



Trinity Lutheran Church
Trinity Connections Newsletter

A Message from Pastor Mike:

"You shall put these words of mine in your heart and soul,... teach them to your children, talking about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when your rise."

- Deuteronomy 11:18a, 19

"How is your faith?"

- President George W. Bush

"How is your faith?" It's a question President George W. Bush famously asked at Bible studies and prayer breakfasts. David Gregory, a Sunday morning political pundit, was also asked that question not long before he lost his TV job. Whether it was the president's question or his employment crisis, the question got him thinking about his own faith, and he wrote a book by the same name.

How is your faith, today? Would you call it white hot and passionate? Would you call it vibrant? Or maybe it's full of questions. Or maybe you're wondering if God is even listening to your prayers. Or maybe, like one of the churches in Revelation, it's lukewarm. You're kind of going through the motions. Or maybe faith doesn't really come up in your Monday through Saturday life very much.

How is your faith today? An even more interesting and important question is, "What would you like your faith to be like in the future?" And if it's different than where you are today, how do you get from where you are to where you want to be in your faith?

I would hope we all desire a more vibrant, lifegiving faith that informs the choices and decisions we make every day and that carries us through our difficult times. I can't say I'm there very often. Can you?

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 10th. I can't think of a better time to work on our faith. It begins that evening with ashes, and hearing the bad news that none of us are getting out of here alive, "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return." It's kind of a kick in the head, but it helps me begin to reset my priorities. Most of what I think is important at any given moment doesn't really deserve to be.

You and I are dust. The good news on Ash Wednesday is, we are dust that our Lord loves. That's a good place to begin. We have 40 days to explore what it means to be dust that our Lord loves. 40 days to re-prioritize our lives and work on our faith. 40 days to get ready for a resurrection that explodes what it means to be dust.

The journey begins in the wilderness (Feb. 14). Jesus battles Satan and the temptations we all experience to do things our way rather than God's way. On Feb 21 we hear Jesus grieve over his rebellious people whom he would love to gather together like a hen gathers her chicks, but the people were not interested. Why would they ignore their Lord? On Feb. 28 we hear about the random tragedies that always shake us up, and find that deep relationship with our Lord is the only anchor that can hold us when the storms come. On March 6 Jesus tells the story of the extravagant love of the Father for both his prodigal sons. On March 13 we see a woman who experienced Jesus' love and is moved to extravagant thanks. Then comes Holy Week when we journey with Jesus to Jerusalem, a horrible cross, and a surprise that turns our grief to joy.

How is your faith today? What would you like your faith to be like in the future? This Lent, rather than give something up, let's join together in prayer, study, and conversation for 40 days of growing our faith.

~Pastor Mike

Quilting Corner

The sheets that are donated are used as backs on Lutheran World Relief quilts. A twin flat sheet is the perfect size, however all sheets donated are used to make LWR quilts. The larger sheets are cut for backs and for quilt blocks that makes up the pieced top.

The next date for tying quilts will be February 22nd @ 9 am in the quilting room. All are welcome.

LUTHER POINT BIBLE CAMP SUMMER SCHEDULE IS ONLINE! From guitar camp to canoe trips, from servant projects to drama camp, there's something for everybody!

Pick up a brochure on the front door display or go to www.lutherpoint.org to see what weeks are available and to register.

Remember: All Trinity members receive Trinity's camp association member discount of \$55 plus a \$100 Trinity Youth campership. Luther Point & Trinity believe everyone should be able to go to camp, regardless of their ability to pay. Full camperships are available! Apply on the LPBC website or contact Pastor Mike.

Luther Point's mission is "Forming Faith, Pointing to Christ." Remember how Bible camp inspired and molded you? Don't miss this opportunity to give your child a faith forming outdoor ministry experience!

Luther Point News

February 2016



Greetings from Luther Point-- Mark Peters, Executive Director

This Summer, Campers will be Learning About "The Jesus Way"

"Therefore, be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us." --Ephesians 5:1-2

We are called to follow Jesus and live like him - which is not always easy. We must be active disciples, watching Jesus, listening, learning, and of course, doing. Jesus tells us that we must take up our cross and be followers of him through love and service. In 2016, campers will learn to trust in God's promise as we feed, forgive, love, serve, and pray.

