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Trinity Lutheran Church, 203 N. Harth Ave., Madison, SD 57042

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# Dear friends in Christ at Trinity Lutheran Church,

#### "YOUR CHRISTMAS LIST"

The emphasis on Black Friday, the news broadcasts and the ads in the newspaper remind us that this is a major shopping season as gifts are bought for Christmas. Perhaps you are planning to be a part of the shopping spree and began to buy presents for those on your Christmas list. Remember that "Jesus is the Reason for the Season", and I ask you, have put Jesus on your Christmas list?

I encourage every family to put the ministry of Christ's church on your Christmas list and give a gift for the work of God's Kingdom on earth of at least equal value as the average gifts you spend on family Christmas presents. I find it difficult to consider how families and individuals can buy presents without taking time to consider what gift to give for the work of the church.

Jesus reminds us in Matthew 6:23: "For where your treasurer is, there your heart will be also." How we spend our money and what we give, reflects where our heart is. Remember to include Jesus on your Christmas list.



# Commitment Sunday December 5, 2021

Our stewardship emphasis this year continues with the theme:

I Want My Life to Make a Difference, I Want My Giving to Make a Difference.

Every household at Trinity is asked to prayerfully consider what you want to contribute to the ministry of Trinity in 2022. Making a commitment is as act of worship and spiritual discipline. I encourage every household to respond as boldly and generously as you can.

Giving back to God is a joy and privilege, filling out an estimate of giving card is part of that joyful journey.

# THANKS TO THE TRINITY STAFF and VOLUNTEERS

I ask that all members of Trinity join me in thanking the members of the staff and volunteers I work with in helping Trinity Lutheran fulfill its mission.

Deacon Suzanne Hansen,
Faith Formation Youth Ministry
Alex Eykamp, Office Manager
Lisa Gale, Office Receptionist
Scotty Emerson, Custodian
Church Council Members
Musicians
Choir Directors
Worship Assistants
Confirmation Guides
Sunday School Teachers
Many other volunteers

Know that your service to Trinity is greatly appreciated.

Grace and Peace, Pastor Hansen

#### TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH STEWARDSHIP EMPHASIS

# YOUR LIFE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE YOUR GIVING CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

The Advent Season marks the beginning of a new church year and as we close out on the year 2021 we look forward to a new year of mission and ministry at Trinity Lutheran Church in 2022.

The members of Trinity Lutheran Church can make a difference as the congregation moves forward in ministry. Our stewardship emphasis is asking each member to consider how you would like to be involved in the life and ministry of Trinity in the coming year.

The first question is what are you willing to do? To answer that question, you can fill out the Time and Talent Survey.

The next question is, what are you willing to give financially to support the life and ministry of Trinity? To answer that question, you are asked to fill out an estimate of giving statement.

The estimate of giving statements and the Time and Talent Sheet will be received during the worship services Saturday, December 4 and Sunday, December 5. Prayerfully consider what you are willing to do and give in support of the ministry of Trinity Lutheran. Remember – **YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE**.

| TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH – MADISON                     | VOILVAICDE |
|---|------------|
| Estimate of Giving Card                               | YOU WERE   |
| I/we intend to support the mission and ministry of    |            |
| Trinity Lutheran Church in 2022 in proportion to what | MADE       |
| I/we have received with an estimate of giving of:     | MADE       |
| Our Ministry at Trinity: Circle One                   | TO         |
| Weekly Monthly Annually                               | TO MAKE    |

DIFFERENCE

Amount

Name:

Address:

## **Membership Information**

### Is your info. up-to-date?

Have you moved? Did you disconnect your land-line? Did you change your e-mail address? Did you get married? Did you have a baby? Did you get a divorce? Do you wonder why the church has not been connecting with you? Please notify the church office when you have an address change, e-mail change, marital status change, etc. or update the information on your Realm account.

