



# TIDINGS

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH OF WATERTOWN, MINNESOTA



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## If Trinity wasn't here, what would you miss the most?

That's the question we asked last fall, and the answers were wide and varied. Many people mentioned the services, the music, and the message of new life in Christ. But there was an even broader theme of COMMUNITY that was shared by many people, when they said

that what they would miss most would be... Friendships! Connections! Belongingness! Fellowship! Church Community! Togetherness! Connection to people of faith! The people! Little kids! Faces of Friends! The welcoming feel! Wonderful Christian Friends! The Sunday morning smiling! Support – we are family here!

Clearly, one of the things we would miss most is simply each other, being together, praying together, singing together, and talking together. In 1 Corinthians 12:26, we read these words: "If one member suffers, all suffer together. If one member rejoices, all rejoice together." Whether we gather in person or online, it's so important to gather to share our joys and sorrows together.

When we looked through the cards that people wrote, one person simply said that this is what they would miss most: The Spirit of God! Yes, it's true that God is with us whether we are alone or in a group. But isn't it great to gather together, sing together, pray together, work together, and play together? Because when we do that, we truly experience community, we truly experience connections, and we truly experience the Spirit of God!

~ God's Peace, Pastor Engholm

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**Worship**  
**Sundays 9:00 am**  
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# What's Happening AT TRINITY LUTHERAN?



## Sunday Morning Faith Forum

Sunday, February 12 | 10:00 am

Our Sunday Morning Faith Forums are topical in nature as we discuss our response as thoughtful, faithful Christians to the current events of the day. Grab a cup of coffee and join the conversation on the second Sunday of each month in the Pioneer Room.

## Digging Deeper Bible Study

Sunday, February 19 | 10:00 am

Our Digging Deeper series takes place on the third Sunday of each month to dig deeper into the scripture reading for the day. All are welcome to join Pastor Jeff in the Pioneer Room for this discussion.



## Camp Sunday at Trinity

Sunday, February 26

There's no better way to get through the cold, dark days of winter than to celebrate the great outdoors of God's beautiful creation! Join us for "Camp Sunday" where we'll join together in songs of prayer and praise in honor of all that God has made. Feel free to wear your flannels and camp sweatshirts to church that Sunday!

*Praise the Lord, sun and moon and shining stars! Praise the Lord, fire and hail and storm and snow! Praise the Lord mountains and hills and rivers and trees! Praise the Lord all living things! Praise the Lord!* ~ Psalm 148



Trinity is having another  
Underwear Drive in February!



We're doing it again! Just like last winter, we're collecting new underwear of all sizes to donate to Central Lutheran Church's "Free Store" in Minneapolis. This store is open every Monday to anyone who has unmet needs, and they can always use underwear! You are invited to bring in new packs of underwear from kids to adults sizes. Drop donations off in the special "Undie Bin" at our Donation Station at the main parking lot entrance. Last year we collected over 130 packages of underwear. Let's see if we can top that this February!

## Trinity Worship Choir

Trinity's Worship Choir will begin rehearsals again on Wednesday, February 8 at 6:30 pm. The choir is open to adults and teens. If you would like to be a part of the choir or want more information, please contact Hannah at [hrosholt@trin.org](mailto:hrosholt@trin.org) for more details!



# Monthly Events

AT TRINITY

Visit [www.trin.org/events](http://www.trin.org/events) for more details on these and all upcoming events at Trinity.

**Sunday, February 5, 10 am** | Coffee & Donuts Fellowship

**Every Tuesday, 9 am** | Quilting

**Sunday, February 12, 10 am** | Faith Forum

**Mondays, February 13 & 27, 8:30 am** | Apostles

**Monday, February 13, 2 pm** | Priscilla Circle Bible Study

**Thursday, February 16, 9:30 am** | OWLS

**Sunday, February 19, 10 am** | Digging Deeper

**Thursday, February 23, 9 am** | Heavenly Housekeepers



## Ash Wednesday

**Wednesday, February 22**

**Service at 7:00 pm ~ Onsite & Online**

The Season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday. We'll gather to hear a word of hope and peace, even as we are reminded of our limited lifespan here on earth: "Remember you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

## Looking Ahead to Lent

Lent is a time for renewal and growth through worship, prayer and refection before the celebration of Easter. During Lent, we will gather each Wednesday evening for a light meal followed by our Lenten worship services. The first Midweek Lenten service will be on Wednesday, March 1.

# Children's Ministry

## Children's Ministry in February

This month, we continue our "Measure Up" series in Sunday School, reminding us that God makes us ready at the right time, and God's words help us make wise choices.

