

# TRINITY NEWSLETTER

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And we continue our Lenten Journey,

This month is completely within the season of Lent, so I thought I would share two perspectives.

One from Pope Francis on *“Do you want to fast this Lent?”*

1. *Fast from hurting words and say kind words.*
2. *Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.*
3. *Fast from anger and be filled with patience.*
4. *Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.*
5. *Fast from worries and trust God.*
6. *Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.*
7. *Fast from pressures and be prayerful.*
8. *Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.*
9. *Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.*
10. *Fast from grudges and be reconciled.*
11. *Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.*

And words from John Chrysotom: *No act of virtue can be great if it is not followed by advantage for others. So, no matter how much time you spend fasting, no matter how much you sleep on the hard floor and eat ashes and sigh continually, if you do no good for others, you will do nothing great.*

Have a blessed Lenten season, *Jim*

## LENT - 2020

**Maundy Thursday - April 9<sup>th</sup>**

**Good Friday - April 10<sup>th</sup>**

**Easter Sunday - April 12<sup>th</sup>**

Wednesday Worship Schedule:

Trinity Worship at 5:30 followed by Youth Supper at 6:15

Holden Worship at 7:00 preceded by Supper at 6:00

# NEWS & NOTES



## Senior High Youth Gathering

March 27-March 28

Courtyard by Marriott - Mankato, MN

Based on Matthew 17:20 *"Truly I tell you, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there', and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you."*

Follow on Social Media: FACEBOOK at SWMN Youth, ELCA INSTAGRAM/SNAPCHAT/TWITTER at @swmnlyo hashtag: #swmnlyo



  
**PANTRY**

The Trinity Church Council voted to give \$1,000 from the Thrivent Account and \$1,000 from the proceeds of the sale of the Nelson property to the CGB Paw Pantry Project which provides weekend meals for students in need.

**2020 SWMN Synod Assembly**

**June 12-13**

**Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, MN**

Delegates are needed – contact the church office to volunteer or for more information.



**MARCH**  
is  
**FOOD SHELF**  
**MONTH**

During the month of March nonperishable items and/or monetary donations will be collected for the **Big Stone Lake Area Food Shelf**. Bring your donations with you to church.

## Chuckles for the Month

Remember, old folks are worth a fortune, with silver in their hair, gold in their teeth, stones in their kidneys, lead in their feet, and gas in their stomachs.

I have become a little older since I saw you last, and a few changes have come into my life since then. Frankly, I have become quite a frivolous old gal. I am seeing five gentlemen every day.

As soon as I wake up, Will Power helps me get out of bed. Then I go to see John. Then Charlie Horse comes along, and when he is here, he takes a lot of my time and attention. When he leaves Arthur Ritis shows up and stays the rest of the day. He doesn't like to stay in one place very long, so he takes me from joint to joint. After such a busy day I'm really tired and glad to go to bed with Ben Gay. What a life!

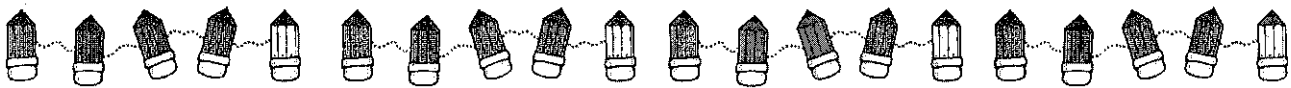
P.S. The Preacher came to call the other day. He said at my age I should be thinking about the hereafter. I told him, oh, I do all the time. No matter where I am - in the parlor, upstairs, in the kitchen, or down in the basement, I ask myself what am I here after?

# SCHOOL KITS - Deadline is April 13<sup>th</sup>.

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.

- FOUR 70-sheet notebooks of wide- or college-ruled paper, 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



+ **Bishop Jon Anderson...**A few months ago, I invited our deans to tell me what are some signs of congregational vitality. Here is the list I gathered.

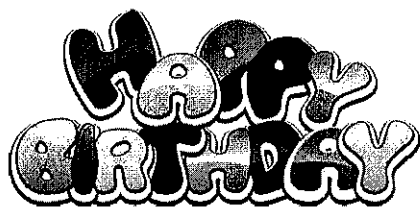
**What would you add?**

**What do you wrestle with in the list?**

**What gives life to your congregation?**

**How do we faithfully innovate to have God's faithfulness and work in Jesus at the center while finding ways to serve our communities and lives?**

