

Trinity



Being the Light of Christ! Messenger

February - March

Being Thankful Today

It's been an adventure since I began my call at Trinity Lutheran Church and School. And the adventure continues. With the Covid-19 pandemic still active, the crazy history making events in our country that have unfolded in the first month of 2021, I am reminded that the Israelites spent 40 years in the wilderness and God was good to them, kept them, and guided them giving them hope and loving them even when they turned their backs on God. I'm pretty sure that we aren't in for forty years of being left in the desert to find a new home. And we have learned from our ancestors that God will not abandon us, and we choose not to abandon hope or God. I am totally sure that God has a plan for the future of God's kingdom and for our part in that future.

There is so much blessing here, perhaps even more evident in light of all that has occurred since last March. I know at this moment you may well be surprised by even more change. As Pastor Barry prepares to retire, take the time to thank God for all the blessings his gifts and presence have brought to Trinity. I am so happy for him, that he has heard and is heeding

God's call to the next step in his life. I, like many of you, will miss his presence here. My goal for the time between now and the end of April is to live in each day, enjoying the working relationship we have built. Will I be preparing for life on May 1? Yes, I will. Working with our church leadership we will work to follow God. And in the time between now and then, I invite you to be present in the moment. Make the most of each opportunity to serve with, worship with, speak with, and pray for and with Pastor Barry.

Matthew 6:34 says "Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own."

It's a great passage to lean on today and each day. And I trust that God is with us, that together we will follow the path in front of us with Jesus at our side, thankful for all the gifts we have received and the gifts we have yet to receive.

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pastor Beth".

Pastor Beth

Council meetings are held each month. Each meeting is opened with a devotion and prayer. Those present approve the minutes from the previous month's meeting and continue with reports from the Treasurer, Pastor, staff and Committees. The following is a brief synopsis of the most recent meeting. For a full record of the minutes, please call the church office.

Trinity Lutheran Church Annual Congregational Meeting - 1/24/2021

Luke Streng, Council President, called the meeting to order at 10:50 a.m. Pastor Barry Scott opened the meeting with prayer.

Minutes from January 2020 and Special Congregational Meeting held in March 2020 were approved unanimously.

Annual Treasurer's Report by Treasurer Jon Feller. Review of 2020. We approved a budget where expenses exceeded income. The anticipated a deficit of \$55,000 and had approved using "rainy day" funds to bridge this gap. Due to COVID, we experienced an additional \$60,000 deficit in contributions. Some expenses were able to be reduced, however, we ended the year with a deficit of approximately \$100,000. Payroll Protection Program (PPP) funds were used to address some of this shortfall; leaving a \$7,000 deficit for 2020. Jon noted that there is strong support for the Youth Group with a balance of close to \$20,000 from contributions and fund raising. The Stained Glass Window fund sits at just over \$17,000. Motion to approve the Annual Treasurer's Report by Len Baldwin. Second by Joe Elk. Motion passed.

Ministry Report was provided by Pastor Barry Scott. Due to the pandemic, ministry has occurred in very different and creative ways; especially through Family Ministry, Youth Ministry, and Trinity School. Some changes, such as the addition of live-streamed worship services, will continue into the future. This is Pastor Barry's 16th annual congregational meeting. As retirement approaches, the past fifteen years at Trinity have been a joy. He came to serve and his life has been blessed in wonderful ways over the years. PB referenced the restructuring of Church

Council one year ago and expressed appreciation for the work of this group. He also referenced the staff of the church and their amazing contributions. Job descriptions are included in the meeting packet this year so that everyone can have an opportunity to understand the scope of each position.

Pastor Beth noted that she is committed to remaining at Trinity. Working with Pastor Barry has been exactly what she hoped ministry would be; very collegial and collaborative. Pastor Beth also expressed thankfulness for Church Council and the manner in which the group members are working together.

Luke expressed thanks to Pastor Barry for his years of service.

Day School Committee Report: Enrollment is up due to the school being open full time, five days per week throughout the pandemic. The school treasurer has worked closely with Jon regarding budgeting issues. Cathy McNabb has done an excellent job leading the school. Projected enrollment for next year is positive.

New Business:

New Vision, Mission, and Strategic Goals: Luke reviewed this information with the congregation, along with proposed values. Motion to approve a new vision and mission statement was made by Mary Alice Elk. Second by Lisa Nicols. Motion passed.

