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HAPPY
NEW YEAR!

...you will be called by
a new name that the mouth
of the LORD will bestow.

ISAIAH 62:2, NIV

Annual Congregation Meeting Preparations

Trinity's Annual meeting will be **Sunday, January 28, 2024 at 1:00 pm** in the sanctuary.

Voting members may attend in person OR via ZOOM.

In order to attend via ZOOM, voting members must REGISTER prior to January 17, 2024

Registration for the meeting will open by January 3.

See Trinity's website, and an email sent to Trinity members in the email database for information about how to register.

Plans for a noon meal are being explored. Please contact Meggen Henke in the church office 252-2841 if you are interested in helping plan a meal.

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The Star That Shows the Way



As the Christmas season wanes, we continue to celebrate the new year with the season of Epiphany. In many parts of the world, Christians will mark a blessing on their doorway at this time of year and hang bright stars to represent both the Star of Bethlehem that guided the wise men to the baby Jesus, and the light of Christ himself.

When I was in Germany in January of 2018, these Moravian Stars were everywhere, and especially in every church building. I was so excited this fall to find one of these stars at the religious supply store, and have it proudly hanging in my front window at the parsonage. Every time I look at the star, I am reminded of God's love come down to earth to dwell among us.

We do not always have a star as bright as the Bethlehem Star in our sky, but we do have the reflection of the sun's light on Earth's moon. This year I have been fortunate enough to experience the full moon on a clear night in the prairie. There are moments when the moon feels close enough to reach out and touch. It is so bright that capturing a clear image is difficult without a fancy camera. On those cloudless nights, the moon is definitely bright enough to wander outside without a flashlight as the moon reflects off the road and illuminates a safe path.

In our day to day life, Christ is the nourishing light in the darkness. The moon waxes and wanes, but the light of Christ is constant. During Advent we sing a prayer asking Christ to be our light and shine in our hearts, the darkness, and the church, because we long for light, peace, hope, truth, etc.

Beloved, the Holy Spirit is with us, even on the darkest of nights of our soul, to illumine our path and help guide us on our journeys of faith and life. In turn, we are Christ's light on earth as we allow the Spirit to work through us, and as we work together in this ministry partnership to shine that light brightly in Stutsman County and beyond.



Exploring Acts: Synod-wide Scripture Read with Dr. Eric Barreto

January 7- February 4, 2024



All congregation members across the Eastern North Dakota Synod are invited to participate in a synod-wide Scripture read! Together, we will dwell in the words and stories of the book of Acts.

Starting on Monday, January 8th, you are encouraged to read one chapter of Acts, and every Sunday afternoon we will gather via Zoom from 2:00-3:30 p.m. for conversation with Dr. Eric Barreto, Professor of New Testament at Princeton Seminary. This event kicks off with an introductory Zoom session on January 7, and our reading schedule begins January 8. We hope you'll consider joining us! We want everyone to be able to access this event. Watch for announcements in early January about gathering to attend the zoom meetings together at Trinity.

Zoom Meeting Schedule: **January 7**, 2:00-3:30 (Introduction), **January 14**, 2:00-3:30, **January 21**, 2:00-3:30, **January 28**, 2:00-3:30, **February 4**, 2:00-3:30 (Wrap-up)

Reading Schedule:

WEEK 1: **1/7:** Introductory Zoom (no assigned reading), **1/8:** Acts 1, **1/9:** Acts 2, **1/10:** Acts 3, **1/11:** Acts 4, **1/12:** Acts 5, **1/13:** Acts 6

WEEK 2: **1/14:** Acts 7 & Zoom Conversation, **1/15:** Acts 8, **1/16:** Acts 9, **1/17:** Acts 10, **1/18:** Acts 11, **1/19:** Acts 12, **1/20:** Acts 13

WEEK 3: **1/21:** Acts 14 & Zoom Conversation, **1/22:** Acts 15, **1/23:** Acts 16, **1/24:** Acts 17, **1/25:** Acts 18, **1/26:** Acts 19, **1/27:** Acts 20,

