

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ



January 2020 Newsletter

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From the Desk of the Pastor

Interim Pastor Ron Hughes

What a Family! I witnessed one of the best productions of a Christmas program that I have ever seen. The Ladies of the Board of Education, the Sunday Teachers, and the students are to be commended for their creativity and hard work.

But we could not have done it without the parents and especially the parents who had to bring their children to and from practice and make sure that they remembered their lines and reassure all the students that their role was the most important, seeing the joy on the faces of our children. As they proclaimed the miracle of the Christmas Season.

Those children are what it is all about and each and every one all 92 students in our Sunday School have one unifying goal and that is of introducing Jesus Christ to all they met on the unconditional joy and indescribable love that knowing Jesus brings to life.

We are truly blest to live in a community that puts God ahead of all. A community that focuses on what is important in this life and more importantly in the life to come. And just as quietly as the gift was given, the New Year came right up and fell into place and a new decade and began.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Communion	January 5 & 19
Mission Fund Offering	January 12
Annual Meeting & Potluck Following	January 26

There is so much hope that comes with the celebration of the beginning of a new period in our lives. May this new year so young and innocent be one that we can dedicate to our Lord, as we continue to do what the Holy Spirit leads us to do. Our hope for a joyous and prosperous new year, ring through the city of Platte, and may God continue to lead and guide us.

Happy New Year!

from Pastor Ron and Carol

Pastor Ron is available for pastoral care and visitation. Hours:

Monday 10 AM-3 PM, 4-7 PM

Tuesday 1-5 PM

Wednesday 10 AM-3 PM, 4-7 PM

Thursday 10 AM-3 PM, 4-7 PM

*or contact him on his cell phone (772) 349-7462
or parsonage 337-3294*

Church Council Minutes

Trinity Lutheran Church Council December 16, 2019

Present: Lee Hanten, Toby Qualm, Brad DeVries, Connie Kirsch, Shirley Johnson, Tana Huizenga, Spencer DeHaan, and Pastor Ron Hughes

The meeting was called to order by President Lee Hanten. Pastor Ron led with devotions.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The secretary's report was read. Toby Qualm made a motion to approve with a second from Shirley Johnson. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The treasurer's report was reviewed. It was decided to use \$3000 of the gifted money from Norman and Irene Lien's family to be used for a donation to the Community Youth Group. The money was earmarked by the family to be used for educational purposes for youth and adults. Connie Kirsch made a motion to approve the treasurer's report with a second from Brad DeVries. Motion carried.

TRUSTEE'S REPORT

SOUND SYSTEM: A company out of Pierre will be coming this week to look at our sound system. The worship committee will also get a price for new lights above the piano and organ.

SNOW REMOVAL: DeLyle Johnson said the trustees are welcome to use his skid loader to move snow as he is laid up right now.

DEACON'S REPORT

Shirley gave a report of some visitations that have been completed.

OLD BUSINESS

SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE: Two more candidates are coming for interviews in January.

NEW BUSINESS

ANNUAL MEETING: Connie Kirsch made a motion to have the annual meeting on January 26, 2020 with a second from Tana Huizenga. Motion carried.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: The nominating committee provided the council with the list of offices that needed to be filled along with the names of those willing to fill them. Todd Strand made a motion to approve with a second from Brad DeVries. Motion carried.

PASTOR'S REPORT

Pastor Ron reported that he made a concerted effort to get communion to all members before Thanksgiving to all who are unable to come to church; nursing home, assisted living, and homebound. He also provided the message at the community Thanksgiving service. Confirmation class is going well and is truly impressed by the number of children we have attending Sunday School.

Tana Huizenga made a motion to adjourn with a second from Shirley Johnson. The meeting closed with the Lord's prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Kirsch



From the WOW Co-Presidents

Connie Kirsch & Gladys Kuipers

Encouragement for a New Year

"Do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9

On the first day of a new year many of us wish each other a "Happy New Year!" But as we begin a new year, we need more than a hopeful greeting from the people around us. We need to listen to what God told Joshua about 3,400 years ago. As Joshua was about to lead God's people into the promised land, he had reason to be afraid. He had an enormous task ahead of him, and he was well aware of the dangers that he and the people would soon be facing. He needed God's encouragement.

