

President's Message

Hello everyone,
I want to give you an update on everything happening at Trinity.

The Trinity Lutheran Preschool has hired a teacher for the coming year. Beth Himley is the new teacher, and classes will resume this fall as normal. Preschool registration is still open, if you are looking for a preschool option for your child, or if you know someone who is. If you have any questions, please email tlpsmadisonsd@gmail.com and the preschool board will get you taken care of.

With the resignation of Pr. Solveig, we have contracted with a new Interim Pastor. Pastor Bob Hansen will be our new Interim Pastor as of August 1st. Pr. Bob has agreed to be our emergency contact for the month of July, even though he officially starts in August, should any member of our congregation need such services. Pr. Bob will be working $\frac{3}{4}$ time, spending 2 days a week in the office here in Madison, one day a week working from home, and will also be here on Sundays to lead our services. Pr. Bob comes to us with many years of experience as an Interim Pastor, and I look forward to having him help us through this time of transition.

Along with Pr. Bob, we have hired Deacon Suzanne Hansen to be our temporary Faith Formation Director. Deacon Suzanne is Pr. Bob's wife. Deacon Suzanne, along with volunteers from Trinity, will be leading our

youth programs. She will be putting together the Sunday school and Confirmation programs for the coming school year. Deacon Suzanne will start on July 12th. She will also be working $\frac{3}{4}$ time, essentially matching schedules with Pr. Bob. Contact information for both Pr. Bob and Deacon Suzanne is available through the church office.

The Call Committee did receive an RMP from the Synod. We have had an initial discussion with the candidate and are in the process of scheduling round two with them. All of the personal details about the candidate are confidential at this point, so if you do ask a member of the Call Committee any questions about them, please understand they are not allowed to give out any more information. I wanted to let you know that the process is moving forward, and we are moving as quickly as we can, while still being thorough and trying to find the best fit for Trinity, not just someone to fill the seat.

Finally, we still have a job opening for Wedding Coordinator at Trinity. If you, or anyone you know of, are interested in this position, please contact the church office.

That is all I have for today.

Thank you and have a great day!

Council President,
Rob Thuringer

May 2021 Council Meeting Minutes

Trinity Lutheran Church
Council Meeting
May 11, 2021
7:00 P.M.

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

The May council meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Rob Thuringer.

Members absent and excused were: Sid Gulbranson, Tim Walburg, Corey Strom, Josh Van Dyke, Ryan Townsend, and Bridget Van Liere.

Danny Brown, Vice President led the council in devotions.

President Rob Thuringer presented the agenda, and with no additions Jennifer Briggs made a motion to approve and Danny Brown seconded. Motion passed.

The council minutes from April 13th were presented and with no additions or corrections. President Thuringer asked for a motion to approve and that was made by Nancy Sabbe and seconded by Brianna Routier. Motion passed.

The Treasurer's report was discussed and they reported the equipment for the video screening had been ordered for a cost of around \$8000.00 and we did receive a rebate of \$1000. Jim Iverson made a

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motion to accept the report and Danny Brown seconded. Motion passed.

Staff Reports were presented by:

Pastor Solveig reported:

- The first five weeks we have had six funerals.
- There are upcoming baptisms and new members joining.
- The 6th graders 18 of them had their first communion Maundy Thursday and also received their Bibles.
- 18 freshman were confirmed on April 18th.
- 18 seniors were recognized on May 2nd and received a quilt from the Trinity Peacemakers.

President Rob Thuringer reported:

- He reported receiving a letter that Lutheran Outdoors has announced the launch of the 'Keep the Campfires Burning' campaign and if we would like they will send a volunteer trained to present the campaign plan to our council during May, June, or July and we are not obligated but the Covid-19 pandemic has made them have financial losses. Becky Brown made motion to see if they could attend the June council meeting and Kristin Morse seconded the motion. Motion passed. Rob will check and see if they could come to council meeting in June.
- Prairie Village sent us a letter inviting us to become a 2021 associate member, and we decided to pass this year.
- We have a job opening for a Wedding Coordinator, if interested contact the church office.
- Call committee update is we have sent our RMP and we are just waiting for a candidate some have looked but felt it was not the right time to leave their church. We will keep the congregation informed when we receive more information.
- Pastor Solveig is our Interim Pastor, she is the leader of our church and change is hard but we must move on and shift into forward gear as we hired her to guide us through these days and we all want to WELCOME her!
- The Officers and chairman of the boards will be doing a mid-year staff evaluation soon to see if they have questions or need help with items.
- Robin Hofkamp has resigned her position with the youth as of May 26, 2021.
- The Executive committee will determine our needs, staff affairs, pay, and job description and may hire a part time Faith Formation leader.
- Kristin Morse, Jennifer Briggs, and Susan Farrell-

Poncelet will work on summer items for the youth.

- The electronic board that Terry Schultz has donated to the church will be stored by Rob and Rob and Jim Iverson will check out the guidelines and city rules on placement of signs.

Vice President Danny Brown reported:

- The executive board may hire a wedding planner and preschool board members.