WEEK 4: **1/28:** Acts 21 & Zoom Conversation, **1/29:** Acts 22, **1/30:** Acts 23, **1/31:** Acts 24, **2/1:** Acts 25, **2/2:** Acts 26, **2/3:** Acts 27, **2/4:** Acts 28 & Zoom Conversation

Christians in Action

Emerging Structure for Ministry Together

Our Local Coordinators have been reviewing proposed By-Laws in preparation for incorporation of Christians in Action as a legal entity. This is a new thing. In 2022 there was a moment when we were coming together as a partnership that we had the opportunity to incorporate, but the time was not right. There were too many unanswered questions and a sense that we wanted to start supporting each other in ministry quickly. Additional structure seemed to push meaningful ministry together down the road.

In hindsight, some things would have been easier over the past year if we had already incorporated. Bank accounts and web-site registrations would have been centralized. Online giving and email lists would have been easier to set up. Even the three successful call processes could have been handled differently.

The goal of Christians in Action has never been to establish a new institution (or parish-like) entity. Even so, our lives in ministry together will be aided by having a layer of legal organization (for bank accounts and online activities) and will offer a clear path for congregations to enter or leave the partnership and to continue participating in ways that strengthen their ministry.

At our upcoming annual meetings, each participating congregation will be asked 1) to vote to subscribe to the work of the partnership and 2) each congregation will elect a Local Coordinator who will sit on the board of the new non-profit organization.

This new layer does not change the organization of any individual congregation. Each congregation continues to have its own council and standing as an independent congregation. We all retain our own constitution and budget responsibilities.

As this newsletter is being prepared, there is still work to be done on specific provisions of the new organizational structure. Some things are clear:

- 1) Articles of Incorporation would be filed with the Secretary of State of North Dakota as a non-profit organization.
- 2) Bylaws would be prepared.
- 3) The new non-profit organization would request its own EIN (Employer Identification Number.)
- 4) The new non-profit organization would request to be part of the ELCA Group Exemption with the IRS. (This is the same Group Exemption that currently covers all 8 congregations.)

Please remain attentive to the conversations leading up to your congregation's annual meeting and direct questions to your Council or Local Coordinator.

Congregations participating in Christians in Action:

Atonement, Jamestown
Montpelier, Montpelier

Christ the King, Ellendale
St. John's, Jamestown

Emmanuel, Gackle
Trinity, Jamestown

English, Medina
Zion, Kulm

Story of Impact

On Wednesday evening December 6, 18 8th and 9th grade Confirmation students and some of their parents helped wrap presents at the Anne Carlsen Center. We wrapped presents for 67 clients which took us less than an hour and a half.

The staff at the Anne Carlsen Center commented how grateful they were to us. During the pandemic, no one could come into the building due to their clients being so susceptible to the illness. It took the staff weeks to wrap the presents because they could only wrap when they had a spare moment. What these Confirmation students can do in 90 minutes is amazing! This yearly event is a blessing to the Anne Carlsen Center, their staff, and their residents as well as to our Confirmation students!



Welcome Vicar Andrew

Vicar Andrew Stephens joins the Christians in Action ministry team in January as an intern pastor. He will serve Emmanuel, Gackle; Trinity, Jamestown; and Montpelier Lutheran Churches as well as the partnership.

Come welcome him during worship and the meal before the annual meeting on January 28.

Community Reflections

My experience in Hawaii was amazing. I am lucky to be able to say that I was part of the first North Dakota school that was able to perform in the Pearl Harbor parade. Singing at the USS Missouri was amazing because it was my first time performing at a naval base. I learned so much while still being able to sing and do what I love. Let me tell you more about my experiences in Hawaii at the USS Missouri, the USS Arizona, and being in the Pearl Harbor parade.

