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TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH & HOLDEN LUTHERAN CHURCH

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From the desk of Minister Jim Rach

Friends,

As we enter these next couple of months, I invite you to consider an even deeper road this Lent and Easter season. Here is just one of many devotional paths you might consider.

On Ash Wednesday:

Reflect on your mortality. It is both a humbling but also encouraging as one contemplates that we share this mortal experience with the one who took on human flesh and forever enlightened us with his divinity which graces all our struggles and yearnings.

Week One: Beloved

We begin Lent being reminded that in the company of Jesus we are covered under the overarching rainbow of the Divine's promise to all creatures the declaration that we are Beloved. So, this means that all our struggles happen within the embrace that has forever surrounded us. We just need to discern that embrace and trust the enormity and immediacy of it in our lives.

Week Two: Image of the Cross

We confront ourselves with the image of the cross and the challenge that we too must take up our own cross; that we are not here just to watch Jesus make his way to the cross, but it is the path of losing and gaining our life. The image of the cross is the image of life and love to be found in the midst of suffering and death and therefore assure ourselves that no experience is outside of God's love. This is the confronting and mysterious invitation of taking up one's cross.

Week Three: True Worship

We are reminded of the rightness but also the impossibility of humans to uphold the laws of God. We also are confronted by those religious practices that have built up and become a stumbling block to true worship. We need the tables of our own hearts overturned so that we are free again to worship in truth and beauty, free to allow the good news of grace and freedom to enter in, and especially the freeness to grow in that grace into the wholeness of who we were born to be.

The next three weeks and Holy Week will be in the March newsletter.

Have a blessed February,

Minister Jim



Lenten Suppers

The Trinity/Holden Youth Group will again be hosting their Lenten Suppers following the 5:30 church service at Trinity during the Lenten Season. The menu for the first three weeks is as follows:

February 14 - Ash Wednesday: Tacos and the fixings with a special Chocolate Fountain for all the goodies!

February 21 - Pulled Pork

February 28 - Ham sandwiches, chips and bars

A Free Will Donation for the meal will be accepted.

Trinity/Holden Youth Group
SUB SANDWICH
\$8 each
add a Special K bar for only \$1.00

ORDER FROM A YOUTH GROUP MEMBER

Super Bowl Sunday Feb. 11th

FEBRUARY Birthdays

- 1 Alyssa Herberg
- 2 Brian Athey, Nick Wiegman
Katie Wiegman, Cody Folk
- 4 Mason Morrissette, Nikki Boike,
Owen Radosevich, Rachel Ward
- 5 Dalton Jipson, Cody Paulsen
- 7 Chloe Cardwell
- 9 Chandler Van Hoorn, Jayla
Patterson, Prue Pullis
- 11 Jane Anderson, Blake Bohlen,
Mackenzie Smith
- 12 Patty Athey
- 14 Tonia Leuthardt, Emma Mcilree
Marcus Morrissette
- 16 Sandy Casper, Dana Maher,
Owen McLain, Derek Blankenhagen
- 17 Gene Moberg, Brady Ross-Strand
- 18 Kashlyn Olson
- 20 Carly Benson
- 22 Ally Lindahl, Randy deNeui,
Greg Vangsness
- 24 Andrew Athey
- 27 Michael Fuhrman
- 28 Tony Ebnet

These names come from our Icon Systems software application. If you have a birthday to update, please let the church office know.



Holden Church Council 2024

- Mike Trulson – President
- Donna Arndt - Vice President
- Danny Herberg - Secretary
- Cindy Smart – Treasurer
- Troy Blankenhagen
- Randy Erickson

Cemetery Board - 2024

- Randy Erickson
- Donna Arndt
- Tom Herberg
- Dennis Kvatum
- Gary Wentland
- Deb Wentland – Secretary
- Sharon Trulson - Treasurer



THANKS TO THOSE THAT HAVE CONTINUED TO DONATE TO THE FOOD SHELF FROM TRINITY. WE GAVE 12.5 POUNDS OF FOOD IN JANUARY. THERE IS A DONATION BIN IN THE NARTHEX FOR THOSE WHO WISH TO CONTINUE TO DONATE.



Jamie 'Jamer' Cardwell Benefit



HER FIGHT IS OUR FIGHT

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24
4:00 - 7:00 P.M.
Clinton Memorial Building

Ham Sandwiches, Chips, Bars & Beverage
Free Will Donation

~ **SILENT AUCTION** ~
4:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

If interested in donating items for the Silent Auction, contact:

Kiara Nordly: 605-956-0137 Mindy Arndt: 320-305-2156
Sarah Frevert: 605-949-3214 Michelle Ekren: 320-305-0866

All proceeds from this benefit will help cover ongoing medical and prescription expenses, (not currently covered by her health insurance), travel and living expenses.

Jamie (Jamer) was diagnosed with Pancreatic Cancer on October 3, 2023. On November 28, 2023, she was diagnosed with Stage 4 on her Lymph Nodes. Jamer started chemo on November 17, 2023 and it is ongoing. Jamer is the wife of Brad Cardwell and the mother of Devin, Branden and Logen. Jamie is the owner of Jamer's Convenience Store in Clinton.