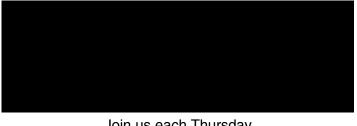
#### **ELCA Good Gifts**

Give something unexpected this Christmas! In Christ, we receive the gift of God's love. Let us share God's love with others. ELCA Good Gifts are a fun, meaningful way to honor friends and family with Christmas gifts that go on to make a difference in the world. Choose from more than 50 gift-giving options (goats, anyone?), each with the ability to make real, lasting change in the life of someone in need. Give in honor of someone special and you can print, mail or email a card to let them know.

Find the Good Gifts catalog at goodgifts.elca.org.

#### **Worship Assistant Volunteers**

We are in need of volunteers to take care of the various aspects of worship. To volunteer, please contact the church office at 256-2771 or officemanager@tlcmadison.com. You may also use the sign-up sheet located in the narthex. Thank you.



Join us each Thursday
1:00–3:00 p.m.
in the Fellowship Hall
for Coffee Time on Thursdays
All are welcome!

### **Church Council Openings**

The nominating committee wants to hear from YOU! We ask that you prayerfully consider sharing your time and talents as a member of Trinity's Church Council.

To explore options for serving on Council please contact Pastor Bob, or any member of the Nominating Committee.

Becky Brown: 605-270-2160 Patti Weber: 605-480-3231 Julie Jones: 605-270-9715 Scott Delzer: 605-270-0859 Susan Williams: 605-480-0201 Brenda Strom: 605-480-1402

#### **Home Communion Helpers**

Thank you to the following for delivering Home Communion during November: Ron & Roberta Janke, Roger & Nancy Moose, and Susan Williams.

# **December**

| Sunday   | Monday  | Tuesday  |
|--|---|--|
| Holy Communion on the 1st and 3rd Sundays  Home Communion on the 3rd Sunday  |   |  |
| 05 Advent II   | 06  | 07   |
| 8:45AM - 9:45AM Traditional Worship : Sanctuary     10:00AM - 10:45AM Sunday School : Sunday School Rooms; Fellowship Coffee Hour & Open Forum Discussion : Fellowship Hall     11:00AM - 12:00PM Celebration Worship : Sanctuary     12:00PM - 1:00PM Worship Broadcast on KJAM 1390  AM  | 6:00PM - 7:00PM   | 10:00AM - 11:00AM Staff Meeting : Church Office     1:00PM - 4:00PM Quilting : Fellowship Hall     5:30PM - 6:30PM LSS MRT Group : Room 18     6:30PM - 7:30PM BSA Pack 5 Wolf Den Mtng. : Youth Room  |
| 12 Advent III  | 13  | 14   |
| 8:45AM - 9:45AM Traditional Worship w/Ember Callies Baptism : Sanctuary     10:00AM - 10:45AM Sunday School : Sunday School Rooms ; Fellowship Coffee Hour & Open Forum Discussion : Fellowship Hall     11:00AM - 12:00PM Celebration Worship w/SS Xmas Program & Baptism : Sanctuary     12:00PM - 1:00PM Worship Broadcast on KJAM 1390 AM     2:30PM - 3:00PM Worship at Bethel w/Communion : Off Site | 11:30AM - 9:00PM Organ Tuning : Sanctuary     6:00PM - 7:00PM Cub Scout Den Mtngs. : Youth Room     7:00PM - 8:00PM Troop 5 BSA Meeting : Fellow- ship Hall | 10:00AM - 11:00AM Staff Meeting : Church Office     12:00PM - 1:00PM Finance Meeting : Zoom     1:00PM - 4:00PM Quilting : Fellowship Hall     5:00PM - 6:00PM Frecouncil Executives' Meeting : Fellowship Hall     5:30PM - 6:30PM LSS MRT Group : Room 18     6:30PM - 7:00PM Trustees' Board Meeting : Fellowship Hall ; Deacons' Board Meeting : Fireside Room ; Parish Education Board Meeting : Youth Room     7:00PM - 9:00PM Council Meeting : Fellowship Hall |
| 19 Advent IV   | 20  | 21   |
| 8:45AM - 9:45AM Traditional Worship : Sanctuary     10:00AM - 10:45AM Fellowship Coffee Hour & Open Forum Discussion : Fellowship Hall     11:00AM - 12:00PM Celebration Worship : Sanctuary     12:00PM - 1:00PM Worship Broadcast on KJAM 1390 AM     7:00PM - 8:00PM Mary Hunter Piano Studio Recital : Sanctuary   | No Preschool–Christmas Break     6:00PM - 7:00PM  | No Preschool–Christmas Break     9:30AM - 11:00AM  |
| 26 Christmas I   | 27  | 28   |
| 8:45AM - 9:45AM Traditional Worship : Sanctuary     10:00AM - 10:45AM Fellowship Coffee Hour & Open Forum Discussion : Fellowship Hall     11:00AM - 12:00PM Celebration Worship : Sanctuary     12:00PM - 1:00PM Worship Broadcast on KJAM 1390 AM  | No Preschool–Christmas Break; Office Closed for Christmas Break  6:00PM - 7:00PM  | No Preschool–Christmas Break     10:00AM - 11:00AM   |

