



FIRST TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Sunday Worship 10:00 A.M.

Sunday School 9:00 A.M.

Adult Bible Study 11:00 A.M.

Also find us on Facebook for updates and daily devotions.



**DISTRICT PRESIDENT
REV. RICHARD SNOW
TO VISIT JANUARY 17TH**

President Snow will also lead the Adult Bible Study on this day.



Remember Your Offerings

There are still some offering envelopes that have not been picked up at the Church. If you have not received your envelopes please contact Pastor Bobby or Dana Jeannoutot. There is also the opportunity for direct giving through the Lutheran Church Extension Fund; please contact the church office if you are interested in more information about this option of giving. Included in this newsletter is a copy of the 2018 Giving Report of monies designated to the General Fund for 2018.

Lifeline Screenings
will be held at First Trinity Lutheran
Church on February 28th



LET US REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS...

†Ray Lush, Bently Mlady, Marne Wearne, Sheri Edminson, Phyllis Doerr, Ronnie Beckmann, Dennis Woods, Joe Tangeman, Deb Sonnichsen, Tom Mischke, Betty Nielsen, Mike Houska, Kay Repenning, Don and Dorothy Benck & Brian Brewster.

†Our men and women who serve our country. (Quinten Moles, Autumn Bobby, Matthew Bobby Jr. and Terron McLean)

†Rev. Reinhardt, Greg Holz and family, John Wolf and family, Alexandria Rappe and Bibi.

†First Trinity Youth

†For the families of Donald "Shorty" Jessen

Sisters and brothers in Christ,



For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. 2 Corinthians 3:5.

Jesus is Lord. This seems like an obvious Christian truth, doesn't it? In fact, the confession Jesus is Lord exists as one of the most basic confessions of the Christian faith. Paul says as much in Romans 10:9: *if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.* Similarly, in 1 Corinthians, Paul states: *Therefore I want you to understand that...no one can say Jesus is Lord except in the Holy Spirit.* Jesus is Lord is the confession that saves. Jesus is Lord is the Spirit breathed words of the believer. Jesus is Lord. This is what Christians believe.

However, above in 2 Corinthians 3:5, Paul is pointing to this basic Christian truth not just as a saving confession; rather, he is utilizing this saving confession about what we believe about Jesus so as to make a crystal clear point as to what we also believe about ourselves. For if Jesus is indeed Lord, as we confess, then it undeniably follows that we are not Lords unto ourselves. And, if we are not the Lords unto ourselves, then we must fall under a different category, and that category is servant. Servants who have been called and redeemed to serve our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Moreover, we are not just servants of Jesus. No. As Paul says, we are servants of others for Jesus' sake. This means that our service to our Lord is not found in serving Christ directly—for Jesus is the kind of Lord who is in want of nothing. He is Lord of heaven and earth! Rather, our service to Christ is found in service to others for His sake. He has placed us in our time and place to serve Him by serving others.

So, fellow servants, let us stay true to our confession and, in doing so, be guided in our service to others for the sake of our Lord. For God does not need our good works but our neighbor does and we are their servants for the sake of Christ.

In Christ,

Pastor Bobby

The Lutheran Hour: February Programs

February 3 "Slow Solution"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

God's gift of eternal life through faith in Christ is not a quick fix. It's a slow solution to the hidden problem that separates us from God and each from other. (John 20:21)

February 10 "Where Heaven Meets Earth"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Hitting that snooze button may be doing more harm than good. It's time to stop spiritual snoozing and wake up. (John 3:1-21)

February 17 "Enter His Labor"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

What would you do if your Word was all-powerful? Jesus started a conversation with an outsider. (John 4:1-42)

February 24 "Not by Bread Alone"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

There is a spiritual hunger beyond food that is expressed in food. Jesus provides for both. (John 6:1-29)

Listen to the Lutheran Hour on Sundays:
on your computer: lhm.org or on the radio:

KBRX 102.9 FM at 12:30 P.M.
WJAG 780 A.M. at 12:30 P.M.
KTCH 1590 AM at 7:30 A.M.
KTIC 107.9 FM at 11:00 A.M.
KTIC 840 AM at 11:00 A.M.
WNAX 570 AM at 9:30 A.M.

