



TRINITY NEWSLETTER

Happy New
Year

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Trinity Lutheran Church—ELCA—Jim Rach, Lay Minister
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And a Happy New Year to all,

First things first, I want to thank everyone for their gifts and cards, it was truly unexpected and much appreciated. It was a wonderful Christmas season for me and my family, and I hope the same for all you as well.

So now on to 2020. A new year always invites new opportunities for us and hopefully we will take advantage of them along the way. We will also build on some things we started, the online gospel studies and sermons, along with maybe some things that my seminary courses offer that may be of interest to you.

The Epiphany season offers an interesting study of Jesus's life in preparation for the Lent and Easter season, so there should be plenty of interesting material to look at.

The winter season offers us a chance also to discover some interesting reading material. I encourage you to find a well thought out Christian book or two to put into your reading rotation, something that perhaps matches your interests and builds on it.

So, know that I am excited to be working with you in this new year. And God's blessing be with you all.

Jim

Prayer for a New Beginning

Lord, at the beginning of this new year, I offer you my life.

Come take my voice, may the words I speak be filled with encouragement and goodness.

Come take my hands, may the work they create be generous and giving.

Come take my feet, may the journeys I walk be led by your Spirit within.

Come take my life Lord, for I love your goodness, your kindness, and your leading.

Amen.

15 Bible Verses to Give You Hope in the New Year

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| 1. A New Creation - | 2 Corinthians 5:17 |
| 2. A New Heart - | Ezekiel 36:26 |
| 3. A New Song - | Psalms 98:1 |
| 4. A New Day - | Lamentations 3:22-23 |
| 5. A New Thing - | Isaiah 43:19 |
| 6. A New Hope - | Jeremiah 29:11 |
| 7. Do Not Worry - | Matthew 6:25 |
| 8. Do Not Fear - | 2 Timothy 1:7 |
| 9. Don't Be Anxious - | Philippians 4:6 |
| 10. Forget the Past - | Philippians 3:13 |
| 11. Rest Your Soul - | Matthew 11:28-30 |
| 12. Peaceable Fruit - | Hebrews 12:11 |
| 13. Wait on God - | Isaiah 40:31 |
| 14. God's Plan - | 1 Corinthians 2:9 |
| 15. God's Timing - | Ecclesiastes 3:11 |

A Bad Dream?

Jemima was taking an afternoon nap on New Year's Eve before the festivities. After she woke up, she confided to Max, her husband, "I just dreamed that you gave me a diamond ring for a New Year's present. What do you think it all means?"

"Aha, you'll know tonight," answered Max smiling broadly. At midnight, as the New Year was chiming, Max approached Jemima and handed her a small package. Delighted and excited she opened it quickly. There in her hand rested a book entitled: *"The Meaning of Dreams"*.



January

- 1 Travis Arndt, Katherine Hoxtell
Georgeanne Sibson
- 3 Hannah deNeui
- 4 Makayla deNeui
- 6 Teagan Cardwell, Melissa Kleindl
- 8 Dylan Finberg, Danica Maus
Isabella Ross-Strand
- 9 Travis Pullis, Janet Spalinger
- 10 Kristian Winston
- 13 Hilary Chase, Kendra Moberg
Jessica Moberg
- 15 Daniel Athey
- 16 David Dybdahl, Bob Haukos
- 17 Rachel Erickson, Mary Folk
- 19 Kyle Blankenhagen, Christi Stotesbery
- 20 Trudy Anderson
- 23 Jim Weinman
- 26 Pam Schneck
- 27 Aaron Fuhrman
- 28 Cheri Kaye
- 30 Tom Herberg
- 31 Harold Nelson

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

HOLDEN – Sunday, January 26th

10:30 Worship followed by
Potluck Dinner & Meeting

Deadline for Reports:

Wednesday, January 22nd

(Worship times will switch that Sunday.)

