

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ



March 2020 Newsletter

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From the Desk of the Pastor

Interim Pastor Ron Hughes

Next Sunday will be the beginning of Lent and that age old question what should I do to observe Lent. When I was a child I used to give up eating candy, potato chips, drinking soda as a sacrifice during lent. Can you imagine what a sacrifice that was for a 10 year old boy. As I grew older, I realized that just giving something up was not the proper way to enter the season of lent. Lent is a time of reflection, rededication and repentance, a time where we need to spend a little more time in our walk with Jesus Christ.

Reflection – How am I living my life to honor and praise my God. Am I lacking in the commitment that I need to be an example to my family and friends, that Christ is really in control of my life. Am I doing just enough to make a good show, or am I really living my life in prayer and humility. If you take the time to really reflect on how you are living your life, or how faithful to God you have been you will find that each and every one of us have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. We are all sinners and by taking the time to reflect and pray about it, I'm sure that we will be able to improve our walk with the Lord.

Re-dedication – This is where you step up to the plate and give it all to God. Leave nothing behind give it all to him. On your confirmation day do you remember how excited you were to know that you had accepted Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior. But some how over the years we have lost some of that zeal for the Lord that you once had. Because we are flesh we convince ourselves that we are doing enough we have volunteered enough it's time for someone else to step up to the plate. During this time of lent think about rededicating yourselves to the One who has given it all, didn't hold anything back so that we might have life and have it more abundantly.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Communion	March 1, 15
Lenten Service	March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 & April 5
Gideon Presentation	March 8
Easter	April 12

Repentance – During your day take a few minutes of quite time and open you hearts and share with your maker your desire to confess you sins. Ask Him to come back into your heart and may his Kingdom come in you, clean you hearts and minds of all things that are fleshly desires, confess and ask for repentance. Your entire life will be changed.

This year try the three R's and I am sure that when the season of Lent gives way to Easter morning and the empty tomb announces your salvation and your promise of eternal life you will be filled with the Holy Spirit and God will work through you.

In His Name
Pastor Ron

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) 480-7042
or parsonage 337-3294*

Church Council Minutes

Trinity Lutheran Church Council met February 17, 2020.

Present: Jerry Dykstra, Jeff Engebretson, Tonya Standy, Liz Spawn, Tana Huizenga, Randy Tegethoff, Shirley Johnson, Lee Hanten and Pastor Ron Hughes.

The meeting was called to order by President Jerry Dykstra. Pastor Ron led with devotions.

Alisha Nachtigal and Meredith Suits from the board of education met with the counsel about the senior high Sunday school class, they had concerns about how the teachers were notified that they would no longer be teaching at the beginning of the year, whether or not the high school class should be meeting with the adult class and what to do to get the high school youth more active in Sunday school.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The secretary's report was reviewed, Shirley Johnson made a motion to approve, Lee Hanten seconded it, the motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Liz Spawn made a motion to remove Toby Qualm from the checking accounts, the general fund at Bank of the West and building fund at First Fidelity Bank and to add Liz Spawn to the accounts because she is the new treasurer, Randy Tegethoff seconded it, the motion carried.

The treasurer's report was reviewed, Tonya Standy made a motion to approve, Shirley Johnson seconded it, the motion carried.

TRUSTEE'S REPORT

Todd Strand will stay on the basement project and is working on the relay switches in the sanctuary.

DEACON'S REPORT

The deacon's have been sending out some birthday cards and visiting some of the sick.

NEW BUSINESS

TECH PERSON: We talked about hiring a tech person and decided the lock on the door will hopefully take care of keeping people out that don't need to be in there and the people who do need to will have access to it.

CARPET CLEANING: Lee will contact Jason Brown to clean the carpets in the church.

MISSION FUND: The February mission fund offering is supposed to go to the youth group, but now we designate 2% of the offerings to the youth group, so discussed whether we should continue the mission fund offering. Liz Spawn made a motion that the February mission fund offering go to the basement project; Shirley Johnson seconded it, the motion carried.

PASTOR EVALUATION FORM: The deacons and vice president will work on an evaluation form.

PASTOR'S REPORT

Pastor Ron said two new members will be joining the church March 1.

Pastor Ron stated he has not been able to make visits to the nursing home because they requested no visitors until the flu subsides.

Pastor Ron discussed getting the youth more involved, he will have the first bible class read the lessons on Sunday and would like to have the confirmation class help with communion. Jeff Engebretson made a motion that the confirmation class will help with communion March 1, Liz Spawn seconded it, the motion carried.