### Children's Choir

Children's Choir is starting up again! Rehearsals begin on Wednesday, February 8 at 3:00 pm. Contact Hannah Rosholt if your child is interested in participating.



### Movie Morning Event

On Sunday, February 19, we'll have a special event in lieu of Sunday School – POPCORN and MOVIE! Bring your blankets and your stuffies, and we'll enjoy a movie in the Nylunda Chapel.

### After School Event

We're still in search of parents who are willing to lead an after school event for K-4 kids. If you are interested or want more information, please contact Hannah at [hrosholt@trin.org](mailto:hrosholt@trin.org). Thanks!



**Thursday, February 16 | 9:30 am**

We're going out for breakfast! Join Trinity's OWLS (Older, Wiser Lutherans) Fellowship Group for breakfast at R & B Cafe in downtown Watertown. Also, if you are able to contribute, we are collecting Dry Erase Markers and cardstock to donate to teachers at the Watertown-Mayer Elementary School.

# Congregational NEWS

## PASTORAL ACTS

### FUNERALS

**Glen Sandquist**  
10/16/1931 ~ 1/2/2023  
Memorial Service on  
January 7, 2023

## MEMORIALS *in memory of*

**Dean Hendricks**  
Youth Ministry ~ \$20  
Undesignated ~ \$100

**Bernice Olson**  
Missionary Support ~ \$425  
Undesignated ~ \$20

**Ron Olson**  
Undesignated ~ \$295

**Barb Lunow**  
Undesignated ~ \$10

**Glen Sandquist**  
Altar Guild ~ \$10  
Organ/Music Fund ~ \$50  
Elsie Sandquist Memorial  
Scholarship Fund ~ \$2,310

## COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

January 17, 2023

### FINANCIAL REPORT

#### General Fund summary December 2022

##### Beginning balance

**12/1/2022:** **-\$24,815.40**  
Operating Fund income: \$61,032.09  
Operating Fund exps: \$34,277.48  
Net balance (Dec.): \$26,754.61

**General Fund balance as of  
12/31/2022: \$1,939.21**

**2022 operating fund EXPENSES  
exceeded INCOME by \$11,093.46.**

##### Building Fund expenses:

Loan interest payment: \$ 489.33  
Loan principal payment: \$1,847.67  
Add'l principal payment: \$2,663.00

**Mortgage loan balance:  
\$150,012.25**

##### Cash Summary:

Bremer: \$68,451.53  
*(includes \$1,772.70 for Dec. federal withholding  
and \$14,321.96 in hail damage receipts)*

Citizen's Building Fund: \$96,417.81

*M/S/C Nancy Pickering / Tammy Vraspir / carried*

##### Comments:

- 6% of general fund income for benevolence to Minneapolis Area Synod amounted to \$3,660.00.
- Xcel bill for fuel and electricity amounted to \$2,562.00 (up about \$1,250.00 from November).
- \$2,336.00 was paid from memorial money for the final payment of the dishwasher.

- Hail damage (2019) receipts were received in the amount of \$13,042.24.
- Payment using hail receipts in the amount of \$9,991.06 was paid for gutter, soffit and other roof repairs.
- Special gifts were given to the food shelf, Love INC and the Royals Room.
- Mortgage payments of \$5,000.00 continues to be paid.

### PASTOR'S REPORT

Pastor Jeff is keeping busy with all his monthly duties. His annual report will focus on each month and how Trinity continues to work beyond COVID. A big thank you to Ken Tufte and Carol Murray for their hard work on Trinity's council for the past several years.

### OLD BUSINESS

- Communion assignments; 1st Sunday will be council members; 3rd Sunday will be volunteers that Dave & Mary Sloneker organize.

### NEW BUSINESS

- Year-end Financial Review Forum is scheduled for January 22, 2023 in worship center.
- The annual congregation meeting is scheduled for January 29, 2023 in the worship center (and via Zoom). Nancy Pickering will be assisting with the Zoom meeting.
- Mary Jech presented a run-through of the slide presentation for the Financial Review Forum.

# Thank you

Thank you to our Trinity family for all the prayers, kind words, sharing of memories, memorial gifts, luncheon and beautiful funeral service celebrating Glen's life. But most of all, thank you for the kindness and friendship given to him over the years, it did not go unnoticed.

From the family of  
Glen Sandquist

## 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!

# COMMUNITY. CONNECTIONS. CARRY ON.

## 2023 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

Dear Trinity Faith Community,

The sense of community in this church is overwhelming, as people gather regularly for worship, meals, and many other activities. And in the midst of this community, connections are made among all our members. And when all of these connections are made in the midst of our community, we sense the urging of our God that calls us forward to "carry on" into the future.

