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What to expect for in-person worship

Trinity's Council set a standard that if Stutsman County reached a 5% positivity rate for testing, then masks would once again be required. As of January 23rd the County currently has more than a 10% positivity rate.

The updated expectations state that everyone will be **REQUIRED** to wear a mask during in-person worship and while in the Gathering Space or Fellowship Hall at Trinity.

Thank you for respecting this change to help slow the spread of COVID-19 in our community.

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I'm a Lutheran (serving on the Planning Team)



Robert "Bob" Toso

I was baptized and confirmed at St. Olaf Lutheran Church in Devils Lake. As a high schooler, my family joined a mission start in town. In my early working years we moved often and I was a part of 3 different congregations in five

years before settling in New Rockford for five years. Another move took me to Valley City, where I worshiped at Our Savior's Lutheran and for the past two decades or so, I have been a member at Trinity Lutheran. I really found my faith in High School at the mission start with Pastor Bob Weber (not related to the current pastors Weber). Pastor Bob is near the top the list of people who have most influenced my life.

By profession, I am an educator. After five years in a classroom, I moved to administration. I was a High School principal for 20 years and then served as an assistant Superintendent and then Superintendent of Jamestown Public Schools. I retired, and stayed retired for seven years before answering a call two years ago to be the Superintendent of the Pingree-Buchanan school district.

Throughout my life I have been an advocate for education and educators. One of my favorite sayings is, "when you teach you touch the future." More recently I have been fighting for how we treat immigrants and minorities. Three of my grandparents were born in Norway, and I remember lots of Norwegian spoken at home and at family gatherings. It bothers me that people look down at new immigrants who continue to speak their native language and expect that they will speak English right away. People in my family came and received free or very inexpensive land and settled in places near others from their home country. People today are over concerned that immigrants come for hand-outs. Different types of support has been available for different people over the years.

My favorite bible verse is 1 Corinthians 13:13 "And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love." This was a reading at my wedding and a reading at the weddings of my daughters. I pray for peace. I see what goes on in the world and it is often not pretty. A reference once said of me, "Mr. Toso doesn't like conflict." And that is true, but I also know that once I'm in a conflict, I work hard to identify my own bottom line. Now that my grandkids are starting to finish high school, I realize that I'm praying for them often.

I struggle with our current political environment; especially how negative it is. I also worry about what is happening with institutions including the church. People are surprised that I was pretty motivated politically throughout college including chair the college Republicans at VCSU and running for the state legislature years ago.

I'm a Lutheran because my parents were Lutherans and it is a family tradition. I do believe that Martin Luther hit the nail on the head when he lifts up Justification by Faith. Good works are not an end in themselves, but an outgrowth of Faith.

For me, music is relaxing and uplifting. I enjoy concerts and am active in the church choir. I am not a particularly gifted singer, and don't play any other instrument or even read music well, but so far, every music director has put up with me. During the summer between my junior and senior year of college, a group of churches in Devils Lake started a youth singing group. My brother and a friend joined right away, but I was busy playing golf and did not join for a while. When I did join, I enjoyed it. We sang in various churches on Sundays or at homes for the elderly. One of the other singers was a cute blonde. We started dating in November and were engaged by January. The next August, we were married. We will celebrate 49 years of marriage next August. One more reason music has been important. I never would have met Lainie without it.

Serving on the church council and numerous community boards opened my eyes to the need to prioritize. There are always more needs than there is money to go around. Prioritization makes sure that resources are going to the right destination and that is not possible if you don't see the big picture.

Ministerial Acts



Baptisms

- † 1/9/22 Eden Bernice Hanson Trinity
daughter of Logan and Kayla
- † 1/9/22 Kenley Grace Stangeland Trinity
daughter of Bryant and Courtney Stangeland



Funerals

- † 1/7/22 Russell "Dennis" Trautman Trinity
- † 1/8/22 Judith Eichhorst St. John's
- Wife of former St. John's Pastor Jack Eichhorst
Judy died December 23rd. A memorial service
was held at Abounding Joy Lutheran in St. Cloud, MN



Photos of the Dec. 15th food distribution.
(at left) St. John's member Tom Enderle shown
with Deb Lee.

Commodity Supplemental Food Program Assists those who are Hungry

Anyone who has stepped foot in a grocery store knows that food prices have been going up.

As household budgets get stretched, there is help available. Every other month a big truck comes to Jamestown with shelf-stable food that is available for free to those who are 60+ years of age and meet certain requirements. A dedicated group of volunteers breaks down the pallets of boxes for pick-up or home delivery. This program has been available in the region for over five years and consistently provides 55-65 people with food. There is room to grow.