## 2021

| Wednesday  | Thursday  | Friday  | Saturday  |
|--|---|---|---|
| 01   | •   | •   | 04  |
|  | 1:00PM - 3:00PM Coffee Time on Thursdays: Fellowship Hall     6:30PM - 7:30PM Webelos 2 Den Meeting: Fireside Room              | ,   | 5:00PM - 6:00PM Fellowship<br>Potluck Meal : Fellowship Hall     6:00PM - 7:00PM Saturday<br>Worship w/Holy Communion : Fellowship Hall |
| 08   | 09  | 10  | 11  |
|  | 1:00PM - 3:00PM Coffee Time on Thursdays: Fellowship Hall     6:30PM - 7:30PM Webelos 2 Den Meeting: Fireside Room              | • 6:30AM - 7:30AM Men's<br>Group Bible Study  |   |
| 15   | 16  | 17  | 18  |
| <ul> <li>5:15PM - 6:00PM Epiphany Bell Choir Rehearsal : Sanctuary</li> <li>5:30PM - 6:30PM 6th–8th Confirmation : Fellowship Hall,</li> <li>Upper Level Sun. School Rooms</li> </ul>                      | 1:00PM - 3:00PM Coffee Time on Thursdays : Fellowship Hall     2:30PM - 3:00PM Preschool T/R p.m. Christmas Program : Sanctuary | 6:30AM - 7:30AM Men's<br>Group Bible Study     11:00AM - 11:30AM Preschool M/W/F a.m. Christmas<br>Program : Sanctuary     2:30PM - 3:00PM Preschool M/W/F p.m. Christmas Program : Sanctuary   |   |
| 22   | 23  | 24 Christmas Eve  | 25 Christmas Day  |
| No Preschool–Christmas Break     4:30PM - 5:00PM     5:00PM - 5:45PM     5:15PM - 6:00PM     5:30PM - 6:30PM     Upper Level Sun. School Rooms     6:00PM - 6:45PM     6:30PM - 7:00PM     7:00PM - 8:00PM | days : Fellowship Hall  | No Preschool–Christmas Break; Office Closed for Christmas Break 6:30AM - 7:30AM Men's Group Bible Study 5:00PM - 6:00PM Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship with Communion: Sanctuary 10:00PM - 11:00PM Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship with Communion: Sanctuary | 9:30AM - 10:30AM Christmas Day Worship : Sanctuary  |
| 29   | 30  | 31  |   |
| No Preschool–Christmas Break     4:30PM - 5:00PM     5:00PM - 5:45PM     5:15PM - 6:00PM     6:00PM - 6:45PM     6:30PM - 7:00PM     7:00PM - 8:00PM   | days : Fellowship Hall  | No Preschool–Christmas Break; Office Closed for New Year's Day G:30AM - 7:30AM Men's Group Bible Study  |   |

## **October 2021 Council Meeting Minutes**

Trinity Lutheran Church Council Meeting October 12, 2021 7:00 P.M.

