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January–March 2021



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

Pastor Dirk Submits Resignation

Last Sunday will be March 14

President's Message

From the Pastor's Pen

Hello Trinity Members,

There is a lot happening within Trinity right now. As I am sure you have heard, Pastor Dirk submitted his letter of resignation on Feb. 17th, effective March 17th. After 10+ years of service to the members of Trinity, he will be greatly missed. Thank you for all that you have done for us, Pastor Dirk!

With Pastor Dirk leaving, we will have to fill the void until we get a new Lead Pastor called to Trinity. We are very close to having a contract completed with Pastor Solveig Hendrickson to be our interim while we work through the call process. Many of you will remember Pastor Solveig, as she filled in for Pastor Dirk this fall while he was in Germany. I am very excited that Pastor Solveig was available and willing to step in as our interim in our time of need.

All of this also leads in to the work of the Call Committee and our current call process. We have been working very closely with the Synod on what our next steps are and how to do things correctly. At the recommendation of the Synod, we suspended our call for an Associate Pastor and are moving forward with a call for a Lead Pastor. The Call Committee has pulled back our original Ministry Site Profile for the call for an Associate Pastor and changed it to a call for a Lead Pastor. The MSP has been resubmitted to the Synod, and we are currently ready and waiting for applicants to answer our call for a Lead Pastor. After we have the Lead Pastor role filled, we will revisit our need for an Associate Pastor at that time.

That is all I have for now. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me and I will do my best to answer any and all of your questions.

Thank you! Rob Thuringer

Farewell, Pastor Dírk!

Dear Saints of TLC Madison!

Two weeks ago, I notified you of my resignation as the Lead Pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church in Madison, SD. The resignation is effective March 17th, 2021.

There were several occasions within the last 24 months when I could feel the Holy Spirit shaking up my sense of call. Since none of us has the promise of another day, I finally came to the conclusion that the time to postpone some of my personal dreams and ambitions is over. It is in that context of heart wrenching discernment that I feel that God calls me into a period of intentional contemplation, meditation, exploration and service while I plan to be a husband, father and partner in ministry in the context of my family and the synod.

Please know that it was a great privilege to serve Trinity's people here in Madison. I am very saddened that this chapter of my life comes to an end. Because Trinity's people enriched my life in so many ways and because you gave me the opportunity to grow as a person and church leader, this resignation doesn't come easily. But at the same time, I take great comfort in the fact that our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ has the ability to raise Trinity and myself up to new life. I give thanks to the wonderful staff I worked with and to the church council for all your support.

I am thankful that I have been a part of your life. God's blessings to you.

In HIS service, The Rev. Dirk Hagmaier

Sign the Photo Book for Pastor Dirk

Please feel free to stop by the church office to sign the photo book for Pastor Dirk during the week. The book will be in the Narthex on Sunday mornings.

December 2020 Council Meeting Minutes

Trinity Lutheran Church Zoom Council Meeting December 8th, 2020 7:00 P.M.

Trinity Lutheran Church Mission Statement: Sharing God's Word, Doing God's Work was recited by all council members.

President Delzer called the council meeting to order. Members in attendance were: President Delzer, Vice President Rob Thuringer, Deacon Becky Brown, Jim Iverson, Lora Ersland, Nancy Sabbe, Brianna Routier, Parish Ed. Susan Farrell-Poncelet, Kristin Morse, Ryan Townsend, Robin, Trustee, Tim Walburg, Sid Gulbranson, Josh Van Dyke, Corey Strom, and Secretary Joan Merager. Absent was Bridget Van Liere and Pastor Dirk.

Vice President Rob Thuringer led the council in devotions.

President Delzer presented the Agenda and with no corrections a motion to approve the agenda was made by Susan Farrell-Poncelet and seconded by Becky Brown. Motion passed.

The council minutes from November 10, 2020 were presented by President Delzer and a motion to approve them was made by Rob Thuringer and seconded by Josh Van Liere. Motion passed.

The Treasurer's report was discussed and we are \$8000. behind and Tim Walburg made a motion to approve and Becky Brown seconded. Motion accepted.

