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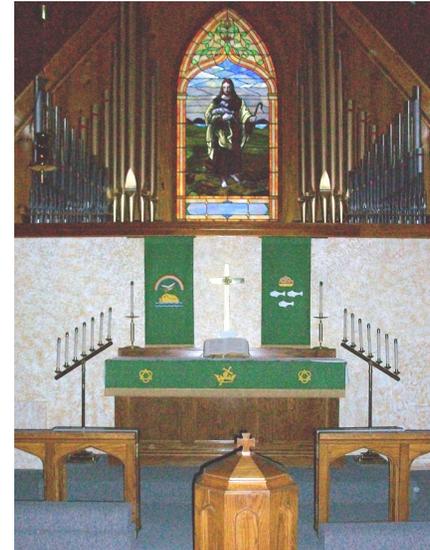
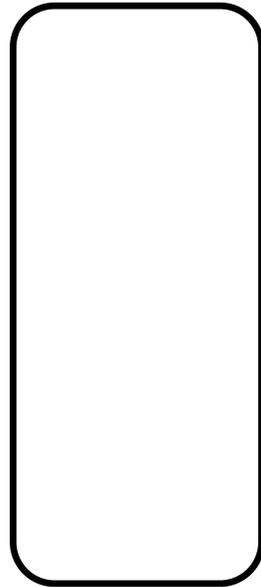
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Sunday Schedule

Worship Services at 8:15 & 11:00 a.m.

Sunday School & Bible Study at 9:45 a.m.

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Lent and Easter Services

March 8th - "Mt. Sinai: Mountain of Predicament"
March 15th - "Mt. Moriah: Mountain of Providence"
March 22nd - "Mt. of Temptation: Mountain of Pressure"
March 29th - "Mt. of the Sermon: Mountain of Planning"
April 5th - "Mt. of the Transfiguration: Mountain of Poise"
April 13th - "Mt. Carmel: Mountain of Prority", Maundy Thursday
April 14th - "Mt. Calvary: Mountain of Power", Good Friday
April 16th - "Mt. Olivet: Mountain of Presence", Easter Sunday

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ELDERS

5—Richard Haun/Bryan Potratz
12—Joel Harms/Bob Eads
19—Richard Haun/Bryan Potratz
26—Joel Harms/Bob Eads

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

5—John Snell/Neil Otto
12—
19—John Snell/Neil Otto
26—

USHERS

5—Ed Steele/Daniel Bergquist
Gordon Medow/Mark Medow
12—Richard Haun/Ron Rogers
Joe Kimmel/Ted Herrmann Jr
19—Vic Albrandt/Mel Fausset
Marvin Schmidt/Don Schmidt
26—Dave Witthar/Chuck Parmely
Mikeal Bessler/Matt Conilogue

ORGANIST

1—Liam Harms
5— No organist
8—Liam Harms
12—Liam Harms
15—Liam Harms
19—Susan Tucker
22—Liam Harms
26—Liam Harms
29—Liam Harms

ACOLYTES

1—Derick Lange
5—Kelsey Parmely
Brooklyn Schrinar
8—Eben Magnan
12—Samantha Castro
Cyrus Orbell
15—Samantha Castro
19—Donald Grosch
Derick Lange
22—Cyrus Orbell
26—Erick Harms
Kerik Van Skike
29—Erick Harms

GIFT SHOP

5—Janice Haun/Jan Vogelsang
12—Marge Shavliik/Lorinda Bessler
19—Phyllis Zenk/Sheila McPherson
26—Florence Luers/Eunice Boehlke

ALTAR GUILD

Susan Anderson, Karen Medow
Flo Weisz, Lacey Kotas, Lauren
McKiernan

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

5—
12—
19—
26—

STEWARDSHIP

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Lent is a bittersweet time of repentance and, yet, of joy. We repent of our sins as we reflect on Christ's sacrifice for us. It is with joy as we reflect on the forgiveness that sacrifice won for us. God, through his word turns us away from our sins and to the life, death and resurrection of his Son.

It has been bittersweet these past few months here at Trinity as several of our beloved church workers have been called to new vocations in their lives and have been released from their vocations at Trinity. Events such as this can create doubt in our school and congregation as we face an uncertain future.

As we confess our own sins this Lent each of us should ask ourselves if we have let such doubt affect our involvement in our church and school? Has it affected your giving of your time, money and talents? Have you put the best construction on the proceedings of calling a pastor and teachers or pulling together the budget? Have you said a careless word in frustration in the situation? God calls us to repent of such selfish acts!

As uncertain as things have been these past months, God has given our church and school an opportunity to grow and to show the mercy and strength he has given us. Through these changes God will bring new life to Trinity. Not because we are faithful, not because we are generous, but because he is a generous God who loves us despite of our sin, because of Jesus. Indeed, he invites us to bring everything to prayer. St. Paul writes in his letter to the Philippians:

“Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”

So, this lent, let us repent of our sins and rejoice in what the Lord has done for us!