A new year brings lots of questions: Will our health hold? Will our marriage last? Will I be able to hang on to my job? Will I get into the right school? Will I live to see the end of this year? Will the economy improve? Will there be a terrorist attack or some natural disaster that takes me or my loved ones?

The Creator of the universe comes to us and says, "Don't be afraid; don't be discouraged." What happens in this coming year is not left to chance. God is in charge, and he promises to stay close: "The LORD your God will be with you wherever you go." Many years later, the Lord Jesus made the same promise when he said, "I am with you always" (Matthew 28:20). That's the reason we can wish each other a "Happy New Year!"

Prayer

Father in heaven, thank you for the gift of a new year and for your promise to stay with us. We ask for your guidance and wisdom each day. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

WOW Treasurer's Report

Balance on Hand December 1, 2019	\$ 4,102.11
1517 Media	\$ (74.55)
Bible Study Book	\$ 7.50
Dividend	\$ 0.28
Balance on Hand December 31, 2019	\$ 4,035.34



PSALM 119:114, ESV

Bible Study Groups:

Pilot Lesson with Pastor Ron
Monday, January 13th at 3:00 pm

Priscilla Bible Study
Wednesday, January 15th at 7:00 pm

Lesson Leader: Phyllis Daum
Hostess: Deb VanDerWerff

Hannah Bible Study
Thursday, January 16th at 1:30 pm

Lesson Leader: Karen Dimick
Hostess: Caroline Butler

Martha Bible Study Group
Thursday, January 16th at 7:00 pm

This Month's Birthdays

1/2	Isabelle Suits	1/14	Alisha Nachtigal
1/2	Kyle Weisser	1/16	Morris Johnson*
1/3	Logan DeVries	1/16	Randy Tegethoff
1/3	Greysen Wollman	1/20	Adele Holter*
1/4	Baleigh Nachtigal	1/21	Diane Gilbertz
1/4	Avery DeVries	1/21	Tessa VandenHoek
1/4	Collin Engebretson	1/22	Camden DuFrain
1/4	Natalie Severson	1/23	Emersyn Hermanek
1/5	Amanda Severson	1/25	Cash Lantz
1/5	Lori Chambers	1/25	Kip Nelson
1/5	Maggie Huizenga	1/26	Laila Wollman
1/6	Brooks Timmerman	1/26	Duane Pedersen
1/10	Spencer DeHaan	1/31	Nick Holter
1/10	Stacy Severson	1/31	Isabel Meyerink
1/13	Ruth Gruenig*		



**Please remember
these special 80+ Birthdays
with a card or phone call*

Communion Servers

1st & 3rd Sundays of the Month

Shirley Johnson
Tana Huizenga
Lee Hanten

Ushers

5—Andrew Nachtigal & Brad DeVries
12—Andrew Nachtigal & Brad DeVries
19—zChad & Coby Johnson
26—Chad & Coby Johnson

Coffee/Cookie Servers

5—Vickie Boltjes, Donna Boysen, Wendy Wollman
12—Joyce Carter, Lori Chambers, Marsha Cutler
19—Tammy Darling, Phyllis Daum, Caitlin DeGroot
26—(No Cookies-Annual Meeting)

Greeters

5—Hunter & Katie Johnson
12—DeLyle & Shirley Johnson
19—Chad & Darla Johnson
26—Rick & Lisa Johnson

Our Services are now live streamed!

Our worship services are now live streamed on the church's Facebook page! (like our FB page – Trinity Lutheran Church – to get notifications). The services can be found on our website (www.tlcplattesd.org) to be viewed later at your convenience.

New High School Bible study beginning

Senior High kids: join in on the Revelation study during the Sunday school time after the Christmas break. After celebrating His first coming; we will be studying and preparing for His second coming. Also sending an invite to parents and young adults to join us for this interesting study. Contact Jackie Olsen (680-1060) for more information or questions.