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From the WOW Co-Presidents

Connie Kirsch & Gladys Kuipers

The Gift You Have

We all have something we feel most alive when doing. Call it a hobby, a talent, a passion—our niche. When we find that thing we both enjoy and excel in, it's one of the most special discoveries.

God has created us each with a unique skill set. He blessed us with talents both distinguished us from others and a whole created body of believers, could further his purposes and advance his kingdom.

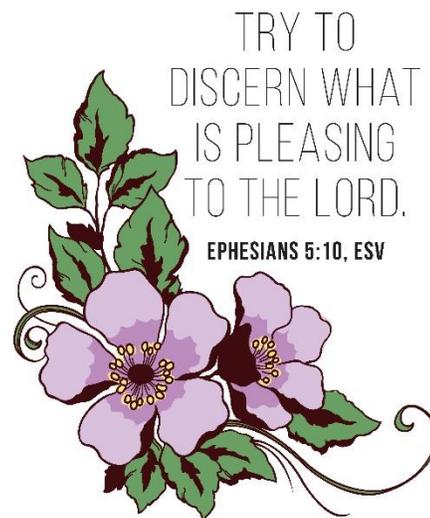
Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. (1 Peter 4:10, NIV)

Think a moment about the specific gifts God has given you. Don't be modest—God gives us gifts so that we can be confident in them for His glory! Now think about your gifts in direction relation to the kingdom of God. How can you use your gifts to benefit the church, the community, and the world? Seek to be an active participant in the kingdom of God using the tools that God specifically chose for you.

Correction: in the WOW booklet, our co-president's phone numbers are switched around. Please take note.

WOW Treasurer's Report

Balance on Hand February 1, 2020	\$ 4,174.05
Dividend	\$ 0.17
Bible Study Offering	\$ 83.00
Mount Funeral Home	\$ 400.00
Dee Rasmussen—fleece	\$ (296.66)
TLC Memorial fund	\$ (40.00)
Balance on Hand February 22, 2020	\$ 4,320.56



Bible Study Groups:

Martha Bible Study Group
Thursday, March 12th at 7:00 pm

Pilot Lesson with Pastor Ron
Monday, March 16th at 3:00 pm

Priscilla Bible Study
Wednesday, March 18th at 7:00 pm

Lesson 3

Lesson Leader: Maylou Stanforth
Hostess: Sharon Rommen

Hannah Bible Study
Thursday, March 19th at 1:30 pm

Lesson 3

Lesson Leader: Laura Johnson
Hostess: Caroline Butler

This Month's Birthdays

3/1	Regan Hoffman	3/11	Joan Falor*	3/27	Tricia Meyerink
3/3	Cindi Severson	3/13	Joseph Gilbertz	3/27	Charlotte Qualm
3/5	Kade Boltjes	3/15	Tara Severson	3/29	Arnold Larson*
3/6	Adrian DeHaan	3/16	Doug Kuipers	3/30	Donna Hanten
3/6	Heidi Ringling	3/16	Hope Antonsen	3/31	Nathan Kuipers
3/6	Mike Konechne	3/17	Ila Vae Antonsen*	3/31	Aaron VandenHoek
3/7	Parker Bailey	3/17	Matthew Warejcka	3/31	Bexley Timmerman
3/7	Thielen DeHaan	3/17	Richard Johnson*		
3/8	Mason Schrank	3/17	Pat Walz*		
3/8	Jacoby Severson	3/20	Jim Rommen*		
3/9	Rhonda Pedersen	3/22	Caroline Butler		
3/10	Kayla DeGroot	3/22	Sharon Warejcka		
3/10	Kyler Konstanz	3/25	Alan Summerville		
3/11	Tamera Darling	3/26	Jeff Konstanz		

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



Coffee/Cookie Servers

1st & 3rd Sundays of the Month

Randy Tegethoff
Spencer DeHaan
Lee Hanten

Ushers

1—Sunday School Kids
8—Darrel Hildebrand & Jim Holter
15—Todd Strand & Marshall Ringling
22—Todd Strand & Marshall Ringling
29—Lee DeHaan & Spencer DeHaan

Communion Servers

1 – Rhonda Engebretson, Alison Dykstra, Diane Gilbertz
8 – Jodene Foxley, Maggie Foxley, Pearl Feiok
15 – Jessica Hegge, Valerie Hildebrand, Donna Hanten
22 – Julie Gustad, Carey Hoffman, Sarah Hoffman
29 – Susan Holter, Casey Holter, Kathy Holter

Greeters

1—Sunday School Kids
8—Doug & Susan Holter
15—Robert & Sarah Hoffman
22—Bill & Carey Hoffman
29—Darrel & Valerie Hildebrand

Mission Fund Offering designated towards Gideon's

A representative of the Gideons will share what God is doing through this missionary arm of the church on Sunday, March 8th. Hear how a Gideon Bible that you may have helped provide has been used to lead someone to Christ. **An offering will be received for this world- wide ministry that can place a New Testament in someone's hands for \$1.25.**

The March Mission Fund Offering will be designated towards the Gideon's and will be taken the Sunday they are sharing: March 8th. Please make checks payable to the Gideon's.