TRINITY – Sunday, January 19th

10:30 Worship followed by
Potluck Dinner & Meeting

Deadline for Reports:

Wednesday, January 15th

ANNUAL MEETING

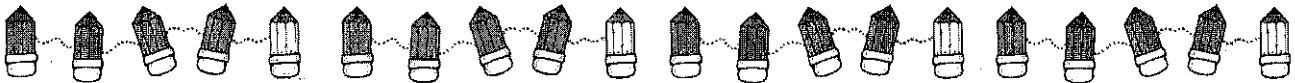
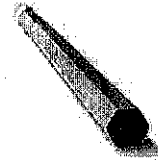
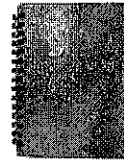


SCHOOL KITS

Trinity Women are collecting items for School Kits to be distributed around the world by Lutheran World Relief. Any of the following items can be left in the container in the narthex. The Trinity women provide a backpack for each kit.

Deadline is early April.

- FOUR** 70-sheet notebooks of wide- or college-ruled paper, approximately 8" x 10½"; no loose-leaf paper
- ONE** 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- ONE** pencil sharpener
- ONE** pair of blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
- FIVE** unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secure together with a rubber band
- FIVE** black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink); secure together with a rubber band
- ONE** box of 16 or 24 crayons
- ONE** 2½" eraser



Trinity Cemetery Association

The Trinity Cemetery Association is in need of donations. The Cemetery Association is a separate financial account from the St. Pauli Building Fund. This account pays for the mowing and maintenance of the three cemeteries linked to Trinity Church: St. Pauli Cemetery, Long Island Cemetery, and West St. Pauli Cemetery. We do receive an annual stipend from Trinity Church, which is much appreciated, however it is not enough to pay the mowing bills, so we are always in need of financial donations.



The lawn care at the 3 cemeteries is done by Trinity members, and they do a fantastic job of keeping the cemeteries looking prime. They use their personal mowers and gas and certainly deserve to be paid.

Please give thought and prayer to making a tax-deductible donation to this fund. Checks should be made to the Trinity Cemetery Association. The Board members at this time are myself, Bruce Moberg, and Chuck Folkens. I am presently the Treasurer, so getting your donation to me would be the best route to get it into the account.

Thank all of you, *Joanne Vangsness*

- ◆ Be always at war with your vices, at peace with your neighbors, and let each New Year find you a better man. ◆
- A New Year's resolution is something that goes in one year and out the other. ◆ May all your troubles last as long as your New Year's resolutions. ◆ If you live among fear driven sheep, may you choose to be the love driven shepherd.
- ◆ May you let go of a core belief this year and see the beauty and splendor of reality. ◆ And may we live in a world at peace and with the awareness of God's love in every sunset, every flower's unfolding petals, every baby's smile, every lover's kiss, and every wonderful, astonishing, miraculous beat of our heart. ◆

Trinity Church Council – November 2019

Present: K Stattelman, J Morrill, H Zimmel, D Maher, K Moberg,
 J Bohlen, R Stotesbery, J Rach
 Also present: Bonnie Stotesbery.
 Call to order by Josh
 Opening devotions led by Jim

Secretary's report approved as submitted.
 Motion Kelly, second Haley
 Treasurer's report approved as submitted.
 Motion Jodi, second Kelly

Committee Reports:

- Education: Confirmation is going well. We are looking for someone to do confirmation pictures. Several options were discussed.
- Evangelism & Worship: none
- Property and Management: There was a discussion on the condition of the shingles and the condition of the bathrooms in the basement.
- Stewardship: none
- Outreach: Our outreach project is the Paw Pantry. Collected items will be delivered.
- Parish board: none
- St Pauli: none

Old Business

1. Sale of the Nelson property: Closing is the 18th of October. Jodi will check with the synod to find out available investments for the funds.
2. Confirmation Sunday is October 27th.

