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*from*  
the pastor



## Brighter Days Ahead

As we move into February, we also move into that greatest of all festivals, GROUNDHOG DAY! Every year the groundhog emerges from his den to let us know how many more weeks of winter there will be. Of course, this year the hope is that the groundhog will let us know how many more weeks of the COVID we'll have to endure -- because we've had enough!

Unfortunately, the groundhog can't predict when the pandemic will end. Neither can I. Neither can anyone. But there are signs that

we are moving along through this long, dark season of the coronavirus: it's passing through our communities, a vaccine is on the way, and we can see light at the end of the tunnel. So just because we don't know exactly when we will move into the next chapter of our lives together, we can still look back in gratitude and see how far we have come, and look to the future to brighter days ahead. And most important of all, we can celebrate this day as the gift that it is.

~ God's Peace, Pastor Engholm

Do not be anxious about anything, but present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:6-7

# What's Happening AT TRINITY LUTHERAN?

WORSHIP  
WITH US ONLINE



**Worship services are streamed  
Sundays at 9:00 am  
& Wednesdays at 7:00 pm**

**Find links to Trinity's Online Worship at  
[www.trin.org](http://www.trin.org)**



**SMALL GROUPS ONLINE**

**DIGGING  
DEEPER**  
IN LENT



Lent is a time to "dig deeper" as we walk together with Jesus to the cross. As we begin this journey, you are invited to be a part of a small group online conversation, led by Pastor Engholm, to reflect on what it means to be a church that moves from the ashes of Ash Wednesday to the life and fire of Easter morning. We will have four sessions, and you are invited to one or all of them. We'll meet via ZOOM right after worship on Wednesday nights and Sunday mornings.

**Wednesdays at 7:45 pm, February 17 & 24  
Sundays at 9:45 am, February 21 & 28**

The Zoom link for these small group gatherings will be shared in Trinity's eNews emails or can be requested by contacting the church office.



## **Staying Calm and Connected in the Season of Lent**

Lent is a time for renewal and growth, and we have plenty of ways to help you do that during this Lenten Season.

### **A Time of Prayer and Reflection**

Stop by Trinity anytime between 9:00 am and Noon, Monday through Friday mornings, and sit in the quiet of our Worship Center. Bring some reading material if you like, or use some resources that will be provided. Of course, you're also welcome to simply pray in the silence of our beautiful sanctuary during Lent and beyond.

### **Worship Online at Trinity**

If you would like to experience our online worship services but do not have access to the internet, Trinity now has an iPad for you to use. Simply stop by the church office and pull up our services while you sit in our Worship Center, Fellowship Hall, or Church Library.

### **Parking Lot Communion**

**Sunday, February 14 | 10:00 - 11:00 am**

We're not having "Ashes to Go" this year on Ash Wednesday, but please stop by Trinity on Sunday, February 14, between 10:00 am and 11:00 am for "Parking Lot Communion". We'll supply the bread and wine at "Drive Up" and "Walk Up" stations. You can also bring a cup of coffee and stick around for socially distanced conversation outside with others from Trinity. See you there!

# Children's Ministry

## GOD SQUAD

Coming Up for  
Trinity Children's Ministry

### this month's God Squad opportunities

#### Ongoing

3-Click Bible Time (weekly)

**Sunday, February 7th**

9:30 AM Virtual Hang

**Saturday, February 13th**

9 AM Luce Line Heart Hunt\*

Take & Make Pick Up

(Watch for an email! Sometimes it is a day before or after depending on how soon materials arrive!)

**Sunday, February 21**

2 PM Sledding & Hot Cocoa

\*hosted by Trinity's Outdoor Ministry (see description to right)



### Green Lake Ministries Summer Camp

#### Registration Now Open!

Green Lake Lutheran Ministries is excited to welcome you back to camp this summer! There are camp opportunities for ages Elementary through High School. For more information about the 2021 Summer Camp schedule and to register, visit [www.gllm.org](http://www.gllm.org). Green Lake will be closely monitoring the

COVID-19 pandemic. If any changes need to be made to camp plans this summer, they will post updates on their website. *GLLM offers an Early Bird Discount for those who register before March 1, 2021.*

# OUTDOOR ministry

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

### Walk/Run Group

Sunday, February 7 | 7:00 am

Are you a walker or a runner and want to do these activities in a group every once-in-a-while? Here's your chance! On Sunday, February 7, we will gather in the Elementary School Parking lot to begin our time together in prayer! After that, the walkers will walk together, and the runners will run together. What a great way to start our day before we head back home for virtual church at 9:00!

### Luce Line Heart Hunt

Saturday, February 13 | 9:00 am

Everyone knows that the symbol for Valentine's Day is a heart. Be reminded of the unending love that God has for you as you stroll down the Luce Line in hopes of spotting all 100 hearts that will be hidden along the trail. Meet at the trailhead on Paul Ave near the Elementary School. Everyone is welcome!



