises that parents and sponsors make in front of everyone? What is available to parents to educate themselves and their children or grandchildren? Come find out on April 15 from 5:00-6:00 pm.

God's Angels

Valentine's Day Extravaganza

♥ Parents' Night Out ♥

was held the evening of February 14, 2020



CONFIRMATION

Grades 7,8,9

UPCOMING LESSONS

February 19 - The Resurrection of Christ —and Us

February 26—NO CLASS—Ash Wednesday

March 4—Lenten Supper*, Worship, Small Groups

** Come to help prep at 5:30 pm, stay to serve*

February 2020

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 9:00 Worship Holy Communion 10:00 Fellowship Sunday School 10:00 Social Ministry 2:00 Iglesia Shalom	3 5:30 Refit Class 7:00 Men's Group	4 9:00 Bible Study 2:00 Welcome / Outreach 5:30 Refit Class	5 9:00 Faithfully Fit 6:00 Brownies 7:00 7th,8th,9th Confirmation	6 1:00 Ruth Circle (off-site) 5:30 Refit Class 6:00 Trinity Choir 6:00-7:00 Scouts	7 <i>Office Closed</i> 5:00 Iglesia Shalom	8 7:45 Refit 5:00 Iglesia Shalom Service
9 9:00 Worship 10:00 Fellowship Sunday School 10:00 Worship/ Music Mtg 2:00 Iglesia Shalom	10 5:00 Finance Cmte 5:30 Refit Class	11 9:00 Bible Study 5:30 Refit Class 7:00 Church Council	12 9:00 Faithfully Fit 1:30 Rebecca Circle 6:00 Brownies 7:00 7th, 8th, 9th Confirmation	13 12:00 Monticello Ministerium off-site 5:30 Refit Class 6:00 Trinity Choir 6:00-7:00 Scouts	14 <i>Office Closed</i> 5:00 Iglesia Shalom 6:00 God's Angels Valentine Party	15 7:45 Refit Class 5:00 Iglesia Shalom Service
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23 9:00 Worship 10:00 Fellowship Sunday School 2:00 Iglesia Shalom Service	24 5:30 Refit Class	25 9:00 Bible Study 2:30 Care Center Worship 5:30 Refit Class	26 ASH WEDNESDAY 9:00 Faithfully Fit 1:30 St. Ben's Worship 6:00 Brownies 6:15 Soup Supper 7:00 Worship No Confirmation	27 Congregational Cleanup Day 5:30 Refit Class 6:00-7:00 Scouts 6:00 Trinity Choir	28 Congregational Cleanup Day <i>Office Closed</i> 5:00 Iglesia Shalom	29 Congregational Cleanup until noon 7:45 Refit Class 5:00 Iglesia Shalom Service

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please keep these members, friends, family members, and community residents in your prayers this month.

Karen Wickline
 Joan Rohloff
 Rebecca Florek
 Becky Grabski
 Ki Orre
 Lance Gubrud
 Loyal Dudley
 Denny Holker

Merilee Heuchert
 Larry Peterson
 Jim Thorpe
 Barb Thorpe
 Sara Freiday
 Natalie Myrick
 James Given
 Nancy Axelson

Buddy Kalpin
 Jack Hansen
 David Grimes
 Sue Yeazle
 Mary Zieman
 Tom Merchlewicz
 Gene Decker
 June Bluhm

Brian Groff
 Amber Cruser
 Shirley Smith
 Tammi Johnson
 Debbie Hale
 Vern Florek
 and Trinity Lutheran Church

Worship and Music

Biblical Characters Come to Life During Wednesday Lenten Services

“Actors” wanted—are you dramatic? Do you like to be in costume and take on a persona? Consider bringing a Biblical character to life as you read a script “on stage”. Male and female roles. Eve. Judas. Peter. Pilate. The Thief’s Mother. Who else may appear? Maybe Caiaphas. Maybe Barabbas.

- One week commitment. New character every week. Script provided.
- Costume provided or come with your own.
- No memorization (unless you really want to, that is NOT the intent). Read through the script at home, and then with Pastor Amy on Sunday after church and before the Wednesday meal.

Confirmation students receive 5 hours of “service hours” credit for portraying a character.

Ash Wednesday—February 26

A traditional service with Holy Communion and imposition of Ashes will be held at 7:00 pm. All are welcome to join us for a soup supper before the service beginning at 6:15 pm. This week’s soup choices are Beef Barley and Bacon Baked Potato Chowder. Confirmation students will help with setup and serving. Donations of desserts are requested by 6:00 pm, if at all possible.

Wednesday Schedule for Lent

Lent is a season of contemplation and self-reflection. Each Wednesday worship a dramatic presentation will replace the message as Trinity explores new aspects of the biblical story.

March 4, 11, 18, 25, and April 1 will be as follows:

- 6:15-6:55 pm — *Soup suppers by Chefs Larry & grandson, served by the Confirmation students*
- 7:00 to 7:40 pm — *Lenten Wednesday Worship with song, scripture, and drama (no “sermon”)*
- 7:40 to 8:10pm — *Confirmation Small Groups*

Handbell Group To Lead Worship on March 15

We look forward to having Zion Lutheran’s youth handbell choir, “Class Ring” in worship on March 15. The group of 6th-12th graders are directed by Sherilyn Burgdorf and Jason Chalupnik. Mark your calendars! You won’t want to miss this very special worship.