"Sharing God's Word, Doing God's Work," Trinity Lutheran Church's mission statement was recited by all council members.

The Trinity Church October council meeting was called to order by President Rob Thuringer.

Members in attendance were: Pastor Bob Hansen, Deacon, Suzanne Hansen, President Rob Thuringer, Vice President Danny Brown, Parish Education: Susan Farrell-Poncelet, Jennifer Briggs, & Bridget Van Liere, and Lori Schultz. Trustees: Dana Hoff & Tim Walburg. Deacons: Jim Iverson, Nancy Sabbe, Brianna Routier, Lora Ersland, Becky Brown, and Secretary Joan Merager.

Members absent and excused are: Kristen Morse, Sid Gulbranson, Josh Van Dyke, and Corey Strom.

Danny Brown, Vice President, read from Psalms 91:9–16 for devotions and closed with prayer.

The Agenda was presented by President Rob and under New Business we added Bethel Delegate, and Opening & Closing. Jennifer Briggs made a motion to approve the Agenda and it was seconded by Brianna Routier. Motion passed.

President Rob presented the September 14, 2021 council minutes. Jim Iverson asked to have Brianna Routier's name added to having contacted St. Dysmas checking on an opening on their schedule for Trinity members to serve. A motion to approve the minutes with the adding of Brianna's name was made by Danny Brown and a second by Bridget Van Liere. Motion passed.

The Financial report was presented by President Rob and he commented that we are ahead \$12,000. as this included the PPP grant money. Nancy Sabbe made a motion to accept the report and Susan Farrell-Poncelet seconded. Motion accepted.

Pastor Robert Hansen reported:

- Discussed the Wednesday night education of the 6th, 7th, & 8th, and reported they are studying the 10 Commandments. They have guides to work with them when they divide into groups.
- He has sent out around 100 letters to addresses that are on file to check on their addresses, phone numbers etc. He is hoping to get replies. Otherwise we will keep their information in our files. He is doing the best he can trying to clean up our membership list. He is still trying to call members on their birthday.

Deacon Suzanne Hansen reported:

· The High School 9th graders read their Faith State-

ments to Deacon Suzanne and she was very pleased with them.

 She would like every one of our youth to attend the Youth Gathering in Minneapolis, MN. This is for grades 9–12 and the cost will be \$995.00 but we will be doing fund raisers to help with the cost and we will go with Lutheran Outdoors.

President Rob Thuringer reported:

 He reported the Call Committee had interviewed two great candidates but he was notified they had decided to take a different call.

Vice President Danny Brown reported:

 He reported that Greg from First Madison Insurance would like to meet and review our church policy concerning our work comp, liability, health, and car. Danny will meet with him and review our policy.

Board of Deacons Chairman Jim Iverson reported:

- Nancy Sabbe shared that there is free information on the ELCA Good Gifts Program and anyone interested in the information can check the Narthex or the office.
- Lisa Gale offered to coordinate a weekly fellowship coffee each Thursday afternoon from 1:00 to 3:00 for Trinity members who would like to come together for coffee, treats, and fellowship.
- Letters have been sent to those on the November Service Group list.
- Cakes have been ordered for the Confirmation coffee & social which will be held on October 31st in between the two services. The service group volunteers will serve
- Cakes have been ordered for the coffee hour on Sunday, November 14th in celebration of the 100th anniversary of the Sanctuary. The service group volunteers will serve. Pastor Bob encouraged using local media to advertise and promote this special day in the Life of Trinity.
- Pastor Bob shared that he and Deacon Suzanne will be off on both Sunday, November 28th and Sunday, December 26th so the Deacons need to arrange for both a worship leader and pulpit supply.
- Trinity is scheduled to be at the St. Dysmas worship service on Thursday, December 16th. A required background check form is needed to be completed. Pastor Bob has the form in the office, and the office needs to send in the completed document to the prison office now later that two weeks prior to the service.
- Discussed Christmas services.

