



# TIDINGS

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH OF WATERTOWN, MINNESOTA



Do you remember the beginning of last year and the start of 2021? We were so glad to have the year 2020 behind us, to have the "Year of Covid" behind us, certain that the year 2021 would bring an end to the global pandemic and a fresh start to all things new. But now, here we are at the end of 2021 and the beginning of 2022, and we're still dealing with quarantines, health issues, and an overarching sense of grief. And yet, in the midst of all of this, God has not given up! In fact, God has chosen to give us the gift of a new year! I'm

reminded of that beautiful quote by the poet, Maya Angelou: "This is a wonderful day, I have never seen this one before." I suppose we could say the same thing about the year 2022: "This is going to be a wonderful year, I have never seen this one before."

Our Bible readings on Sunday mornings for the coming year will all be coming from the Gospel of John. Just for fun, I looked up John 20:22, since we're going into the year 2022. Here's what I found:

***When Jesus had said this, he breathed on them and said to them,  
"Receive the Holy Spirit."***

Isn't that fantastic? Jesus had just risen from the tomb and had returned to his disciples, saying, "Peace be with you." Then he simply breathed on them with the breath of the Spirit of God. But that wasn't just a one time event – God is still breathing the Holy Spirit into all of us, surrounding us with a spirit of peace.

I wonder what would happen if we took that event seriously in the coming year? What if we simply claimed the "Year of 2022" as the "Year of the Spirit of Peace." Because isn't it true? Isn't God's Spirit of Peace still here among us now? Isn't God's Spirit of Peace still guiding our way? Isn't God's Spirit of Peace still lighting our path? Of course it is! God is here, God is at work, and God is leading us forward into a bright new future. Without a doubt, God's Spirit of Peace is leading us forward courage, patience, and power.

God's Peace ~ Pastor Engholm



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**Worship Onsite**  
**Sundays 9:00 & 10:30 am**

**Worship Online**  
**Sundays 9:00 am**  
**Wednesdays 7:00 pm**

## STAFF:

Pastor	Jeffrey M. Engholm
Minister of Music	Joyce Harding
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# What's Happening AT TRINITY LUTHERAN?



## Annual Meeting Sunday, January 30, 2022

11:15 am ~ Onsite and via Zoom

Trinity's Annual Meeting will be held Sunday, January 30, 2022 immediately following the 10:30 am service. Please make every effort to attend – either in person or via the Zoom link that will be emailed to members the week prior to the meeting. In addition to the "usual" order of business, we will be discussing our current capital campaign (which ends in June) as well as a number of short and long term projects regarding our building and property.



### 2022 Spending Plan Review

On **Sunday, January 23**, Trinity Church Council members will present the 2022 Spending Plan between services at 9:45 am. There will be time for questions and discussion.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Even in the midst of a global pandemic, new folks have found their way to Trinity! With all of the content we have had in our newsletters over the last 20 months or so, our new members were not always able to be included. So we would like to acknowledge them now. Please welcome these new members to our flock when you see them!

**Kurt, Shelly, Charlotte, Sylvia & Evelyn Becker**  
**William & Nancy Brown**  
**Meaghan, Emery & Finley Erickson**  
**Chris, Samantha, Eliot & Charli Fautsch**  
**Ben Firth**  
**Jeff Jackson**  
**Jennifer, Parker & Kallie Jackson**  
**Chad, Kayla & Jackson Jones**  
**John, Tina, Adrienne & McKenna Quinlan**  
**Gale & Mark Reitan**

PROPERTY



## Property Committee Update

by Dan Sieling

After a lengthy break due to COVID, the Property Committee has started meeting on a regular basis again. Our focus at this time has been to create a list of both short term and long term projects, estimate the cost of completing each project, and then prioritizing the list based on both cost and urgency of each need.

Some of the bigger projects on Trinity's horizon include bringing our electrical panels up to code, repairing the steeple, repairing cracked stained glass windows, and roof and parking lot maintenance.

Once our list has been finalized, it will be presented to the church council to create a strategy for financing these projects. The potential cost of these projects varies from hundreds of dollars to thousands of dollars.

As the congregation gets closer to paying off our mortgage through our Capital Campaign, we need to look to the future with an understanding that our church facility is aging and will need continual financial investment to keep everything functioning.