It's Time to Sign Up for Summer Church Camp

It's time to start thinking about camp sign up if you want to go to camp this summer! **The camping committee is going to have a short meeting and hand out camp brochures to the kids during their Sunday school singing time on March 1.** We welcome parents to come also and if you have any questions, please let the camping committee know: Wendy Wollman, Tricia Meyerink or Stacy Severson. Check out www.newhopechristiancamp.org, www.victorycenterbiblecamp.com, and www.losd.org to register online or for more information.



MAKE MUSIC TO THE LORD

People of the Bible used many different instruments to worship God through music.

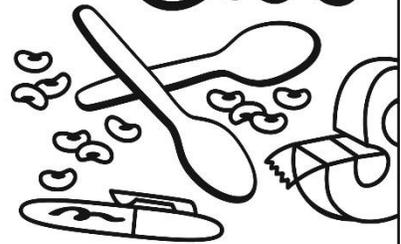
Directions: Using the clues, unscramble the names of instruments found in Psalm 150. Then write the circled letters in order in the spaces below to complete verse 6.

	A type of horn	___ _ _ _ _ <input type="checkbox"/>	MURTEP
	Played by King David	<input type="checkbox"/> _ _ _ _	PRHA
	Plucked to make sound	_ <input type="checkbox"/> _ _ _ _ _	IGSNSTR
	Similar to a tambourine	_ _ _ <input type="checkbox"/> _ _ _	MRBELIT
	A type of harp	_ _ _ <input type="checkbox"/>	ELRY
	Blown through to make sound	_ _ <input type="checkbox"/> _	EPPI
	A percussion instrument	_ _ _ _ _ <input type="checkbox"/> _	YBLACMS

Le_ everyt_ing tha_ has _r_ath
 _raise the _ORD. Psalm 150:6, NIV

Answer: trumpet, harp, strings, timbrel, lyre, pipe, cymbals; Let everything that has breath praise the LORD. Psalm 150:6, NIV

Joyful noise



Use your voice and this hand-crafted percussion instrument to make joyful noises to the Lord.

What you need:

- Dry beans (about one Tbsp)
- Plastic Easter egg
- 2 plastic spoons
- Masking tape
- Markers and stickers

What you do:

1. Place the beans inside the egg and snap it closed.
2. Set the egg in a spoon and cover it with the second spoon so the spoons are holding the egg.
3. Tape the spoons to the egg. Also wrap tape around the spoons from top to bottom to make a shaker handle.
4. Decorate your shaker and use it as you sing praises to God.
5. Experiment with sounds by filling other eggs with coins, rice, and so on.

Sunday, March 1: The Sunday school students 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

Sunday, March 22: No Sunday School - Spring Break

Community Lenten Worship Services

Sunday evenings at 7:00 PM



The **Platte Ministerial Association** will present community Lenten services each **Sunday night during Lent**. The theme for the services is “Last Words”, focusing on the phrases spoken by Jesus from the cross, with a local minister sharing a message each week. All members of the community are invited to attend these inspirational services.

This year’s Lenten Service meals are being provided by the youth who will be going on the **Mexico Mission trip** this year. Please come out and support the youth of our community by attending. Not only will you receive a great meal for the body, but one for the soul as well when you stay for the Lenten service to follow.

Date	Location	Speaker	Text	Menu
March 1	Trinity Lutheran	Rev. Mike DeJager	“Forgive them.” Luke 23:34	Potato Bar
March 8	Christian Reformed	Rev. Israel Vasek	“Today, you will be with me in paradise.” Luke 23:43	Soup & Sandwich
March 15	First Reformed	Rev. Ron Hughes	“Here is your son ...here is your mother.” John 19:26-27	Taco Bar
March 22	Olive Presbyterian	Rev. Drew Hoekema	“Why have you forsaken me?” Matthew 27:46	Potato Bar
March 29	Bethel Lutheran Church	Rev. Dan Daum	“I thirst.” John 19:28	Soup & Sandwich
April 5	Calvary Baptist	Rev. Joel Davis	“It is finished.” John 19:30	Taco Bar