Proposed 2021 Budget presented by Treasurer Jon Feller. 2019 and 2020 actuals were included. Both of these years experienced a loss and following difficult discussions among Council, it was determined that a balanced budget is needed for 2021, rather than

continuing with a third year of deficit. Reductions have occurred across the board. Office, staffing, ministry and school support are all impacted. Council looked at all areas of ministry, including hours and rates of pay. Savings were spread across all areas. School support will be reduced between \$6,000 and \$7,000. In addition, beginning in May, there will be one pastor salary. It was asked if the school will be able to make up the reduction. Jon said that the overall goal is to ensure that the church is financially stable and can continue to operate. He has met with Travis Bollman - Treasurer for the school - and the conversation regarding this reduction has occurred. The school is in a good financial position and should be able to absorb this reduction. Actual ministry reductions are reflected in the Youth Minister, Family Minister, and Administrative position. Jon has watched the contribution trends and has reported this information to Council regularly. In 2020, contributions were on target for the first six months, and then fell off during the last six months. Jon also stressed the desire to be completely transparent with the congregation and school regarding the financial position of the church.

Currently the church provides direct support to the school of over \$90,000 annually and indirect support through expenses including advertising, utilities, cleaning and facility maintenance. Motion to approve the 2021 budget by Nevin Taylor. Second by Len Baldwin. Motion passed.

Recognition of current Council Members.

Recognition of outgoing Trust Members Dan Cramer and Tony Mayer.

Election of Mindy Dougherty and Kelly Reed to the school board. No nominations from the floor. Motion to approve by Brad Gilbert. Second by Jon Feller. Motion passed.

Danny Paul, Mark Ruff, and Marty Shroyer recommended to the Trust Committee. No nominations from the floor. Motion by Judy Brandt. Second by Joe Elk. Motion passed.

Mary Alice Elk motioned to affirm the current Executive Committee of Council. Nevin Taylor offered a second. Motion passed.

Joe Elk motioned to adjourn the meeting at 11:35 a.m. Pastor Beth closed the meeting in prayer.

Approved Trinity Lutheran Church Visioning Statement!

Mission Statement: Follow God
Love each other
Be the light to the world

Vision Statement: We will live by faith.
We will be known for our love.
We will be a voice of hope to the world.

Proposed Strategic Goals:
Develop small group ministry.
Grow our membership.
Increase our presence in the community via outreach and service.
Develop a long-term plan to support the infrastructure of the church and school buildings.



Food Distribution

**It's time to plan for our monthly food distributions for 2021!
Trinity's distribution will be the 1st Thursday
of each month, beginning March 4!
More details will be coming after the first of the year.**

Please watch our Social Media pages!

Simple ways to Give!

There are several ways for you to support the ministries of Trinity.

Simply Giving is a convenient electronic funds transfer allowing you to give anytime.

Automatically give through your bank and choose which funds you would like to support.

Use your smart phone and the QR code to set up a giving program that works best for you.

You can also go to Trinity's website and follow the link "donate now" to set up a one time gift or automated giving.



**Subscribe to Trinity's new
Youtube channel.**

TrinityMarysville

**Watch Sunday worship and
daily devotions.**

**We will be live streaming
worship on Sunday mornings
at 8:00 & 10:15**

beginning on May 31

**When you subscribe you will
receive notifications
of new postings.**



Support Trinity School!! Virtual Blue Jean Ball!

February 8-12

Watch for details about how you can bid on items!!

All proceeds will support the school.



Scan this QR Code
to get to the

New Trinity on-line bulletin.

Included are announcements, readings for Sunday, and updates regarding worship and links to online studies for youth, women and men.



**New Worship
Time!
Beginning Feb. 7
8:00, 9:45
& 11:15!
Praise Format**

Lenten Devotions

Please call the church office if you would like to receive one of our Lenten Devotions.

They will also be available in the church atrium on Sunday, February 14.

Bible Studies

There are many opportunities to join a bible study on ZOOM!

Men's & Women's Bible Studies meet weekly & monthly. Students are invited to join Restore(d) Youth. There are also family opportunities. Contact the church office or go to the website for the links.

Serving Opportunities!

There are many ways you can serve that will help us all worship together!

