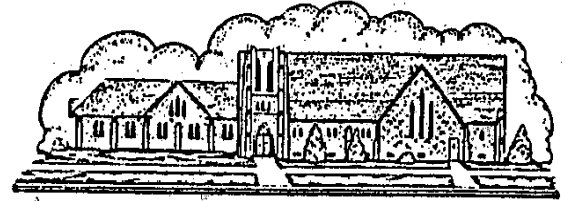


TRINITY NEWSLETTER



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Trinity Lutheran Church—ELCA—Bev McNeill, Associate in Ministry
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Dear Members of Trinity,

This month we will be celebrating "Friendship Sunday" on February 17th at both Holden and Trinity congregations. A great scholar once said, "What sweetness is left in life, if you take away friendship? Robbing life of friendship is like robbing the world of sun." Henry Ford said, "My best friend is the one who brings out the best in me."

So, we sing the words with meaning, "What a Friend We Have in Jesus." To each and every person with whom Jesus interacted with, He was able to offer life and joy in its fullness. John tells us, "I have come that they may have life, and have it to fullness." John 10:10.

An unknown writer wrote this quote and it reveals a great deal of wisdom, "Friends are the most important ingredient in the recipe of life." As an example Jesus was a friend to others and able to grasp what was not working in the person and always holding firm to his conviction of the Father's unconditional love. He showed those whom he came in contact with a new path that would give peace, joy and integrity. Jesus went far beyond to allow the inner beauty of the person to shine forth. He gave to each person time to listen, to heal and to comfort. Thus those who placed their trust in Jesus were able to return back to life of joy and renewed.

So I'm asking you to look around and see if there is someone in need of a friend. When you think of someone then go further and think of ways you can reach out to that person.

I'm encouraging you to invite someone to worship on February 17th. Wouldn't it be wonderful if each person invited someone and we filled the Church for Friendship Sunday? I also encourage the Sunday School students to invite a friend to Sunday School.

As we are reminded in John 15:13, "Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends. You are friends if you do what I command. I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his masters business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you.

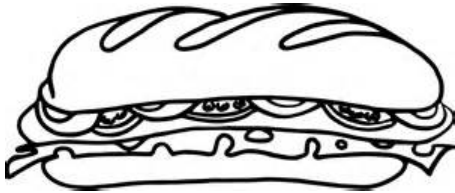
See you on Friendship Sunday. Remember to bring a friend so we can really celebrate the love of God in our presence.

Your friend in Christ,
Minister Bev

~~**REMINDER**~~

Trinity members...don't forget the online giving program, **Simply Giving.**
Information and enrolling at the church office or at the church website:
trinitylutheranclinton.net

SUPER BOWL SUNDAY



SUPER BOWL SUB SANDWICH

Check with a Youth Member for last minute orders!

Trinity 2019 Leadership

President: Josh Bohlen

Vice-Chair: Jodi Morrill

Secretary: Deb Maher

Council Members: Josh Bohlen, Chuck Folkens, Tyler Mack, Deb Maher, Kristi Moberg, Jodi Morrill, Kelly Stattelman,
**Randy Stotesbery, ** Haley Zimmerl

**New Council Members

**LUTHER CREST WINTER
RETREATS**

THEME: *God is the G.O.A.T.*

DATES: Grades 3-6 Feb. 8-10
Grades 8-10 Feb. 22-24

COST: \$110.00

Information posted on the
bulletin board.

Some Messages from the Bible

When in sorrow, read John 14.
When men fail you, read Psalm 27.
When you have sinned, read Psalm 51.
When you worry, read Matthew 6:19-34.
When you are in danger, read Psalm 91.
When you have the blues, read Psalm 34.
When God seems far away, read Psalm 139.
If you are discouraged, read Isaiah 40.
If you are lonely or fearful, read Psalm 23.
If you feel down and out, read Romans 8:38, 39.
If you need courage, read Joshua 1.
If the world seems bigger than God, read Psalm 90.
When you worry, read Matthew 6:19-34.
When you are in danger, read Psalm 91.
When you have the blues, read Psalm 34.
When God seems far away, read Psalm 139.
If you are discouraged, read Isaiah 40.
If you are lonely or fearful, read Psalm 23.
If you feel down and out, read Romans 8:38, 39.
If you need courage, read Joshua 1.
If the world seems bigger than God, read Psalm 90.
If you want rest and peace, read Matthew 11:25-30.
If you get bitter or critical, read I Corinthians 13.
For a great invitation, read Isaiah 55.