If you could use the food, or know a neighbor or friend who could benefit, you can contact Rhonda at the Senior Center in Jamestown for an application. (252-2882)

If you are interested in volunteering to help deliver food, Deacon Tom Geffre or Deb Lee can help you get on the volunteer list. (952-9684)

In a state and in a nation that produces an abundance of food, there is no reason for people to be hungry. This free food for seniors helps provide nutritious food for those who need it.

Music Opportunities

Sunday, February 6 2:00 p.m.

University of Jamestown
Black-Schlossman Organ Concert Series
Voorhees Chapel
Featuring Dick Morris,
Organist at Trinity Lutheran Church

Dr. Jason Kihle will join Dick on a major work
written for marimba and organ

In addition to standard organ literature the concert
will include one very unique piece describing the
explosion of a star.

The concert is free but a free will offering will be
received.

Feb. 10, 11, 12: UJ Theatre presents "Lost Girl,"
7:30 p.m., DeNault

February 20: Wind Ensemble Pops Concert –
DeNault – 2:00 PM

Feb. 27 - 8:30 a.m. Service at Trinity Lutheran
The Jamestown Chorales will sing four songs
during the service including "Sweet Hour of Prayer",
"Amazing Grace", "Just A Closer Walk With
Thee", and "I Will Sing Hallelujah".
The group is directed by Pam Burkhardt and
accompanied by Richard Wallentine.

March 20: UJ Choir Home Concert –
2:00 PM

Community Notices

February 5th – Cookie and Cocoa Walk – 9:00 am
to 5:00 pm – Free hot cocoa and cookie at each
participating business while you shop.

February 19 – 9 am to 4 pm JRFD 14th annual
Rural Fire Department & Knights of Columbus Ice
Fishing Derby

February 19 – 5 pm to 11 pm After Party JRFD
14th annual Rural Fire Department & Knights of
Columbus Ice Fishing Derby – Civic Center

Come to the Table:

**A free meal to
anyone in the
community**

Every Tuesday

5:00-6:15 pm
hosted at
St. John's Lutheran
Church

Sign Up to cook or
serve through
St. John's website

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Eastern North Dakota Synod News

Ministry Partner: Crossroads Campus Ministry at NDSU

Through worship, study, fellowship and service, members of the academic community taste the fullness of God's grace. As expansive as Christ's love, campus ministry reaches out to all who teach and learn, inviting them to experience the challenge of following Jesus.

In 2018, the students and advisors chose to rebrand our ministry to: Crossroads Lutheran Campus Ministry at NDSU. Crossroads = connecting faith + life. For years our ministry was known as ULC/ University Lutheran Center.

Crossroads Lutheran Campus Ministry is located on campus at NDSU. At the center of our ministry is radical hospitality and inclusion; love rooted in God's gift of faith as we follow Jesus together.

Lutheran Disaster Response

On December 30, the Marshall Fire ignited in Boulder County, Colorado. Over 6,200 acres burned quickly, forcing the evacuations of 35,000 people. The fire destroyed close to 1000 homes. Lutheran Disaster Response is collaborating with the Rocky Mountain Synod and Lutheran Social Services of the Rocky Mountains to respond to the needs in these communities.

On the night of Dec. 10, a devastating outbreak of more than 30 tornadoes swept through six states. Kentucky was impacted the most, with more than 70 people reported dead. Homes and businesses were destroyed, including a candle factory in Mayfield, Kentucky. Lutheran Disaster Response is engaging with partners in the affected areas, including the Indiana-Kentucky Synod, to respond to immediate needs.

Your gifts to support these response efforts will empower our partners to meet the immediate and long-term needs.

Give online at elca.org



Giving Hearts Day

Help someone.

It's Coming: Giving Hearts Day 2022 on February 10th

Look for Eastern North Dakota Synod

Red Willow Bible Camp and other charities you support.

Area Youth Event

Sunday February 27th at
Emmanuel Lutheran Gackle
Depart Jamestown 1 pm,
back by 6 pm

No cost.

Open to Jr. High and High
School youth.

Sign up online by Feb. 24th

(This event was rescheduled
from January 9th.)

Discernment Process among South Central North Dakota ELCA Congregations

Overview

At its second meeting, the Area Ministry Planning Team worked toward coming to an agreement on where to focus their energies and where to begin. Their work on developing this focus was rooted in what they had already talked about at the first meeting and in an honest assessment of the current realities facing them.