### Ash Wednesday Morning Prayer Time

Wednesday, February 17 | 7:00 am

Ash Wednesday marks the start of the Lenten journey. Let's gather together in the Nylunda courtyard at church for a short time of prayer and devotion to set our minds on Jesus and the steps He took as He approached the cross.

### S'mores by the Campfire

Friday, February 26 | 7:00 pm

Gather at Trinity to enjoy some fellowship and a s'more around the campfire. S'mores will be individually packaged for safe distribution.



# Congregational NEWS

## PASTORAL ACTS

### FUNERALS

**LaDora Docherty**

October 10, 1929 ~ January 8, 2021  
Memorial Service on  
January 16, 2021

## MEMORIALS

*In memory of*

**Roland Kuehne**

\$500 ~ to be designated

**Loren & Joyce Carlson**

\$500 ~ General Fund

**Lucille Munkelwitz**

\$80 ~ Undesignated

**Joan Fritzke**

Guest Book Pedestal  
for Trinity (\$3,914)

## COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

January 19, 2021

### FINANCIAL REPORT

#### General Fund summary for December 2020

\$37,916.67 is needed each month to  
meet the approved budget of \$455,000.

#### Beginning balance 12/1/2020

**\$ 21,510.52**

General Fund income: \$ 52,213.99

General Fund expenses: \$ 37,040.21

Net balance (December): \$ 15,173.78

#### General Fund balance as of 12/31/2020:

**\$ 36,684.30**

#### Year-to date general fund INCOME exceeds EXPENSES by \$51,238.87.

This amount includes having used  
\$40,800 from the PPP loan for May and  
June payroll.

#### Building Fund expenses:

Loan interest payment: \$ 1,162.05

Loan principal payment: \$ 1,174.95

Addl. principal payment: \$ 13,163.00

(per October 20, 2020 council minutes)

#### Mortgage loan balance: \$ 352,623.56

#### Cash Summary

Bremer: \$ 88,084.74

(includes \$2,746.20 for Dec. federal withholding  
and \$11,955.78 in hail damage receipts)

Citizen's Building Fund: \$ 140,456.83

M/S/C Kari Olson / Ken Tufte / carried

### MINISTRY REPORT

- **Outdoor Ministry:** Trisha Ragner gave an update on outdoor events that have been happening and events that are coming up.

### OLD BUSINESS

- **Team Updates:**  
Covid Crusaders - The next delivery to our shut in members will be in February.  
Covid Response Team – No updates at this time  
Internship Committee – Information covered in Jacob's report
- **Staff yearly touch points updates**  
The executive committee will meet with staff members to discuss ways that the council can support them in 2021.

### NEW BUSINESS

- **Budget Presentation Meeting (Jan 24th) Discussion:** The council reviewed the procedure for the budget presentation meeting that will take place via Zoom.
- **Annual Meeting (Jan 31st) Discussion:** The council reviewed the agenda and procedures for the Annual Meeting that will take place via Zoom.

**Trinity's Covid-19 Response Team** continues to meet as needed to discuss the church's response to the pandemic. If you have questions or would like more information, please contact any of the members of the team:

**Robyn Behrens, Alyson Blakstad, Allison Neaton, Eileen Nelson, Kari Olson, Scott Phearman, Jim Sandquist, and Pastor Engholm**



## Annual Congregational Meeting News

Trinity held its first ever Online Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 31, at 10:00 am. During the meeting, the following actions were taken: last year's minutes were approved, written reports were received, elections were held, and the budget for 2021 was approved. Approximately 60 people were in attendance, joining from home on their computers, tablets, and phones. While it was unusual to hold the meeting over the internet like this, the people who gathered were clearly grateful to be together, not only to make plans for the coming year, but to join together and celebrate the work of the Spirit in our midst. Thanks be to God for holding us together during this global pandemic!

Following the Annual Meeting, the new Trinity Lutheran Church Council elected officers for the coming year: **Carol Murray** as President, **Jodi Boylan** as Vice President, **Ken Tufte** as Treasurer, and **Jason Koets** as Secretary. Other council members for 2021 are **Diane Holmes**, **Corky Ibeling**, **Nancy Pickering**, **David Schoening**, and **Nancy Stello**. Thanks to you all for your leadership!

Thank you also to the following members who were elected as leaders on other committees and boards at our annual meeting:

### **Cemetery Board:**

Fred Thomson, Jim Sandquist

### **Nominating Committee:**

Gina Phearman, Bill Whitehead, David Hendricks, Jenny Haller, Meaghan Erickson, Mike Haller

A special "Thank You" to the outgoing Council Members Kari Olson, Heidi Volkart, Jason Emmons and Jeff Tronnes. Thank you for your faithful service.