We are Looking for Qualified Summer Staff Members

Applications are now online for summer positions. If you know anyone that has a passion for God and might enjoy the opportunity to help hundreds of youth grow in their faith journey, encourage them to look into working at Luther Point. We are seeking college-aged counselors to be faith role models for the youth from your church and every camper that comes here. More information can be found under the "About Luther Point" tab at lutherpoint.org.

B.U.D.D.I.E.S is Another way to Help Serve God at Luther Point

This is a program where high-schoolers can come to camp, free of charge, for two weeks helping out with different jobs around camp while still getting to take part in games, worship, and Bible studies. B.U.D.D.I.E.S. will learn first-hand what it means to serve others as Christ did and will be learning leadership skills along the way. Applications must be filled out for consideration and can be found on our website.

Mark Your Calendars and Sign Up for Weekend Retreats When Registration Opens

Our 2016 LPBC Newsletter is posted at www.lutherpoint.org

Don't Forget...

- Early Bird Discount applies to any registration before April 1
- Contact our office if you would like Luther Point staff to come out and run your summer VBS program
- We still have available dates for you to schedule a retreat in our lakeside cabins or retreat center
- Elementary and Junior High Weekend Camp will be April 1-2. Visit our website for more info.

Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Luther Point Bible Camp Association will be held on Saturday, February 27, 2016 at 9 am. The Board of Directors and Executive Staff made the decision to move the Annual Meeting from October to February in order to fully attend to business matters; such as completing a full audit of the organization, re-develop accounting practices, and present a completed schedule for Summer Camp 2016.

As an Association, it is vitally important to have all member congregations participate in the Annual Meeting.

Please plan to join us!

THE ANNUAL SYNOD WALKING TOGETHER EVENT

is Sat. March 12 at UW-Eau Claire. Participants will have a choice of over 50 workshops led by congregations in our synod. Come get some great ideas, see what's working in other places, and how they do it! Cost is \$15. Call the church office if you'd like to attend.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL UPDATE

| 2015 <u>Date</u> | <u>Offerings Received</u> | <u>Weekly Ministry Planned Spending</u> | <u>Above (Below) Planned Spending</u> |
|---------------------|---------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|
| 1/1-12/16 | \$134,677 | \$171,150 | (-\$36,473) |
| Dec. 20 | 2,118 | 3,423 | (-1,305) |
| Dec. 24 | 2,365 | | 2,365 |
| Dec. 27 | 1,217 | 3,423 | (-2,206) |
| TOTAL | \$140,377 | \$177,996 | (-37,619) |
| 2016 <u>Date</u> | <u>Offerings Received</u> | <u>Weekly Ministry Planned Spending</u> | <u>Above (Below) Planned Spending</u> |
| Jan. 3 | 4,066 | 3,423 | 643 |
| Jan. 10 | 1,029 | 3,423 | (-2,394) |
| Jan. 17 | 2,550 | 3,423 | (-873) |
| Simply Giving | 2,635 | | 2,635 |
| TOTAL | \$10,280 | \$10,269 | \$11 |

Thank you for all the ways you give to God through Trinity and the ministries we do together!

CONFIRMATION WEEKEND AT LUTHER POINT is April 1-2. From 7PM Friday to 7PM Sat. there will be games, songs, climbing on the challenge course, meeting new friends & old, and lots more. The cost includes transportation, all meals, lodging, and program. Register with Pastor Mike.

Join us on Sunday, March 13th after worship as we are going to make assorted greeting cards for members to use for shut-ins, get well, holidays and visitors. Get your creative juices flowing!! See Deb Henry for more details!



1st COMMUNION CLASSES for 4th-8th grade students (who have not yet attended) and their parents are on Sundays, beginning Feb. 14th at 10:30 a.m. in the Great Room. The goal of the 5 week course is for students to receive their 1st Communion on Maundy Thursday, March 24th. Please keep the students in your prayers as they take this important step in their faith journeys.

2nd Annual Ecumenical Celebration of Music

THE 3rd ANNUAL HAMMOND-ROBERTS ECUMENICAL CELEBRATION OF MUSIC will be held at Trinity at 3PM on Sunday, April 17th. Each congregation will share a couple of musical pieces followed by mass choir of all participants and coffee fellowship. Free will donations will go to the Good Samaritan Fund.

THE LUTHER POINT BIBLE CAMP ANNUAL MEETING is Sat. Feb. 27th beginning at 9:00 a.m. Come enjoy a day at camp and help Luther Point make decisions about its ministries in the coming years! Please call Pastor Mike if you'd like to attend.