Current Realities

It is worth noting that the strength of the team is seen in the variety and diversity of experience amongst its members. It also is found in a willingness to work together and a commitment to the church. At the same time, the team is limited and challenged by time constraints, the reality of burnout, and the hesitancy to speak without first consulting the congregation.

The team expects that together our congregations will be stronger, spark participation, reduce stress, and be more stable. However, going forward and being successful could result in some members leaving, stretching pastors thin, and confusion (in particular around technology).

Focus Questions

The team began to work on identifying the questions they need to address. The questions they came up with fall into six general areas:

1. The role of the pastor
2. What is available for pastoral services and the needs of congregations
3. A vision for success - what it looks like, how much time is needed, and what is church?
4. The options for change - understanding what can and can not and what should and should not change
5. Finances
6. Alignment – how can we work with varying congregations depending upon our needs

Next Meeting

The team expressed their interest in seeing and understanding the pastor situation in the area. They would like to review the current pool of pastoral leaders, where they are located, how they are committed or called. With this, there will also be a review of the current pastoral and staffing needs across all of the congregations. This would include needs related to worship, pastoral care, education, and general leadership. Pastor Soli will gather this data in preparation for the next meeting which is January 18th.

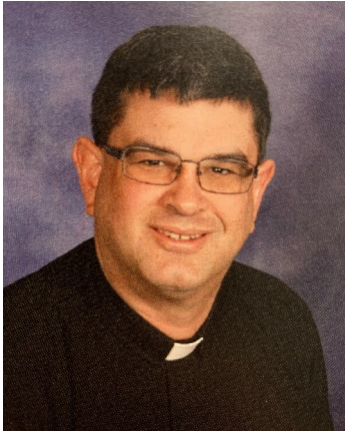
Video Project

Representatives will be making a short video about what they and their congregation hope and pray for in regards to the discernment process. This video will be available to show at annual meetings.

Planning Team Members:

Phillip Hoffman and Bryan Behm – English Lutheran, Medina
Brett Thielges and Char Freeberg – St. John's Lutheran, Jamestown
Joni Zink and Bob Toso – Trinity Lutheran, Jamestown
Deb Elhard and Jodi Bruns — Christ the King, Ellendale
Ben Pesek and Lucinda Malm — Zion, Kulm
Derek Hust and Bonnie Denning — Emmanuel, Gackle
Teagan Thompson — Immanuel, Jamestown
LeAnn Fuchs and Tory Hart — Atonement, Jamestown

Pastors and Pastoral Leaders from these congregations participate as advisory members. They are Nathan Wicks, Linda Schauer, Mary Jo Kinzler, Lucinda Lien, Susan Haukaas, Erik Weber, Kristi Weber



NRSVue

Every week I read the bible. I read in preparation of a sermon. I read in public worship. I read in devotional moments. I care deeply about God's word and pay attention to the Bibles that I use. Yes, Bibles. Not all translations of the Bible are the same. All translations convey a part of the theology and world view of the ones making the translation. So, I use different bibles at different times. Sometimes I even read different translations side by side to listen to the different ways that God's word is brought to life.

In worship, we most often use the New Revised Standard Version translation of the Bible which was first published in 1989. Over the decades, small changes have been made to the text, a tweak here, a revision there. But after over 30 years, the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. (NCC) commissioned the Society of Biblical Literature (SBL) to review and update the *NRSV*. *The October 14 press release from the NCC says that the update "follows in the tradition of the King James Bible, making changes that were warranted on the basis of accuracy, clarity, euphony, and current English usage."*

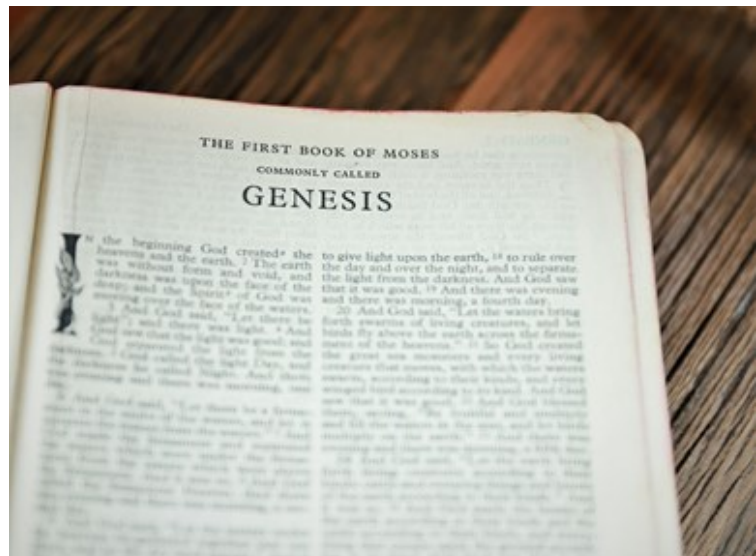
The new updated edition is so significantly different that it calls for a new name. And because the *New New Revised Standard Version* seems a bit silly, we now have the *NRSVue* (updated edition). The *NRSVue* is available today as an ebook and we will soon see printed translations become available. It will take time for the new translation to work its way into our worship and devotional lives, but it is coming.