Board of Trustees Chairman Dana Hoff reported:

Bills were approved for October.

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#### **Council Minutes Continued**

Stewardship was discussed and will decide when it will be soon.

- Discussed the Mission investment fund and discussed paying an amount on the principle.
- Checking on a new water heater.

Board of Parish Education Jennifer Briggs reported:

- Youth outreach Trick or Treating will be held at Trinity Church on Friday, October 29th and we will hand out Smarties with Trinity's Service information attached. 400 to 500 and the middle schoolers will wrap candies.
- The Sunday school/youth offering will go towards the ELCA Good Gifts which purchases animals and seeds for those in need overseas (Mission project)
- There was discussion of new (possible) Curriculum.
   Motion was passed to purchase and complete grants to update technology for Sunday school/youth use.
- Discussed the National Youth Gathering New Business:
- Discussion was held on the mission investment fund and Jennifer Briggs made a motion to pay \$200,000. towards the principle pending there is no penalty for prepayment on the loan contract and the payments each month would remain the same. Lori Schultz seconded. Motion passed.
- November 14th, 100th anniversary of the Sanctuary, Jim Iverson made a motion to have a "Principal Only Campaign" and the special offering will be paid on the principal of our Mission Investment loan and Becky Brown seconded. Motion passed.
- Direct Deposit for our employees was discussed and Jim Iverson made a motion to have Katie set up the direct deposit for the 1st & the 15th and Lori Schultz seconded. Motion passed.
- The sign board is moving closer and it will be placed on the north side of the building.
- At the 100th Anniversary of the Sanctuary, Jennifer Briggs said they will tell the history of our sanctuary, the Adult Choir and the Sunday school kids will sing, Bishop Constanze Hagmaier will preach and cake will be served.
- Discussing a mass text capability and Rob will take care of this.
- There was a lot of discussion on the opening & closing of the church. It would be helpful if there could be a check list in the back of the church so everyone is aware of what has to be done. Becky Brown made a motion to follow our council calendar and serve for 4 Sundays this will include the Officers, Trustees,

#### **NEWS FROM THE FOUNDATION**

September, October and November Memorials

In Memory of Evelyn Plack Kenneth Janke

# In Memory of Chuck Pulford Jon and Mary Hunter Myron and Clara Downs David and Nancy Giere

In Memory of Dalton Berman Marv and Sandy Rhode

In Memory of Bob Schamber
Marv and Sandy Rhode

In Honor of Betty Jensen
Bill and Diane Bruns

In Memory of Don Dragseth
Doug and Joan Merager

In Memory of Della Hoffman
Patricia and Orrin Townswick
Conrad Hoffman
Randall and Carol Franke

# In Memory of Geraldine Persoon Marlys Schmidt Myron and Clara Downs

In Memory of Barbara Olson Myron and Clara Downs

In Memory of Dorothy TerWee
Marv and Sandy Rhode

- Deacons, and Parish Ed. Lori Schultz seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- Discussed the Bethel delegate position and will do more checking on this and will discuss in November.
   President Thuringer reported everyone is in favor of adjourning.

Pastor Bob closed in prayer. Lunch was served by the Officers. Next meeting will be November 9th, 2021. Lunch will be provided by the Trustees.

Respectfully submitted by, Joan Merager, Council Secretary



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# **Financial Giving Options**

- Checks can be mailed to the church.
- Credit cards can be processed in the church office.
- The church website (<u>www.tlcmadison.com</u>) allows for one-time or recurring donations using a checking/ savings account or a credit/debit card.
- The Electronic Giving option through Vanco can also be initialized by filling out an application form in the church office.
- **Note:** The Give+ Mobile App will be supported through January 31, 2022. Stay tuned for more info. on its replacement in the coming months.
- If you should have questions with any of these options or would like to discuss which one is the best option for you, please call Alex at the church office at 256-2771.