New Business

1. Newsletters: There will be a stack of printed newsletters available for those who do not have them emailed. It will be encouraged for members to provide the church office with their email addresses.
2. The Christmas shoebox shipping charges will be taken out of the Thrivent Funds. Motion Jodi, second Randy.
3. Pastor Kathryn from the Synod office will be out to talk to council members from both churches on Sunday, October 20th after worship.
4. Plans are being made to once again host a Thanksgiving meal for community members. More details will follow.
5. Minister Bev is doing well but does not want a celebration at this time.

Close with the Lord's prayer.

Motion by Haley to adjourn, second Kelly.

Respectfully submitted by Debra Maher, secretary.

Trinity Activity of Funds

November 2019

General	Bal. 11/1	49,927.78
	Income	16,615.12
	Expenses	- 5,564.04
	Trans. to Special Funds	378.00
	Bal. 11/30	61,356.86
Chaperone	Bal. 11/30	3,652.95
Discipleship	Bal. 10/30	10.28
Long Range Repairs		
	Bal. 11/1	844.54
	Income	180.00
	Bal. 11/30	1,024.54
Olai Steen Scholarship		
	Bal. 11/30	5,348.18
TLC Scholarship		
	Bal. 11/30	1,484.66
Memorials	Bal. 11/30	4,251.05
Thrivent	Bal. 11/1	9,373.21
	Expenses	- 558.00
	Bal. 11/30	8,815.21

Total balance of all special funds: \$24,586.87

Combined General & Special Funds: \$85,943.73

St. Pauli Maintenance Fund:

Bal. 11/1	\$11,113.73
Income	0.00
Interest	.44
Bal. 11/30	11,114.17

Memorial Money Market

Bal. 11/1	\$ 105,218.40
Income	.00
Interest	16.72
Bal. 11/30	105,235.12

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Keep informed with church news, events, pictures, and videos across many platforms.

Facebook at

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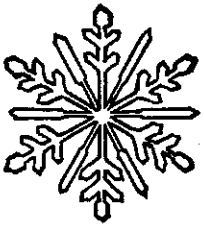
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 at Trinity by email, regular mail, or pick up at the church.**



JANUARY



HOLDEN



Altar: Donna Arndt
 Janitors & Ushers: Gary & Donna Arndt

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TRINITY

Altar Guild: Lori Hynnek & Donna Moberg
 Communion Assistant: Jodi Morrill

Acolytes:
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Confirmation Schedule: January 8, 15, 22 4:00 7 th Grade 4:45 8 th Grade No Confirmation on January 29th.			1 HAPPY NEW YEAR	2	3 10:00 Funeral at T of Ellen Athey	4
5 Second Sunday of Christmas 8:45 Holden Communion Worship 9:30 Trinity Sunday School and Coffee Hour 10:30 Trinity Communion Worship	6	7	8 9:00 Trinity Quilting 1:00-5:00 Holden Quilting at Schoons 5:30 Communion Worship at Trinity 6:00 Trinity Council	9	10	11 
12 Baptism of Our Lord 8:45 Holden Communion Worship 9:30 Trinity Sunday School and Coffee Hour 10:30 Trinity Communion Worship	13 <i>Secretary is out Jan. 13</i>	14 <i>Bonnie of office & 14.</i>	15 9:00 Trinity Quilting 5:30 Communion Worship at Trinity Deadline for Trinity's annual reports.	16	17	18
19 Second Sunday after Epiphany 8:45 Holden Worship 9:30 Trinity Sunday School and Coffee Hour 10:30 Trinity Worship Potluck Dinner & Annual Meeting	20	21	22 9:00 Trinity Quilting 1:00-5:00 Holden Quilting at Schoons 5:30 Communion Worship at Trinity Deadline for Holden's annual reports.	23	24	25 
26 Third Sunday after Epiphany 8:45 Trinity Worship 9:45 Trinity SS & Coffee Hour ←←← 10:30 Holden Worship Potluck Dinner & Annual Meeting <i>Jim Rach is gone this week for class.→</i>	27 ← Time Change! →→→→	28 →→→→	29 9:00 Trinity Quilting →→→→→→→→→→	30	31	