

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

April–May 2021

## President's Message

Good day to you all,

I would like to take this time to give you all an update on the happenings of the church and the council.

Recently the council voted to move forward with Round 2 of the Paycheck Protection Program. We applied for the loan again, and received \$52,400, again. Based on the rules of the program, this is the exact same dollar amount as last year. Just like last year, we will set this money aside until we know that it is forgiven, and we are not strapping the church with another \$52,400 loan. If, for whatever reason, this loan is not forgiven, we will pay the balance in full and walk away. We will keep you updated as the year moves along.

Another major item on the plate of the council is our reopening guidelines. The council is discussing and working on ways to loosen our COVID restrictions. We are closely monitoring the county vaccination rate and are trying to make data-driven decisions that are in the best interest of our church and congregation members. As more and more members of our county and congregation receive their vaccination, we will begin to lift or loosen restrictions within the church. There are many different items on this list that we all want to see reinstated as soon as possible. We will begin to bring these things back into service gradually as the county COVID data allows. We want things to get back to normal, or whatever the new normal will be, as soon as possible just like you.

The Call process for a new Lead Pastor is still moving along. The Call Committee is waiting on another Rostered Minister Profile from the Synod. There are currently more pastoral openings across the Synod than there are available applicants in the pool. We will continue to wait patiently for an applicant, and not just any applicant, but the right applicant for Trinity. Patience will pay off in the end.

Sadly, I must also report that Robin Boldt has resigned as Trinity's Wedding Coordinator. I would like to take a quick moment to say THANK YOU to Robin for her years of service in this role. THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU, Robin! You have done an excellent job for us over the years, and I hope the next person will be able to step into the role and do as good of a job as you have. That said, if anyone is interested in the position of Wedding Coordinator, or know someone who might be, please contact the Trinity Office and we will move forward from there.

Lastly, I would just like to thank everyone for their continued support during this time of transition and time of COVID restrictions. It seems like nothing has gone as planned over the last year, but we keep moving forward. Your continued support is greatly appreciated. Thank you all!

Thank you!  
Rob Thuringer  
President

## Membership Information *Is your info. up-to-date?*

Have you moved? Did you disconnect your landline? 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.

## Worship Service Broadcasts

Trinity's Sunday worship services are available for livestreaming on our YouTube channel. You can locate Trinity's YouTube broadcasts at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UChJnM7Q5qrov8sKctvJrA>. Don't forget to subscribe to the channel and click the bell to get notifications of new videos.

You may listen to the radio broadcast of Sunday worship on KJAM 1390 AM at noon (12:00 p.m.) on Sundays.

## From the Pastor's Pen

Greetings!

Dear friends in Christ Jesus at Trinity Lutheran, Let me introduce myself. I am Pastor Solveig (soul-vay) Larson Hendrickson and my husband, Jim, live in Dell Rapids, SD. I have signed a covenant with your council and president Rob Thuringer. I am here as an Intentional Interim Pastor while you seek to call a lead pastor. Some of you might ask just what is an Intentional Interim Pastor?

When a pastor decides to resign or retire, often a church/congregation crisis is set in motion. This often happens when a pastor has come to the people and been a spiritual part of their families. The success or failure of this time of transition largely depends upon the care and guidance given by one standing in the gap or the transition. The Intentional Interim is more than just pulpit supply; a well-trained Interim Minister can facilitate the transition in a creative and professional manner that provides healing, stability, and hope for a successful outcome. My training in Intentional Interim Ministry was at Spirit Canyon, Scottsdale, AZ and The Ark in the Twin Cities.

I am here to assist you to grow together in service to our Lord and Spirit through this time of transition.

You have been and are in a great time of spiritual healing as your pastor leaves. We have all been living and continue to struggle with the pandemic that surrounds us and has changed our lives. We do hope with the new vaccinations that there will be a 'new

normal' in our lives at home, family work, and in our fellowship at church.

As you face this pastoral transition and are concerned about the emotional, spiritual and financial impact this process may have on Trinity, know that I am here as your interim Pastor. Are you wondering who will provide the necessary care and leadership during your time of uncertainty? If so, I am here to help.

