

# TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ



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## From the Desk of the Pastor

*Interim Pastor Ron Hughes*

How Good Lord to be here!

As I was showering this morning, I was singing in the shower, how good Lord to be here. There is a stanza in this song, it is the last one, and it goes like this:

**How good Lord to be here!  
Yet we may not remain;  
But since you bid us leave the mount,  
Come with us to the plain.**

This applies directly to me, as my time as your interim is getting close. Soon you will meet and greet the new candidate, and I beg you to follow what the Spirit is telling you to do. The Holy Spirit is never wrong and if this is the right candidate, your spirit will embrace him as it did for me.

Your job at Trinity is not done, you need to let the Holy Spirit that is in each of you guide you as you have a future so bright because you have been faithful to the Lord and He has blessed you so fruitfully. However, Trinity's job is a long way from over. Do you realize that there are close to 100 children in this church, all needing an active church to teach preach and baptize. Which is the great commission! Your job is not sitting on the sidelines; rather you are called to go out there to do what He is calling you to do. That is living your lives by the example of Jesus Christ as you do every day, either by helping at the Lyric, giving to the youth group or simply by praying for your neighbor. I pray that Trinity will continue to do God's work in this community forever. As for Carol and I we will return to our daughter and our community knowing that the friendships that we have made will keep us strong.

*<sup>1</sup>Packing up the dreams God planted in the fertile soil of you, I can't believe the hopes He's granted, means a chapter of my life is through But we'll keep you close as always it won't even seem you've gone*

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Communion	February 2 & 16
First Bible Class	February 4, 11, 18
Nursing Home Hymn Sing	February 16
First Bible Presentation	February 23
Lenten Service	March 1

*'Cause our hearts in big and small ways will keep the love that keeps us strong*

*And friends are friends forever if the Lord the Lord of them, and a friend will not say never for the welcome will not end, though it's had to let you go in the Father's hand we know that a lifetime is not too long to live as friends*

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*

<sup>1</sup> "Friends" Michael W. Smith

*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 January 20, 2020

Present: Lee Hanten, Connie Kirsch, Jerry Dykstra, Shirley Johnson, Todd Strand, Spencer DeHaan, and Pastor Ron Hughes.

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

### **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

The secretary's report was read. Todd Strand made a motion to approve with a second from Jerry Dykstra. Motion carried.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

The treasurer's report was reviewed. Connie Kirsch made a motion to approve with a second from Shirley Johnson. Motion carried.

### **TRUSTEE'S REPORT**

Todd Strand got the relays for the lights in the sanctuary but is still working on the project.

### **DEACON'S REPORT**

Shirley Johnson discussed the different missions where our donations are going from the donation boxes in the entryway. The people in Platte have been so very generous. She is planning on putting the boxes out in March and September. Gloria Kok has been helping her get organized.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

SOUND SYSTEM UPDATE: A representative has been here but will be coming back. Kevin was unable to attend the meeting and he is the one to speak to on this issue. Some bugs are still getting worked out.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

PARSONAGE GARBAGE DISPOSAL: Lee Hanten priced a new garbage disposal for the parsonage but is waiting for another quote.

PASTOR EVALUATION FORM: The incoming vice president of the council will meet with the trustees and come up with a template for evaluating our pastor as we had fallen away from doing a yearly evaluation of the church minister.

### **PASTOR'S REPORT**

Pastor Ron passed out his report. The first Lenten service will be at Trinity on March 1, 2020. The Board of Education has been working with Pastor Ron to come up with a schedule for First Communion classes and First Bible classes.

Spencer DeHaan made a motion to adjourn with a second from Todd Strand. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Connie Kirsch



## From the WOW Co-Presidents

*Connie Kirsch & Gladys Kuipers*

### Love Is a Gift of God

Love is a gift of God. It is far more precious than any material thing one could ever hope to possess.

It can't be purchased, for along with all the best things in life, it is free. Its magic can change a dreary world into a heaven on earth. Its radiance is beyond human power of description. It is not restricted by race, creed or public opinion and has nothing to do with physical appearance, for "beauty is in the eye of the beholder."

There is no fault or shortcoming that love cannot overcome with charity and understanding. It does not imprison, but rather, in loving, one is set free. There is no limit to what love can accomplish, for its depth finds qualities that would otherwise remain unsolved. It is the most beautiful, the most absorbing, and the most rewarding thing in life and by far the most important. For love is truly a gift of God.

*We know the love God has for us, and we trust that love. God is love. Those who live in love live in God, and God lives in them. (1 John 4:16)*



## WOW Treasurer's Report

<b>Balance on Hand January 1, 2020</b>	<b>\$ 4,035.34</b>
Dividend	\$ 0.28
Bible Study Offering	\$ 108.00
Bible Study Books	\$ 30.50
<b>Balance on Hand January 31, 2020</b>	<b>\$ 4,174.05</b>



### WOW Missionary Project

We encourage you to bring new soap in the original wrappers for the WOW February Mission project. Collection boxes will be in the narthex and fellowship hall.