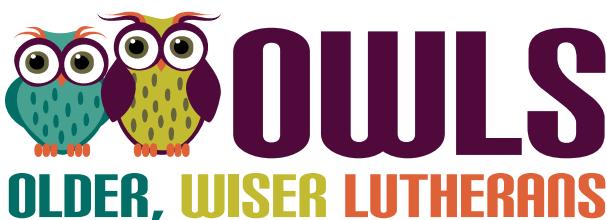
If you have any questions, please contact one of the members of the Property Committee: Steve Boylan, Robyn Behrens, Josh Gallus, Terri Gens, Tim Geyen, Jeff Neaton, Dave Niermann, Dan Sieling, Hubie Widmer.

# Children's Ministry

A Kids Connection from  
Children's Ministry Coordinator,  
Hannah Rosholt



This fall, we looked at stories from the Old Testament and how they provided life lessons for a life of faith. As we begin the new year, we are excited to dive into the New Testament with our theme "A Day at the Museum." Museums have the unique ability to transform learning! Instead of merely reading words on a page, we can experience them through all of our senses! "A Day at the Museum" is a series all about helping kids interact with the stories of Jesus and connecting them to God. Jesus' life and early ministry helps all of us experience (see, hear . . . even taste!) and follow God in new, tangible, and real ways.



Thursday, January 20 | 9:30 am

The December weather forced us to cancel our gathering, so we're going to try and get together for breakfast in January instead. Join Trinity's OWLS (Older, Wiser Lutherans) Fellowship Group for breakfast at R & B Cafe in downtown Watertown. So that we can reserve a table at the restaurant, please RSVP to Sandy Beckman at 952-955-1780 by January 18.

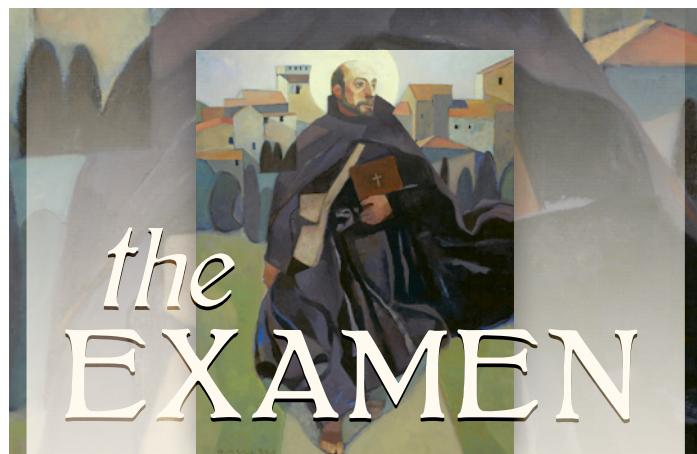
## PARISH Health Matters

The monthly column from Trinity's Parish Health Ministry Team

### Are you looking for a way to deepen your daily prayer practice?

Trinity's Parish Health Ministry Team encourages health and wellness of body, mind, and spirit in all aspects of our lives. This month, we bring you an opportunity to enhance your daily prayer routine.

The Prayer of Examen is 5 simple steps that bring attention to where God is working in your daily life. What moment are you most grateful for? What moment are you least grateful for? What have you noticed from your day? What is your take away from these noticing and how will they guide you moving forward? Give thanks for whatever you've experienced and spend time in silence and gratitude.



The *Examen* is a method of reviewing your day in the presence of God. It's actually an attitude more than a method, a time set aside for thankful reflection on where God is in your everyday life. It has five steps, which most people take more or less in order, and it usually takes 15 to 20 minutes per day. Here it is in a nutshell:

- 1 Ask God for light.  
*I want to look at my day with God's eyes, not merely my own.*
- 2 Give thanks.  
*The day I have just lived is a gift from God. Be grateful for it.*
- 3 Review the day.  
*I carefully look back on the day just completed, being guided by the Holy Spirit.*
- 4 Face your shortcomings.  
*I face up to what is wrong—in my life and in me.*
- 5 Look toward the day to come.  
*I ask where I need God in the day to come.*

# Congregational NEWS

## PASTORAL ACTS

### FUNERAL

**Karilyn Johnson**

February 8, 1947 - December 20, 2021

Memorial Service on  
December 28, 2021



2022 offering envelopes  
are available in the  
narthex at church.