Announcements

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Lenten Services will begin on March 1st at 7:00 pm with Ash Wednesday Service.
Lenten Soup Suppers will be held at 5:30 before services.
March 1—LWML
March 8—Youth
March 15—LLL
March 22—Board of Education.

EASTER CARDS AVAILABLE – There are Easter cards available in the LWML Gift Shop. Stop by and check them out!! Remember that all proceeds from the gift shop go to fund LWML projects.

ACOYLTES - Terry Zenk has put together a tentative schedule for the coming year. It has been posted but is subject to change. Please check the bulletin board.

Adult Handbells practice on Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.

Bible Study is on Wednesday at 12:10 p.m. in the school basement.

Confirmation classes are on Wednesday at 6:00 p.m.

LifeLight Bible Study—Wednesday 6:00 p.m.—Last lesson will be on March 15th.

Quilting— The quilting group meets in the school basement on Friday mornings from 9:00 am to noon. They are in need of old blankets for making quilts. They can be dropped off at the church or contact Lila Stark.

Board of Elders meet Monday, March 6th at 6:30 p.m.

Trustees meet on Tuesday, March 7th at 7:00 p.m.

Council meeting will be Monday, March 13th at 6:30 p.m.

FROM THE PASTOR

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“Lord of the Mountain”

As I write this article, Pastor Matthew Johnson and his wife, Leah, have just made a visit to Trinity before giving us his decision regarding his call to serve here. Regardless of his decision, I will plan to conduct the midweek Lenten services. The Lenten season begins with Ash Wednesday which falls on March 1st this year.

The Lenten series I have selected is entitled, “Lord of the Mountain”, and features “mountains” on which significant events took place in Scripture. Some of them would not be considered mountains in Wyoming, but they are called that in the Bible. Each mountain will relate something, or some truth that plays into the penitential season of Lent, leading to the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ and ending with His defeat of death itself on Resurrection Day.

The schedule is as follows: “Mt. Nebo: Mountain of Promise”, Ash Wednesday, March 1st; “Mt. Sinai: Mountain of Predicament”, March 8th; “Mt. Moriah: Mountain of Providence”, March 15th; “Mt. of Temptation: Mountain of Pressure”, March 22nd; “Mt. of the Sermon: Mountain of Planning”, March 29th; “Mt. of the Transfiguration: Mountain of Poise”, April 5th; “Mt. Carmel: Mountain of Prority”, Maundy Thursday, April 13th; “Mt. Calvary: Mountain of Power”, Good Friday, April 14th; and “Mt. Olivet: Mountain of Presence”, Easter Sunday, April 16th.

The Lenten season is such a wonderful time to prepare our hearts for the highest of all Christian Church festivals, the Festival of the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Easter, however, is the climax of all that our Savior endured before He rose from the grave. All that preceded the Resurrection makes us value the Resurrection even more – His arrest, mock trial, the torture He suffered for our sins under the High Priests and the Roman governor, Pontius Pilate, ending with His crucifixion between two criminals on Mt. Calvary. In all of that we see the boundless love of God for sinners such as we are. It brings us to our knees at the foot of the cross and then lifts us to glorious hope at the open, empty grave.

The midweek Lenten services are also opportune times to invite unchurched or dechurched family, friends and neighbors to attend services with you as we come to see and appreciate more the cost of our redemption to our Lord Jesus and the depth of God’s unfathomable love for us.

In the name of our crucified and risen Lord Jesus,
Pastor Vernon Boehlke



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Happy Anniversary

4—Peggy & Harlan Fegler

Baptismal Birthdays

1—Kayla Eckart
Suze Kanack
6—Desaray Alcorn
Bridget Otto
7—Robert Schrinar
9—Amy Schmidt
10—Meeghan Healy
13—Marilyn Hahn

17—Jo Schneider
18—Jackie Hughes
20—Marvin Uecker
23—Marybelle Snider
24—Hannah Herrmann
26—Brooklyn Schrinar



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|---------------------|----------------------|
| 1—Brandon Castro | 20—Steven Medow |
| Brad Franklin | 22—Dustin Stark |
| 7—Jerry Warner | 24—Spencer Busch |
| 8—Brooklyn Schrinar | 26—Sage Orbell |
| 10—Cyrus Orbell | 29—Gordon Medow |
| 10—Randy Schrinar | 30—Deanna Reach |
| 12—Hannah Herrmann | 31—Shirley Bundschuh |
| 13—Elaine Fausset | Vincent Wintermote |
| 16—Larry White | |
| Hannah Woodward | |
| 18—Wyatt LeClair | |



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Board of Education

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The Board of Education has been busy with figuring a budget for the 2017-2018 school year.

A teacher salary study was done by Daniel Bergquist of Lutheran Schools in Wyoming. His study found that our base teacher salary is the lowest in the state. In our budget proposal, we have a 5% pay increase for our teachers. The Board of Education would like to put another 5% increase in the 2018-2019 budget. This would bring our teachers more in line with the state average. To help fund this pay increase the Board has also proposed a 5% tuition increase.

