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Worship services streamed
Sundays at 9:00 am
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Walking Together in Christ

It's the beginning of a new year, and if there's one thing we've learned over the past year, it's the importance of walking TOGETHER as one family united in Christ. Of course, we've learned that there are many ways to be together beside simply being in each other's presence — we can connect through phone calls, emails, texts, and even online ZOOM meetings. But no matter how we connect, the end result is the same — we find ourselves stronger, bringing us closer together and closer to God.

Just take a look at what the Bible says about being together: **We know that all things work together for those who are called according to God's purpose.** (Romans 8) • **If one member suffers, all suffer together, and if one member rejoices, all rejoice together.** (1 Corinthians 12) • **Our God, who is rich in mercy, has made us alive together with Christ.** (Ephesians 2) • **All things have been created through Christ, and in Christ all things hold together.** (Colossians 1) • **Bear one another's burdens and clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together.** (Colossians 3)

I don't know what the year 2021 has in store for us, but I do know what God has in store for us in the coming days: gifts of faith, hope, and love that will strengthen us for the journey ahead.

~ God's Peace, Pastor Engholm

What's Happening AT TRINITY LUTHERAN?



**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**



Jacob's *Journal*

Happy New Year Trinity Family,

I hope you were all able to enjoy the Christmas season and welcome in the new year. This will continue to be a busy time for me. I will be taking a pair of J-Term classes and start my Clinical Pastoral Education, too. This means that you won't see me early in the month as these classes are intensive classes, and I will have full days of class for about two weeks. The two classes will be God, Evil, and Suffering, and a Public Worship class.

I am also hopeful that this year will bring more peace than we had in 2020. I hope we can gather together physically again in 2021 and I can continue to get to know more of you. I also hope we can continue to serve and love our neighbors, both known and unknown, and we can continue to work toward justice for all people. If we serve humbly and love fearlessly we can continue to do God's work with our hands and let our lights Shine On!

Blessings,
Jacob Ulland



ANNUAL BUDGET FORUM & CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

**Budget Forum
Sunday, January 24, 2021
10:00 am via ZOOM**

**Annual Meeting
Sunday, January 31, 2021
10:00 am via ZOOM**

Trinity will hold its Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 31, at 10:00 am. A Budget Forum Meeting will be held the week before, on Sunday, January 24, at 10:00 am. Each meeting will be held ONLINE through ZOOM — here's how it works:

A hard copy of the Annual Report will be mailed out to every household by the middle of January. This year's Annual Report will not be as detailed as in previous years, but it will include the income/expenses for 2020 as well as a budget for 2021. The list of candidates for the election will also be included. (Passing the budget and electing council and committee members are the two items of business that need to take place at the meeting. A more detailed version of the Annual Report will be available at the church office for those who wish to read it.)

To participate in the meeting, each household will need to have access to a computer, tablet, or phone that is capable of internet access. Before the meeting, a link will be sent to every household through email that will enable us to gather as a congregation. Instructions will be given prior to the meeting on how to participate, including how to vote.

We are clearly aware that holding a meeting over the internet is not the typical way of doing business. But we are convinced that this will be the best way to meet as we continue to move through the COVID-19 crisis. Thank you for your support as we carry on the mission as the Body of Christ!



Parking Lot Communion & Coffee Hour!

Sunday, January 17 | 10:00 - 11:00 am

Join us as we share the bread and wine of Christ's holy meal, and then stick around for socially distanced conversation outside with the others from our Trinity family. We'll supply the bread and wine for communion (at "Drive Up" and "Walk Up" stations), and you can bring your facemask and cup of coffee for conversation. See you there!



this month's
God Squad
opportunities

Ongoing

3-Click Bible Time (weekly)

Sunday, January 10th

Take & Make Activity

Sunday, January 17th

God Squad Virtual Hang

Sunday, January 24th

In-Person (outdoor) Activity and
Take & Make Activity



UPCOMING EVENTS:

Snowshoeing at Lowry Nature Center, Carver Park Reserve

Sunday, January 10 | 2:00 - 4:00 pm

Youth or adults are welcome to join the fun exploring winter on snowshoes! No experience is necessary. Cost is \$4 per person for rental of the snowshoes. Lowry caps the size of their group, so we have a max of 14 who can participate. **Please let Trisha Ragner know ASAP if you'd like to participate by emailing tragner@trin.org.**

Winter Activities in Trinity's Backyard

Sunday, January 17 | 2:00 pm

Come one, come all, to join the fun! You can do all of the activities, or just some. Meet in Trinity's parking lot.