Social Ministry



Fair Trade encompasses more than just coffee! Look for it at your coffee shop and grocery store as well. Or buy Fair Trade coffee, tea and chocolate right here at Trinity!

Buying fair trade goods allows farmers to not only feed their families but educate their children.

monticello HELP CENTER

food. help. hope.

Most Needed Items in February & March

- Bar soap (full size)
- Toothbrushes

Plus, cash donations. For every \$1 someone donates to the Monticello Help Center, they are able to provide over \$10 worth of food and personal care items to those struggling.

BINGO Can be More Than a Game—it Can be a Ministry of Presence & Goodwill

Social Ministry made a visit to the Monticello Care Center on the afternoon of Saturday, February 1. Committee members helped those who wanted to play BINGO to the dining hall. Bringing little prizes along, members and residents enjoyed chatting and playing BINGO together.

The residents certainly seemed to appreciate Stella, our young honorary member. Stella accompanied her mom, Jenny, and others to hand out our handcrafted Valentine wreaths—hanging them on doors, or on walkers—to brighten the rooms and hallways. Prizes were also handed out by Stella and she did an amazing job, making sure every winner got a quarter. Stella presented extras to the staff, which brought smiles to them as well. It was cold outside, but it warmed our hearts to spread some happiness to delightful seniors.



Trinity Tidbits

Temporary Office Help Wanted

Are you a “people person”? Do you have a clear voice? Do you have a spare afternoon? Or two? Pastor Amy is looking for a couple of office volunteers—mainly to answer phones, receive packages, proofread, and greet persons (at the desk) for a few weeks. If you are interested in helping out a bit more, with bulletins and such, it would be most appreciated. Training provided. The Personnel Committee continues to interview applicants for part-time office positions and hopes to have someone in place soon. Thank you to Annie and Karen who have already said, “yes!” to some office tasks.

Altar Guild Volunteer Opportunity

The Trinity Worship and Music Committee is looking for 1 or 2 individuals to help change the altar and pulpit paraments for the various church seasons. The time commitment is minimal—15-20 minutes per month. Contact Linda Anderson at 763-295-4880 or the church office if you can help.

Congregational Clean-Up Days

February 27, 28, 29

Spring Cleaning?! Yes, spring cleaning at the church building! Scheduled for Thursday through Saturday, February 27-29, 2020, the Council is leading All-Congregation Clean Up Days—evenings too! Plan to spend a few hours at church during this time.

- There are closets and storage rooms in need of organization, and rooms that need a good scrubbing.
- All participants are encouraged to wear comfortable clothing that can get dirty.
- Confirmation students will earn service hours.
- Start times will announced in worship.

There are random items throughout the building that may be yours. These may have ended up at church for one reason or another. If so, please take them home. If they should stay at church, mark your items with your name, contact information, and purpose for the items. Items not marked may be discarded. The church council has arranged for a dumpster.

Several persons have already started to clean up specific areas. See the picture to the right. Thanks to Marilyn Stickfort and Judy Harn for getting a head start on the kitchen supplies and storage room.



DID YOU KNOW? With privacy laws such as HIPPA, churches are no longer notified of a congregants' hospitalization or accident. PLEASE contact Pastor Amy or the office to be added to the prayer list or arrange for a pastoral visit if you are hospitalized or are anticipating a hospitalization.

Trinity Tidbits

Monticello Community Blood Drive

Wednesday, February 19, 2020—1:00 pm to 7:00 pm

The Red Cross is in dire need of blood, due to the influenza and coronavirus outbreaks, and inclement weather reducing donations. Consider donating please.

Community Center Gym—505 Walnut Street

Appointment/Info: Call 1-800-RED CROSS (733-2767) or visit Red-CrossBlood.org —enter Sponsor Code: Monticello Community



Thank you, from the CentraCare Health Monticello Volunteer Auxiliary

Meal Support for the Crusier Family

Offering care in time of need has always been a Christian value. One time-honored way to reach out and show care is to provide a meal to individuals or families experiencing a crisis or a life change.

If you are interested in helping the Crusier family while Amber receives cancer treatment, sign up at this website <https://mealtrain.com/o6w601>.



Men's Group

1st & 3rd Mondays—7:00 pm
Church Library

All are invited to join us for weekly videos and lively conversation. Bring a friend or neighbor.

*The current study is on the Book of Revelation.
Come with your questions*

thank you 😊

to all at Trinity Lutheran who receive this newsletter via email. You reduce time and costs associated with producing it—including postage, paper, and ink. Plus you see the color version.

Not yet doing so? Please consider it! Contact the church office and have your name and email added to the congregational email listing.



CONTACTS

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Paul Fallon, Custodian	763-489-8678 cell
<i>Mark Mongeon, Custodian</i>	Call Paul
Karen Torbit, Office Asst	443-791-2054

OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Thursday 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

~ Bible Verse of the Month ~

Beloved, let us love one another,
because love is from God;
everyone who loves is born of
God and knows God. 1 John 4:7



Sunday Schedule

9:00 am Worship

Treats & Conversation following Worship Service

10:00 am Sunday School

Ash Wednesday

February 26 7:00 pm

Holy Communion & Imposition of Ashes

Weekly Wednesday Schedule in March

7:00 pm Worship (with dramas)

Soup Supper before Worship Service at 6:15 pm

Confirmation small groups after Worship until 8:15 pm

Inviting ... Igniting ... Exciting