You may contact me at Trinity 1-605-256-2771 or my cell phone 1-605-695-8516. My email at Trinity is interim@tlcmadison.com and my home email is solveigjim@siouxvalley.net.

I look forward to our time of growing in our faith. This first week has proven to be a very busy time with two funerals and now Holy Week but with the great staff to help me we are doing well. This is a very special season of our church year.

God's blessings be with each of you during this time as we walk with Jesus through his suffering journey, crucifixion, and resurrection that we all might have eternal life.

A Blessed Easter to each of you.

Pastor Solveig Larson Hendrickson



Rev. Solveig Hendrickson

## February 2021 Council Meeting Minutes

Trinity Lutheran Church  
Zoom Council Meeting  
February 9, 2021  
7:00 P.M.

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

President Rob Thuringer called the February council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Members absent and excused were Susan Farrell-Poncelet, Bridget Van Liere, Tim Walburg, Josh Van Dyke, and Sid Gulbranson.

Vice President Danny Brown led the council in devotions.

President Thuringer presented the agenda and with no additions or corrections he asked for a motion to approve and that motion was made by Jennifer Briggs and seconded by Becky Brown. Motion passed.

The January 12th council minutes were presented by President Thuringer and he asked for a motion to approve and that motion was made by Brianna Routier and seconded by Ryan Townsend. Motion passed.

The Financial report was discussed and we are about \$90.00 behind. Becky Brown made a motion to approve the report and Jim Iverson seconded. Motion approved.

### STAFF REPORTS WERE PRESENTED BY:

Pastor Dirk Hagmaier reported:

- Working on the Lenten services with our theme "Be Fruitful."
- He is doing premarital counseling sessions
- South Dakota Synod Assembly will be June 4th & 5th
- Medary conference will be March 25th
- We need ushers for our services

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- Discussion was held on opening the church and hoping for more people to attend and right now we are about 1/4th of normal.
- Sunday school will start on Sunday, February 14th with COVID-19 restrictions in place
- February 7th council installation at both worship services
- Reminded the council to remember our Trustee Sid Gulbranson in prayer as his son passed away.

President Rob Thuringer reported:

- We received Thank You letters from Union Gospel Mission, Family Connection, Bethel Lutheran Home, and Lutheran Outdoors for our contributions to them.
- Reminded all the council members to review their evacuation procedure that is in their binders.
- Reported on the Call Committee and said we have received another name and the committee will be meeting to discuss this week. They are continuing down a path as quickly as possible to find the right pastor to compliment Pastor Dirk.

Vice President Danny Brown: No report

Board of Education Robin reported:

- The nursery was discussed and with the size of the room the CDC guidelines would only allow 3 people.
- Confirmation for the Grades 7 & 8 will be meeting and having discussions
- 7th & 8th grade attend Ash Wednesday and Lenten services and 9th grade encouraged to attend.
- Easter will be on the first Sunday, April 4th.
- 9th grade two more formal meetings and completing stoles etc.
- Preschool board will meet on Thursday, February 12th and will be discussing registration, hiring of a teacher and starting dates and times.
- Sunday school will start on February 14th, they will do the kick-off in the Fellowship Hall with masks and social distancing. Preschool will meet in the Preschool room.
- CDC does not allow singing but Robin will teach sign language
- Discussed camps to be held in the summer
- Jennifer Briggs made a motion to allow and empower the authority to the preschool board to hire a preschool teacher in the time of essence. Becky Brown seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Board of Deacons Chairman Jim Iverson reported:

- April 25th we will have a compassion international Sunday and Lana Johnson will do the Temple Talk.

- Discussing having an outdoor service one Sunday a month during June, July, and August at possibly Library Park. Deacons will be working on the details.
- Sunday worship during the summer months will be one service at 9:30 A.M.
- Nancy Sabbe is checking on Lent material and may need to license
- Discussed mission of the month
- Brianna Routier will be updating our Facebook.
- Discussed our KJAM services on the radio and had difficulties on January 31 & February 7th.