Men's Retreat

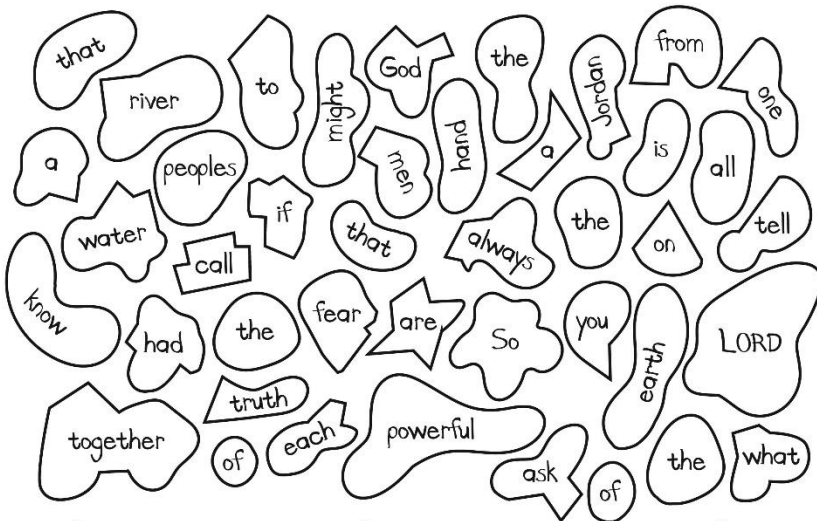
The **Men's Retreat** at New Hope Christian Camp is **January 24-26**. Brochures can be found on the narthex table. Last year's retreat filled up quickly....so we encourage you to register early online at newhopechristiancamp.org or mail in form. Space is limited. Speaker: Jason Rogness – Worship Leader: Tim Collins



Reminder rocks

When Joshua and the Israelites crossed the Jordan River, they set up stones for a special reason.

Directions: Shade all the rocks that aren't completely rounded. Unscramble the remaining rocks to reveal a message from Joshua 4:24, NIV.



So _____ the _____ the
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JOSHUA 4:24, NIV

Answer: So that all the peoples of the earth might know that the hand of the LORD is powerful. Joshua 4:24, NIV

“STEP” INTO THE NEW YEAR

Make this craft to remember God's many blessings.



What you need:

- Small stones
- Permanent markers
- Foil pan and cooking spray
- Drop cloth
- Gloves
- Quick-set concrete (and adult help)
- Bucket and paint stirrer

What you do:

1. After reflecting on the past year, use markers to decorate stones with memorable words, dates and drawings.
2. Spray pan with cooking spray. Set pan outside on a drop cloth.
3. Wearing gloves, mix concrete in a bucket, according to instructions.
4. Pour concrete into pan. Smooth top with paint stirrer.
5. Press in stones, handprints and other decorations.
6. Let dry completely. Remove from pan.
7. Place the stepping-stone outside as a reminder of God's continued goodness.

No Sunday School on **Sunday, January 26th** due to the annual meeting.



Trinity Lutheran's
Annual Congregational Meeting



Sunday, January 26th at 10:30 AM

following morning worship.

There is no Sunday school this Sunday but plan on staying for the potluck following the meeting.

Please bring your report that was mailed to you along to the meeting

*Please have reports emailed to the office (tlcoffice@midstatesd.net)
by Friday, January 10. Thank you!*

TLC Search Committee Update 12/15/19:

Committee member Jonna DeHaan gave a verbal update to the congregation on 12/15. The update included the following information: The Search Committee has been meeting and/or communicating weekly for almost a year now. The committee conducted a survey, interviewed interim candidates and suggested hiring Pastor Ron. The council granted a 9 month contract (thru March) to Pastor Ron with the option of a month to month extension if needed. Since July the committee has filtered through and researched almost 15 or more candidates. Five candidates were initially interviewed and all were offered a second interview to be conducted in person. All five accepted the offer. As of 12/15, three candidates have come to Trinity for another 2 hour interview along with a tour of the church, parsonage and community. The other two remaining candidates are tentatively scheduled for their second interview in mid-January. After completing those interviews, the committee will reevaluate candidates and proceed. If you have any feedback or questions you are welcome to contact any committee member.

The committee asks for the congregation's continued patience and prayers throughout this process. Our prayer is that all members open their minds and hearts to the candidates and the process so that we will be able to discern the direction God is leading His church here at Trinity.