Being on the USS Missouri was a super awesome experience. When I stood on the deck of the boat it hit me that I got to stand and sing for all the people that fought in Pearl Harbor. When I got a chance to look around the boat, I ended up going below deck to see how big it was. I got to see where people slept, ate, and did research. It was crazy how small the bunks on the boat were. Then after I was done exploring, I got to go sing for the people who fought for our country. That was a once-in-a-lifetime experience and I wish I could go back and do it again. After singing our group went over to the USS Arizona. Once I got in the theater to get instructions on what to do on the USS Arizona the first thing the lady said was when we were over on the ship to make sure that we were always quiet. Being at the memorial was so amazing. What I was standing on was the memorial, but the ship was right underneath. When looking through the openings in the memorial you could still see the parts of the ship sticking up out of the water. It was huge and there were still oil bubbles coming up out of the water from the ship. As I walked to the back of the memorial there was a wall with everyone's names that were on the USS Arizona. I stood in that room for 5 minutes with about 20 other people in pure silence just admiring the wall of people that went down when the ship went down. I could've stayed and looked at the ship for a very long time, but our boat came, and we left.

The next day was the parade. We went to the opening ceremony and got the honor of being able to sing for three of the Pearl Harbor veterans. Before we sang, we got to listen to the veterans talk about their experiences. The veterans I got to listen to were 101, 102, and 103. The first veteran told us that he had written 16 pages and forgot them, so he said to keep serving our country. The second veteran had his son interview him. He was a tuba player on the ship he was on and on the day of Pearl Harbor, he helped load missiles. It was amazing that he was a musician just like all the kids who were at the parade. After we listened to them talk, we got to sing America The Beautiful with many other choirs. The Jamestown Choir also got to practice the Star-Spangled Banner with another choir. After practicing a couple of times with the other choir we went and sang to start the very beginning of the parade. After singing we were able to watch a bit of the parade. As soon as the Jamestown Band came by the choir was able to jump right in behind them. It was amazing to be able to march with the band and be able to see all the people. The best part was being able to represent North Dakota and Jamestown the way we did. I wish I could go back and do it all over again.

- Lillian Cordell, JHS Senior

"Hurry up and wait!"; that was the motto we all lived by on this trip. However, behind the late buses and early mornings, this was a trip that, regardless of how you view it, will stick with you for the rest of your life. I am a history nut, and I can find myself lost in books and internet videos or articles related to anything about history. I was unbelievably excited when this opportunity arose to go to Hawaii and Pearl Harbor. When one becomes so indulged in history, you cannot give up the opportunity to see it in person! Not only were the prospects of attending the Pearl Harbor National Memorial, the U.S.S. Missouri, the U.S.S. Arizona Memorial, and participating in the memorial parade enticing, but also to get the chance to learn about and experience the home islands of the native Hawaiian people and their culture. I have a friend who is part Hawaiian and has family there, so he told me many things about what to expect.

Ultimately, if you were to ask me what I took away from this trip, I would tell you that I gained a new perspective. A perspective on what it means to be an American. A perspective on what it means for those who are Pacific Islanders. A perspective into those who live their lives with 'Aloha'. The sacrifice that was given on that day, December 7th, 1941, is one that could never be repaid by future generations. However, what I realized is that those who fought and died for us did not do it so that we would have to repay them down the road. They did it so that we could carry on the legacy of 'Aloha,' the legacy of love. Love for family, love for country, and love for your fellow man. So, a Hawaiian principle is what guided those heroes. Let us strive to never let the fire, the fire of life, be extinguished.

- Colin Conway, JHS Senior

My Hawaii experience is colored with appreciation for Hawaiian culture. I learned many new things in Hawaii that I did not know before, like that pineapples grow on bushes and not trees. In Polynesian cultures, it is customary for men to endure pain by getting your belly button tattooed. The young men also do all the cooking for the house and for their family. In a way this dedication and loyalty reminds me of the US men who fought for their country in Pearl Harbor.