Hearts on Fire Chili Cook-off



THE ANNUAL HEARTS-ON-FIRE CHILI COOK-OFF was Sun. Jan. 31st immediately following Trinity's annual congregational meeting. People shared a wide variety of chilis, and voted on their favorites. Thanks to Kirk Lyksett for organizing the cook-off, to the judges, and to all who provided chilis!

5th & 6th GRADE WEEKEND CAMP AT LUTHER POINT is April 1-2.

From 7PM Friday to 7PM Sat. there will be games, songs, climbing on the challenge course, meeting new friends & old, and lots more. The cost is only \$60. Register at www.lutherpoint.org.

“Love is a deep unity, maintained by the will and deliberately strengthened by habit; reinforced by the grace which both partners ask and receive from God.” – C.S. Lewis

Special Dates:

- Feb. 2: Groundhog’s Day
- Feb. 10: Ash Wednesday
- Feb. 14: Valentine’s Day
- Feb. 15: President’s Day

REMINDER: 2016 Offering Envelopes will be mailed to your home every other month. Please notify the church office if you have not received a packet of offering envelopes.

Adult Small Groups

SEVERAL ADULT SMALL GROUPS ARE MEETING and growing in faith together. They study the Bible, engage in lively and caring conversations, pray, and serve together.

The groups' meeting times are:

- MOMs Group** - Monday mornings at 9:00 a.m. in the Fireside Room. Facilitated by Jamie McCulloch & Becky Fowler
- Hope Study** - 2nd Thursday of the month at 9:30 a.m. in the Fireside Room, using the WELCA "Gather" Bible study. Facilitated by Pastor Mike.
- Jumpstart** - 2nd & 4th Wednesdays of the month at 9AM in Trinity's Library, using various Bible studies. Facilitated by Vera Grant.
- Yadda, Yadda Prayer Group** - Wed mornings at 11:00 a.m. in Trinity's Library.

Bulletin Sponsors

- Feb. 7th BULLETIN:::: Happy Birthday Carl Moll from Mom and Dad, Lauren, Livvie and Claire
- Feb. 10th BULLETIN::::
- Feb. 14th BULLETIN::::
- Feb. 21th BULLETIN:::: Missing family and friends at Trinity. God’s Blessings, Roger and June Lindquist
- Feb. 28th BULLETIN::::



2016 Bulletin Sponsors

Betty Johnson is looking for bulletin sponsors!
They are still only \$8!
See Betty at Church or email her at alsgal63@baldwin-telecom.net.

T-Shirts For Sale!



Show your Trinity Pride!

Get your Trinity T-shirt NOW!
Sizes are: Adult small to 3XL
Cost is \$12.00
Contact Deb Henry to purchase or fill out the order form at church!
Proceeds will go to the Sign Marque fund!



Like Trinity Lutheran, Hammond, WI to get updates and photos of what is going on at church!

Food For the Poor

Did You Know??

FOOD FOR THE POOR is the largest international relief organization in the U.S.A? Since its founding in 1982, Food for the Poor has provided more than \$11 billion in aid and has built more than 100,000 housing units for destitute people in need of shelter. FFTP also drills wells for clean drinking water, provides medical care, educates children, provides skills training and micro-enterprise opportunities. More than 95% of all donations go directly to programs that help the poor. Thanks to Pastor Darrell Golnitz, a retired ELCA pastor, who shared the story of this ministry at Trinity on January 17th. Pick up a Food for the Poor offering envelope in the church office if you'd like to support this ministry.

Christ Jam

“JESUS TO THE RESCUE” IS THE THEME FOR CHRIST JAM, the Middle School Youth Gathering on Saturday, Feb. 27 at Bethany Lutheran Church in Rice Lake.

Planned and led by the Synod Youth Board (including Trinity's own McKenzie Collins, Christine & Sarah Pommerening), all NW Synod of WI middle school youth are invited to gather for an awesome day.

The cost is \$40 and includes transportation, Gathering program & workshops, T-shirt, and lunch. Call Sarah Pommerening if you'd like to attend.

Glory Gals Retreat



HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT THE GLORY GALS RETREAT? It's April 8-10, 2016 at Luther Park Bible Camp in Chetek, WI. Founded in 2013 by Molly Lee (from WWIB's Morning Show), the retreat is designed for a weekend of respite, fun, knowledge, and connecting with God in a new way for up to 200 women.