Translations change because language changes. Translations change because our awareness of how language reflects and shapes attitudes change. I watch some of the old shows on MeTV and often cringe at the jokes or portrayal of women, people with disabilities, or people of color. I try to speak with and to people as I would want them to speak to me. Updated translations offer us a new way to hear God speaking to us in the language of our day.

You can easily search online for some examples of specific changes if you are interested. Or like me, you could wait and encounter God's word as it comes, possibly in an unexpected way, when you least expect it. There is nothing wrong with our existing *NRSV*'s and they will be around on shelves for years to come (as evidenced by the remnant of the *RSV*'s on various shelves around St. John's). As you encounter some of the language that is familiar, but maybe a little different, ask yourself, is God's voice entering the world in a new way for the next generation to hear it. How is God's Word heard anew this day?

Listening for God's Word,

Pastor Erik Weber



WOMEN OF TRINITY QUILT RAFFLE



Women of Trinity are again having a raffle to raise money for their benevolences that are usually funded by the spring salad luncheon and the fall bazaar, which again have been cancelled due to COVID.

Tickets are \$5, or 3 for \$10, and are available in the office or self-serve in the Gathering Space.

Both quilts are professionally quilted. One is a multi-colored vintage hand-pieced quilt, and the other is a beige quilt with inspirational phrases printed in black.

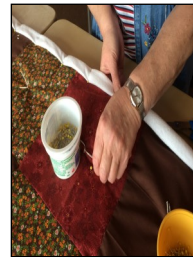
First prize is choice with the remaining quilt being the second-place prize.

The drawing will be March 3.



Young at Heart will meet at Shady's Monday, February 7 at 11:30 a.m. All seniors are welcome to come.

Quilting



Quilters will again meet February 3 and 17 from 9:30am to 3:00pm to assemble and tie LWR quilts. (Alternate dates might be chosen if weather is uncooperative.) Volunteers are greatly needed and much appreciated for whatever part of those days are possible. Alternatively, volunteers can cut 10 1/2 inch squares at home to make kits and/or sew these together at home to make the quilt tops for future sessions. (Fabric is now available at church.) Anyone able to stay through the noon hour is asked to bring a sack lunch. As long as COVID numbers remain high in our county, masking remains necessary.

The quilters are so appreciative of the beautiful donated fabric that feed the "creative juices," causing many "ohs" and "ahs" to be heard!!



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Lynette Berry (320-5707).....Faith Quest Administrator
Dick Morris.....Organist/Choir Director
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Ligia Schulz Communications and Tech Assistant



FEBRUARY 2022

Sun

Mon

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Wed

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Fri

Sat

		1 8:45am Open Play 10:00am Staff Meeting 2:30pm Text Study 4:30pm Worship Committee 7:00pm Troop Parent Meeting	2 6:30pm Worship 7:15pm 9th Grade Confirmation 7:15pm Choir Rehearsal	3 9:30am Quilting	4 Office Closed 8:45am Open Play	5
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Worship on FM radio

If you are having trouble with the reception on 1400 AM for the radio broadcast of the 8:30 am Sunday worship, try 107.1 FM to get better reception.

Radio Broadcast

- † 2/6/22 by John & Mary Craft in memory of Milton & Helen Holtan
- † 2/13/22 by Jason & Carrie Odenbach in honor of their 20th wedding anniversary
- † 2/20/22 by Judy Hoyt in memory of Hartley Hoyt

Altar Flowers

- † 2/6/22 by Judy Brueske in honor of Char Broten
- † 2/13/22 by Marlyn Swanson in honor of grandchildren's February birthdays
- † 2/20/22 by Judy Hoyt in memory of Hartley Hoyt
- † 2/27/22 by Cory & Deb Struble in honor of Allie's birthday

Altar Candles

- † 2/13/22 by Marlyn Swanson in honor of grandchildren's February birthdays
- † 2/20/22 by Judy Hoyt in memory of Hartley Hoyt

Sponsorships for 2022 are available.