### Bible Study Groups:

Pilot Lesson with Pastor Ron  
Monday, February 17<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm

Priscilla Bible Study  
Wednesday, February 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm

\*Lesson 2\*

Lesson Leader: Deb VanDerWerff  
Hostess: Donna Boysen

Hannah Bible Study  
Thursday, February 20<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm

\*Lesson 2\*

Lesson Leader: Caroline Butler  
Hostess: Laura Johnson

Martha Bible Study Group  
Thursday, February 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm

## This Month's Birthdays

2/1	Austin Severson	2/19	Haley Hoffman
2/2	Clayton Fischer	2/19	Brad DeVries
2/3	Reed DuFrain	2/20	Maley DeHaan
2/3	Emily VandenHoek	2/20	Joan Hoversten*
2/4	Teresa Nelson	2/21	Wendy Qualm
2/6	Richard Gustad	2/21	Tate Wagner
2/7	Hunter Olson	2/23	Austin DuFrain
2/8	Troy Kirsch	2/23	Joel Olson
2/8	Connie Wagner	2/24	Kelby Weisser
2/9	Carson Vanden Berge	2/24	Donna Boysen
2/10	Jan DuFrain	2/25	Don Mason*
2/14	Todd Strand	2/26	Terry Boysen
2/14	Hayes DeVries	2/26	Mary Lee Erickson*
2/16	Robert Hoffman	2/27	Kyler Strand
2/17	Hayden Strand	2/27	Ricky Knecht



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

## Communion Servers

*\*1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the Month\**

LeRoy Severson  
Toby Qualm  
Spencer DeHaan

## Ushers

2—Lee Hanten & Jeff Olsen  
9—Lee Hanten & Jeff Olsen  
16—Eldon & Toby Qualm  
23—Eldon & Toby Qualm

## Coffee/Cookie Servers

2 – Karen DeGroot, Josie DeHaan, Whitney DeHaan  
9 – Connie Kirsch, Jonna DeHaan, Nicole DeVries  
16 – Karen Dimick, Darcie DuFrain, Jan DuFrain  
23 – Karis DuFrain, Alison Dykstra, Linda Ellwanger

## Greeters

2 – Joan Hoversten & Bonnie Ringling  
9 – Jason & Tana Huizenga  
16 – Melissa & Kara Johnson  
23 – Jim & Kathy Holter

## Watch our Services Online!

There are 3 ways to watch the services online – either live streamed or later at your convenience.

YouTube – Search “Trinity Lutheran Church Platte, SD” on your smart devices to watch

Facebook – Like us on FB to get notifications to watch on FB

Webpage – [www.tlclattesd.org](http://www.tlclattesd.org) go to > Worship tab > Livestream or Sermon Webcast

## Nursing Home Hymn Sing

Trinity Lutheran Church is hosting a Hymn Sing at the Platte Care Center on **Sunday February 16<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 PM**. We invite the congregation to join with residents in the audience for hymns and a time for devotions. Stay for coffee and goodies following.

## Community Lenten Services

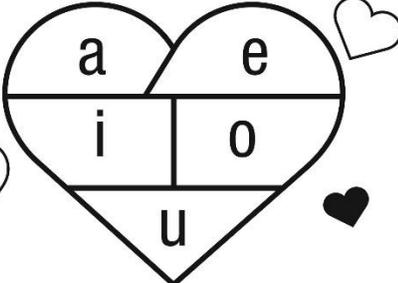
This year's community Lenten services begin Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup>. Trinity will be hosting the first service on March 1<sup>st</sup> at 7 pm with the youth hosting a fundraising dinner before and refreshments following the service. The theme “**Last Words**” will be focusing on the phrases spoken by Jesus from the cross. Watch for more information in coming bulletins and next month's newsletter.



# A friend in Jesus

In the Bible, Jesus shares what it means to be a true friend.

*Directions: Use the heart key to fill in the missing vowels from John 15:14, 17, NIV.*



“Y \_ \_ r \_ my fr \_ \_ nds \_ f  
 y \_ \_ d \_ wh \_ t \_ c \_ mm \_ nd. ...  
 Th \_ s \_ s my c \_ mm \_ nd:  
 L \_ v \_ \_ \_ ch \_ th \_ r.”

JOHN 15:14, 17, NIV

Answer: “You are my friends if you do what I command. ... This is my command: Love each other.” John 15:14, 17, NIV

## Friendship Squares

This tasty treat doubles as a game to play with a buddy.



### What you need:

- Graham crackers
- Chocolate chips
- Microwave-safe bowl
- Zippered baggie
- Scissors
- Raspberries
- Blueberries

### What you do:

1. Gently break cracker sheets in half to form squares.
2. Heat chocolate chips in microwave for 30 seconds. Stir, then continue heating for 30 seconds at a time until melted.
3. Spoon melted chocolate into baggie and snip a small triangle from one bottom corner.
4. On each cracker, squeeze chocolate lines to form a Tic-Tac-Toe board. Let cool.
5. Using the fruit as X's and O's, play Tic-Tac-Toe with a friend. The winner gets to eat the treat!

**The next Children’s Worship Sunday is planned for Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup>.** The Sunday School will be participating in the worship service through greeting, ushering, the Children's Sermon, reading Scripture, and special music. We hope you can join us! Board of Ed – Meredith, Traci & Alisha

# First Bible Class for 3rd Graders

First Bible classes for 3<sup>rd</sup> graders continue **Tuesday, February 4<sup>th</sup> from 3:45-4:45 pm.**

Classes will follow on the next 2 Wednesdays (February 11 & 18).

The church gives a Faith Alive Student Bible to each third grader. Important Bible verses from each book of the Bible will highlighted during class with Pastor Ron. One parent is encouraged to attend class with your child to assist in finding verses.

**\*\*Bibles will be presented in church on Sunday, February 23 during morning worship\*\***



## 2020 CHURCH COUNCIL

<b>President</b>	Jerry Dykstra
<b>Past President</b>	Lee Hanten
<b>Vice President</b>	Jeff Engebretson
<b>Secretary</b>	Tonya Standy
<b>Treasurer</b>	Liz Spawn
<b>Board of Deacons</b>	Shirley Johnson, Tana Huizenga, Mike Konechne
<b>Board of Trustees</b>	Brad DeVries, Spencer DeHaan, Randy Tegethoff

The installation of the 2020 Church Council will be held during worship  
**on Sunday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>**