Sharol Severson
September 14, 1939 — January 31, 2024
Clinton

Sharol Severson, 84, of Clinton, MN, passed away on Wednesday, January 31, 2024, at Grace Home in Graceville, MN. Memorial Services will be held on Wednesday, February 7, 2024, at 10:30 a.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church in Clinton. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the church on



Wednesday. Pastor Jim Rach will officiate. Inurnment will be at Willow Creek Lutheran Cemetery near Dell Rapids, SD at a later date.

Sharol Jean Jenson was born on September 14, 1939, to Ole and Alice (Johnson) Jenson in Pierre, South Dakota. She was baptized and confirmed into the Lutheran faith. Sharol grew up on a farm and attended country school until the 8th grade. She later graduated from Dell Rapids high school in 1957. After her education she worked at National Bank in Sioux Falls, South Dakota until 1964.

Sharol married Conrad LeRoy Severson on June 13, 1964, at Willow Creek Lutheran Church in Dell Rapids, SD. They were blessed with three children: Kevin, Kent and Kimberly. In 1972 Conrad accepted a position at the Sanborn State Bank in Sanborn, Minnesota and the family remained there until 1983 when they relocated to Clinton, MN. Sharol was very active in the community and volunteered for numerous events. She loved to work on craft projects, she and Conrad loved to travel in their RV, going to craft shows and attending anything the grandchildren were involved in. They also took many trips to Norway to visit relatives. Above all, she loved spending time with her children and grandchildren.

Sharol is survived by her sons, Kevin (Val) Severson of Hutchinson, MN, and Kent Severson of Florida; daughter, Kimberly Lange of Long Beach, CA; six grandchildren: Nicholee Roesler of Fargo, ND; Jorddan Wadholm of Fargo, ND; Austin Rinke of Fargo, ND; Sydney Severson of Hutchinson, MN; Taylor Severson of Hutchinson, MN; and Kaitlyn Lange of Fargo, ND; four very special great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

Sharol was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Conrad; Conrad's parents; sister, Sharleen Erickson; and brother-in-law, Howard (Dorothy) Severson.

Church COUNCIL

Trinity Lutheran Church Council 2024

Donna Moberg – President
Randy Stotesbery - Vice President
Elizabeth Huselid – Secretary
Beth Bohlen
Mark Botker
Donnette Herberg
Dan Morrill
Debbie Nelson
Haley Zimmel

Trinity Shoebox Mission Project

by Linda Brandt

I think about the children that these shoe boxes reach through Franklin Graham Ministry.



We are blessed! I would like you to consider setting aside a small amount each month for this mission.

Those of you that shop online can look for bargains. For instance, Bears or Animals under \$1.50 each, Calculators \$1.25; Toys for Boys (cars, balls, and things that will fit in a shoe box); Toys for Girls (Dolls under \$3).

Look for Bar Soap under 40 cents; ask your dentist for extra tooth brushes. I know you'll come up with some great things.

Until Next Month!

P.S. You can always give Linda money to purchase items.





Trinity Lutheran Church Council - January 10, 2024

Present: Randy Stotesbery, Donnette Herberg, Mark Botker, Chuck Folkens, Deb Nelson, Elizabeth Huselid, Kelly Stattelmann and Minister Jim.

Call to order by Donna
Opening devotions by Jim

Secretary's report: Motion to approve by Donnette, second by Deb. Motion carried

Treasurer's report: Motion to approve by Deb, second by Kelly. Motion carried.

Mileage & Minister's report: 8 trips Brooten to Clinton @ 160 miles round trip = 1280 miles. Motion to approve report by Mark, second by Elizabeth. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

- Education:
 - Youth will again be doing Lenten suppers and Super Bowl subs
- Evangelism & Worship: No report
- Property & Management: No report
- Parish Board: No report
- St. Pauli: No report

Old Business:

- Network issues have been addressed
- Color printer arrived yesterday, and Janine will be setting up. It was \$552.00

New Business:

- Annual meeting is set for January 14th.
- A reminder to congregation that they can sponsor a bulletin for \$25
- Jodi Morrill was in attendance to discuss budget for upcoming Congregational annual meeting. A motion was made by Kelly to pay Jim once a month (15th) electronically, seconded by Chuck. Motion carried.

A big Trinity THANK YOU to Kelly Stattelmann and Chuck Folkens for serving on the church council for the past 6 years! You will be missed!

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Meeting adjourned on motion by Chuck, seconded by Kelly. Motion carried.

Hey Kids! Join us after school on Wednesday, February 14th for our Ash Wednesday Kids Event



After School until 4:30 pm
Learn about Lent and participate in some fun arts and crafts.

Parents please send a note to school for the kids to ride the bus to Trinity

Lenten Services begins at 5:30 pm with meal to follow

Puzzle!