Worship Attendants

Elder of the Month: Richard Eisenhauer

Greeters:

- 3 Josh & Laura Doerr
- 10 Dan & Sherril Repenning
- 17 Jason & Jackie Freeman
- 24 Jim & Renee Sazama

Readers:

- 3 Michael Vanness & Brooklyn Eisenhauer
- 10 Rod Repenning & Karen Sonder
- 17 Sharon Peters & Danelle Miller
- 24 Eric & Danelle Miller

Ushers:

- 3 Melanie Vanness, Jaidyn Warrior, Logan Doerr
Layne Warrior and Elders
- 10 Phil & Deb Nielsen, Todd & Tyson Sauser
- 17 Curt & Kay Vanness, Alan & Karen Sonder
- 24 Dan Hoppe, Tom Reicks, and Cole Miller

Board of Finance:

- 3 Nick Stelling & Stephen Schulz
- 10 Craig Erbst & Charles Yeager
- 17 Aaron Warrior & Allen Jeannotot
- 24 Nick Stelling & Stephen Schultz

Video Technicians:

- 3 Tom Reicks, Jill Doerr & Brynn Bargman/
Christian Schaefer
- 10 Melissa Lamprecht, Kyle Lamprecht & Grace
Kuchar/Colton Schaefer
- 17 Steve & Barb True & Charles Yeager
- 24 Richard & Bree Eisenhauer & Ian Kuchar

Acolytes:

- 3 Avery Bargman & Adeline Bobby
- 10 Owen Kuchar & Brock Jeannotot
- 17 Mackenzie Vanness & Jarrett Sauser
- 24 Vincent Vanness & Piper Stelling

***Thank you for your discipleship to the church.
If you are unable to be there on your week-
please find a replacement.***

ANDY GATES TO SPEAK ABOUT BETHESDA FEBRUARY 24TH

Andy Gates, LCMS deaconess, will be at First Trinity Lutheran Church on February 24th to share about her work through Bethesda. Bethesda is a national Christian non-profit organization that provides support services for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities at program locations across the United States to provide them with homes, careers, education and faith resources to live full and empowered lives. Please come listen as Andy shares her experiences with Bethesda and how you too can be a part of this great program.

RIPPLES OF KINDNESS

“I drop kindness pebbles in still water every day, and I watch the effect they have on other people’s lives. My favorite kindness pebbles are compliments. Drop a compliment and watch the ripple effect that it has in your life.”

Remarkably, these cheery words come from a father who has faced many dark, difficult days. In *6 Minutes Wrestling With Life*, John Passaro tells of his daughter’s heart-wrenching battle with meningitis. The struggles don’t make him bitter; rather, he frequently offers uplifting words on social media.

What if we followed Passaro’s example and complimented people regularly? Philippians 4:8 (NIV) instructs us to think about things that are noble, lovely, admirable, excellent and praiseworthy. By extension, turning those positive thoughts into words causes “kindness pebbles” to spread God’s light in ripples throughout someone’s day— and, doubtless, through ours.

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First Trinity Lutheran Church Quarterly Voter's Meeting held on January 13, 2019

Craig Vanness called the meeting to order and Pastor led in prayer.

- Secretary's Report was not available.
- Mission & Home Treasurer's Reports were presented in printed form. Danelle explained about some Mission funds being combined to accommodate a broader spectrum for some funds, and creating a "Parsonage Fund", as some money has been specified for the parsonage basement. Other funds will be combined as well and renamed. Motion to accept reports as presented by Alan Lemke, seconded by Todd Sauser. Motion carried.
- Elder's Report: Will be combined with other reports during the meeting.
- Trustee Report: The broken stand fan in the storage room will be tossed out to the trash. The owner of the house behind the church felt that the snow removal from behind the church left her with a ridge of snow behind her driveway. Purchasing plastic candle holders for Christmas Eve services was discussed, and options were presented. Discussion followed, and will be tabled until another meeting as there is no hurry to purchase these in the near future. The fellowship hall roof ridge needs to be replaced, this will be investigated further for more information and costs involved. A rough estimation for the basement parsonage to be fixed is \$8,000-9,000. There is money set aside for this project.
- Pastor's Report was presented in printed form. One note of importance is President Snow is coming to visit on 2/17/19.
- Stewardship: No report.
- Sunday School: Bridget reported that they are looking for new SS teachers at the start of the next school year. Some of the current teachers will not be resuming those duties in the fall. There will continue to be fundraising and activities done by those personnel, but they will not be teaching SS. Contact Pastor or an Elder if anyone is interested.
- Board of Finance: No report.
- Fair Stand: No report.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