Thank you for all the school mission support that is given through tuition, Trinity Lutheran Church, donations, Thrivent Choice Dollars and our Scrip Program.

Servant in Christ

Ron Rogers



Council Minutes

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Trinity Lutheran Church Council Monday, February 13, 2017

Loren Podoll called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Pastor Boehlke opened with devotion and prayer. Matt Conilogue, Loren Podoll, Jack Hildner, Ed Steele, David Becker, Pastor Boehlke, Gary Hatle, Daniel Bergquist.

A motion was made to approve the agenda. It was seconded and passed.

The minutes of January 16, 2017, January 30, 2017, and February 3, 2017 meetings were approved as amended.

Gary Hatle reported on elder activity. There is a need for one additional elder. The elders will no longer do the readings during worship services. They will still assist in the distribution of communion.

Pastor Boehlke reported he conducts Bible Studies on Wednesdays. He has religion classes on Wednesday and Fridays at school. He attended the Convocation in Casper. He has held Bible studies at the Honor Farm twice this month. He administered communion to the shut-ins. Pastor Boehlke had 2 attend Lutheranism 101 class on February 12.

Jack Hildner, Board of Education, reported the school enrollment is at 99. Registration for the 2017-18 school year started February 1. To date we have 55 registered. Jack reported that a telephone interview with Audrey Partipilo went well and that we will issue a call at the voters meeting on February 19, 2017. She will fill the vacant Kindergarten and music teacher position. Jack reported that we have 2 interested in the 1st grade position. A peaceful release will be considered at the February voters meeting for Susan Tucker and Karen Bergquist.

Daniel Bergquist, Stewardship, reported that Phyllis Zenk and Lorinda Bessler are working with members with directing Thrivent Choice. The Luther movie screening will be in the early fall.

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News of Trinity's Lutheran Women's Missionary League

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All of the ladies of the congregation are invited to our annual Prayer Service which will be held on March 11, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. The program is "Celebrating 75 Years of Commending Christ from One Generation to Another." A salad luncheon will follow the prayer service. We hope many of you will be able to attend.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will follow the salad luncheon on March 11, 2017 and will be a joint meeting for both the afternoon and evening LWML.

LWML will also be hosting the Ash Wednesday soup supper on Wednesday, March 1.

Our circle bible study was held at the home of Lila Stark with 8 members present. Cathy Swan led the lesson. Our next meeting will be on March 2 at 2:00 p.m. in the church basement with Janice Haun as the hostess.

We have a really good Mite report. Thanks to so many that contributed to our "Mite" collection on the 5th Sunday in January, we will meet our goal of \$1700.00 again this year.

DATES TO REMEMBER

March 1 - Ash Wednesday services and soup supper

March 2 - Circle Bible Study at 2:00 p.m.

March 11, - Prayer Service and Salad Luncheon



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February brought much excitement to the grade two class at Trinity Lutheran School. All of the snow made for much extra energy expended on the playground! We had a wonderful time celebrating Lutheran Schools Week. This year's focus came from "Trust in the Lord forever, for the Lord God is an everlasting rock." Isaiah 26:4. We started the week by singing "Built on the Rock" in Trinity's worship services. Each day of the week-long celebration had a different theme. The fun themes included the cross day (make sure to look at our cross bulletin board), rock of the 50's, school spirit, and sports. On Friday of that week, the Parent-Teacher Organization provided the students a delicious taco lunch! Academically, the second graders have been putting a great deal of energy and focus into their studies. In math we have worked on multiplication and we have just started division. In science, we have explored earth science and astronomy. The students have become very good at identifying cloud formations and weather patterns. At the beginning of the March, students will start to learn cursive hand writing. We will also explore and celebrate Pi Day on the 14th (The number π (Pi) is a mathematical constant, the ratio of a circle's circumference to its diameter). The students are working hard to build a solid foundation of knowledge and skills that are so important in moving through the trivium of classical education and becoming life-long learners.



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Matt Conilogue, trustees, advised there will be a cleanup of the Satellite on February 18, 2017. The trustees are researching property and auto insurance costs. Smoke alarms and the kitchen light were installed in the parsonage. The church car is fixed. Lighting will be upgraded in the preschool. The dishwasher is fixed.

Loren Podoll reported that the Foundation elected officers: Loren Podoll – President, Jack Hildner – Vice President, Bonny Medow – Treasurer, Melanie Sims – Secretary, Jennifer Scheel – Director.

David Becker, Treasurer, reviewed the financial reports as of January 31, 2017. Revenue of \$402,036 and expenses of \$353,063 resulted in a net operating surplus of \$49,000.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the committee and treasurers reports. The motion carried.

Old Business

An open house at the parsonage is scheduled for March 12, 2017 after each service.

The security doors project is on hold until the first door problems are resolved.

New Business

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 7:56 p.m. The next scheduled meeting will be March 13, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Ed Steele, Secretary.