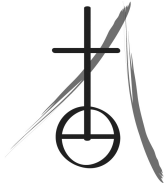


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January Worship at Trinity
We hope you will join us!

SUNDAYS
WORSHIP & KIDS CONNECT 9:00AM
FELLOWSHIP 10:00AM

WEDNESDAYS *Starting January 8th
WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL 5-6:00PM
WORSHIP & KIDS CONNECT 6:10PM
CONFIRMATION 7:00PM

LIVESTREAM WORSHIP *Join us for worship from home at our two times. Find links to our YouTube Livestream and previously recorded worships at www.trinitylutherandl.org.*



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TRINITY'S ANNUAL MEETING!
Mark your calendars! We will celebrate the year that has past and the year to come!

Informational Pre-Meetings
Sun, Jan 19st @ 10am and
Wed, Jan 22nd @ 5:30-6pm
Annual reports will be available on January 12th.
Council will host an info meeting to discuss any questions or concerns. Any motions or additions that the congregation would like to add to our annual meeting agenda are due to Exec Committee by January 23rd. No motions or additions will be accepted after the 23rd.

Annual Meeting Sunday, January 26th at 10:00am
* There will be a Zoom option for both the Sunday pre-meeting and the annual meeting.
Bad weather makeup date: February 2nd
Annual reports due to Teri by January 5th



On January 5th and 8th, we will celebrate Epiphany, a holiday that concludes the 12 days of Christmas with the Magi following the star to meet the newborn king. One practice that has become popular in the last few years is a faith practice called "Star Words."

The idea is that a list of intention words, or guiding words, are written or printed on paper stars. These paper stars are made available in worship. Individuals are invited to draw a word and to use that word as a guiding word throughout the year. Typically, participants are encouraged to trust the word they have drawn, and not to replace the word. Individuals are often encouraged to place their star word somewhere they will see it regularly throughout the year to allow consistent reflection on how God has moved through, around, or in connection to that word.

There Are Several Theological Statements Being Made in this Tradition:

1. The Magi followed a star, which ultimately led them to Jesus. Therefore, we too use all the resources we have available to us—including creative prayer practices and intention words for the new year—to move closer to Jesus.
2. We trust that God uses multiple ways to guide us and speak to us. Star words offer a tool to actively seek and reflect on God's presence among us, both in the moment and in hindsight.
3. We recognize that it is often easy to miss God throughout our daily lives. Having an intention word to consider both in present days, as well as to reflect on at the end of the year, allows for us to see God in ways we may not have seen God before. This is the greatest gift.
4. We know that the most common prayer practice for many involves speaking to God as opposed to silence or contemplation. We believe that star words invite a new prayer rhythm of reflection and review that can be a powerful new way to connect with God.
5. By not looking at or sorting through the star words at their selection, we practice the spiritual task of receiving. It is not we who are in control in this moment. Instead, we trust that God is present, and we let go of our desire to cultivate or control.

I'm looking forward to what God will reveal to us as we grow in faith and action by following our own stars!
God's peace and love, Pr. Megan

P.S. If you join us online and would like a star word, head to (web address) and a word will be chosen for you.

Megan's Trip!
I have an exciting opportunity to head to Greece for a study tour of the Footsteps of Paul January 6 - 17th. I will get to tour Athens, visit Mars Hill where Paul gave one of his most famous sermons, experience the unique Meteora Monasteries perched high on towering pinnacles, and see the mix of ancient and modern in Corinth and Ephesus. I will be learning from Dr. Karoline Lewis and Dr. Michael Chan through Bible study and immersion in these incredible, Biblical sites.
While I am away, Deacon Suzie will lead worship and Pastor Ann will be on-call for emergencies. I'm excited for a unique time of learning and to return to you with a new understanding of the work of the Apostle Paul and an enthusiasm to share with you all that I learn!

Children, Youth & Family Ministry



TRINITY TUBING AT DETROIT MOUNTAIN!
 Sunday, February 9th ~ 1-3pm
 \$10/person \$40/Family Max
 Sign up on the TLC website by Friday, January 24th
 Tubing Requirements: Children (must be 6yrs+ and 42in.), youth and adults of all ages are all welcome!
 Come on out for an afternoon of fun before heading to Super Bowl Gatherings!

TRINITY LOVES THE LAKERS!
 GET POPCORN FROM TLC AT THE BASKETBALL DOUBLEHEADER!
TUESDAY, JANUARY 21st
 Anyone is welcome to find Laura and Suzie during the girls and boys basketball doubleheader for a free box of popcorn!
GO LAKERS!

VBS JUNE 16-19TH
 Trinity Tots VBS Program 9:00am-11:00am 3-5 years
 VBS All Day 9:00am-3:00pm Completed K-5th Grade
REGISTRATION IS OPEN! Register by May 28th at www.trinitylutherandl.org

SKI & SNOWBOARD WINTER TRIP
 February 12-14 Duluth MN
 6th - 12th Grade
 \$275 (Scholarships Available)
 Sign up online by FEB 2 or until spots are full.

2025 SUMMER TRIPS ANNOUNCED 1/13/25
 Middle School & High School
 Our trips are on a 3 year rotation.
 2025 is Community & Adventure!