- + A vital congregation is noisy. There is a holy buzz. A quiet church is often a sign of a dying church if there is not a focus on quiet for contemplative reasons.
- + A vital church is outward looking. It is interested in what is happening outside its walls. It gathers energy inside the congregation to be sent into God's world.
- + Kids are asking the congregation to step up and be the church they are called to be.
- + A vital congregation sees visitation as the work of the whole community.
- + A vital congregation believes God brings new people. It is transparent about its confidence in God and it asks for the Spirit to work.
- + A vital community of faith is willing to take risks. It has a vision and it works to get to them.
- + A vital congregation sees all of the people as assisting ministers.
- + Vital congregations find ways to involve children in the worship service. Having children join in readings, as greeters, as ushers, as folks who welcome people with the Apostolic Greeting and send people to serve with the Benediction are some of the things that congregations do to invite their children and all people to be a part of in worship.
- + Congregations that are vital have a sense of playfulness and joy.
- + Congregations that are vital laugh together and share stories of sadness, hope and people's transformation.
- + Vital congregations try new things. They are willing to share new models of ministry that might serve this time better.
- + Vital communities of faith share their buildings with 12 step groups, their community and with other communities of faith.
- + Vital congregations help their neighbors, valuing those younger and older. They notice and appreciate gifts.
- + Healthy communities of faith form alliances with other congregations, faith communities and groups in their community to love their neighbors and care for God's earth.



## March

- 1 Holly Deutsch, Kimberly Nelson
- 2 Summer Ebnet, Amara McLain  
Annika & Sierra Kleindl
- 4 Ruth Anderson, Roland Ebnet
- 5 Mataiah Turner
- 6 Nathan Nordly
- 7 Ben Alberts, Melisa Benson  
David Thomson
- 9 Kassandra Ross-Strand
- 10 Jodi Blankenhagen, Rudy Smart
- 12 Floyd Kellen, Bonnie Stotesbery
- 13 Alan Alberts, Charlie Cardwell
- 14 Gladys Paulsen
- 17 Cindy Dahl-Hollen
- 18 Heather Feldick
- 19 Elizabeth Davis, Scarlett Jipson,  
Morgan Gregory
- 20 Alex Thorson
- 21 Meghan Przybylski
- 22 Tori Teske
- 23 McKenna Cardwell
- 24 Dean Christianson, Julia Hansen  
Anthony Satran, Mike Trulson
- 25 Mike Folk, Paige Genzler
- 27 Ethan Chase, Brayden Deutsch
- 28 Bruce Cardwell
- 29 Jordon Dresch
- 30 Kaylee Hauschild
- 31 Dick Benson, Jessica Vangness

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



Trinity's Sunday School will be collecting a noisy offering during the Sundays of Lent.

## TRINITY WELCA



Many, many thanks to all the Women of Trinity for their generous donations to our Christmas Stocking which totaled \$1,095.00.

The disbursement of \$100 to each of the following groups/charities was made totaling \$1,200.00

Clinton Care Center	Fairway View
Grace Home	BSC Food Shelf
Global Health Ministries	Hospice Orton/Grace
Project Christmas	Lutheran World Relief
Someplace Safe	UMM Lutheran Campus Ministry
Heifer Project	Reach Out for Warmth

*ALONE we can do so little;  
TOGETHER we can do so much.*

Helen Keller

### GLACIAL RIDGE SPRING GATHERING

**Mon., April 20<sup>th</sup> at Our Redeemer's in Benson**

Registration begins at 4:00 with a light meal at 4:30.

Program on Angels ~

Pastor Wayne & Donna Jo (Schneck) Kopitzke

Offering: ½ to SW MN Synodical Women  
and the In-Kind offering to:

¼ to Heartland Girls' Ranch, ¼ to Safe Avenues

A semi-truck will be available to collect items for the Marie Sandvik Center and LWR Kits.

**All items may be left at Trinity by  
MONDAY, APRIL 13<sup>th</sup>.**

#### **Marie Sandvik Center**

Suggested items include: **(NO clothes)** housewares, pots & pans, silverware, dishes, glasses, cups, can openers, cooking utensils.

#### **Heartland Girls' Ranch, Benson**

Suggestions & needs include hygiene products, hair dryers, shampoo, socks, underwear, hairbrushes, playing cards, and games.

#### **Safe Avenues, Willmar & Benson**

Items needed: towels, underwear, personal items such as shampoo/conditioner, toothbrushes and toothpaste, lotions, band-aids, slippers, socks, etc.

Everything is needed.