There will be singing, break-out sessions, speakers, videos, food, door prizes, and lots of laughter. The cost is \$140 with a \$50 deposit by Jan. 1, \$155 with a \$50 deposit by April 3. Learn more on Facebook: [facebook.com/wiglorygals](https://www.facebook.com/wiglorygals) or ask Jamie McCulloch about her experience with Glory Gals.

ITS LITTLE RED SHOVEL SEASON!



IT'S LITTLE RED SHOVEL SEASON AGAIN! In response to the tragedies we've experienced in our community in recent years, Trinity and Cross Lutheran's 2016 Little Red Shovel Charitable Giving Challenge donations will be designated for suicide awareness programs and mental health support for students at St. Croix Central Schools. Developed in collaboration with the SCC School District, all donations will be used for programs that are not included in school district funding and budget.



THE 6th ANNUAL TRINITY-ORVILLE OWENS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS will be awarded on June 12th during worship. Managed by Trinity's Endowment Committee, the Orville Owens Memorial Fund seeks to preserve and grow the principle, using a portion of the growth to do ministry outside the congregation's normal budget and according to the giver's wishes. Orville, a lifelong farmer, directed Trinity to use a portion of his gift to provide scholarships to students, especially those studying for agriculture related vocations.

Ministry Team Reports

Education – Kelly Browning, Chair



Hello Sunday School Families –

This past November the Sunday School packed 29 boxes for Operation Christmas Child. Those boxes were sent to Madagascar and Kenya. Shoebox gifts collected in the United States in 2015 were delivered to **121,320 children** in Madagascar and to **137,496 children** in Kenya. Madagascar has 23.8 million people and is located off the coast of Southeast Africa with 40% of the population is 14 years old or younger. Kenya has 45.9 million people and is located in East Africa with 42% of the population is 14 years old or younger. Our shoeboxes are just the first step to transforming a young life for eternity. Every shoebox gift delivered by Operation Christmas Child is a tangible expression of God’s love.

We will continue to collect items during the year along with shoeboxes for 2016, so if you have anything you want to donate or a shoebox that you want to contribute, please let me know. This is a great way for our children to learn about giving and the impact that these small gifts have for many children around the world.

We are currently learning about Baby Moses during Sunday School and will begin learning about Holy Week and Easter in February.

No Sunday School on February 28th.

God’s Blessings to all!
Trinity Sunday School Staff

Worship & Music – Wanda Johnson, Chair



This year Transfiguration Sunday is on February 7. The Transfiguration of Jesus is found in the Gospels. In these accounts, Jesus and three of his apostles go to a mountain Jesus begins to shine with bright rays of light. Then the prophets Moses and Elijah appear next to him and he speaks with them. Jesus is then called "Son" by a voice in the sky, assumed to be God the Father, as in the Baptism of Jesus.



The season of Lent is 40 days of preparation for Easter. The themes of Lent are baptism and penitence. Lent is the color purple for repentance. During Lent we have services on Wednesday evenings.

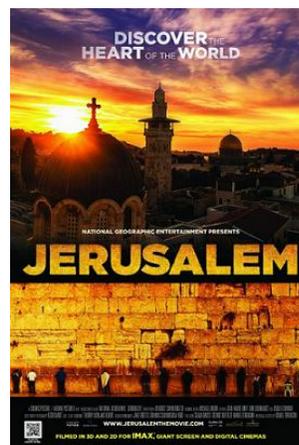
Trinity has Holden Evening Prayer with skits/puppets as part of worship. We place strips of cloths-our sin on the cross.



Ash Wednesday is observed on the first day of Lent. This year Ash Wednesday is February 10. The name is taken from ancient tradition of

placing ashes on the forehead of penitents. The ashes represent God’s condemnation of sin; human dependence on God for life; and humiliation and repentance. Ashes are also a reminder of death, for it is said as we are buried: “earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust.” The color of Ash Wednesday is black the same as the color of ashes, humiliation and mourning. The cross is draped in black.

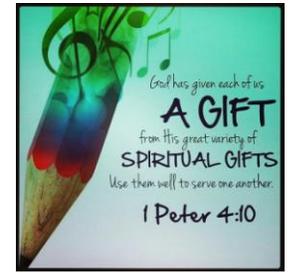
Fellowship – Deb Henry, Chair



Join us as we travel to the Science Museum of Minnesota for a showing of “Jerusalem” at the Omnitheater on February 28. We will be attending the 3:00pm showing. Tickets are \$8.00 for Adults and \$7.00 for children(4-12) and Seniors(60+). If you are interested, please sign-up on the sheet located on the Fellowship Counter. Questions?? Please see Deb Henry or Sarah Pommerening.