- Election of new officers. The slate of officers presented was: Elders: Dan Hoppe and Mark Stelling; Trustee: Eric Miller; Board of Finance: Aaron Warrior and Stephen Schulz; Sunday School: Emily Lauck; Stewardship: Jackie Freeman; Financial Secretary: Ellen Freeman. There were no nominations or volunteers from the floor. Motion by Alan Lemke to accept this slate and approve as a whole, seconded by Phil Nielsen. Motion carried.
- Wages were discussed, and due to the financial standing of the church at the present time, the Elders have decided no pay increases will be given for this year. We will continue to participate in Pastor's HSA, however, not as fully as previous years. Some contributions will be made towards his student loans as well. Pastor appreciates this arrangement, and thanked the congregation for everything that is done for him and his family, as well as being allowed to take part in other work venues that he enjoys so much.
- Pastor asked about the annual donation to the Bloomfield Cares program. We donate every year, and he explained the criteria for those who request assistance. Motion by Sandy Kaiser to give the Bloomfield Cares program \$1,000 as we have in the past, seconded by Minnie Sauser. Motion carried. These funds will be taken from the Memorials fund in the Missions account.
- Pastor is looking into the sound system updates as there has been money given towards that project.
- Internet service has been sketchy at times, and Great Plains has been called numerous times to help get it usable. Great Plains personnel has provided Pastor with different service options they currently have available.
- The pictorial directory will be underway this fall. The committee will look into the pros and cons of LifeTouch services vs. Cory Loomis Photography. More information to come on that.

Motion to adjourn by Phil Nielsen and seconded by Leland Freeman. Motion carried.



With This Ring: Household Chores

Household Chores: Who will do what?

In the Word:

Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not men... Ephesians 6:7

Of the Word:

You've moved into your first home together, and it doesn't take long until the dishes, the laundry, and the yard all need attention. How will you decide who takes care of each of these responsibilities?

Consider beginning your discussion with how things were done when you were growing up and how they should be done now (since that impacts your view on who should do them). Be prepared to compromise (after all, no one really likes to clean toilets!!), and be flexible. You may need to renegotiate after trying it out for awhile. If you feel you are being put upon or left out, be honest as you share that with your spouse.

When finding it necessary to do one of the chores you particularly dislike, think about the words of the Apostle Paul: Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not men ... (Ephesians 6:7).

When you serve your spouse, you are truly serving God, showing love to both through your actions.

Walking with my Lord:

Dear Lord, thank You for all the material blessings You give to us. Help us to care not only for the things, but for the one with whom we share them. Teach us to serve You by serving one another. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Ladies Aid

NOTES & EVENTS

Ladies Aid Meeting-January 15, 2019; 2:00pm

Eight members were in attendance. The meeting was brought to order by Karen Stelling, acting president. Secretary, Karen Stelling read the minutes from the October meeting. They were approved as read. Treasurer's report was given by Sharon Peters. And filed for audit. Correspondences and thank you's were read.

Committee Reports were as follows:

- Orphan Grain Train: Members were not able to go in November. Planning to go Friday, January 18.
- Quilting: Several members met in December & January and completed several quilts. Anyone who like to help would be appreciated.
- Bereavement: Served the funerals of Luree Borsma, Phillis Schmeckpeper & Don Jessen.

Old Business:

- Karen Peters reported on the LWML Fall Gathering held in Bazile Mills in October. Four members attended.
- Members of Group 3 stated the kitchen was cleaned in October.

New Business:

- Sharon Peters reported that the microwave in the kitchen is not working. Motion was made by Marilyn True and seconded by Connie Nickels that a new one be purchased, motion carried. Sharon and Karen Peters will check Ace Hardware and purchased one.

Karen Peters led members in a Bible Study titled The Shepherd's Peace.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, February 19th at 2:00 p.m. Motion was made by Karen Peters to adjourned, seconded by Sharon. Motioned carried.

Karen Stelling, Secretary

RECENT OFFICAL ACTS

FTLC

January 9, 2019– Funeral for Donald Jessen (Rev. Glen Emery)

Quilt Tying will be held on Monday, **February 4th** at 9:00 a.m. Everyone is welcome!