After a little turbulence in getting around, I was privileged to see and walk on the U.S.S. Missouri and the U.S.S. Arizona memorials. The feeling of solemn despair and silent pride was a heavy felt weight shared by many friends I talked to on this trip. I, myself, am not a history buff by any means but it doesn't take much to find something to relate to or that humanizes all these people who lost their lives. Letters to loved ones and personal items seemed to move me the most. Getting to hear a couple Pearl Harbor veterans and Rosie Riveters speak, well into their 100 years of life at the Pearl Harbor parade Jamestown was also a part of, was also incredibly touching. These brave men and women are living reminders of an important time in American history, and it is a memory I will always carry with me.

From the Polynesian culture to the U.S. memorials, the overwhelming feeling of appreciation, support, and love for the entire community. It was an honor and a pleasure to represent North Dakota at such an event.

-Erin Henke, JHS Senior



Council Highlights—Wednesday, December 13, 2023

Present: Shawn Banet, Nathan Steele, Chris Flann, Joni Zink, Greg Ulland, Amy Joseph, Eric Knodel, Pastor Kristi Weber

Minutes: minutes of the November 20, 2023 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Financial report for November 2023 was received.

ACTION ITEMS

- 1) Approve 2024 Housing Allowances for Pastors
- 2) Approve receiving additional New Members
 - Derek and Justine Brickner
(children Drew and Bodie)
 - Ken Britzman
 - Jason and Emily Bivens
(children Abby, Jude, Eleanor)
 - Samuel and Ashley Gray
(children Izaak and Adleigh)
 - Greg Skjerva
- 3) Approve January 28, 2024 as date for Annual Meeting. Zoom option will be available to voting members who register by January 17th.
- 4) Approve anti-harassment policy for Trinity personnel policies.
- 5) Recommend proposed projects for 2024.
- 6) Approve livestreaming sponsorships as a way to support Trinity's ministry.

INFORMATION ITEMS

- A) Discussion about official incorporation of Christians in Action as topic for Annual Meeting
 - B) Second look at 2024 Budget.
- Next regular Council meeting: Monday, January 15, at 7:00 pm in person
- Next Executive team meeting Wednesday, January 10 at 1:00 pm on Zoom.

2023 COUNCIL MEMBERS (Telephone)

Greg Ulland, President 701-330-2015
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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.....	Shirley Driessen (952-2519)
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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A tech check during the week of January 21st will be provided for those who need help ensuring that they can see and hear what is happening in the sanctuary.

Request a tech check
by January 17, 2023 at
connect@TrinityJamestown.com

Voting members who plan to attend the annual meeting in person may sign in, on January 28 prior to the start of the meeting.

Voting members are confirmed members who have communed and made a contribution of record to Trinity Lutheran Church during the current or preceding calendar year.

**Financial Snapshot—Trinity’s General Fund
Through November 2023**

Year to Date Income	\$ 303,069
Year to Date Designated Income*	+\$ <u>54,877</u>
Year to Date Total New Income	\$ 357,946
Transfer from Savings** for Designated Expenses	+\$ <u>213,144</u>
Year to Date Total for Expenses	\$ 571,090
Year to Date Expenses (includes \$162,760 for 2 new boilers)	-\$ <u>585,584</u>
Surplus (deficit)	\$ (14,494)

*Designated income includes funds received for specific bills paid through Trinity’s General Fund.

**Some funds received in previous years are designated for expenses (such as repairs paid by donations to the RENEW Campaign) Your generosity throughout the year helps continue Trinity’s mission and ministry.

Please note, the most accurate financial information for all of 2023 will be available in the Annual Report that can be picked up at Trinity on or after January 21st, 2024.

RENEW Campaign Update

Original Goal:	\$440,000	Pledges and unpledged gifts to reach goal:
Received (through 12/10/23):	\$412,600	\$27,400

What will happen when Trinity reaches the \$440,000 goal for the RENEW campaign?

When \$19,000 in pledges are received, Trinity will be able to install LED lighting in high use areas of the building, support facilities operation at Trinity, and give generously to the Eastern North Dakota Synod.

