



January 2019

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- 13 Lana Niemann
- 17 Jason Arneson
- 21 Delbert Rjter
- 21 Morrell Spencer
- 21 Ethan Swanson

## MUSICIAN NEEDS

Can you play piano, organ or are a part of a band? We're looking for you! Trinity is currently looking for musical needs during worship services. Please contact a council member or the office for further details.

## Reminder!

It is laid out on the calendar what is expected at each worship service. If you have questions, please CONTACT THE OFFICE as news is being misinterpreted.

- First Sunday – Simply Worship
- Second Sunday – Liturgical Communion (setting 3)
- Third Sunday – Contemporary Worship (noisy offering)
- Fourth Sunday – Simply Communion
- Fifth Sunday – Traditional Liturgy

**THANK YOU** to our Sunday School kids for providing another successful Christmas Program. You did an amazing job. Thank you to the parents for your help as well, the program wouldn't work without you!

**Marriages:** None.

**Deaths:** None

**Baptisms:** None.

**Confirmations:** None

**Transfers In:** None.

**Trans. Out:** None.

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TRUST  
*yourself*  
TO THE  
*God*  
WHO MADE YOU.

## Pastor's Page

*"Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint."*

Isaiah 40:30–31

I am tired! I don't know if this feels true for you, but it does for me. This has been a difficult year for me. A year of suffering, struggle, and strife; and I am tired. At the beginning of the new year, I always struggle with looking behind as I try to look ahead. The pains of the past get in the way of the joys of the new year. The angst of yesterday gets in the way of the hope for tomorrow. The disputes of the last year get in the way of the unity to come. But that's also what I like about the new year. It is a chance for a new start; a new start grounded in faith.

The prophet Isaiah teaches us that we all grow weary, young or old and we all need to look forward to the future. He tells us that we who trust in the LORD, and not in our own designs will be renewed and will have the strength to face what the LORD has in store for us. But in order for us to do this, we must put aside the past, put aside the old and look forward toward the new: the new year, the new world before us, and the new creation in Christ. *"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come"* (2 Corinthians 5:17).

I'm not speaking here of physical age, or one generation verses another. In the eyes of the LORD, we are all His children and age matters, not at all. The eldest are as much His children and the youngest and all are precious in His sight. But the elder members – the more spiritually mature members – of our congregation have an opportunity the younger generations lack. The elder members of our congregation have the experience necessary to move past the trivialities of the past and look forward to the ministry of the congregation today and see clearly the need to look past themselves to the future of this congregation for their children, their grandchildren, and their great grandchildren. A future not based on what is just best for us in our own little church, but a future that reaches out to all in our community as one united Body of Christ, proclaiming the good news of salvation by grace, through faith, for all.

Now, by the time you read this article, you will have likely heard that I will be laid up through most of January (if not beyond). I ask for your prayers and your patience as I undergo the surgeries ahead. But I want to make sure that we can keep moving ahead, in spite of my infirmities. In the last year, we have tried some new things. Some things worked, some did not. Some changes were made by choice, some by necessity. But I would like us to take this month and proactively look ahead for what the Lord has in store; to ask ourselves why we are here and what the Lord wants us to do as His Body (not what we want Him or the church to do for us). Take this month, and ask yourself, what is the best way that we as a congregation can be a force for the gospel of Jesus Christ in our community: through our worship, through our fellowship;

and through our outreach? How do we honor our past as stewards of the ministry we have inherited, and how will we serve as the great cloud of witnesses to those who will follow us (Hebrews 12:1)? I am preparing a survey exploring these questions that will be handed out at our annual meeting. I ask each of you to complete this survey and we will use the results to begin to chart a new course forward for the coming year's ministry.

What does the Lord have in store for us in the new year? Are you willing to put aside the weariness of the past in order to mount up with wings like eagle, trusting in the LORD's plans for our future? Let us come together this year looking forward to the great things the LORD has in store for us.