Orphan Grain Train volunteers will leave at 8:30 a.m. on **Friday, February 15th** to assist with sorting and packing clothes at the Orphan Grain Train. More volunteers are needed for this great service project.



Leon & Rita Beckmann (45)	2/2
Aaron & Jessi Warrior (17)	2/14
Don & Shirley Schulz (61)	2/16
Dennis & Jill Doerr (23)	2/17
Kenneth & Norma Kumm (69)	2/26
Willis & Vernal Wilbeck (70)	2/28
Anthony & Renae Kauth (11)	2/28

THIS MONTH'S birthdays

Haley Eisenhauer	2/3	9
Raegan Ketelsen	2/4	8
Betty Nielsen	2/4	
Grace Poppe	2/4	3
Curtis Mackeprang	2/5	
Lance Freeman	2/6	
Laurel Rose	2/6	
Autumn Yonke	2/6	9
Joleen Kumm	2/7	
Conner Wilson	2/8	
Kelly Rose	2/11	
Marilyn True	2/11	
Bev Vanness	2/11	
Kristy Hanefeldt	2/12	
Doris Mackeprang	2/13	
Jeff Schmeckpeper	2/13	
Amanda Lehman	2/14	
Craig Erbst	2/15	
Jeff Holtz	2/15	
Clint Kauth	2/15	
Anthony Kauth	2/16	
Sherry Mach	2/17	
Quinn Eisenhauer	2/19	
Ruth Howder	2/20	
Casey Jeannoutot	2/20	13
Kyler Jensen	2/25	8
Renae Kauth	2/26	
Jessica Loseke	2/26	
Mark Stelling	2/26	
Elise Mackeprang	2/28	
Darrell Schuett	2/28	

Baptismal BIRTHDAYS

Debi Freeman	2/1
Gavin Hanson	2/1
Lori Houska	2/1
Bryon Schuett	2/1
Thomas Kolessa	2/3
Kris Vanness	2/5
Leon Beckmann	2/6
Skylynn Adams	2/7
Trevor Ketelsen	2/9
Trevin Scoggan	2/11
Dorothy Benck	2/15
Karen Sonder	2/16
Joleen Kumm	2/17
Kayla Eisenhauer	2/19
Richard Eisenhauer	2/19
Shirley Schulz	2/19
Layne Warrior	2/19
Steve Smith	2/21
Ty Alexander	2/22
David Eisenhauer	2/23
Kenna Ketelsen	2/23
Haley Eisenhauer	2/24
Bentley Allen	2/26
Evelyn Beckmann	2/26
Dennis Doerr	2/26
Roben Schmeckpeper	2/27

THANK YOU...

† To Alice Strom, Connie Nickels, Sharon Peters, Jean Bargman and Jim & Renee Sazama for assembling the newsletter each month.

† To the individuals and families that help with snow removal.

† To Beatrice Bobby for changing the church sign.

† To the ladies who work on quilts and the OGT volunteers who take them.

† To the individuals who are serving on the various church committees– the work you do for the church is greatly appreciated.

† Anyone who would like the opportunity to serve the Lord by volunteering their time can call the church at 373-4797.

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Important Dates To Remember:

February 3rd	Sunday	9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Communion Worship 11:00am Adult Bible Study & Fellowship
February 4th	Monday	9:00am Quilt Tying
February 6th	Wednesday	7:00pm Family Confirmation for 7-8
February 10th	Sunday	9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship 11:00am Adult Bible Study & Fellowship
February 12th	Tuesday	7:00pm Elders Meeting 8:00pm Board of Directors Meeting
February 13th	Wednesday	10:30am Communion at BGSC/Sunset View 4:00pm Confirmation for 7-8 7:00pm Family Confirmation 9-12
February 15th	Friday	8:30am Orphan Grain Train Volunteers
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February 19th	Tuesday	2:30pm Worship at BGSC
February 20th	Wednesday	2:00pm Ladies Aid Meeting 4:00pm Confirmation 7-8 5:30pm Family Pot Luck
February 24th	Sunday	7:00pm Youth Group 9-12 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship 11:00am Guest Speaker Andy Gates
February 26th	Tuesday	9:00am Volunteers Assemble Newsletter
February 27th	Wednesday	4:00pm Confirmation 7-8 7:00pm Youth Group 9-12
February 28th	Thursday	Lifeline Screenings

If you would like something in the newsletter please have it to the office by **12:00 pm on February 20th**
 Thank you!