Please call the church office or check the sign-up sheets in the Narthex for the dates you would like to sponsor these items. The cost is \$15 for candles, \$35 for flowers and \$100 for the radio broadcast. It is a nice way to honor or memorialize a loved one.

Many dates are available throughout the year.

January worship attendance

In person at 8:30 a.m.

January 226
January 9.....29
January 1627
January 2333

In person at 10:45 a.m.

January 233
January 9.....113
January 1643
January 2344

YouTube views

Sunday 10:45 a.m.

January 241
January 9.....36
January 16 ... 32
January 2344

In Person Wednesday 6:30 p.m.

January 512
January 12.....22
January 19.....16

YouTube views

Wednesday 6:30 p.m.

January 5.....7
January 12..... 4
January 19.....13



Memorials

John Clemens: Gerald Rudnick & Joan Halvorson

Tiffiney Dick: Charles & Dorothy Erstad, Ray & Heather Johnson, Gerald Rudnick & Joan Halvorson, Ken & Ruth Urdahl, Sharon Waterman

Norma Kaiser: Candice Dempsey

Archer Peterson: Heather Rostenbach

Council Highlights

Trinity Lutheran Council Highlights

7 p.m., Monday, Jan. 10, 2022 Zoom

**Jon Schlenker, Judy Brueske, Mitch Ostlie
Erin Klein, Nathan Steele, Chris Flann,
Joni Zink, Skip Olson, Pastor Susan Haukaas,
Pastor Kristi Weber**

ACTION ITEMS

Wrap up 2021 finances: Mitch moved to receive the report of 2021 finances. Seconded by Joni. The motion passed.

Approve 2022 Budget:

Mitch Ostlie moved to approve the 2022 Budget with \$530,000 in general fund expenses and \$26,472 for mortgage payments for a total of \$556,472, and to move it forward to the Congregational Annual Meeting. Seconded by Nathan Steele. The motion passed.

Proposed projects:

Judy Brueske moved to approve the 2022 Proposed Projects Budget contingent on available funds totaling \$360,000, and to move it forward to the Congregational Meeting. Seconded by Mitch Ostlie. The motion passed.

Organizational meeting for the new council:

Mitch moved to set an organizational meeting to elect officers: 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 30 on Zoom. Seconded by Joni. The motion passed.

Next meeting: ANNUAL MEETING 1 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 30 (tech check 3 p.m. Jan. 23)

Council organizational meeting: 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 30

February Council meeting: date and time to be decided at organizational meeting

RENEW campaign

update through December 31, 2021

General Fund Financial Report for 2021

Full financial reports for 2021 are printed in Trinity's Annual Report.

Copies are available at Trinity and at TrinityJamestown.com through February 28.

Thanks to your generosity, Trinity moves forward with a strong foundation on which to grow.

2021 COUNCIL MEMBERS (Telephone)

Jon Schlenker, President (251-1018)

Mitch Ostlie, Vice President (320-8822)

Erin Klein, Secretary (320-4560)

Judy Brueske, Treasurer (320-6473)

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Skip Olson (252-8534)

Nathan Steele (269-2811)

Greg Ulland (218-791-0415)

Joni Zink (320-1015)

COMMITTEE/TEAM CHAIRS (Telephone)

Altar Guild.....Ardell Quigley (952-5062)

Boy Scouts..... Aaron Motter (952-3428)

Education..... 252-2841

Fine Arts.....252-2841

Library.....252-2841

Memorial.....Peg Beckman (252-1896)

Men of Trinity.....Randy Lebahn (952-8337)

Outreach.....Donette Rasmussen (252-4890)

Parish Care.....Ruth Urdahl (952-1733)

Property & Management.....252-2841

Selma Alexander/Trinity Foundation.....Bob Toso (252-5027)

Stephen Ministry..... Wendy Thompson (251-2122)

Women of Trinity.....Ruth Urdahl (952-1733)

Worship..... 252-2841

Youth.....Wynn Rasmussen (252-4890)

Church Office.....252-2841

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Worship with Trinity
Sundays 8:30 and 10:45 a.m.
Wednesdays 6:30 p.m.

Online at TrinityJamestown.com and on KQDJ AM1400 or 107.1 FM

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