List of activities include:

Making a bird feeder garland, Be amazed at the unpopable bubbles, Tic-Tac-Toe in the snow, Scavenger Hunt, Dash and Tag, Ice Lanterns (if snow conditions permit).

Running Group

Saturday, January 23 | 7:00 am

Are you a runner, or you want to be but have no one to go with? Meet us in the elementary school parking lot, and we'll head out for a 5-mile (or so) run for anyone who is interested.

Full Moon Walk

Thursday, January 28 | 7:30 pm

The first Full-Moon Walk that we had in November was a huge success so let's do it again! We will again meet at the Luce Line Trailhead that is about 1/2 mile north of the Luce Line Orchard. It ends up being about a 2 - 2 1/2 mile walk under the light of the moon.

Congregational NEWS

PASTORAL ACTS

FUNERALS

Lois Nussbaum

July 23, 1930 - October 1, 2020
Memorial Service on
October 6, 2020

Lucille Munkelwitz

June 5, 1928 - December 18, 2020
Memorial Service on
December 23, 2020

MEMORIALS

In memory of

Phil & Barb Schansberg
\$20 ~ General Fund

Lois Nussbaum
\$10 ~ Quilting

Harold Severson
\$100 ~ Capital Appeal

Lucille Munkelwitz
\$25 ~ Capital Appeal
\$490 ~ Undesignated

COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The full council meeting minutes were not available at time of print. Please inquire with the church office to view the full meeting minutes.

FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund summary for November 2020

Beginning balance 11/1/2020 \$ 22,115.37
General Fund income: \$ 33,583.28
General Fund expenses: \$ 34,188.13
Net balance (November): - \$ 604.85

General Fund balance as of 11/30/2020:
\$ 21,510.52

Year-to date general fund INCOME exceeds EXPENSES by \$36,065.09

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

Building Fund expenses:

Loan interest payment: \$ 1,345.63
Loan principal payment: \$ 991.37
Addtl. principal payment: \$ 56,963.00
(per October 20, 2020 council minutes)

Mortgage loan balance: \$ 366,962.90

Cash Summary

Bremer: \$ 67,392.60
(includes \$2,698.94 for November federal withholding and \$11,955.78 in hail damage receipts)

Citizen's Building Fund: \$ 147,054.94



a Note from **Joyce Harding Minister of Music**

all bad though...my granddaughter was born. That is a blessing! I've also reconnected with some old friends, and connected more with neighbors. I feel more compassion with others. I've learned to be accepting of outcomes, good or bad, when I have no control of that outcome.

I look forward to brighter days. I feel stronger to face the days. I trust God to get me through, which reminds me of another song, Rich Mullins "Awesome God."

***Our God is an awesome God
He reigns from heaven above
With wisdom power, and love
Our God is an awesome God***

Stay calm! Stay connected! Shine on!

Good riddance 2020. As I say this I think of the Green Day song, "Good Riddance (Time of Your Life)" with the lyrics:

Another turning point, a fork stuck in the road.

Time grabs you by the wrist, directs you where to go.

So make the best of this test and don't ask why.

It's not a question but a lesson learned in time.

It's something unpredictable, but in the end it's right.

I hope you had the time of your life.