Stewardship – Marti Peterson, Chair

On February 7, 2016 Theme: "Pick Your Passion"
 This Valentine's Day designate a gift to support the ministry you love.
 How people make a difference at Trinity, linking people & gifts
 (2 Corinthians 8:1-4, 1 Peter 4:10)
 Story teller: Puppets



Lent Services

LENT BEGINS ON ASH WED. FEB. 10TH. Midweek worship will be at Trinity every Wed. in Lent. Youth will serve a free will offering supper each Wed. from 5:30-6:30. Come re-experience the story of our Lord's cross and resurrection through skits, music, and prayer.

LENT MIDWEEK SCHEDULE

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| Wed. Feb. 10 | 5-6:30 | Supper served by Youth |
| | 7:00 pm | Ash Wed. Worship with Imposition of Ashes & Communion |
| Wed. Feb. 17 | 5-6:30 | Supper served by Youth |
| | 7:00 pm | Lenten Worship |
| Wed. Feb. 25 | 5-6:30 | Supper served by Youth |
| | 7:00 pm | Lenten Worship |
| Wed. Mar. 2 | 5-6:30 | Supper served by Youth |
| | 7:00 pm | Lenten Worship |
| Wed. Mar. 9 | 5-6:30 | Supper served by Youth |
| | 7:00 pm | Lenten Worship |
| Wed. Mar. 16 | 5-6:30 | Supper served by Youth |
| | 7:00 pm | Lenten Worship |



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

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|-----------------------|-----------|---|
| Sun. Mar. 20 | 9:00 am | Palm/Passion Sunday Worship Procession with palms |
| Thurs. Mar. 24 | 7:00 pm | Maundy Thursday Worship 1st Communion |
| Friday Mar. 25 | 7:00 pm | Good Friday Worship Tenebrae Service |
| Sun. Mar. 27 | 6:30 am | Easter Sunrise Worship led by Youth |
| | 7:15-8:30 | Easter Breakfast |
| | 9:00 am | Easter Worship with Communion |

MENTORS WILL WORSHIP WITH CONFIRMATION STUDENTS DURING LENT. After worship they'll spend time reflecting on the worship service together, planning any other activities they may want to pursue, and getting to know each other better. Please keep Trinity's confirmation students and their mentors in your prayers as they journey together in faith.

CALLING ALL MOMS from all stages of motherhood to join us in a bible study, just for Moms!!! **SAMMYS Inc.** is a Christian non-profit organization that believes in working with local Christian churches to minister to moms in the community!

SAMMY's invites you to refuel your heart with genuine friendships and your soul with scriptural teachings. Are you in for learning about God, his plan for us as Mom's, meeting new Mom's, making amazing friends, and having your kids meet other cool kids? It is open to anyone, so if you know another mom.....please invite her to be a part of our group...

We are meeting on Monday mornings, through March 14th at 9am in Trinity Lutheran Church's Fireside Room. If you have any questions please contact Jamie McCulloch (themccullochs2008@gmail.com) or Becky Fowler (fowlerra@frontiernet.net). We look forward to you joining us in our motherhood journey.

Trinity Council
Trinity Lutheran Church Council Minutes
January 4, 2016

Present: Marti Peterson, Claire Yurek, Kelly Browning, Pastor Mike, Deb Henry, Sarah Pommerening, Darla Feyereisen, Kirk Hodnefield, Mark Iverson, Wanda Johnson. Absent: Autumn Afdahl, Jesse Matthews
 Kirk called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Pastor Mike led devotions.

Secretary's Report: The December 7, 2015 Council Minutes were reviewed.

Action: Motion by Claire approve; Marti second. Carried.

Treasurer's Report: Claire reported as of December 31, we had an ending balance of \$3,316.73. We sent \$200 benevolence to the Synod. We were able to move \$4,000 to the savings. Our offering's received exceeded the amount of expenses for the month. **Action:** Motion by Deb to approve; Mark second. Carried.

Building Fund Report: Claire reported the December deposit was \$2,420 about \$489 short of making the building payment. Motion by Deb to approve; Marti second. Carried

Old Business

Church Health Team Goals. Council prayer & Bible reading & Thank You Reports were collected.