#### **Mission of the Month**

The December Mission of the Month is Family Connection.

Gifts may be designated on offering envelopes to Mission of the Month Fund.

#### **Food Pantry**

The Lake County Food Pantry mission of the month for December is peanut butter.

### **Congregational Information**

Deaths: none Baptisms: none Weddings: none

#### **Help Wanted**

Trinity Lutheran Church has a job opening for a wedding coordinator. Contact the church office if interested.



## Time & Talent Response 2022

Please indicate those interests, abilities or skills that you would be willing to share.

Please use a separate sheet For each family member

| Name(s) & Address:                                       |
|--|
| Email(s):  |
| Home Telephone Number:                                   |
| Cell Telephone Number(s):                                |
| Preferred method of contact:                             |
| The service(s) we/I prefer to assist with:               |
| Saturday Evening   |
| Sunday First Service                                     |
| Sunday Second Service                                    |
| Worship:   |
| Worship leader / Guest Speaker (during pastoral absence) |
| Lector—Scripture reader                                  |
| Communion Assistant                                      |
| Greeter  |
| Usher  |
| Home Communion Team                                      |
| Music:   |
| Participate in a vocal choir                             |
| Participate in a bell choir                              |
| Accompany a choir  |
| Provide special music/soloist during service             |
|  |

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| Education:              |                              |                     |                        |                  |        |
|-------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|------------------|--------|
| Willing to assist with  | the Youth and Ed             | ucation Mi          | nistries:              |                  |        |
| Sunday School           | Day Camp _                   | VBS _               | Confirmation _         | Sr. High         | _ Adul |
| Outreach:               |                              |                     |                        |                  |        |
| Care Team mer           | <b>nber (</b> be a part of   | one of sev          | eral small groups th   | at deliver a mea | I      |
|                         | to a family/                 | individual i        | n transition)          |                  |        |
| Visit ill/homebo        | ound/nursing hon             | ne membe            | rs                     |                  |        |
| Serve at "The G         | <b>Gathering"</b> (oppor     | tunity whe          | en it is offered )     |                  |        |
| Meals on Whee           | <b>ls</b> (annually in Au    | gust)               |                        |                  |        |
| Administrative:         |                              |                     |                        |                  |        |
| Assist with asse        | embling the news             | sletter             |                        |                  |        |
| Insert announce         | ements in the bu             | lletins             |                        |                  |        |
| Office Voluntee         | er                           |                     |                        |                  |        |
| Governance:             |                              |                     |                        |                  |        |
| Board of Deaco          | <b>ns</b> (various positi    | ons, job de         | escription available o | on request as    |        |
|                         | outlined in th               | ne constitut        | tion)                  |                  |        |
| Board of Parish         | <b>Education</b> (vario      | us position         | s, job description av  | /ailable on      |        |
|                         | reque                        | est as outli        | ned in the constituti  | on)              |        |
| Board of Truste         | <b>ees</b> (various position | ons, job de         | scription available o  | n request as     |        |
|                         | outlined in the              | e constituti        | on)                    |                  |        |
| South Dakota S          | Synod voting mer             | <b>mber</b> (annເ   | ually first Friday & S | aturday in June) |        |
| Bethel Delegat          | <b>e</b> (represent TLC a    | at the Beth         | el annual meeting)     |                  |        |
| Nominating Co           | mmittee Membe                | <b>r</b> (assist in | finding candidates f   | or TLC positions | 5)     |
| Trinity Foundat         | tion Commission              | (serve as           | member on the boa      | rd)              |        |
| Other:                  |                              |                     |                        |                  |        |
| <b>Quilting</b> (year a | round every Tues             | day afterno         | oon )                  |                  |        |
| <b>Altar Guild</b> (Car | e for the sacred it          | ems of the          | church, set up com     | munion,          |        |
| occasio                 | onal meetings)               |                     |                        |                  |        |

**Please Note:** Other volunteer opportunities will be available throughout the year — your help will be needed.