Altar Guild - prepares the elements for communion on Sunday morning. There are several teams that rotate throughout the year.

Usher, Greeters - as we are able to worship in person, more individuals are needed to help get families to their seats on Sunday morning.

Media Team - This is a great opportunity to have the best seat in the house! It is as simple as pushing the space bar or sharing worship with those homebound and worshipping from home.

Handy man/woman! - small projects around the building!

Please call Lisa in the office to learn how you can be a part of the team.



The 2020-2021 school year was nearly half complete with the middle of January marking the middle of the 2nd trimester. All the children, from 3 year olds to 6th graders continue to grow, in faith, knowledge and wisdom. I am so grateful, proud and blessed to be a part of such a caring, compassionate and dynamic group of teachers and support staff. Each of them go above and beyond with their dedication to our students and their learning. They, like the students, continue to adapt to any obstacles that come their way. This goes to show that even though Covid has changed our world and some of our routines, it has not changed the mission of Trinity Lutheran School.

Our current school year continues to progress forward with in-person, 5 days per week learning and with the students fully engaged and working hard. It was a big accomplishment that on November 13th we completed our first trimester of the year without any virtual learning!!!! Our staff and administration are grateful to our Trinity families who have been proactive partners with health and safety precautions by keeping their children home when they are not feeling well. Our daily cleaning routines along with social distancing, mask wearing and desk barriers are contributing factors to the healthy environment we have which ultimately allows us to continue with in-person learning.

December was usually a busy month, but unfortunately many of the holiday traditions such as the Christmas

Cantata did not take place due to Covid 19. One tradition, that has and still remains a part of our school, is the memorizing of Luke 2 by our second graders. This tradition began around 1961 by Mrs. Oneida Boerger, who taught 2nd grade for over 30 years at Trinity. To keep this tradition going the students video taped this presentation which was posted and shared with our Trinity community.

Our annual Blue Jean Ball fundraiser has been rescheduled for February 8-12 and will be through an on-line auction platform. We are still accepting donations for this event and hope you will think about how you can donate to our school.

Enrollment for the 2021-2022 school year officially began on January 25th. While we could not have a formal open house, like in years past, the teachers posted video's of their classrooms for prospective families to view. Educational Consultations and tours are available but through appointment only.

On behalf of the Trinity School faculty, students and families I want to thank YOU.....the CONGREGATION.....for your support, dedication, prayers, time, talents and donations which you have given to our school this year.

Serving in Christ,
Cathy Kester-McNabb
Interim Principal

Trinity Tigers, Rah, Rah, Rah! Trinity Tigers, Rah, Rah, Rah!



A Matthew 19:14
Church Family
“Let the children come to me..”

A note from Amelia

In December I received this text message from a parent: “Love, love the Christmas box and all the fun things to do...Thank you for this fun blessing.” The Rooted team received kind words and pictures of families working, learning, and growing together using the Family Worship Bundle for Christmas. What a joy to assemble and deliver these throughout December and we were certainly thrilled with the ways families used them! It’s great when we leaders get to have faith conversations paired with fun experiences with children but what an incredible win to help parents have valuable conversations about Jesus with their own child(ren)! We look forward to watching God continue to work in and through the Easter Bundles next!

“My child, listen to your father’s teaching and do not forget your mother’s advice. Their teaching will be like flowers in your hair or a necklace around your neck.” Proverbs 1:8&9

God’s blessings,

Amelia Shrum

Family Minister

ashrum@trinitymarysville.org

Family Calendar:

GRASP Confirmation “Psalms” Learning Event: Sunday, February 14th 2:30-4:30pm

Easter Family Worship Bundle: Sign your family up to receive a bundle to help you worship and celebrate Jesus together at home in this fun, safe, and meaningful way! All ages are welcome and encouraged to participate!!! To sign up contact Amelia Shrum (ashrum@trinitymarysville.org, 614-769-1639), or scan the QRcode



GRASP Confirmation “Stewardship” Learning Event: Sunday, March 14th 2:30-4:30pm

Trinity Youth Group “Restore(d)”: 7th - 12th graders meeting Sunday evenings. Contact Tara Gilbert (tgilbert@trinitymarysville.org) for more info.

Trinity Children’s Group “Rooted”: **Preschool** - 6th graders group meeting virtually on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month 6:15-7pm. Contact Amelia Shrum (ashrum@trinitymarysville.org) for more info.