STAFF REPORTS WERE PRESENTED BY: President Scott Delzer reported:

- President Delzer reported he had talked to Pastor Dirk who is in Germany and they are on lock down but he has a plane ticket for December 21st and then he will quarantine for two weeks and will be back at church on January 4th.
- Pastor Solveig and Robin are doing well.
- The PPP final submission was sent on Monday, December 6th and they said it could take up to 90 days to see if it will become a grant.
- President Delzer would like to extend a big thank you to everyone who has worked so hard with Pastor Dirk being gone.

Vice President Rob Thuringer reported:

 He is working with the Call Committee and they are working on the Ministry Site Profile and they will meet again Thursday to finish and they hope to have it turned into the synod before Christmas. Trustees Josh Van Liere and Sid Gulbranson reported:

- Josh reported they are fixing shingles on the towers with the help of Amert's
- They are working with Bob's Electric to find the problem why the organ keeps blowing a fuse
- Bells are being checked out by Scotty
- Approved paying the bills
- Sid reported he is done with the boiler, just checking on thermostats and Scotty will redo the window.

Board of Parish Ed. Susan Farrell-Poncelet reported:

• She is working on the report for the Annual meeting.

Board of Deacon Becky Brown reported:

- Approved the baptism bowl for \$70.00 plus the engraving.
- Brianna Routier said it is time to renew chamber membership for \$175.00
- They are working on an ad for Christmas Eve service for paper and radio. Brianna will do the newspaper.
- Services will be live streamed

A motion was made by Jim Iverson to approve the reports and Lora Ersland seconded. Motion passed.

President Delzer presented the Mission Plan for 2021 and a motion to approve it was made by Tim Walburg and seconded by Rob Thuringer. Then there was discussion and questions were on the Preschool and an amendment was made to include September thru December to compensate this amount and a motion was made by Tim Walburg and seconded by Rob Thuringer. Motion passed.

The Trinity Lutheran Church Annual Meeting will be held on January 24th with a snow date of January 31st, 2021. A motion to approve these dates was made by Brianna Routier and seconded by Becky Brown. Motion passed.

President Scott thanked everyone for their hard work.

A motion to adjourn was made by Jim Iverson and seconded by Kristin Morse. Motion passed.

The council closed with praying The Lord's Prayer.

Merry Christmas!

Respectfully submitted, Joan Merager Council Secretary

January 2021 Council Meeting Minutes

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

Council members recited Trinity's mission statement, "Sharing God's Word, Doing God's Work."

President Scott Delzer called the January council meeting to order. Members absent and excused were: Kristin Morse, and Ryan Townsend.

The council was led in devotions by Pastor Dirk Hagmaier.

The Agenda was presented by President Delzer and he added under business the PPP Grant, Annual meeting on January 24th after the second service and Mission support to the synod. He asked for a motion to approve and that was made by Rob Thuringer and seconded by Susan Farrell-Poncelet. Motion passed.

The December 8th council minutes were presented by President Delzer and with no corrections Corey Strom made a motion to approve and Sid Gulbranson seconded. Motion passed.

The Treasurer's report was discussed and we were \$3600.00 behind and with the PPP grant it turned out well. A motion to approve the report was made by Tim Walburg and seconded by Sid Gulbranson. Motion passed.

STAFF REPORTS WERE PRESENTED BY: Pastor Dirk Hagmaier reported:

- Pastor thanked all council for everything we did to carry on the ministry when he was in Germany.
- We have many spiritual challenges to deal with during the Covid-19 year.
- Annual church meeting will be held on January 24th, 2021 after the second service at 12:05 p.m. and we welcome all members to attend.
- February 7th at 10:00 a.m. will be Trinity's council orientation in the Fellowship Hall.
- February 7th will be council installation at both worship services.
- February 2nd will be the Synod's Lay Leader Night and this will include newly elected lay leadership and returning lay leaders hosted by Bishop Hagmaier and synod staff at 7:00 p.m.
- Thank You for the service you gave to our council, Heath Abraham, Megan Schnieder, Steve Millage, Shelly Gust, and Ashley whose term is completed on the council.
- We will be having midweek Lenten services but not the Lenten suppers.