*"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope."*

Pastor David Patterson

# Council Minutes – Trinity Lutheran Church

13 December 2018

Meeting was opened by President Dan Koistinen

**Present:** Dan Koistinen, Bob Hauschildt, Lee Swanson, Brian Jager, Brady Jager, Larry Jensen, and Pastor Patterson

**Absent:** two unfilled positions, David Carlson

**Others Present:** Brittan Larson, Teresa Hauschildt, Penny Patterson

**Devotions:** Brian had devotions

**Secretary's Report:** Brady made a motion to approve the minutes. Seconded by Bob. Motion carried

**Treasurer's Report:** Brian made a motion to approve Treasurer's report. Seconded by Larry.

**Committee Reports:**

*Christian Ed:*

- Christmas Program set for Wednesday December 19 at 7 p.m. Supper to be provided by women's group following the service.

*Evangelism:*

- Harvest Festival was a success.

*Property:*

- Parsonage update of basement nearing completion.

*Worship & Music:*

- Brittany gave update on church music
- Need CCLI License to get lyrics, vocal chords for a Song Book for Trinity. Annual price is \$195. No motions made.

**Old Business:**

- No formal meeting in November due to lack of quorum.
- Still have two open council positions.

**New Business:**

- Vacuum “died.” Bob will take the old vacuum up to Watertown and see if it’s fixable or we need a new one.
- A list of hours for cleaning in the church was given by Tammy. Any concerns or questions on the cleaning should be brought to Dan.
- Dan and David Carlson drafted a proposed 2019 budget. The council accepted this budget with corrections on a math error.
- Parsonage shed is getting full and a new one may be needed. This is for information at this time. No action proposed.
- Pastor rev’d his health issues.
- Christmas offering:
  - Loose – Food to Pantry
  - Envelopes – Hamlin School Backpack program
  - Brian made a motion to accept the above suggestions. Seconded by Larry. Motion carried.
- Committee Reports will be needed by January 6 so Annual report can be printed that week to allow a two-week period for people to review prior to the annual meeting.

Next meeting will be Thursday January 10, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. Lee made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Bob. Motion carried.

**Submitted by:**

Lee Swanson



**Annual meeting has been set for Sunday, January 20<sup>th</sup> following the worship service. A potluck dinner will follow.**

**No Sunday School on January 27<sup>th</sup>!**

Due to Badger’s annual meeting worship will begin at 9 am on Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup>.

**ATTENTION ALL COMMITTEES!!**

Your reports are due to the office by January 6<sup>th</sup> – NO LATER. It was requested that the annual report be printed and available 2 weeks prior to the Annual Meeting, which means a stricter deadline!

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Every Sunday:</b> <b>9:30 am Sunday School</b> <b>10:45 Worship</b>	<b>Confirmation held</b> <b>at Trinity @ 5:30</b> <b>pm every Wed,</b> <b>unless noted.</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> <i>Feast of the Epiphany - white</i>  Simply Worship <i>Committee Report deadline</i>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>  7 pm TLCW Meeting	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>  6:30 p.m. Evangelism Mtg 7 p.m. Council Mtg	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b> <i>Baptism of our Lord - white</i>  Liturgical Communion	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>  Print Newsletter	<b>18</b>  8:45 a.m. Fold Newsletter	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Sun. after Epiphany -green</i> <i>Annual meeting</i> Simply Contemporary Worship <b>Noisy Offering</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> <i>3<sup>rd</sup> Sun. after Epiphany -green</i> 9 a.m. worship Simply Communion No Sunday School	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>		
<b>Food Pantry open every</b> <b>Monday from 12:30- 3 pm,</b> <b>unless noted</b>		<b>Scripture Readers:</b> 1/6 1/13 Penny Patterson 1/20 1/27		<b>Ushers</b> <i>Al Brendsel &amp;</i> <i>Kathy</i> <i>Antonien</i>	<b>Acolytes:</b> 1/6 1/13 1/20 1/27	

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### Communications

Due to privacy laws, it is recommended that a family member or a friend notify either Brittany or Pastor Patterson directly with any hospitalizations, nursing homes admits, or if any pastoral care is needed. We don't want anyone to be left "hanging" during times of need.

We want to hear from you not only in times of need, but also in your times of joy! Let the office know what is happening in your lives – we love to hear from you!

Now  
you are the  
**BO****D****O**  
of Christ and  
individually  
members of it.

1 Corinthians 12:27, NRSV