Board of Trustees Dana Hoff reported:

- Discussed the new LED lighting that they approved and rebates and over time will save us money.
- Bob Gale and Josh Van Dyke are working on the live stream issue.
- Discussed the Capital Campaign and will check with Jona Schmidt and Alex.
- Discussed the pledges and wondered about thanking those who pay off their pledge.
- Trustees approved paying Sid Gulbranson \$3800.00 for the boiler parts that he installed without charging us labor costs. We have a \$1500.00 credit from parts returned.

New Business:

- SD Synod update by Jim Iverson, he reported we have 215 churches in our SD Synod. The Medary conference will be held on March 21st at 2:00 p.m. by Zoom and they have many items of business to discuss.
- The SD Synod assembly will be held on June 4th & 5th at Our Savior's Lutheran Church and will be virtual and if you would like to be involved, they need you to register by April 1st to May 10th. Each church has so many members attending and to see the rules look at the Constitution. It would be nice for our church to have good representation.
- Reopening procedure and there was much discussion and decided to ask our committee of Scott Delzer, Nancy Sabbe, Danny Brown, and Jim Iverson to review this and possibly take small steps and follow the CDC Guidelines so we may be back together again.
- Discussed Easter Sunday services on April 4th. Pastor Dirk recommended we have an 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 service.

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- Jim Iverson recommended we have the task force with Nancy Sabbe Chr. meet and discuss and bring the recommendations to the March council meeting. It is always hard to do the right thing but we try to do our best and we will keep working at it.
- Discussion on what people are doing? Are they watching the service on YouTube, listening on the radio and should we make phone calls to check on them?
- Jim Iverson recommended that our council groups that were in charge of serving food for a certain month and now that we do not have food take a month of ushering such as:
  - Officers for February
  - Trustees for March

- Deacons for April
- Parish Ed for May

Council agreed with this decision.

- Jim discussed the Missions of the Month
- Kristin Morse suggested having the confirmation students do the ushering for Lenten services and she and Robin will be in charge of this.
- Will check on livestreaming the Lenten services.

A motion to adjourn the council meeting was made by Becky Brown and seconded by Ryan Townsend. Motion passed.

The council closed with all praying The Lord's Prayer.

Next council meeting will be March 9th.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joan Merager, Council Secretary

## February 17, 2021 Special Council Meeting Minutes

Trinity Lutheran Church  
Special Zoom Council Meeting  
February 17, 2021  
8:30 p.m.

Present: Jennifer Briggs, Becky Brown, Danny Brown, Lora Ersland, Sid Gulbranson, Pastor Dirk Hagmaier, Dana Hoff, Jim Iverson, Kristin Morse, Susan Farrell-Poncelet, Brianna Routier, Corey Strom, Rob Thuringer, Corey Strom and Tim Walburg

Absent: Joan Merager, Ryan Townsend and Josh Van Dyke

President Rob Thuringer called the special meeting to order. Pastor Hagmaier opened with scripture and prayer.

President Rob Thuringer turned the special meeting over to Pastor Dirk who had an announcement. He had the news earlier today with President Thuringer and Vice-President Brown. He stated he is resigning as Lead Pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church, effective March 17, 2021. He read a written resignation letter dated today, February 17, 2021. In the letter, he shared these reasons which led to his resignation:

- Around 2–3 years ago, he and Pastor Constanze discussed what would happen if she were to be elected Bishop of the SD Synod of the ELCA in September 2019. She was, in fact elected.
- His mother's health began to further deteriorate back in Germany
- His role at Trinity changed into the position of Lead Pastor
- COVID-19 came upon all of society back in March

- of 2020, including Trinity's ministry
- In the past 2–3 months, Pastor Dirk shared how the deaths of his mother, an uncle, and two members of Trinity affected him.
  - He wants to focus his attention and time on being a husband and a father to Emma – “she is growing up too fast”

President Rob Thuringer and several council members expressed their thoughts to Pastor Dirk, saying that he had not let Trinity down, but things were definitely different now than when he had come to Trinity. Many expressed their appreciation and thankfulness to Pastor Dirk for all that he had done for Trinity in the time he has been with us, and certainly understood if he wanted to focus his attention to his family at this time. (Note: Both he and Pastor Constanze came to Trinity in 2009.)