President Scott Delzer reported:

• Thank you to everyone on the council for your faithfulness and the assistance that you gave as it was not the easiest. He cherished working with everyone and it was quite a year! He felt the most exciting thing that happened was opening the church again!

Vice President Rob Thuringer reported:

 He thanked President Scott Delzer for his work and leadership!

Board of Deacon Chairman Becky Brown reported:

- Brianna will check with KJAM on the time for our service to be broadcast.
- Deacon of Evangelical Outreach will be the only one to make changes with the radio station and the newspaper.
- Deacons going off please return your keys & binders so they may go to the new person on the deacons and you may leave information in the notebook to give guidelines to the new deacon.
- No soup suppers during Lent.
- Jim Iverson will be chair of the Deacons for 2021. Board of Trustees Chairman Tim Walburg reported:
- Approved paying the bills
- Josh has been installing cable to help improve video
- Janitor Scotty proposed that we install LED lights to help save money. This was tabled till next meeting till we can get more information on the cost.
- Tim thanked everyone for their help when he took over as chairman.

Board of Parish Education Chairman Susan Farrell-Poncelet reported:

- Confirmation students will begin to meet before Lenten Services and take notes during the service to be discussed the following week.
- Cards/letters will be going out from 8th grade confirmation kids requesting mentors.
- Service projects for Valentine's Day and Easter with confirmation students and doing groups such as 1st responders and the 80's plus group.
- A monthly service project for the upper elementary students to create connections with the 80's plus members of our congregation.
- Susan Farrell-Poncelet made a motion to resume Sunday school beginning the first Sunday in February with adjustments being made to keep the

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- students and teachers safe. The motion was seconded by Rob Thuringer. Motion passed.
- There was discussion to clarify precautions, clean areas, wear masks, dismiss one classroom at a time, we will have a limited number in each room, and we will understand if they don't feel comfortable coming. Pastor Dirk and Susan will help setting the number for each room.
- Julie Jones will be the new Sunday school superintendent.

Rob Thuringer reported on the Call Committee and they have Zoomed with a 1st call candidate but will ask for more names. He asked that we keep the call committee in our prayers.

President Delzer reported:

- The government PPP loan that our church applied for because of the Covid-19 and was to help in keeping our church still operate with paying of salaries and expenses and we followed all the guidelines and we have received notice that it has turned into a grant and will now be forgiven.
- Council will decide where to place the balance of the funds from the grant possibility to the Cornerstone Fund.
- Annual Meeting will be January 24th immediately after the second service with a snow date of January 31st.

Home Communion Helpers

Thank you to Roger Moose and Susan Williams for delivering home communion in February.

Nursery Reopening

The Nursery is reopening Sunday, March 14 at the 8:45 and 11:00 services on a preliminary basis. Location of the nursery will be posted in the Narthex.

Worship Service Broadcasts

Trinity's Sunday worship services are available for livestreaming on our YouTube channel. You can locate Trinity's YouTube broadcasts at <u>https://</u> <u>w w w . y o u t u b e . c o m / c h a n n e l /</u> <u>UChJnM7Q5qrov8sKctyvJ_rA</u>. 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.

- A motion was made by Becky Brown to support our mission to the South Dakota Synod in the amount of \$23,000., and it will be paid with monthly payments and this was the same amount as was sent in 2020. Brianna Routier seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- President Delzer reported how helpful the synod had been with information on how to support and survive Covid-19, helping with information on opening the church and many other resources. Also Jim Iverson is on the synod council and he praised and thanked Bishop Hagmaier for her wonderful help to all churches during this pandemic.
- Danny Brown will be the parliamentarian for Trinity's Annual Meeting on January 24th.
- A "Thank You" to Becky Brown and her nominating team for finding people to fill the open positions on the council.
- A very big "Thank You" to Sid Gulbranson for installing the boilers for our church.