### Have You Remembered Trinity in Your Will?

Some people are able to continue to give to Trinity in death, as well as in life. Giving through your will helps to continue the 160-year tradition of ministry and mission at Trinity, continuing the legacy of your witness. With the advice of your attorney or tax adviser, the following language may be added to your will, trust, or codicil:  
**"I bequeath X% of my estate to Trinity Lutheran Church, 513 Madison Street SE, Watertown, MN 55388."**

Thank you for considering a lasting gift to Trinity Lutheran!

## COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

December 21, 2021

### FINANCIAL REPORT

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

#### General Fund summary November 2021

<b>Beginning balance 11/1/2021:</b>	<b>\$ 7,577.79</b>
General Fund income:	\$ 32,722.65
General Fund expenses:	\$ 34,619.55
Net balance (November):	-\$ 1,896.901

<b>General Fund balance as of 11/30/2021:</b>	<b>\$ 5,680.89</b>
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**Year-to date general fund EXPENSES exceed INCOME by \$31,003.41.**

#### Building Fund expenses:

Loan interest payment:	\$ 839.94
Loan principal payment:	\$ 1,497.06
Add'l principal payment:	\$ 2,923.00

**Mortgage loan balance: \$260,821.24**

#### Cash Summary

Bremer:	\$ 51,302.21
(includes \$2,806.64 for Nov. federal withholding and \$11,270.78 in hail damage receipts)	

Citizen's Building Fund: \$144,181.87

M/S/C Jodi Boylan / Diane Holmes / carried

### PASTOR'S REPORT

Pastor Engholm listed the many events that has happened in December and listed the many events coming up leading to Christmas.

### OLD BUSINESS

- **Internship Committee** The November and December meetings were combined due to scheduling conflicts. The discussion for the meeting revolved around what brought the committee members to Trinity and their backgrounds in different denominations. All members felt there were many connections between each other even though they grew up going to different churches.

- **Sunshine Ministry** brought St. Lucia treats to local Trinity members.

### NEW BUSINESS

- **Donation for ELCA World Hunger** In the past, all loose change offerings have been donated to the ELCA World Hunger fund, but recently there has been little to no loose change in the offering plate. A motion has been made to make a \$100 donation in place of the loose change.

M/S/C Diane Holmes / Jodi Boylan / carried

- **Staff Christmas Gift** A gift for staff was discussed and agreed upon.