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH YOUTH & FAMILY FUNDRAISER
MEATBALL DINNER & SILENT AUCTION
 FEBRUARY 23 • 4-6PM
 DINE-IN OR DRIVE-UP
 WE WOULD LOVE YOUR SUPPORT...
 1 - DONATE ITEMS FOR THE SILENT AUCTION **HOMEMADE ITEMS, BASKETS, GIFT CARDS**
 2 - SIGN UP ONLINE TO VOLUNTEER
 3 - MARK THE DATE TO ENJOY DINNER ON 2/23 CONTACT SUZIE FOR MORE DETAILS

- TIDBITS from Teri -
 ► **THANK YOU** to everyone who purchased gifts for the 'Giving Tree' and to the Christian Outreach Committee for heading up this great event!
 ► **THANK YOU** to everyone for their donations to the Lakes Crisis Center in December.
 ► Those people who get away for the winter – please let Teri in the office know when you are leaving, what your address is, and if you would like to continue to receive the Newsletter!
 ► The **MISSIONARY SUPPORT CALENDAR** is up for 2025 is up in the Fellowship Hall. The goal for the year is \$75 per week. Two-thirds going to our Missionary, Rev. Chandran Paul Martin, in South Asia, and one-third going to our sister congregation, Beersheba, India.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED IN 2025
 1. **Offering counters** are needed each Sunday on a rotating basis. Contact Roger Josephson if you are interested or have questions.
 2. **Altar Guild** NEEDS two people each month to help with the Altar Guild needs. Contact Connie Edwards if you are interested or have questions.
 3. There are many, MANY volunteering opportunities throughout the year! Just call the office and we will find your fit!!



TLC Council Meeting Abbreviated Minutes December 17th @ 6:30 p.m

Call to order: 6:30 by Brent Gerber **Devotions:** Pastor Megan- an Advent devotional
Pastor Megan's Report - December Council Report (full report available in the office) Pastor Megan updated us on her December work. She will be gone on Continuing Education January 6th-17th. Worship leadership has been arranged for her time away.

Ministry Review:
 Brief highlight overviews were given by the committee reps- full committee minutes available in the office
 *Committee reports need to be sent to Teri by January 5th. Committee liaisons need to make sure that is communicated to their committee chairs.

Finance Report:
 \$1,250 will be given to Campus Ministries. This is a donation given yearly by Trinity and split between programs at MSUM and Bemidji State. The financial reports were accepted. Motion to approve accounts payable (Julie/Kym)

Business
 - Brent gave a Synod update.
 - The Annual Meeting will be held after church on Sunday, January 26th. Council members will be needed that day to help with ballots, etc. There will be two pre-annual meeting informational meetings held prior to the annual meeting- Sunday, January 19th after church and Wednesday, January 22nd at 5:30.
 - Motion to recommend the 2025 budget to the congregation (Jon/Devin)
 - By-law amendment communication- Brent has communicated this at both a Sunday and Wednesday church service and a letter regarding this will be mailed out to the congregation on December 18th. The details will also be shared at the pre-annual meetings. The amendment changes will be voted on at the Annual Meeting.
 - We will need 3 delegates to represent Trinity at the Synod Assembly on May 30th and May 31st. It will be held at Concordia College in Moorhead. At this time, Julie Aaneson and Devin Hagen have expressed interest in attending.
 - Council had a discussion regarding the internal charity care guidelines as proposed by Pastor Megan and Teri. Discussion on this policy will continue at an upcoming council meeting.

Lord's Prayer Adjourn- 8:05 by President Gerber Next meeting on January 21st @ 6:30pm
 Minutes respectfully submitted by Jan Hoganson

Community & Connection & Learning ADULT MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

LUNCH & LEARN
 Monthly Program **Thursdays 12:00-1:00PM**
 January 9 12:00-1:00PM
Scams in Becker County
 PRESENTER ADAM DOUGLAS & LT LUKE SWEERE
 BECKER COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
 February 6 12:00-1:00PM
Dementia Friends
 PRESENTERS AMY DALLMANN DANCING SKY AREA AGENCY ON AGING

UPCOMING STUDIES
Lunch Studies - Led by Pastor Megan. RSVP - lunch provided.
Good Death - Thursday, February 13 at Noon
Who Is My Neighbor - Tuesday, March 11 at Noon
Baptized We Live: Lutheranism as a Way of Life
 Join Pastor Megan to take a deep dive into what it means to be Lutheran and discover how baptism influences our whole lives.
 4 weeks - Sundays in March (2, 9, 16, and 23) 3-4:30 pm
 RSVP to the office by February 16th. Cost \$6.50 for the book.

Lunch is free. All are welcome.

SAIL
Stay Active & Independent for Life (SAIL) **Stay Active & Independent in Life**
 A new session will begin January 7th.
 Tuesdays and Thursday from 1-2 pm. No charge for the class!
 SAIL is an exercise /balance class sponsored by the Older Americans Act and our Life and Growth Committee. Come and join us!!!

FOOD, FUN & FELLOWSHIP!
 Tuesday, January 21, 11:30am in Trinity's Fellowship Hall
ALL ARE WELCOME!

Lakes Crisis & Resource Center **January**
 Waterproof Gloves & Mittens