### Yes, Trinity is truly about these things: Community, Connections, Carry On!

In the month of February, you will be invited to consider your sense of community and connection at Trinity so that you might carry on with your own personal call of God. Specifically, you will be invited to consider your financial commitment to the many ministries of Trinity. Stories will be shared, songs will be sung, and commitments will be made for 2023.

Please check your mail soon for a mailing with a response card for you to complete and share at worship on Sunday, February 19. On that day, we will have a wonderful celebration as we collect these cards as a sign of our commitment to the community that connects us all together. (You are also invited to share your financial commitment on or before February 19 online at [trin.org](http://trin.org).)

In 1 John 1:7, we read these words: "If we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another." There is no question that God is the source of all the connections that hold our community together as we walk together in God's light. So let us carry on in God's light, sharing the faith, hope, and love that was first shared with us!

God's Peace,  
The Trinity Stewardship Team





## Community Groups Are Back at Trinity

Last fall, we started a new ministry to help build community among the people who attend church together here at Trinity. These Community Groups were made up of three to four households, who met once a month for a meal, conversation and a time to get to know each other better. Those that took part in the fall made new connections and enjoyed the chance to spend quality time with new friends.

**We'd like to continue the success of our Community Groups with another session this winter!**

Groups will meet three times, over a 3-month period, to share a meal and fellowship together. This is an open invitation for people of all ages – people who are single, couples with no children, empty-nesters, and families with young kids or teenagers. Everyone is invited to take part! And, if you were a part of the first Community Groups, you can sign up again!

Groups will be made based on who is interested, with each family hosting one of the lunches/dinners and providing the main course, and the other families bringing sides and dessert. Meeting dates and more information will be provided to those that sign up to be in a Community Group.

Join us for this short-term opportunity to get to know a few new people at Trinity and build connections! Please email Nina Kirkman if you have questions at [ninakirkman@gmail.com](mailto:ninakirkman@gmail.com).

**If you are interested in joining a Community Group, please sign up on our website [www.trin.org](http://www.trin.org), under Connect > Small Groups.**

## Churches Working Together!

Over the past year, the local Watertown churches have been working together with our various youth groups. Last October, we held a "Trick or Treat for Food" in which the youth walked door to door around the neighborhoods and collected over 3,700 pounds of food for the Friends for Life Foodshelf. In January, we gathered at a local ice rink for the first ever "World Championship Broomball Tournament." And, we also work together to support the new chapter of "Fellowship of Christian Athletes" that meets once a month in our various churches. We're grateful for this partnership that we share, and we'll continue to look for new ways to work together to surround our young people with the love of Christ!