## PARISH Health

## Matters



The monthly column from Trinity's Parish Health Ministry Team

### COVID-19 VACCINE INFORMATION

The FDA-approved COVID-19 vaccine is another exciting development that will move us one step closer to our "new normal" during the coronavirus pandemic. Based on the results of our survey, many members at Trinity named vaccine protection as an important criterion for feeling more comfortable with in-person church activities.

The Minnesota Department of Health is coordinating vaccine distribution based on a phased plan and has launched a community COVID-19 Vaccine Pilot Program (<https://mn.gov/covid19>). The pilot program is open to ANYONE in Minnesota who meets vaccine eligibility. At the time of this update, in addition to healthcare workers, long term care residents and staff, those eligible for the vaccine has expanded to include all Minnesotans >65 years old, educators in pre K-12, school staff and childcare workers.

Doses are quite limited at this time and it is recommended that you check the MDH COVID-19 vaccine website frequently for updates regarding availability and next steps. (<https://mn.gov/covid19/vaccine/find-vaccine/index.jsp>).

Other options for obtaining the COVID -19 vaccine may be communicated via your primary care, specialty care or VA clinic. Many health systems and clinics have information on their websites regarding COVID-19 vaccination programs and it is recommended that you check back frequently for updates. Some systems have starting making contact with patients via their preferred communication method (mail, phone, email) to share what COVID-19 vaccine information they currently have available to serve both their patients and the community.

### **Vaccine or no vaccine, we must continue to utilize COVID-19 precautions to minimize community spread:**

- **Wear a mask**
- **Practice social distancing**
- **Stay outside whenever possible**
- **Wash your hands**
- **Stay home when you are sick**
- **Get tested if you feel ill**

# Connecting WITH TRINITY STAFF



## Jacob's Journal

Greetings Trinity Family,

February will be an exciting time at Trinity. As we move into the season of Lent, something new will also be on the horizon. I am excited to announce a new project that I am working on here at Trinity. Starting on Tuesday February 23 will be a Marriage Ministry Small Group Study. This group will meet every Tuesday from February 23 through March 30 at 7:30 pm via Zoom. Each session will last from 60-90 minutes and will be led by my wife Anne and myself. During each session we will be using resources to tackle some of marriage's challenges and also learn more about God's design for marriage and how we can invite God into our marriages. There will be time for couples to engage with each other and engage with other couples. Whether you have been married 5 months like us, 5 years, or 50 years, you are invited to join this Holy Experiment. For more details or to sign up simply email me at [julland@trin.org](mailto:julland@trin.org), stop by the church, or sign up on our website at [www.trin.org/marriage](http://www.trin.org/marriage). Please sign up by Friday February 12 so you can order the workbooks. Cost is approximately \$15. We look forward to gathering with you soon!

In Peace, Jacob Ulland

**P.S. from Pastor Engholm: This Marriage Ministry Project is part of Jacob's seminary training. As a way to support this effort, Trinity is willing to cover the cost of the materials for the first six couples who register. Thank you for supporting Jacob in his training!**



**February 23 - March 30  
7:30 pm via Zoom**

**Sign up at  
[www.trin.org/marriage](http://www.trin.org/marriage)**

## A Note from Joyce Harding Minister of Music

I miss our choir. I miss the people, the music, the bond we share as a choir. I think about some of the anthems we've done and dream about doing them again. Recently, I came across a song new to me, and when I heard it I thought, "When the choir is back, we're doing this song!" It's called "Now is the Time" by composer Tom Kendzia. The song is a prayer:

***Come to us, you who say, "I will not forget you."  
Be with us, you who say, "Do not be afraid."  
Take hold of us, our hearts, our minds, our whole being.  
Make us your own, now is the time.***

This song puts a melody to our liturgies, our prayers, and Pastor Jeff's messages we hear each week:



***Spirit of love, crush the pain of hatred.  
Spirit of hope, stand before our eyes.  
Spirit of light, dance within our darkness.  
Make us your own, now is the time.***

You can listen to this song on YouTube:  
<https://youtu.be/7eF1RQ45rrc>  
Maybe I'll teach it to all of you some day!