President Rob Thuringer asked for council action on Pastor Dirk Hagmaier's resignation. Danny Brown moved to accept his resignation, with regret, effective March 17, 2021. Jennifer Briggs seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

There was some discussion as to the Call Committee needing to change its focus from calling an Associate Pastor to now calling a Senior or Lead Pastor. President Thuringer will be in contact with the SD Synod of the ELCA Office in Sioux Falls on Pastor Dirk's resignation and the need to an Interim Pastor and what steps the council and congregation need to do as we move forward.

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Pastor Hagmaier asked that the council members present keep his resignation confidential as he wants to announce it publicity at both services to the congregation first.

President Rob Thuringer asked for a motion to adjourn. Danny Brown moved to adjourn the special

meeting, Tim Walburg seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jim Iverson  
Acting Secretary

## March 3, 2021 Special Council Meeting Minutes

Special Council Meeting

Via Zoom

Trinity Lutheran Church

Madison, South Dakota

Wednesday, March 3, 2021

8:30 P.M.

President Rob Thuringer called the Zoom Special Council meeting to order on March 3, 2021 at 8:30 P.M.

Members present were Jim Iverson, Nancy Sabbe, Danny Brown, Becky Brown, Kristin Morse, Brianna Routier, Ryan Townsend, Lora Ersland, Rob Thuringer, Tim Walburg, Joan Merager, and Jennifer Briggs.

Members absent were Susan Farrell-Poncelet, Bridget Van Liere, Corey Strom, Dana Hoff, Sid Gulbranson, and Josh Van Dyke.

The Special Council meeting was held to approve the change on the amended MSP (Ministry Site Profile) to call a Lead Pastor instead of an Associate Pastor. There was discussion and Jennifer Briggs made a motion to approve the MSP form as laid out and presented and send it to the South Dakota Synod. Kristin Morse seconded the motion. Motion passed.

There was discussion on doing Temple Talks to the congregation to let them know what is happening and that we have sent our Ministry Site Profile form to the SD Synod. Jim Iverson and Rob Thuringer will be doing the Temple Talks.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Jim Iverson and seconded by Tim Walburg. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joan Merager, Council Secretary

## March 9, 2021 Council Meeting Minutes

Trinity Lutheran Church

Zoom Council Meeting

March 9th, 2021

7:00 P.M.

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

The March council meeting was called to order by President Rob Thuringer at 7:00 P.M. Members absent and excused were Sid Gulbranson.

Danny Brown, Vice President, led the council in prayer.

President Thuringer presented the agenda and under approval of minutes, we will add the special council meeting on February 17th by Zoom and March 3rd, a special council meeting by Zoom. Jim Iverson made the motion to approve the agenda with the February 17th meeting amended and seconded by Kristin Morse. Motion approved.

The February 9th, 2021 Zoom council minutes were presented by President Thuringer, and Jim Iverson made a motion to approve and Lora Ersland second-

ed. Motion approved.

The minutes from the special Zoom February 17th council meeting in which Pastor Dirk had an announcement that he was resigning on March 17, 2021, were presented. Pastor Dirk had a change in his last day which will be effective March 16th, 2021 and one correction on his letter of resignation, and they will be amended per the motion from Jim Iverson. Danny Brown made a motion to approve the February 17th minutes and Tim Walburg seconded. Motion approved.

The March 3rd special council meeting by Zoom was presented for the approval of the change on the amended MSP to call a Lead Pastor instead of an Associate Pastor. Danny Brown made the motion to approve these minutes and seconded by Ryan Townsend. Motion approved.