| Sunday  | Monday  | Tuesday  | Wednesday  | Thursday  | Friday   | Saturday  |
|---|---|--|--|---|--|---|
|   |   |  | 1<br><b>6-8 Confirm.</b> 6:30 pm<br><b>Worship Band</b> 7:30 pm<br><br><b>Happy Birthday</b><br>Henry Blakstad<br>Mary Gallus<br>Jacob Rowan   | 2<br><br><b>Happy Birthday</b><br>Troy Hecksel  | 3<br><br><b>Happy Birthday</b><br>Terrance Johnson   | 4   |
| 5<br><b>Worship</b> 9 am<br>(Onsite & Online)<br><b>Fellowship</b> 10 am<br><b>Sunday School</b> 10 am<br><br><b>Happy Birthday</b><br>Eric Prigge                              | 6<br><b>AA Meeting</b> 8 pm<br><br><b>Happy Birthday</b><br>Eleanor Rundell   | 7<br><b>Quilters</b> 9 am<br><b>Kitchen Rsrvd.</b> 6 pm<br><br><b>Happy Birthday</b><br>Diane Jorgensen<br>Nathan Ragner                                     | 8<br><b>Children's Choir</b> 3 pm<br><b>6-8 Confirm.</b> 6:30 pm<br><b>Worship Choir</b> 6:30 pm<br><b>Worship Band</b> 7:30 pm<br><br><b>Happy Birthday</b><br>Courtney Matson  | 9<br><br><b>Happy Birthday</b><br>Joyce Harding<br>Mark Huber<br>Leah Vraspir   | 10<br><br><b>Happy Birthday</b><br>Shelly Becker<br>John Diesman<br>Jackson Drahos<br>Jeffrey Engholm<br>Michael Paschke | 11<br><br><b>Happy Birthday</b><br>Sean Bolea<br>Eric Scanlon |
| 12<br><b>Worship</b> 9 am<br>(Onsite & Online)<br><b>Fellowship</b> 10 am<br><b>Faith Forum</b> 10 am<br><b>Sunday School</b> 10 am<br><br><b>Happy Birthday</b><br>Susan Burke | 13<br><b>Apostles</b> 8:30 am<br><b>Priscilla Circle</b> 2 pm<br><b>AA Meeting</b> 8 pm<br><br><b>Happy Birthday</b><br>Hope Berscheit<br>Ava Danielson | 14<br><b>Quilters</b> 9 am<br><br><b>Happy Birthday</b><br>Adrienne Quinlan<br>Tucker Ritter   | 15<br><b>FCA Meeting</b> 7 am<br><b>Children's Choir</b> 3 pm<br><b>6-8 Confirm.</b> 6:30 pm<br><b>Worship Choir</b> 6:30 pm<br><b>Worship Band</b> 7:30 pm<br><br><b>Happy Birthday</b><br>Heather Berscheit<br>Scott Cassidy     | 16<br><b>OWLS</b> 9:30 am<br><b>Finance Committee</b> 6:30 pm<br><br><b>Happy Birthday</b><br>Lucas Matson<br>Braxton Williams<br>Brevin Williams | 17<br><br><b>Happy Birthday</b><br>Fred Thomson  | 18<br><br><b>Happy Birthday</b><br>Nathan Kirkman             |
| 19<br><b>STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN SUNDAY</b><br><b>Worship</b> 9 am<br>(Onsite & Online)<br><b>Fellowship</b> 10 am<br><b>Dig Deeper</b> 10 am<br><b>Sunday School</b> 10 am        | 20<br><b>AA Meeting</b> 8 pm<br><br><b>Happy Birthday</b><br>Carter Christensen<br>Kevin McCain<br>Audrey Ress<br>Theo Rosholt                          | 21<br><b>Quilters</b> 9 am<br><b>Church Council Mtg.</b> 6:30 pm<br><br><b>Happy Birthday</b><br>David Filek<br>Alice Gersema<br>Ben Ragner<br>Elena Salonek | 22<br><b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b><br><b>Children's Choir</b> 3 pm<br><b>Worship</b> 7 pm<br>(Onsite & Online)<br><b>Worship Choir</b> 7:45 pm<br><b>Worship Band</b> 8:30 pm<br><br><b>Happy Birthday</b><br>Lois Hendricks<br>Nels Tuvey | 23<br><b>Housekeepers</b> 9 am<br><br><b>Happy Birthday</b><br>Kaden Blackketter<br>Brielle Hirsch<br>Amanda Lohmann<br>EllaMae Neaton            | 24<br><br><b>Happy Birthday</b><br>Randy Berhow<br>Debra Dummer  | 25  |
| 26<br><b>CAMP SUNDAY</b><br><b>Worship</b> 9 am<br>(Onsite & Online)<br><b>Fellowship</b> 10 am<br><b>Sunday School</b> 10 am<br><br><b>Happy Birthday</b><br>Mitchell Erickson | 27<br><b>Apostles</b> 8:30 am<br><b>AA Meeting</b> 8 pm<br><br><b>Happy Birthday</b><br>Dave Durkin   | 28<br><b>Quilters</b> 9 am<br><br><b>Happy Birthday</b><br>Cecilia Sieling<br>Kameron Tufte  | (February 29)<br><br><b>Happy Birthday</b><br>Ethan Thonn<br>Samuel Tronnes  |   |  |   |

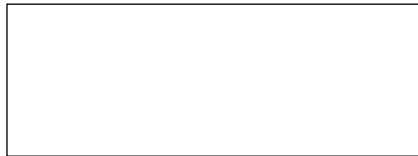


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## The River of Life

The Red River of the North, in the north-central U.S. and central Canada, takes countless twists and turns. A close-up aerial photo or map shows its frequent sideswipes and U-turns. One could cross the river several times without changing direction while hiking or biking along the border between Minnesota and North Dakota. You might wonder at points if it has completely turned back south — which raises another point: While most rivers flow south, the Red River flows north.

Sometimes life meanders, but that doesn't mean we're off course. Sometimes we seem to be going in the opposite direction of most people, but that doesn't mean we're not headed the right way. Sometimes it feels like it takes us a long time to make progress, but that doesn't mean we're not moving. We might just be taking in more of life's scenery! Follow your own unique trajectory, letting God, the creator of all rivers and all life, serve as the current that moves you ever onward.

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