2019 Equipping Congregations Day

February 23, 2019 - 8:30am - 3:30pm

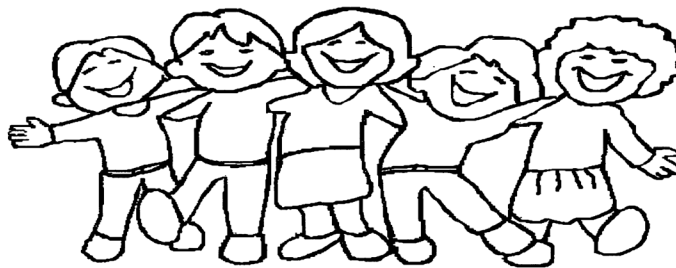
Registration Information

We will be using the buildings of both Vinje and Bethel Lutheran Churches in Willmar, to accommodate up to 1000 registrants. Both locations will have the same program elements, the schedules will just be in a different order. The keynote speaker and workshop leaders will move between the two church buildings.

After filling out the [online registration](#), your congregation's contact person will receive a confirmation email containing your **event location**.

If the total number of members attending changes after you register, contact Maggie Berggren at the synod office. You will be asked to confirm your registration about 2 weeks prior to the event. We do not need the names of the people attending, just a total count. Please watch your email for event details.

You're Invited to



" . . . there is a
friend that sticketh
closer than a brother"
(Proverbs 18:24b)

Friendship Sunday!

Sunday, February 17, 2019

Holden Lutheran Church

Worship at 8:45,

Trinity Lutheran Church

Sunday School at 9:30, Worship at 10:30

VALENTINE'S DAY

God's Valentine Gift

*God's Valentine gift of love to us
Was not a bunch of flowers;
It wasn't candy, or a book
To while away the hours.*

*His gift was to become a man,
So He could freely give
His sacrificial love for us,
So you and I could live.*

*He gave us sweet salvation, and
Instruction, good and true--
To love our friends and enemies
And love our Savior, too.*

*So as we give our Valentines,
Let's thank our Lord and King;
The reason we have love to give
Is that He gave everything.*

By Joanna Fuchs



Birthdays of the Month February

- 1 Alyssa Herberg, David Torgerson
- 2 Brian Athey, Cody Folk
Nick Wiegman, Katie Wiegman
- 5 Dalton Jipson, Cody Paulsen
- 7 Chloe Cardwell
- 9 Chandler VanHoorn
- 11 Jane Anderson, Blake Bohlen
Mackenzie Smith
- 12 Shirley Finberg
- 14 Tonia Leuthardt, Marcus Morrissette
- 15 Stella Jacobson
- 16 Sandy Casper
Dana Maher
- 17 Gene Moberg
- 20 Carly Benson
- 22 Ally Lindahl, Randy deNeui
Greg Vangsness
- 25 Florence Nelson
- 28 Tony Ebnet

These birthdates come from the computer membership program, *Revelations*. Please give your information to the office if your name has been missed.

HARVESTING HOPE - Ecumenical Farmer & Spouse Retreat

All farm "couples only" are invited to a retreat Abbey at the Hills February 8th & 9th.

The retreat begins on Friday,
February 8th at 6:30 p.m.

Cost: Free will offering.

If interested please see the flyer posted on
the bulletin board.

2018 MITTEN TREE

Thirty-two pair of mittens... Thirty-one hats...
and one scarf were donated to the mitten tree
in December!!!

Valentine's Day, Feb. 14, can be a day of love or dread because of its emphasis on roses, chocolate, candlelight, and expensive dates. However, it can also simply be about taking special care to show your love and appreciation for the people who are special to you.

A bowl of vegetables with someone you love is better than steak with someone you hate. ~~~ Proverbs 15:17

Smile at each other, smile at your wife, smile at your husband, smile at your children, smile at each other -- it doesn't matter who it is - and that will help you to grow up in greater love for each other. ~ Mother Teresa

Being deeply loved by someone gives you strength, while loving someone deeply gives you courage. ~ Lao Tzu

Place me like a seal over your heart, like a seal on your arm; for love is as strong as death, its jealousy unyielding as the grave. It burns like blazing fire, like a mighty flame. ~~~ Song of Solomon 8:6

A family is a place where minds come in contact with one another. If these minds love one another, the home will be as beautiful as a flower garden. But if these minds get out of harmony with one another it is like a storm that plays havoc with the garden. ~~~ unknown

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails. ~~~ 1 Corinthians 13:4-8a

2019 GLACIAL RIDGE CONFERENCE

Sunday, March 3rd

St. Paul's Lowry

2:00 p.m.



**Trinity Lutheran Church Council
December 12, 2018**

Members present: C. Folkens, G. Moberg, J. Morrill,
D. Maher, J. Bohlen, K. Stattelmann, T. Mack and
Minister Bev

Call to order by Josh

Opening Devotions by Minister Bev

Secretary's report approved as submitted. Motion
Gene, second Kelly

Treasurer's report: There was a discussion on the
deficit in some funds. The deficit in the Bible camp
account should be taken out of the general fund.