Mutual Ministry Team. No Report.

2016 Comprehensive Ministry Review. (April 22-24, 2016) Pastor Mike is requesting the council chairs be available this weekend to meet with the Ministry Review team. Friday they will meet with Staff. Saturday they will meet with Council Chairs and Sunday they will attend service and meet with congregation members.

Narrative Budget. Pastor Mike talked about a narrative budget he was putting together with things that are happening around Trinity in ministry groups with budget money and percentages. He would like each council chair to bring the budget back to their teams and talk and come up with a list of wants and dreams and the cost. Please return your list to the church office by Sunday, Jan. 17th.

2016 Stewardship Drive. The "Estimate of Giving" forms are being put in the bulletins each Sunday during the month of January. The team is going to focus on Stewardship throughout the year instead of once or twice a year. Hoping it will help bring awareness to what is going on at church.

2015 Annual Reports Due January 6. As of meeting time, Sarah still needed: Stewardship, Worship & Music, Mission & Human Needs, WELCA and Youth Team reports.

Giving Kiosk. Up and running. Couple of bugs at beginning. It is located in the window by the church office.

Carpet Cleaning. Sarah reported a gentleman from StainBusters was coming Tuesday to give an estimate to clean the carpets in the Fellowship, Nursery, Fireside room and hallway.

New Business

Building Requests Received. Reviewed. (See Att. A)

2016 Housing Allowance- Claire filled out the Housing Allowance Designation form for Pastor Mike to designate \$25,000 as Pastor Mike's housing allowance. **Exhibit #1**

Nomination Committee update- Claire reported she is still looking for someone for Evangelism, Mission and Human Needs, and has someone interested in being Stewardship Chair.

Annual Meeting Plan- Claire was not sure if she was going to be able to be at the Annual meeting. Kirk said he would be there. The plan is to communicate through email to make sure things will be covered.

Winter Theological: (Feb. 14-15) Pastor Mike was requesting to be able to attend. The cost is about \$200. Motion by Kirk to approve; Deb Second. Motion Carried.

LPBC Annual Meeting: (Feb. 27) Pastor Mike is looking for 2 people to go as representatives from Trinity. Christ Jam(Middle School youth Gathering) is also that day.

New Parochial Report Questions: Pastor Mike asked the council what they thought of the questions. This report is a new part to the annual Parochial report that Sarah and Claire fill in to report back to the Synod. The Council felt we should survey the congregation. We will pick a Sunday to have the congregation fill out and give input.

Christmas Eve and Day Services: Christmas Eve is going to be on Saturday this year and Christmas Day falls on Sunday. Talked about having 2 services on Christmas Eve at 2 & 5 depending on Musician coverage. **Action:** Tabled until October meeting.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Mike reported there were 0 Baptisms, 0 Funerals, 0 Wedding and 25 Pastor visits for September. Christmas services 4:30 & 7:00. 160+ people attended the 4:30 service. About 60+ people attended the 7:00 Service. earlier services next year?? Wednesday Advent service attendance was about 50 each week. Skits were done by High School and Confirmation students. (Thanks!)

Working on Year end items, annual report, narrative budget.

January 17: Rev. Daryl Goltz from Food for the Poor will be here at the 9am service.

President's Report: Kirk reported he enjoyed Advent Services. He also reported the Giving Kiosk is up & running.

Committees:

Youth: Darla reported cookie baking went well and they were finished by 4pm on Saturday. The youth overnight is going to move from January to February this year due to scheduling conflicts.

Church Properties: Mark reported the furnace has been fixed and cleaned. We will need to see about borrowing a lift in February to replace ballast's in Sanctuary.

Mission & Human Needs: No Report.

Fellowship: Deb reported there was Cake for Sunday School Christmas program. She is working on the Directory, Chili cook off and there will be a Blood drive on Wednesday. January 13 from 12-6pm.

Evangelism: Sarah reported she has been working on Facebook and website.

Stewardship: Marti reported team is working on the stewardship drive and calendars were handed out as Stewardship is going to focus on something different each month with the help of other council chairs.

WELCA: No Report.

Worship & Music: Wanda reported her team is transitioning to Epiphany. Ash Wednesday is Feb. 10th. Lent is early this year. Her team met this past Sunday. We are good with musicians, she will be partnering with Pastor Mike for Easter plans and her team decided not to do a blooming cross this year, as there is not money for it in the budget. Sarah asked Wanda how much it would cost to do the blooming cross and she was going to let her know.