Discussion was held on the financial report and we are about \$10,000 behind. Jim Iverson made a motion to accept the report and Ryan Townsend seconded.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
<b>May 2021</b> Communion on the 1st and 3rd Sundays		
02 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 8:45AM - 9:45AM Traditional Worship w/HS Senior Milestone</li><li>• 10:00AM - 10:45AM Sunday School</li><li>• 11:00AM - 12:00PM Celebration Worship w/ HS Senior Milestone</li><li>• 12:00PM - 1:00PM Worship Broadcast on KJAM 1390 AM</li></ul>	03 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 7:00PM - 8:00PM Troop 5 Scouts Mtng.</li></ul>	04 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 9:30AM - 10:30AM Staff Mtng.</li><li>• 1:00PM - 4:00PM Quilting</li></ul>
09 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 8:45AM - 9:45AM Traditional Worship</li><li>• 10:00AM - 10:45AM Sunday School</li><li>• 11:00AM - 12:00PM Celebration Worship</li><li>• 12:00PM - 1:00PM Worship Broadcast on KJAM 1390 AM</li><li>• 7:00PM - 8:30PM Mary Hunter Piano Studio Recital</li></ul>	10 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Synod Assembly Registration Deadline</li><li>• 7:00PM - 8:00PM Troop 5 Scouts Mtng.</li></ul>	11 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 9:30AM - 10:30AM Staff Mtng.</li><li>• 12:00PM - 1:00PM Finance Mtng.</li><li>• 1:00PM - 4:00PM Quilting</li><li>• 5:00PM - 6:00PM Precouncil Executives' Mtng.</li><li>• 6:30PM - 7:00PM Trustees' Board Mtng.; Deacons' Board Mtng.; Parish Education Board Mtng.</li><li>• 7:00PM - 9:00PM Council Mtng.</li></ul>
16 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 8:45AM - 9:45AM Traditional Worship</li><li>• 10:00AM - 10:45AM 5th Grade First Communion Class</li><li>• 11:00AM - 12:00PM Celebration Worship</li><li>• 12:00PM - 1:00PM Worship Broadcast on KJAM 1390 AM</li></ul>	17 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 7:00PM - 8:00PM Troop 5 Scouts Mtng.</li></ul>	18 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 9:30AM - 10:30AM Staff Mtng.</li><li>• 9:30AM - 11:00AM Mary Circle</li><li>• 1:00PM - 4:00PM Quilting</li></ul>
23 <i>Day of Pentecost</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 8:45AM - 9:45AM Traditional Worship</li><li>• 10:00AM - 10:45AM 5th Grade First Communion Class</li><li>• 11:00AM - 12:00PM Celebration Worship w/5th Grade 1st Communion</li><li>• 12:00PM - 1:00PM Worship Broadcast on KJAM 1390 AM</li></ul>	24 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 7:00PM - 8:00PM Troop 5 Scouts Mtng.</li></ul>	25 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 9:30AM - 10:30AM Staff Mtng.</li><li>• 1:00PM - 4:00PM Quilting</li><li>• 6:30PM - 8:30PM Pack 5 Committee Mtng.</li></ul>
30 <i>The Holy Trinity</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 9:30AM - 10:30AM Summer Worship</li><li>• 12:00PM - 1:00PM Worship Broadcast on KJAM 1390 AM</li></ul>	31 <i>Memorial Day</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Church Office Closed</li></ul>	

<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
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05 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 5:30PM - 6:15PM 7th–8th Gr. Confirmation</li><li>• 7:00PM - 8:00PM High School Bible Study</li></ul>	06 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 6:30PM - 7:30PM Bear Den Mtng.</li></ul>	07 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 6:30AM - 7:30AM Men's Group Bible Study</li></ul>	08
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26 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 7:00PM - 8:00PM High School Bible Study</li></ul>	27	28 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 6:30AM - 7:30AM Men's Group Bible Study</li></ul>	29

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Motion accepted.

Staff reports were presented by:

Pastor Dirk Hagmaier reported:

- Pastor is making a road map for Alex Eykamp and Interim Pastor Solveig Hendrickson listing events and information to guide them. They may reach out to him with any questions, how to do funerals, weddings, and positive notes, and sermons information.
- He is cleaning out his office.
- Infotech is cleaning up his computer.
- He would like to “Thank” the staff of Alex & Robin and remember to include them in the partnership of ministry.
- He expressed sympathy to Nancy Sabbe in the loss of her mother and Corey Strom in the loss of his stepfather and the several others.

Board of Education Robin reported:

- She reported the SD Synod is offering a match \$1000 technology grant
- Discussed upgrading our video streaming system in the balcony Bob Gale & Josh Van Dyke are checking this upgrading out. There have been problems with the equipment and the equipment is old. Danny Brown made a motion to fill out the grant paperwork and the council approves this technology situation. Dana Hoff seconded. Motion passed.
- Becky Brown says we need to move forward and do some upgrades.
- Josh & Bob will get together and check out costs as this effects our radio broadcast as this is connected with the streaming, and will send the information to President Rob.
- Jim Iverson & Robin will fill out the grant information.