Chaperone fund should be reduced to 4,000.00 and
the balance to go to the general fund. Move balance
from improvement fund to Long Range Repairs and
delete the improvement account. Going forward any
designated dollars for improvement fund should go
into the Long Range Repairs. Motion Jodi, second
Chuck

Mileage/Pastor's report approved as submitted.
Motion Kelly, second Gene

Committee Reports:

* Education: The Sunday School Program is the 14.
Confirmation students and their mentor will meet at
9:30 on Sunday morning.

* Evangelism, Music & Worship: A plan is for the
confirmation kids to go caroling.

* Property & Management: Furnace has been
improved.

* Stewardship/Finance: None

* Outreach: None

* Parish Board: None

* St. Pauli: None

Old Business:

1. New phones have been purchased and a new file cabinet.
2. Bank Accounts: All signatures on accounts have been updated.
3. Reviewed Time & Talent sheets.

New Business:

1. Nominating: We need to new council members to replace outgoing members.
 2. Annual meeting date is January 20, 2019 with February 3 the backup date.
 3. 2019 budget will be worked on
- Close with lord's Prayer
Motion to adjourn Jodi, second Kelly

Respectfully submitted: Deb Maher

Trinity Activity of Funds – December 2018

General	Bal. 12/1	61,861.45
	Income	15,139.90
	Expenses	-8,631.62
	Trans. to Special Funds	5,211.18
	Bal. 12/31	73,580.91

Chaperone	Bal. 12/1	10,904.18
	Income	0.00
	Trans. to General Fund	-6,904.18
	Bal. 12/31	4,000.00

Discipleship	Bal. 12/1	60.28
	Income	0.00
	Expenses	0.00
	Bal. 12/31	60.28

Long Range Repairs	Bal. 12/1	2,868.85
	Income	0.00
	Trans. to Improv. Fund	-4,434.31
	Bal. 12/31	-1,565.46

Olai Steen Scholarship	Bal. 12/1	5,202.71
	Income	0.00
	Expenditure	0.00
	Bal. 11/30	5,202.71

TLC Scholarship	Bal. 112/1	1,584.66
	Income	0.00
	Expenditure	0.00
	Bal. 12/31	1,584.86

Memorials	Bal. 12/1	2,961.00
	Income	540.00
	Expenditure	0.00
	Bal. 12/31	3,501.00

Bible Camp	Bal. 12/1	-1,003.00
	Trans. from Gen. Fund	1,003.00
	Bal. 12/31	0.00

Thrivent	Bal. 11/1	8,149.33
	Income	0.00
	Bal. 11/30	8,149.33

Improvement Fund	Bal. 12/1	- 4,584.31
	Income	150.00
	Trans. to Long Range Rep	- 4,434.31
	Bal. 12/21	0.00

Total balance of all special funds:	\$20,932.52
Combined General & Special Funds:	\$94,513.43

St. Pauli Maintenance Fund:		
Bal: 12/1		\$ 9,890.15
Donations		.00
Interest		.42
Bal. 12/31		9,890.57
Memorial Money Market		
Bal. 12/1		\$100,040.96
Interest		12.74
Bal 12/31		\$100,053.70

St. Pauli Maintenance Fund:	
Bal: 11/1	\$ 9,889.74
Donations	.00
Interest	.41
Bal. 11/30	9,890.15
Memorial Money Market	
Bal. 11/1	\$100,028.63
Interest	12.33
Bal. 11/30	\$100,040.96

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Trinity Activity of Funds – November 2018

General	Bal. 11/1	51,499.53
	Income	16,836.99
	Expenses	-6,087.07
Trans. to Special Funds		-388.00
	Bal. 11/30	61,861.45
Chaperone	Bal. 11/30	10,904.18
Discipleship	Bal. 11/1	60.28
	Income	0.00
	Expenses	0.00
	Bal. 10/30	60.28
Long Range Repairs	Bal. 11/1	2,718.85
	Income	150.00
	Bal. 11/30	2,868.85
Olai Steen Scholarship	Bal. 11/1	5,202.71
	Income	0.00
	Bal. 11/30	5,202.71
TLC Scholarship	Bal. 11/30	1,584.66
Memorials	Bal. 11/30	2,961.00
Bible Camp	Bal. 11/30	-1,003.00
Thrivent	Bal. 11/1	8,051.33
	Income	98.00
	Bal. 11/30	8,149.33
Improvement Fund	Bal. 11/1	- 4,724.31
	Income	140.00
	Bal. 11/30	-4,584.31

Total balance of all special funds: \$26,143.70
 Combined General & Special Funds: \$88,005.15

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