**Check websites: [mariesandvikcenter.org](http://mariesandvikcenter.org),  
[Heartlandgirlsranh.org](http://Heartlandgirlsranh.org), [willmarshelter.com](http://willmarshelter.com).**

# Connected in Christ



*"I am the vine; you are the branches.  
If you remain in me and I in you,  
you will bear much fruit;  
apart from me you can do nothing.*

John 15:5

## Time & Talent Volunteers

Please select the volunteer opportunities in which you are interested or would like more information. If more than one person is in your household, please use initials instead of an "X."

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

### Welcome

- \_\_\_\_\_ Sunday Coffee Host
- \_\_\_\_\_ Welcome Door Greeter

### Worship

- \_\_\_\_\_ Usher
- \_\_\_\_\_ Usher Substitute
- \_\_\_\_\_ Lector
- \_\_\_\_\_ Altar Guild

### Music

- \_\_\_\_\_ Chancel Choir
- \_\_\_\_\_ Chime Choir
- \_\_\_\_\_ Contemporary Worship Band
- \_\_\_\_\_ Musician/Instrument \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ Soloist

### Grow

- \_\_\_\_\_ Adult Bible Study or Small Group Leader
- \_\_\_\_\_ Confirmation Mentor
- \_\_\_\_\_ Sunday School Teacher
- \_\_\_\_\_ Prayer Chain
- \_\_\_\_\_ Serve as vacation Bible School Teacher
- \_\_\_\_\_ Serve on Youth Committee
- \_\_\_\_\_ Serve on Church Council
- \_\_\_\_\_ Serve on Church Committee
- \_\_\_\_\_ Serve as Cradle Roll Coordinator

### Outreach

- \_\_\_\_\_ Help with nursing home services
- \_\_\_\_\_ Meals on Wheels Driver
- \_\_\_\_\_ Rides to Church

### Serve

- \_\_\_\_\_ Quilters
- \_\_\_\_\_ Offering Counter on Sunday Mornings
- \_\_\_\_\_ Assist with Church Library
- \_\_\_\_\_ Provide Food, Money, or Help Serve for a Funeral
- \_\_\_\_\_ Clear Church Sidewalks and Entries of Snow
- \_\_\_\_\_ Clear Church Parking Lots of Snow
- \_\_\_\_\_ Help Clean the Interior of the Church Building
- \_\_\_\_\_ Lawn Maintenance
- \_\_\_\_\_ Grounds Maintenance (Trees & Shrubs)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Be a Sponsor for New Members
- \_\_\_\_\_ Meals on Wheels Coordinator
- \_\_\_\_\_ Deliver Food Shelf Donations to the Food Shelf in Ortonville
- \_\_\_\_\_ Summer Garden Maintenance
- \_\_\_\_\_ Help with Maintenance Projects at Church

Other Areas of Interest:

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# Stewardship

*a way of life*

**For all the members of  
Trinity...**

Please fill out this  
Time & Talent sheet  
and return it to the  
basket in the Narthex.

*Share your time and  
your talents.*

*Many hands make  
light work.*

**Trinity Lutheran Church Council  
January 8, 2020**

Present: R Stotesbery, D Maher, J Bohlen, H Zimmel,  
K Stattelmann, J Morrill, J Rach

Also present: Bonnie Stotesbery

Call or order by Josh

Opening devotions led by Jim

Secretary's report approved as submitted.

Motion Kelly, second Randy

Treasurer's report approved as submitted.

Motion Randy, second Haley

Mileage-Pastor report: Jim gave an overview of Pastoral works during the month of December.

Motion Kelly, second Haley

**Committee Reports**

- Education: Confirmation is going fine
- Evangelism & worship: We will be using different setting worship in the future
- Property: A new sump pit in needed at the parsonage. Toilets in the church have been fixed. The heat pump compressor has been fixed.
- Stewardship: none
- Outreach: February 9 @ 1:00 pm we will be hosting Bingo with lunch afterwards.
- Parish: none
- St Pauli: none

**Old Business**

1. The Nelson house closing is Friday January 10 at 11:00am.
2. Nominating committee needs to find two new members for council. Joanne has agreed for a second term on the cemetery committee. We will be looking for synod delegates.
3. Audit: Bonnie Dybdahl, Chelsea Hauschild, and Bruce Moberg audited church books. Next year a full audit provided by an accountant is needed.

**New Business**

1. 2020 Budget: We need to remove the Nelson house from Miscellaneous and put an extra 3,000 to the parsonage. Reviewed the actual and proposed budget. Motion Randy, second Kelly to accept.
2. Lenten Schedule: 5:30 Trinity worship with supper to follow. Holden 7:00 worship preceded by supper.
3. Equipping Congregations: Saturday, February 29, 2020. Anyone interested can contact the church office.
4. Sign up sheet for communion assistants for 2020 was passed around.