President Rob Thuringer reported:

- The Call Committee has approved the MSP to call a lead pastor. The information is out on the website and we are just waiting for candidates to apply. He reported the SD Synod has been very helpful.
- There was discussion on possibly having a funeral on April 10th and the Covid guidelines of the church will be followed.

Vice President - Danny Brown reported:

- Reported the opening of the church committee has been meeting, discussed the plexiglass and took out the curve in the plexiglass in front of the Celebration Team. They will keep working on

these issues.

- Becky Brown would like to do a survey and she will make a list of questions to ask members of the congregation and several council members will call five household members.

Board of Trustees Chairman - Dana Hoff reported:

- Approved paying the bills
- Tim Walburg will check the bill for the unexpected repair to the elevator and approve it if everything is fine.
- Tim will check on the lighting system with Scotty.
- Discussed the Stream Machine Edge technology
- The boiler bill was approved

Board of Parish Education Chairman - Susan Farrell -Poncelet reported:

- Milestone Ministry-inventory has been taken. Looking into getting the third graders their Spark Bibles, the sixth graders (25 children) the regular Bibles they should have received last Maundy Thursday but didn't with church closed with the Covid. Scheduling the first communion service for the current sixth graders, scheduling the class and possible first communion service for the fifth graders (19 children) to get everyone back to where they would normally be at this time of the year.
- Confirmation-to be held in April. Stoles and robes are cleaned/ordered and ready to go with a few adjustments for a couple of the confirmands. Service will be at 2:00 p.m. on April 18th, 2021.
- Graduates will be recognized in May. Quilters have already requested names and numbers. Other details not yet determined.
- Summer plans-camps are open for registration; however, other plans such as VBS will be discussed at the April meeting.
- Preschool is open for registration. Change in amount of time children will have for preschool. Previously it has been two and a half hours and it is now going to be three. They are in the interview process for a teacher for the coming school year. More details to come.
- Nursery will open on Sunday.

Board of Deacon Chairman - Jim Iverson reported:

- WORSHIP & MUSIC: Expressed our sympathies to Nancy Sabbe whose mother died in late February. She was 96. Nancy has cantors lined up for the rest of March. Discussed the limited availability of people willing to be cantors at worship. Discussed the upcoming Holy Week & Easter sched-

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- ule and need to visit with Pastor Hendrickson, Interim Pastor, after she begins at Trinity on March 24th about what she wants the schedule to look like. The Board of Deacons discussed their April ushering and lector assignments for the month. Nancy will continue to contact people to serve as cantors for the first service.
- Mission of the Month for March is the Center of Hope and {all donations will be matched in March 2021 by an Anonymous donor}
- MISSION MOMENTUM: The past funding for the Mission of the Month came from the Jingle Change offering each week. Need to let Office Manager know that we need to let the members know each week in the email, or weekly in the bulletin, or in the monthly newsletter, that anyone can bring in a designated offering for the specific Mission of the Month and their gift will be sent to that program. All they need to do is write on their offering envelope or any envelope—Mission of the Month.
- LIFE AND GROWTH: No report at this time.
- SERVICES AND SACRAMENTS: With Pastor Hagmaier's last day on Tuesday, March 16th, we have no one to do the Lenten service on Wednesday, March 17th, and are in need of pulpit supply for the two services on March 21st. That Sunday is also when Holy Communion is served, and perhaps there will be no communion service on that day. Regardless, there will be home communion delivered on Sunday the 21st to the four individuals in the program. Four communion cups were set aside after the communion service on the 7th for home communion, if needed.

## Help Wanted

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

## Tidings Delivery

If you are currently receiving the *Trinity Tidings* in the mail and would like to receive it electronically, please contact the church office.

- EVANGELICAL OUTREACH: Once a definite decision is reached as to the schedule for Holy Week and Easter Sunday, both the radio and newspaper will be notified.