M/S/C Nick Neaton / Jodi Boylan / carried

- **Annual Meeting Format**

The in-person informational meeting on January 23 will be recorded and posted online so members can access the information. The Annual meeting will be in-person in the sanctuary, and simultaneously online via Zoom on January 30.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<b>1</b> <b>NEW YEAR'S DAY</b>  <span style="color: orange;">Happy Birthday</span>  Morgan Matson Joyce Nelson
<b>2</b> <b>Worship</b> 9 am (Onsite & Online) <b>Fellowship</b> 9:45 am <i>No Sunday School</i> <b>Worship</b> 10:30 am (Onsite)  <span style="color: orange;">Happy Birthday</span>  Andrew Nichols McKenna Quinlan Rosie Schroers	<b>3</b> <b>Book Club</b> 6:30 pm <b>AA Meeting</b> 8 pm  <span style="color: orange;">Happy Birthday</span>  Jim Hunkins Diane Johnson	<b>4</b> <b>Quilters</b> 9 am <b>Handbells</b> 6:30 pm  <span style="color: orange;">Happy Birthday</span>  Riley Delaney James Forcier Albin Neaton	<b>5</b> <i>No Confirmation Class</i> <b>Worship</b> 7 pm (Online) <b>Worship Choir</b> 7 pm <b>Praise Band</b> 8 pm  <span style="color: orange;">Happy Birthday</span>  Gavin Anderson, Evelyn Becker, Ansen Dulas, Nina Kirkman, Tami Kuntz, Bill Singsank	<b>6</b>  <span style="color: orange;">Happy Birthday</span>  Theodore Lohmann	<b>7</b>  <span style="color: orange;">Happy Birthday</span>  John McCain Elvina Nelson	<b>8</b>  <span style="color: orange;">Happy Birthday</span>  Emmett Behrens
<b>9</b> <b>Worship</b> 9 am (Onsite & Online) <b>Fellowship</b> 9:45 am <b>Sunday School</b> 9:45 am <b>Worship</b> 10:30 am (Onsite)	<b>10</b> <b>Apostles</b> 8:30 am <b>Priscilla Circle</b> 2 pm <b>AA Meeting</b> 8 pm  <span style="color: orange;">Happy Birthday</span>  Beth Gilles, Gerald Gruette, Lisa McCain, Emma Ragner, Tina Scanlon	<b>11</b> <b>Quilters</b> 9 am <b>Handbells</b> 6:30 pm  <span style="color: orange;">Happy Birthday</span>  Ella Hunkins Jordyn Salzsiedler Kennedy Tufte	<b>12</b> <b>6-8 Confirm.</b> 6:30 pm <b>Worship</b> 7 pm (Online) <b>Youth Ministry</b> 7 pm <b>Worship Choir</b> 7 pm <b>Praise Band</b> 8 pm  <span style="color: orange;">Happy Birthday</span>  Ryan Otto	<b>13</b> <b>Finance Committee</b> 6:30 pm	<b>14</b>  <span style="color: orange;">Happy Birthday</span>  Jake Salzsiedler Josh Scanlon Amy Tatge	<b>15</b>  <span style="color: orange;">Happy Birthday</span>  Kaitlyn Hecksel Doug Hendricks Aliya Jorgensen Randy Ragner
<b>16</b> <b>Worship</b> 9 am (Onsite & Online) <b>Fellowship</b> 9:45 am <b>Sunday School</b> 9:45 am <b>Worship</b> 10:30 am (Onsite)	<b>17</b> <b>AA Meeting</b> 8:00 pm  <span style="color: orange;">Happy Birthday</span>  Ella Hunkins Jordyn Salzsiedler Kennedy Tufte	<b>18</b> <b>Quilters</b> 9 am <b>Handbells</b> 6:30 pm <b>Church Council Mtg.</b> 6:30 pm	<b>19</b> <b>6-8 Confirm.</b> 6:30 pm <b>Worship</b> 7 pm (Online) <b>Youth Ministry</b> 7 pm <b>Worship Choir</b> 7 pm <b>Praise Band</b> 8 pm  <span style="color: orange;">Happy Birthday</span>  Joshua Stenson	<b>20</b> <b>OWLS</b> 9:30 am	<b>21</b>  <span style="color: orange;">Happy Birthday</span>  Dori Akins James Nelson	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> <b>Worship</b> 9 am (Onsite & Online) <b>Fellowship</b> 9:45 am <b>Budget Review</b> 10 am <b>Sunday School</b> 9:45 am <b>Worship</b> 10:30 am (Onsite)  <span style="color: orange;">Happy Birthday</span>  Gail Cassidy, Trisha Ragner, Jody Zellmann	<b>24</b> <b>Apostles</b> 8:30 am <b>AA Meeting</b> 8:00 pm  <span style="color: orange;">Happy Birthday</span>  Emma Hunkins Roxanne Lunderby	<b>25</b> <b>Quilters</b> 9 am <b>Handbells</b> 6:30 pm  <span style="color: orange;">Happy Birthday</span>  Ethen Bergstrom	<b>26</b> <b>6-8 Confirm.</b> 6:30 pm <b>Worship</b> 7 pm (Online) <b>Youth Ministry</b> 7 pm <b>Worship Choir</b> 7 pm <b>Praise Band</b> 8 pm  <span style="color: orange;">Happy Birthday</span>  Frank Fritzke Kailey Paschke Kristina Skahaug Emma Thonn	<b>27</b> <b>Heavenly Housekeepers</b> 9:00 am	<span style="color: orange;">Happy Birthday</span>  Nora Delaney Jamie Isakson Natalie Johnson Hattie Neaton Jane Morrow	<b>28</b>  <span style="color: orange;">Happy Birthday</span>  Travis Markgraf
<b>30</b> <b>Worship</b> 9 am (Onsite & Online) <b>Fellowship</b> 9:45 am <b>Sunday School</b> 9:45 am <b>Worship</b> 10:30 am <b>Annual Meeting</b> 11:15 am (Onsite & via Zoom)	<b>31</b> <b>AA Meeting</b> 8:00 pm  <span style="color: orange;">Happy Birthday</span>  Mary Ann Kamann	<span style="color: orange;">Happy Birthday</span>  <i>(January 30)</i> Gordon Asfeld, Jayce Blacketter, Karla Brabec, Ben Firth, Tasha Redel, Jason Koets, Michelle Sandquist				



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## Trinity Lutheran Church Annual Congregational Meeting

**Sunday, January 30, 2022  
11:15 am ~ Onsite and via Zoom**

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

## Last Month in Pictures



Saint Lucia Tea Drive Thru Event



Christmas Choirs, Crafts and Events at Trinity



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