Trinity Pray and Play Family Group 9-9:30am the 2nd Sunday of the month: Families are invited to join this virtual call together as we pray and play! Contact Amelia Shrum (ashrum@trinitymarysville.org) for more info.

Sunday School 9-9:30am 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month: Preschool - 6th grade join us virtually as we walk through the Jesus Storybook Bible this school year! Please contact Amelia Shrum (ashrum@trinitymarysville.org) for more information.

First Communion Classes

Parents and their child interested in learning about and receiving their First Holy Communion are invited to meet with Pastor Barry, Pastor Beth and Amelia for a class on March 24 from 6-7pm.

Contact the church office or email Amelia to be added to the list.

If you have questions about the class, please feel free to call Pastor Barry.



No Need to Reserve a Seat!

We will still be socially distant and need to wear masks.

check in with the ushers when you arrive for help finding a seat.





Ash Wednesday

February 17

Chapel 9:15am

4:00 & 7:00pm

Live streaming at

4:00pm

Wednesdays in Lent

Worship 4:00pm

Will be live streamed, and available anytime on the Trinity YouTube channel. Button on our website.

Sundays in Lent

God's Promises (revealed through the Scriptures)

8:00am, 9:45am, 11:15 am

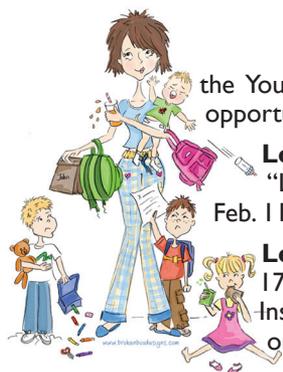
On Ash Wednesday we begin our forty-day journey toward Easter with a day of repentance, marking our foreheads with dust, we acknowledge that we die and return to the earth. At the same time, the dust traces the life-giving cross indelibly marked on our foreheads at baptism. While we journey through Lent to return to God, we have already been reconciled to God through Christ. We humbly pray for God to make our hearts clean while we rejoice that “now is the day of salvation.” Returning to our baptismal call, we more intentionally bear the fruits of mercy and justice in the world.

Busy Mom's Bible Study

2 opportunities to study together. Both use the YouVersion app with a short daily reading and an opportunity to share.

Love: A 7 day study starting Tuesday, Feb. 2nd called “Love Does”. We'll wrap up via virtual call Thursday, Feb. 11th 9-9:45pm.

Lent: A 40 day study starting Ash Wednesday, Feb. 17th. This study will lead us right to Holy Week. Instead of a wrap up call we'll do a midway check in on Thursday, March 11th 9-9:45pm.





Listening aids are available!
Please stop by the Welcome
Center and ask about them.

Mar - Team 1
Apr - Team 2
Feb - Team 3

**Those
Who
Serve**

TEAM #1
Dennis Schulze, Karen Schulze, Mary Alice
Elk, Bob Overbaugh, Beth Overbaugh,
Mark Kemp, Barb Kent, Kevin Quick, Sara
Quick, Daren Griffith, Tina Foss

TEAM #2
Len Baldwin, Jean Baldwin, Joy Kreis, Rose
Arth, Dick Brake, Kathy Brake, Leo Baker,
Karen Baker, Mike Pharr, Sharon Streng

Team #3
Melissa Yinger, Kelly Reed, Linda Rabley,
Kay Lewis, Tara Gilbert, Les Schinke, Betty
Schinke, Deb Jackson, Kaylee Clemans

Bible Studies at Trinity

**All Bible Studies are being held
on line with some meeting in
person. Contact the church
office or check “Church News”
at www.trinitymarysville.org.**

Celebrate 80+ Birthdays!

FEBRUARY

- 1 Valeta Durban
The Gables
390 Gables Dr.
- 3 Bernice Rasey
253 Residence Dr.
- 12 Bob Vogt
315 Buerger St.
- 16 Lenita Stark
847 Hickory Dr
- 19 Rosalyn DeGood
970 Catalpa Ct.



March

- 17 George McVey
402 Aldersgate
- 23 Elsie Kleiber
145 Coleman Crossing Blvd
- 26 Joe Ohler
371 Hickory Dr.

**Please be sure to update
your contact information and
include your birthdate!!
Call the church office.
937-642-1616**