### New Business:

- They are planning on 3 Easter Services.
- Letter of Appointment and Covenant for Interim Pastoral Ministry Pr. Solveig Hendrickson by her, and President Rob, Vice President Danny, and Deacon Jim Iverson will sign and get copies to Office Manager Alex Eykamp and the SD Synod. Interim Solveig will begin at Trinity Lutheran Church on March 24th.
- A motion was made by Jim Iverson to send the Letter of Appointment and Covenant for Interim Pastoral Ministry Pr. Solveig Hendrickson to everyone. Bridget Van Liere seconded. Motion passed.
- We are hoping to loosen up on the Covid-19 restrictions when appropriate.

President Rob Thuringer expressed a "Thank You" to Pastor Dirk Hagmaier for his 12 years of service to Trinity Lutheran Church and we will definitely feel the loss. He asked Pastor Dirk to give a final prayer tonight for the council for all his years. He asked God to be with the leadership and council and may we have a sense of purpose and peace. God Bless everyone.

Becky Brown made a motion to adjourn the council meeting and Josh Van Dyke seconded. Motion passed.

Next council meeting will be April 13th, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joan Merager, Council Secretary

## Preschool Registration Now Open



Trinity Lutheran Preschool is now accepting reservations for enrollment for 3-year and 4-year classes for the 2021–2022 school year. To reserve a spot, contact the board at [tplsmaisonsd@gmail.com](mailto:tplsmaisonsd@gmail.com) or call 256-2771.

## Mission Kit Bags Available

School Kit and Personal Care Kit bags are both now in the narthex on the table near the elevator. Take some home, fill them with the items on the attached list and bring them back by Rally Sunday, September 12, 2021.

As noted previously, the kits we put together in 2019/2020, along with quilts made by the Trinity Piecemakers, were needed and stayed right here in our community. As we look ahead, we do not know where our quilts and kits will be needed. However, we do know that wherever they go and whomever receives them, they will be welcomed and cherished, bringing hope and comfort to those experiencing crisis.



**South Dakota Synod**  
**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**

God's work. Our hands.

Siblings in Christ,

Grace and Peace in the name of the RISEN CHRIST! – As I am writing my May greetings to you I am looking outside the window, watching the rain fall. And, I give thanks for God's nourishing waters unto the parched land. Thanks be to God! Every year this time I pray for those who are called to steward the land and livestock that will bring nourishment to our tables. How long has it been that you gathered with those you love around a table for an in person meal? Many of us long to be together in person, especially in worship and fellowship. The CDC released new guidelines, which allow for small group gatherings, but caution us yet to gather in large groups especially without any safety measures or protection. I have released new recommendations concerning in person gatherings.

While you have heard me say it many times, I will say it again, I cannot tell you what to do; BUT I appeal to you to continue to use caution when gathering for worship and fellowship for the sake of protecting your neighbor. We are currently seeing an increase, not as steep as before, but nevertheless an increase in new infections, and this time around it affects young adults and children worse than before. Please, be good stewards of each other and wear masks, continue to physically distance, refrain from singing and gathering in large groups over coffee in your fellowship areas and continue to practice good hand-washing.

I fully recognize and acknowledge that living with COVID-19 remains a challenge as it robs us of what we hold dear, gathering in person, but if we are all disciplined, we will soon be able to gather in person.

Items needed for a Personal Care Kit include a light-weight bath towel (dark color preferred), 3 bars of soap, a toothbrush (in original packaging), and nail clippers.

Items needed for a School Kit include 4 (70 sheet) notebooks, 12" ruler with inches & centimeters, pencil sharpener, blunt (rounded) scissors, 5 unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers, 5 black or blue ballpoint pens, one box of 24 crayons, and 2½" eraser.

Please return your filled bags to the church by Rally Sunday, September 12, 2021, or any time before that. There is a bin marked "Mission Kits" in the narthex for your donations. Thank you!

Until that day comes, be good stewards of each other by loving God and loving neighbor above self.

Journeying in Christ with you,

Rev. Constanze Hagmaier

Bishop of the South Dakota Synod, ELCA

### Post-Pandemic Planning

*Rev. Jonathan Steiner*

So many things were put on pause because of COVID-19. Life milestones like weddings were postponed. Families have not gathered together for a year. And church life sometimes was adapted, and sometimes put on hold.