Your additional gifts of \$8,400 that were not pledged will allow Trinity to replace ceilings on the 3rd floor that are no longer at risk of water damage thanks to the new roof that was installed over the education wing in 2022 as part of the RENEW campaign.

Check out the Annual Report on or after January 21, 2024 for the final update on your gifts to the RENEW Campaign. Thank you for your generosity.

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.

Altar Flowers

- + 1/7/24 by Jerry & Pat Sova in memory of Nanette Hockert
- + 1/14/24 by Ralph Hilgemann
- + 1/21/24 by Greg & Deb Dollinger in honor of their anniversary
- + 1/28/24 by Debbie Holmes in honor of John's birthday

Altar Candles

- + 1/7/24 by Jerry & Pat Sova in memory of Nanette Hockert
- + 1/14/24 by Ralph Hilgemann
- + 1/21/24 by Greg & Deb Dollinger in honor of their anniversary
- + 1/28/24 by Debbie Holmes in honor of John's birthday

Radio

- + 1/7/23 by Jerry & Pat Sova in memory of Nanette Hockert
- + 1/14/24 by Greg & Deb Dollinger in honor of Deb's birthday
- + 1/21/24 by Greg & Deb Dollinger in honor of their anniversary



Young at Heart will be going to the Chinese Dragon for lunch on Tuesday, January 9 at 11:30 am. All seniors are welcome!



December worship attendance

In person at 8:30 a.m.

December 3 67
 December 10 57
 December 17 61

In person at 10:45 a.m.

December 3 80
 December 10 69
 December 17 127

YouTube views

Sunday 10:45 a.m.

December 3 27
 December 10 48
 December 17 39



Chuck Gilje: Kelly & Larry Krein, Claire & Charles Lyche, Karen Rene

Randy Neumiller: Ardell Quigley

Carol Weber: Ardell Quigley

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 Stones
 Lynette Berry (320-5707).....Faith Quest Administrator
 Meggen Henke..... Administrative Assistant



january

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	<p>1 New Year's Day Office Closed</p> 	<p>2 School Resumes 10:00am Staff Meeting—Trinity 2:30pm Text Study</p>	<p>3 8:45am Open Play 3:30pm 6th&7th Grade Confirmation— St John's 6:30pm 9th Grade Confirmation 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>4 9:30am Altar Guild 12:00pm Jamestown Ministerial 7:00pm Wine & the Word</p>	<p>5 Office Closed 8:45am Open Play</p>	<p>6</p>
<p>7 8:30am Worship with Communion 9:30am Faith Quest 10:45am Worship with Communion</p>	<p>8 9:30am Quilting 9:30am Jamestown Conference 5:30pm Open Play 6:00pm Handbells 7:00pm Boy Scouts</p>	<p>9 10:00am Staff Meeting-Atonement 11:30am Young at Heart 2:30pm Text Study</p>	<p>10 8:45am Open Play 2:00pm Ave Maria 3:30pm 6th&7th Grade Confirmation— St John's 6:30pm 8th Grade Confirmation 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>11 8:45am Open Play 11:00am Ave Maria</p>	<p>12 Office Closed 8:45am Open Play</p>	<p>13 Bond Deadline</p>
<p>14 8:30am Worship 9:30am Faith Quest 10:45am Worship 2:00pm Ave Maria</p>	<p>15 No School</p>	<p>16 10:00am Staff Meeting- Trinity 12:00pm Grace Circle 2:30pm Text Study 4:15pm Worship Committee</p>	<p>17 8:45am Open Play 3:30pm 6th&7th Grade Confirmation— St John's 6:30pm 8th Grade Confirmation 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>18 8:45am Open Play</p>	<p>19 Office Closed 8:45am Open Play</p>	<p>20</p>
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Trinity's Purpose:

Connect with God and with each other.

Share God's good news with all.



Worship at Trinity

Sundays 8:30 am (radio and in person)

Sundays 10:45 am (in person and online)