Board of Parish Education Chairman Susan Farrell-Poncelet reported:

- Reported that the Preschool board has interviewed a teacher and the Preschool recommends the hiring of Beth Himley as Preschool Director for 2021-2022 school year.
- To give the executive board the authority to hire.
- Vice President Danny Brown asked for a motion to recess the council for 5 minutes and Kristin Morse made the motion and Becky Brown seconded. Motion passed.
- Vice President Danny Brown asked for motion to reconvene the council meeting, Jim Iverson made the motion seconded by Rob Thuringer. Motion passed.
- May 23rd will be the 1st Communion for 5th graders as this is the schedule they completed:
 - May 12th 5:30pm (introductions-get materials & paint chalices
 - May 16th 10:00am 1st & 2nd lesson
 - May 19th 5:30pm Bake Bread 3rd lesson
 - May 23 10:00am 4th lesson & complete class
 - May 23 11:00am service receive 1st Communion and their Bibles.

- Discussed recommendations for a part time help over the summer to prepare for Sunday school & Confirmation in the fall due to resignation of Rob-in.

- Discussed opportunities for our youth for the summer.

Board of Deacons Chairman Jim Iverson reported:

- **WORSHIP & MUSIC: NANCY SABBE**
Discussion was held as of May 11th on the Covid-19 data from the DOH website, the CDC website, and the website: www.thehymnsociety.org/covid-19/ which shows:

As of today, 34.4% in the US have been fully vaccinated. It is recommended that congregational singing can resume when this measure is at 50% for a county or municipality.

As of today, Lake County has 3,760 fully vaccinated.

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ed, or 29.4%, 36.6% of those 18 and older and 43.1% of those 65+.

Lake County has nine cases as of this meeting and is categorized as a "Low Level" of Community Transmission. Last month, Lake County was in the "substantial spread" category.

As of today, there were no changes from the SD Synod Office as to their guidelines on resuming full worship.

We have no cantor for the Memorial Day weekend service.

• MISSION MOMENTUM: BECKY BROWN
No report at this time

• LIFE & GROWTH: LORA ERSLAND
She is sending out letters to the church group leaders about what has been done with regards to COVID-19 and what is hoped to be happening in the near future as the overall numbers continue to be good.

• SERVICES & SACRAMENTS: JIM IVERSON
We have three individuals who are on our home communion schedule for the 3rd Sunday each month. Susan Williams volunteered in April and Roger Moose volunteered for May. There are four individuals who contacted Pastor Solveig and asked for Holy Communion. They did not want someone to come to their homes, nor did they want to return to worship yet. So she is meeting with them in the sanctuary and giving them Holy Communion.

• EVANGELICAL OUTREACH: BRIANNA ROUTIER
It was noted that Pastor Solveig Hendrickson's

name as our Interim Pastor had not been given to the *Madison Daily Leader* for the Friday edition which shows each church's weekly schedule. Brianna said she would contact the paper and make the correction.

Board of Trustee Chairman Dana Hoff reported:

- Approved paying the bills for the month
- Scrolling Video Board will be tabled until next month to check on where it can be put, Rob will store in his storage unit.
- Discussed our church snow blower and the costs and we will watch prices as the summer goes along.

New Business:

- Discussed the COVID-19 and we are anxious to sing but the chart must be 50 and we are at 34.4. We are anxious to loosen our COVID-19 restrictions. We are hopeful that people will get their shots.

Lectors & Cantors & Ushers Schedule:

May – Parish Ed.

June – Officers

July – Trustees

August – Deacons

Next council meeting will be June 8, 2021.

A motion to adjourn the May council meeting was made by Jim Iverson and seconded by Lora Ermland. Motion passed.

The council closed the meeting with praying The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Merager, Council Secretary

Coffee Hour Has Resumed

Please join us for coffee after the church service in the fellowship hall. Service groups will begin serving coffee again this fall. For the rest of the summer, we will be asking for volunteers to serve coffee. Please contact Lisa Gale to sign up for a date to serve or sign up on the sheet in the narthex.

Service Groups Update

As we prepare for the return of service groups serving at Trinity, we are working through some changes. We are reducing the number of service groups at Trinity from 13 to 11. For those of you whose service group has been dissolved, you will be receiving a mailing indicating your new service group. As your service group leader reaches out to you to provide food or work at an event, I encourage you to say "Yes" if you are able to. Your contributions are appreciated!

NEWS FROM THE FOUNDATION

Recent Memorials

In Memory of Pete Struwe

Dan and Sharon Carlson

Doris Payne

Marv and Sandy Rhode

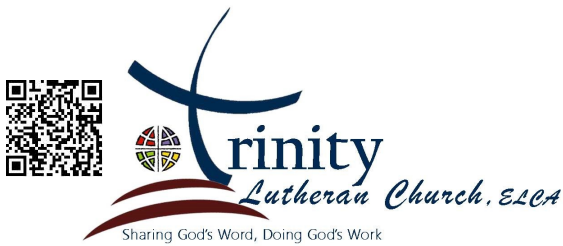
Dick and Barb Ellis

Dennis and Nancy Rook

In Memory of Ron Howard

Linda Bruns

Peggy Hoff



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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) 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.

15th Bethel Foundation Golf Tourney
Thursday, July 29, 2021



Madison Golf & Country Club
Noon Start
Golf Scramble
Team of 4 Fee: \$400

— INCLUDES —

- 18 Holes of Golf (for 4)
- 1/2 Cart
- Sack Lunch
- Gift
- 2 Flight Prizes
- Pin Prizes

REGISTER BY:
Monday, July 26th
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!

Mission of the Month: The July Mission of the Month is the Salvation Army Shoe Project.

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 July is shampoo.

Congregational Information

Deaths: Don Dragseth on July 17

Baptisms: Tace Himley on June 27

Weddings: none

Help Wanted

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