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

The council closed with praying The Lord's Prayer. Next council meeting will be on February 9th. Respectfully submitted, Joan Merager, Council Secretary

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News from the Foundation

January Memorials

In Memory of Jessi Reed

Matthew Oyes and Cindy Wilkey Karen Feige David and Marian Wheeler Mary and Melvin Peterson

In Memory of Bill Richter

Joyce Richter Bill and Sandy Cole David and Marian Wheeler Karen Feige Doug and Joan Merager

In Memory of Staci Klein Marv and Sandy Rhode

In Memory of Janet Dickerson Doug and Joan Merager

Mission Kits on the Move

In the last year, people of Trinity have made and assembled quilts, personal care kits and school kits with plans of sending them to far-reaching parts of the globe. What we did not expect was the need to keep those items right here in our community. Our quilts and kits were distributed to the Domestic Violence Network and to families with children of all ages through the Madison School District, with the assistance of Cotton Koch, Madison Middle School Principal.

As we look ahead, we do not know where our quilts and kits will be needed most. Will they go to Lutheran World Relief and then elsewhere in the country or the world? Will they stay locally or regionally? Right now, we do not know. However, we do know that wherever they go and whomever receives them, they will be

Operation Brighter Christmas

A great big THANK YOU to everyone who helped with our McCrossan Boys Ranch shoe box project last year!

Together, we were able to provide a shoe box gift for every boy at the Ranch. Thank you to Carol Verhey, Val Verhey and the confirmation students for wrapping the gifts this year!

From Christy Menning, Director of Devolopment at McCrossan Boys Ranch: We are so grateful for your continued support! You can certainly tell each box was packed with love! Happy New Year!

Sunday School Update

Sunday School has been meeting since Feb. 14th. There are 58 students signed up Preschool–6th grade. The Preschool–Kindergarten are learning "Jesus Loves Me" to sign language. The 1st–4th graders are learning the "Lord's Prayer" to sign language. The 5th graders are walking through the New Testament. The 6th graders are following the Faith Lens Curriculum.

Mid-week Family Faith at Home Discussions as well as the Sunday Children's Sermon are provided by Pastor Sami Johnson are being sent out weekly via email.

Lent in a Bag

If you have not yet picked up a bag for your family at home devotions during Lent, please do. You don't have to have children at home, as this works well also for grandparents when grandchildren visit. It's simply a way to help with prayer and conversations as to Lent. welcomed and cherished, bringing hope and comfort to those experiencing crisis.

You are invited to fill a bag to create a Personal Care Kit. Bags are available on the table near the elevator. Take a bag home and fill with the items on the attached list:

- Light weight bath towel (dark color preferred)
- 3 bars of soap
- Toothbrush
- Nail clippers

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! Bags to fill with school supplies will be available later this spring.

Confirmation Update

9th Graders: After many months of waiting, the Confirmation date for the 9th grade confirmands draws near, Sunday, April 18th at 2 p.m. at Trinity. There are 17 Confirmands who have been patiently waiting for this day. The gowns have been fitted, and the stoles passed out. Group and individual pictures will be held on Wednesday, April 7th at church at 4 p.m. A run-through of the service will be held on Wednesday, April 14th at church at 4 p.m. Further details will be sent to confirmands and their families.

7th and 8th Graders: The 7th and 8th grade confirmands have diligently worked through an Old Testament Study of Genesis–Judges. (This study is written by Pastor Brad Danielson.) Next year, they will start up where they left off, and continue their study through the New Testament to Revelation. Confirmation has now transitioned to discussion and attendance of the Lenten Services, as well as sermon note taking. The 8th graders have been ushering, greeting as well as seeing to ringing the bell and serving as acolytes.

Service Projects: Service projects for all three classes have been on hold because of COVID. So with that, all of the students have been expected to send out cards of greetings to Trinity's 80 yrs. and above generation. They sent out cards before the holidays and now again this spring before Easter.

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 tlpsmadisonsd@gmail.com or call 256-2771.



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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.
- 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: Joyce Raastad on November 16, 2020 Jack Mader on December 24, 2020 Alice Brue on December 25, 2020 Lois Marlene Pearson on December 28, 2020 Landon Gulbranson on January 26, 2021 Karen Fletcher on February 14, 2021 Baptisms: none Weddings: none

Mission of the Month

The March Mission of the Month is Center of Hope. 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 March is rice and boxed potatoes.