Find and circle these words associated with the Lenten journey to the cross.

colt	denial	kiss	repent
confess	donkey	lots	silver
cross	forsaken	palms	sins
crown	Gethsemane	penance	suffer
crucifixion	Golgotha	Pilate	thorns
death	hosanna	prayer	vigil

E N A M E S H T E G R L W Y
 C L E U X B M T H B U C W B
 N R I K Y P A T E T I Y X Y
 A V J G A L B R E Y A R P B
 N G N L I S N L A I N E D X
 E W M P R V R D H B N R D F
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Hello Trinity Lutheran Church Members:

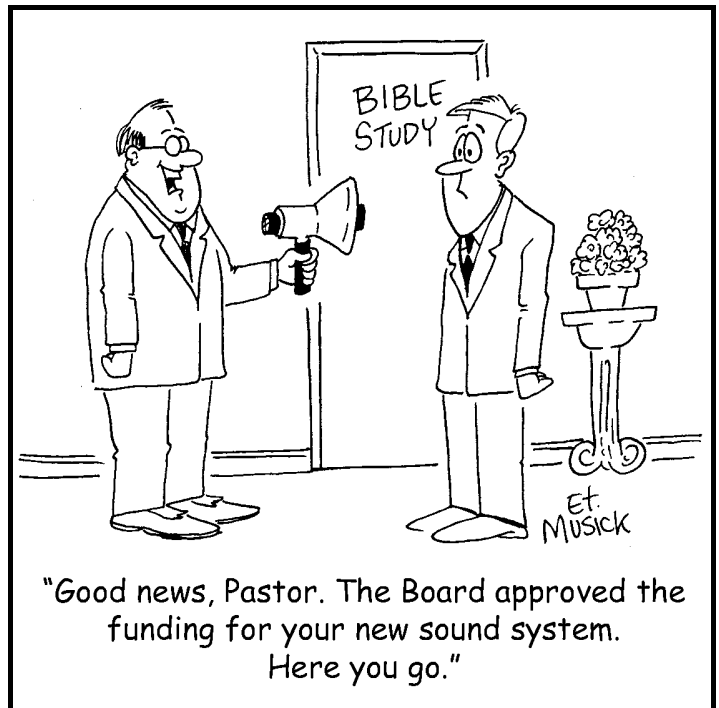
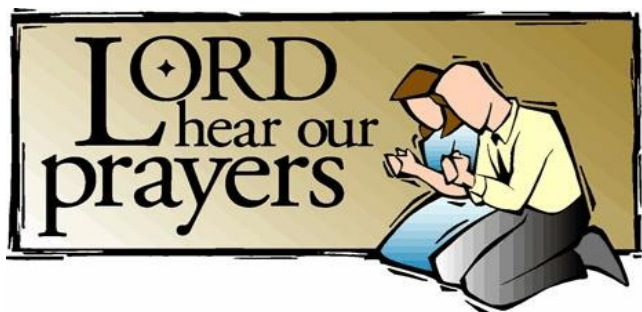
At the Annual Meeting, the members of Trinity Church approved a fundraising effort to raise funds to integrate technological updates as we greatly value the ways we produce music, communicate with members, and interact at worship each week. Music in an important and special way everyone can honor and praise our GOD!

Psalms 95:1 reads, "Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation."

Currently, we lack opportunities to include quality audio and visual experiences. Problems continue to arise with our capabilities to get microphones, instruments and wireless pieces to work together and it is taking an extensive amount of time and energy for it to happen. Our technology and methods are ready for an upgrade!

In addition, our worship space is ready to utilize video capabilities. Either 2 larger TV's or one larger projector and screen would be added. Benefits of this addition include the ability to follow along with song lyrics, displaying worship order, showing videos, pictures of congregants, and announcements via this video system. It could be used weekly for our youth programming as our current methods are outdated.

A committee has been formed to look into this project and fundraising efforts have begun. If you would like to contribute to this project, you can include a check in your weekly offering and write Sound System Project on the check or you may mail a check to the church designated for the project. Members of the Contemporary Choir are kicking off this fundraising project with a Fun and Games event following church on February 4th. We hope you can join us!



CLINTON'S
TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
INVITES YOU TO...

WORSHIP

MUSIC BY CONTEMPORARY GROUP 10:30

LUNCH

BBQ, NACHOS, DESSERT, DRINKS @ NOON

GAMES

CARBLES, CRIBBAGE, BOARD, PUZZLES





Please continue to keep these people in your prayers:

*Sandy Abbott, Edward Anderson, Marvel Anderson, Landen Arndt, Greta Botker, Jamie Cardwell,
Mary Jo Huselid, McCoy Jipson, Alma Jorgenson, Tyson Karsky, Donna Moberg, Susie Nelson,
Verna Schlimme, Pam Schneck, Theda Skundberg, Lois Torgerson*

Please contact the church office to make any changes to the prayer listings.

February

2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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 4 8:45 Holden Worship 9:30 Trinity Sunday School 9:30 Trinity Coffee Hour 10:30 Trinity Contemporary Worship Service	5	6	7 9:30 Sharol Severson Visitation 10:30 Sharol Severson Funeral 1:00 Holden Quilters 3:45 Confirmation Class 6:00 Trinity Council 6:30 Contemporary Practice	8	9	10 Baptism of Navy Jo Nilson at Trinity
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