Close with the Lord's Prayer

Next meeting Wednesday, February 12, 2020 at 6:00 pm

Motion to adjourn Haley second Randy

Respectfully submitted by Debra Maher

**Trinity Activity of Funds  
January 2020**

General	Bal. 1/1	63,654.28
	Income	59,528.84
	Expenses	- 9,524.81
	Trans. to Special Funds	- 116.64
	Bal. 1/3	113,541.67

Chaperone	Bal. 1/31	3,652.95
Discipleship	Bal. 1/31	10.28
Long Range Repairs		
	Bal. 1/1	1,104.54
	Income	80.00
	Bal. 1/31	1,184.54

Olai Steen Scholarship		
	Bal. 1/1	5,348.18
	Income	36.64
	Bal. 1/31	5,384.82

TLC Scholarship		
	Bal. 1/1	1,484.66

Memorials	Bal. 1/31	4,251.05
Thrivent	Bal. 1/1	8,840.21

Total balance of all special funds: \$24,808.21

Combined General & Special Funds: \$ 138,350.51

**St. Pauli Maintenance Fund:**

Bal. 1/1	\$11,114.66
Income	0.00
Interest	.47
Bal. 1/31	11,115.13

**Memorial Money Market**

Bal. 1/1	\$ 105,235.57
Income	.00
Interest	17.88
Bal. 1/31	105,271.45

***Friendly Reminders...***

- ☺ Please notify the church office (325-5178 or trinity008@centurytel.net) with updates and changes to addresses, phone numbers, and/or memberships.
- ☺ If you haven't already done so, please let the office know how you would like to receive this Newsletter: at Holden by email or through regular mail, at Trinity by email, regular mail, or pick up at the church.
- ☺ Trinity member...please check the kitchen there are many dishes/bowls/etc. that have been left there. One of them might be yours??

# MARCH




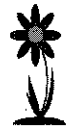
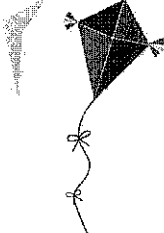

# 2020

## HOLDEN

Altar: Mary Folk  
 Janitors & Ushers: Mike & Mary Folk  
[www.holdenlutheran.wordpress.com](http://www.holdenlutheran.wordpress.com)  
 Email: [trinity008@centurytel.net](mailto:trinity008@centurytel.net)

## TRINITY

Altar Guild: Bonnie Dybdahl  
 Communion Assistant: Randy Stotesbery  
 Acolytes:  
[www.trinitylutheranclinton.net](http://www.trinitylutheranclinton.net)  
 Office: 320-325-5178

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1 First Sunday in Lent</b> 8:45 Holden Communion Worship 9:30 Trinity SS and Coffee Hour 10:30 Trinity Communion Worship 1:45 Glacial Ridge Conference Assembly at Glenwood Luth.	<b>2 MARCH</b> in like a lion! 	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 9:00 Trinity Quilting 1:00-5:00 Holden Quilting at Schoons †	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 
<b>8 Second Sunday in Lent</b> 8:45 Holden Communion Worship 9:30 Trinity Sunday School and Coffee Hour 10:30 Trinity Communion Worship Daylight Saving Time Begins!	<b>9</b> 10:00 Women's Bible Study at Trinity	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 9:00 Trinity Quilting 6:30 Trinity Council †	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15 Third Sunday in Lent</b> 8:45 Holden Communion Worship 9:30 Trinity Sunday School and Coffee Hour 10:30 Trinity Communion Worship	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>  St. Patrick's Day	<b>18</b> 9:00 Trinity Quilting 1:00-5:00 Holden Quilting at Schoon †	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Spring begins! 	<b>21</b>
<b>22 Fourth Sunday in Lent</b> 8:45 Holden Communion Worship 9:30 Trinity Sunday School and Coffee Hour 10:30 Trinity Communion Worship	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 9:00 Trinity Quilting †	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29 Fifth Sunday in Lent</b> 8:45 Holden Communion Worship 9:30 Trinity Sunday School and Coffee Hour 10:30 Trinity Communion Worship	<b>30</b> 	<b>31</b> MARCH out like a lamb! 	<b>Wed. Schedule</b> <b>Mar. 4, 11, 18, &amp; 25</b> 4:00 7 <sup>th</sup> Gr. Conf. 4:30 8 <sup>th</sup> Gr. Conf. 5:30 Trinity Worship 6:15 Trinity Supper 6:00 Holden Supper 7:00 Holden Worship	Now and good to our happiness BE	then it is pause in pursuit of and just HAPPY.	