2020 was certainly unpredictable and for me it was a test, and maybe for you, too. I won't go on about what we've had to endure. It wasn't

Good Riddance:
<https://youtu.be/CnQ8N1KacJc>

Awesome God:
https://youtu.be/P4uZ_RIH148

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <h1>January 2021</h1>					1 NEW YEAR'S DAY <i>Church Office Closed</i> <i>Happy Birthday</i> Morgan Matson Joyce Nelson	2 <i>Happy Birthday</i> Andrew Nichols McKenna Quinlan Rosie Schroers
3 Worship 9am (Online) <i>Happy Birthday</i> Carol Hendricks Jim Hunkins Diane Johnson	4 AA Meeting 8:00 pm <i>Happy Birthday</i> Riley Delaney James Forcier Albin Neaton	5 <i>Happy Birthday</i> Gavin Anderson Ansen Dulas Nina Kirkman Tami Kuntz Bill Singsank	6 <i>No Confirmation Class</i> Worship 7pm (Online) AA Meeting 7:30 pm <i>Happy Birthday</i> Theodore Lohmann	7 <i>Happy Birthday</i> John McCain Elvina Nelson	8 <i>Happy Birthday</i> Emmett Behrens	9
10 Worship 9am (Online) God Squad Take & Make Activity <i>(Pick up at Trintiy)</i> Outdoor Ministry Snowshoeing 2:00 pm (Offsite)	11 AA Meeting 8:00 pm <i>Happy Birthday</i> Beth Gilles Gerald Gruette Lisa McCain Emma Ragner Tina Scanlon	12 <i>Happy Birthday</i> Ryan Otto	13 Confirmation <i>No 6th Grade Class</i> 6:30 pm - Gr. 7th-8th Worship 7pm (Online) AA Meeting 7:30 pm	14 <i>Happy Birthday</i> Jake Salzsiedler Josh Scanlon Amy Tatge	15 <i>Happy Birthday</i> Kaitlyn Hecksel Doug Hendricks Aliya Jorgensen Randy Ragner	16
17 Worship 9am (Online) God Squad Virtual Hangout 9:30 am (Online) Parking Lot Communion 10-11am (Onsite) Outdoor Ministry Activities at Trinity 2:00 pm (Onsite)	18 AA Meeting 8:00 pm <i>Happy Birthday</i> Ella Hunkins Jordyn Salzsiedler Kennedy Tufte	19 Church Council Mtg 6:30 pm (via Zoom)	20 Confirmation 6:15 pm - Grade 6 6:30 pm - Gr. 7th-8th Worship 7pm (Online) AA Meeting 7:30 pm <i>Happy Birthday</i> Joshua Stenson	21 <i>Happy Birthday</i> Dori Akins James Nelson	22	23 Outdoor Ministry Running Group 7:00 am (Offsite) <i>Happy Birthday</i> Gail Cassidy Trisha Ragner Jody Zellmann
24 Worship 9am (Online) God Squad Outdoor Event Time TBD Budget Forum 10:00 am (Online) <i>Happy Birthday</i> Emma Hunkins Roxanne Lunderby	25 AA Meeting 8:00 pm <i>Happy Birthday</i> Ethen Bergstrom	26 <i>Happy Birthday</i> Frank Fritzke Kailey Paschke Kristina Skahaug Emma Thonn	27 Confirmation 6:15 pm - Grade 6 6:30 pm - Gr. 7th-8th Worship 7pm (Online) AA Meeting 7:30 pm <i>Happy Birthday</i> Nora Delaney, Natalie Johnson, Hattie Neaton, Jane Morrow, Jamie Isakson	28 Outdoor Ministry Full Moon Walk 7:30 pm (Offsite) <i>Happy Birthday</i> Travis Markgraf	29 <i>Happy Birthday</i> Autumn Guetzkow Alaina Thonn	30 <i>Happy Birthday</i> Gordon Asfeld Jayce Blacketter Karla Brabec Tasha Hafften - Redel Jason Koets Michelle Sandquist Kenneth Tufte
31 Worship 9am (Online) Annual Meeting 10:00 am (Online) <i>Happy Birthday</i> Mary Ann Kamann						



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**Sunday, January 31, 2021
10:00 am via Zoom**

Meeting details and a Zoom link will be provided by email to congregation members.

➤➤➤ Last Month in Pictures



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