Education: Kelly reported the Christmas program went well. They had a movie the next Sunday. No Sunday School over Christmas break, Sunday School starts back this Sunday. The students will be learning about The Red Sea.

Communion Helpers

January 17: Claire, Marti

February 7: Kelly

TELLER VOLUNTEERS

January 10: Marti

January 17: Deb, Bob

January 24: Marti

January 31: Bob

Motion to adjourn by Claire, Deb second. Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

The gathering closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Next Meeting is Monday, February 1, 2016 at 7:00 pm at Trinity

Recorded by: Sarah Pommerening, Church Secretary

Approved by: Deb Henry

Subject to approval by full Council on February 1, 2016

Newsletter Mailing Options



Trinity would like to cut down on paper and postage costs by sending your newsletter via email. Starting this month, those who have specified wanting your newsletter sent via email will be receiving the November Newsletter electronically! This will help Trinity cut down on a lot of cost associated with printing and mailing the newsletters! Please contact Sarah at 715-796-2788 or email her at trinityhammond@centurytel.net with updated information! THANK YOU!!

Council Opportunities



IN NEED OF: An Evangelism Chairperson. If you know of someone who would be interested in this Ministry, please let Pastor Mike or a council member know.

Scholarship forms

TRINITY- ORVILLE OWENS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP in AGRICULTURAL STUDIES

APPLICATIONS are available on the Communication Corner at church (and one is included in this newsletter). There are a few changes for 2016.

- The \$1,000 TLC-Orville Owens Ag Scholarship is open to all students. Applications are due in the church office by March 18th.
- The Trinity Member Scholarship is now non-competitive, meaning all applicants who meet the criteria will receive a \$500 scholarship. Applications for the Trinity Member Scholarship will be available in April.

Completed TLC-Orville Owens Ag Scholarship applications, with letters of reference, are due in the church office by March 18th. Both the Ag and Trinity Member Scholarships will be awarded to students continuing their education at a 2 or 4 year college, university, or vocational school.

TRINITY-ORVILLE OWENS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FOR AGRICULTURAL STUDIES 2016 APPLICATION

I. Who is eligible for this scholarship?

Any individual planning to continue their education at any four year, two year, or vocational school in a field related to agriculture (Forestry, Ag Sciences, Mechanics, etc).

II. How do I apply for this scholarship?

Complete the application on reverse side and return it, along with two letters of reference from non-relatives, to the Trinity Lutheran Church Office **by March 18, 2016**. *At least one letter of reference should be from someone in the agricultural community.*

III. How are recipients selected?

- Recipient will be chosen by Trinity's scholarship selection team from the applications that are submitted.
- If the selection team is not satisfied with the applications, the scholarship will not be awarded that year.

IV. How are recipients notified?

Recipients will be notified via telephone. Certificate to be awarded at a time and place to be determined.

V. How and when do recipients receive scholarship money?

- Money will be awarded by Trinity Endowment Fund treasurer after recipient's successful completion of first semester of classes.
Recipient must submit proof of registration for the next semester classes and a copy of the first completed semester grades, grade average C or above. A check will then be issued to either the recipient or the school according to the recipient's choice.

Submit to: Trinity Endowment Fund Treasurer
Trinity Lutheran Church
1250 Broadway St., P.O. Box 68
Hammond, WI 54015

- Scholarship money must be used by June 1st of the year following the award.
- Amount of 2016 scholarship: \$1000

**ORVILLE OWENS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FOR AGRICULTURAL STUDIES
2016 APPLICATION**

Name: _____ Telephone Number: _____

Home Address: _____

Email: _____

Choice of program of study and/or school:

How do you feel your studies will impact the agricultural community?

Future plans and career goals (What do you see yourself doing in 10 years?):

Activities and areas of involvement (school, church, community):

Employment history:

Personal talents and leadership skills:

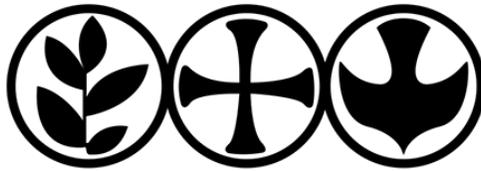
Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

(If you prefer, you may type your information on a separate page and attach to the application, along with any additional information you feel may be helpful to the selection committee.)

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