Peace to all, Joyce Harding



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> <b>Book Club</b> 6:30 pm <b>AA Meeting</b> 8:00 pm  <b>Happy Birthday</b> Henry Blakstad Mary Gallus Jacob Rowan	<b>2</b>  <b>Happy Birthday</b> Troy Hecksel	<b>3</b> <b>Confirmation</b> 6:15 pm - Grade 6 6:30 pm - Gr. 7th-8th <b>Worship</b> 7pm (Online) <b>AA Meeting</b> 7:30 pm  <b>Happy Birthday</b> Terrance Johnson	<b>4</b>  <b>Happy Birthday</b> Brandon Leaf	<b>5</b>  <b>Happy Birthday</b> Eric Prigge	<b>6</b>  <b>Happy Birthday</b> Eleanor Rundell
<b>7</b> <b>Outdoor Ministry Run/Walk Group</b> 7:00 am (Offsite) <b>Worship</b> 9am (Online) <b>God Squad Virtual Hangout</b> 9:30 am (Online)  <b>Happy Birthday</b> Diane Jorgensen Nathan Ragner	<b>8</b> <b>AA Meeting</b> 8:00 pm  <b>Happy Birthday</b> Karilyn Johnson Courtney Matson	<b>9</b>  <b>Happy Birthday</b> Joyce Harding Mark Huber Leah Vraspir	<b>10</b> <b>Confirmation</b> 6:15 pm - Grade 6 6:30 pm - Gr. 7th-8th <b>Worship</b> 7pm (Online) <b>Youth Game Night</b> 7:00 pm (Online) <b>AA Meeting</b> 7:30 pm  <b>Happy Birthday</b> John Diesman, Jackson Drahos, Jeffrey Engholm Michael Paschke	<b>11</b> <b>Finance Committee</b> 6:30 pm  <b>Happy Birthday</b> Sean Bolea Eric Scanlon Madelyn Vargo	<b>12</b>  <b>Happy Birthday</b> Susan Burke	<b>13</b> <b>Outdoor Ministry Luce Line Heart Hunt</b> 9:00 am (Offsite)  <b>Happy Birthday</b> Hope Berscheit Ava Danielson
<b>14</b> <b>Worship</b> 9am (Online) <b>Parking Lot Communion</b> 10-11 am (Onsite)  <b>Happy Birthday</b> Adrienne Quinlan Tucker Ritter	<b>15</b> <b>AA Meeting</b> 8:00 pm  <b>Happy Birthday</b> Heather Berscheit Scott Cassidy	<b>16</b> <b>Church Council Mtg</b> 6:30 pm (via Zoom)  <b>Happy Birthday</b> Lucas Matson Braxton Williams Brevin Williams	<b>17 ASH WEDNESDAY</b> <b>Outdoor Ministry Morning Prayer</b> 7:00 am (Onsite) <b>Confirmation</b> 6:15 pm - Grade 6 6:30 pm - Gr. 7th-8th <b>Worship</b> 7pm (Online) <b>Youth Event</b> 7:00 pm <b>Dig Deeper Study</b> 7:45 pm (Online) <b>AA Meeting</b> 7:30 pm  <b>Happy Birthday</b> Fred Thomson	<b>18</b>  <b>Happy Birthday</b> Nathan Kirkman	<b>19</b>  <b>Happy Birthday</b> Carter Christensen Kevin McCain Audrey Ress Theodore Rosholt	<b>20</b>  <b>Happy Birthday</b> Carter Christensen Kevin McCain Audrey Ress Theodore Rosholt
<b>21</b> <b>Worship</b> 9am (Online) <b>Dig Deeper Study</b> 9:45 am (Online) <b>God Squad Sledding &amp; Cocoa Event</b> 2:00 pm (Offsite)  <b>Happy Birthday</b> David Filek, Alice Gersema, Ben Ragner, Elena Salonek	<b>22</b> <b>AA Meeting</b> 8:00 pm  <b>Happy Birthday</b> Lois Hendricks Nels Tuvey	<b>23</b> <b>Marriage Ministry</b> 7:30 pm (Online)  <b>Happy Birthday</b> Kaden Blacketter JoAnn Cassidy Brielle Hirsch Amanda Lohmann EllaMae Neaton	<b>24</b> <b>Confirmation</b> 6:15 pm - Grade 6 6:30 pm - Gr. 7th-8th <b>Worship</b> 7pm (Online) <b>Youth Sledding Party</b> 7:00 pm (Offsite) <b>Dig Deeper Study</b> 7:45 pm (Online) <b>AA Meeting</b> 7:30 pm  <b>Happy Birthday</b> Randy Berhow Debra Dummer Scott Klitzke	<b>25</b>  <b>Happy Birthday</b> Mitchell Erickson	<b>26</b> <b>Outdoor Ministry S'mores Campfire</b> 7:00 pm (Onsite)  <b>Happy Birthday</b> Mitchell Erickson	<b>27</b>  <b>Happy Birthday</b> Dave Durkin
<b>28</b> <b>Worship</b> 9am (Online) <b>Dig Deeper Study</b> 9:45 am (Online)  <b>Happy Birthday</b> William Brown Cecilia Sieling Kameron Tufte	February 29  <b>Happy Birthday</b> Ethan Thonn Samuel Tronnes					



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## ➤➤➤➤ Last Month in Pictures



**Lots of outdoor winter fun was had by all this January at Trinity!**