As we receive the blessings of vaccination, many of our churches are wondering, "what now?" I have heard again and again a desire to "go back to normal." Yet that isn't our call. Our call is to enter into the new life, to see the new thing that God is working in and through us.

Keep an eye out for resources from the synod for your congregation as you have these discussions. We will provide some conversation suggestions for working on community grief, discernment, and other places we need to pay attention to our ministry. We are planning a retreat for lay leaders and rostered leaders to ask tough questions and reflect on where they are, and where God hopes them to be. We are putting together relationships so that you don't do this work alone.

If this work of finding a new way of being the church is exciting for you, please be in touch with me, and keep your eyes and ears (and email inboxes!) open for the next steps to take. Know that the Holy Spirit is at work, and God is up to incredible things through your church.

*15<sup>th</sup>* Bethel Foundation Golf Tourney  
Thursday, July 29, 2021



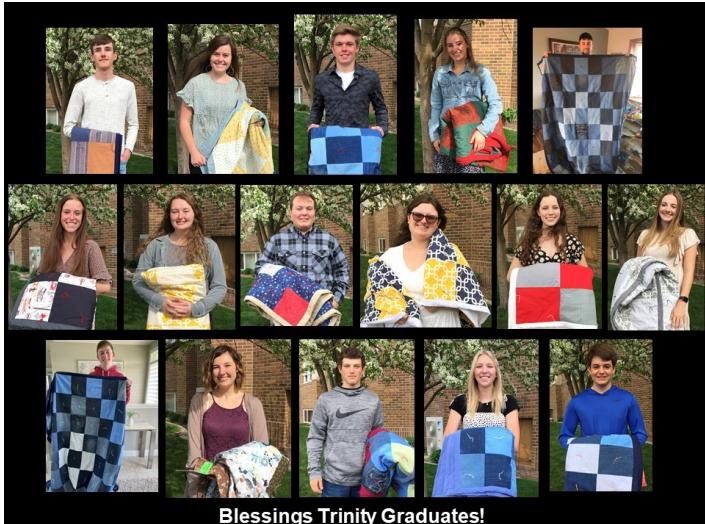
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- Gift
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Monday, July 26<sup>th</sup>  
[bethelcommunity.com/foundation](http://bethelcommunity.com/foundation)  
**OR**  
**CONTACT:**  
Bethel Lutheran Home Foundation  
(605) 256-4539 Ext 6

**COORDINATE A TEAM IN 2021**  
*Help make a difference to Bethel by playing!*



High school seniors receive their quilts on May 2, 2021. The quilts were made by the Trinity Piece-makers.

## **Sign Up for the Weekly E-News**

Did you know that the church office sends out a weekly e-mail with announcements and current events? Contact the church office to sign up today in order to stay connected in these changing times.

## **NEWS FROM THE FOUNDATION**

### **March Memorials**

**In Memory of Karen Fletcher**  
Helen Anderson Brunick

**In Memory of Landon Gulbranson**  
Gary and Rochelle Johnson  
Sandy and Marv Rhode

**In Memory of Marlene Pearson**  
Joan and Doug Merager  
Jon and Mary Hunter

**In Memory of Jack Mader**  
Myron and Clara Downs  
Joan and Doug Merager

**In Memory of Darlene Renner**  
Joan and Doug Merager

**In Memory of Jessie Reed**  
Sally Olson

**In Memory of Beda and Ray Tidblom**  
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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 ([www.tlcmadison.com](http://www.tlcmadison.com)) 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.
- We also have a quick and easy Give+ Mobile App option for financial giving from your portable device! Just download the app! Available for Apple and Android, it's usable with bank routing and account numbers or credit card/bank cards. This app can be used to set up long-term giving options or for a one-time use.
- 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.

## Congregational Information

**Deaths:** Delmar Giles on March 13, 2021

Ronald Howard on March 22, 2021

Arlyce Schut on April 22, 2021

**Baptisms:** Oliver Koch on March 10

**Weddings:** none

## Mission of the Month

The May Mission of the Month is Church on the Street.

*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 May is canned soup.