

# January happenings...

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> Office closed  4:30 Bible Study	<b>2</b> 8:30 Quilting  6:30 Council	<b>3</b>  6:00 Choir & Confirm.	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> 9 Worship 10 Educ. 10 Fellow.	<b>8</b>  4:30 Bible Study	<b>9</b> 8:30 Quilting  1:00 Committee Annual Reports Due	<b>10</b>  6:00 Choir & Confirm.	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>  Wedding here
<b>14</b> 2023 Annual Report available in the narthex 9 Worship 10 Educ. 10 Fellow.	<b>15</b> 9:00 Newsletter Articles Due  4:30 Bible Study	<b>16</b>  8:30 Quilting	<b>17</b>  6:00 Choir & Confirm.	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> 9 Worship 10 Educ. 10 Fellow.	<b>22</b>  4:30 Bible Study	<b>23</b>  8:30 Quilting	<b>24</b>  6:00 Choir & Confirm.	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> 9 Worship 10:00 Bi-Annual Congregational Meeting	<b>29</b>  4:30 Bible Study	<b>30</b>  8:30 Quilting	<b>31</b>  6:00 Choir & Confirm.	<b>Please bring your aluminum cans for our youth!</b>		<b>Cans can be left on the trailer by the church garage.</b>

## Trinity Lutheran Church

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## January 2024 ..... From the Pastor's Pen

Dear friends,

Well, another year is upon us. *Where did July go?* How time flies... So, did you accomplish your resolutions from last year? Or are they going to be revisited this year? If you are making resolutions, make sure they are realistic, not like: "I'm going to be a better person". How specifically would you do this? Be specific: I am going to take cooking lessons or learn Excel. I will attend an anger management course. I will try a new hair cut... Instead of "I'm going to lose 75 pounds"; it is more genuine to set a goal of: "I will exercise 2 times a week using XYZ video" or "I will take at least one 15-minute walk on Tuesdays." It is easier to accomplish realistic goals versus pie in the sky kind of objectives.

What about spiritual goals? What might you add or change there? Can you add devotion time? If you aren't already, consider adding the weekly emailed devotion here from the church or picking up one of our free devotion books – then plan when and where you will read it. Already doing this? Consider other forms of meditation. Perhaps go to YouTube and search 'Christian guided meditation', such as the 5 minute ones from Alabaster Co. These are wonderful when you are feeling stressed.

I personally love the 'Christian dance workouts' by Joyful Praise Fitness. Each session is about 4 uplifting songs (158 minutes) to get me moving, and I can pause it if I need a break. The first goal was to do at least 1 song per week for one month, and then to work up to all the songs in the session. There is so much out there; *just be selective as to the source of videos you watch.*

Have you tried a prayer journal or a Gratitude journal? This would be a good year to start if you are not already trying this. Also one of the best ways to deepen our relationship with God, along with Bible reading, prayer and devotions is memorizing Bible verses, maybe one a month or one a week. Write a verse on a post-it or index card and put it where you will see it (bathroom mirror). Here's some suggestions to get you started for this New Year:

**John 3:16:** *For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.*

**1 Thessalonians 5:16-18:** *Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.*

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January Assisting						
	Acolyte	Lector	Usher	Liturgist	Camera	Greeter
7-Jan	Raylee P.	Meagan G.	Steve P.	Mike K.	Ashtin Q.	Crystal M. N.
14-Jan	Amari H.	Garret G.	Marge E.	Sandy W.	Davion H.	Hank & Nancy S
21-Jan	Ava N.	George G.	John S.	Tom G.	Merrik M.	Penny R.
28-Jan	Kendel Q.	Kari B.	Ed H.	Mike W.	Molly B.	Marge E.

	<b>Snow Removal</b>
1-Jan	Dave J & Dennis M
8-Jan	John S & Todd M
15-Jan	Kurt M & Bob G
22-Jan	Hank S & Tim M
29-Jan	Glenn Q & Garret G

	<b>Monday Counters</b>
2-Jan	John S. & Terri S.
8-Jan	Terri S. & Tom G.
15-Jan	Tom G. & Marge E.
22-Jan	Marge E. & Dana H.
29-Jan	Dana H. & John S.

<b>Garbage run:</b> Hank S <b>Food Pantry run:</b> Terri S
<b>Reminder:</b> <b>Committee reports for the annual report</b> are due to the office no later than <b>January 9th.</b> Please email to: churchoffice@arkdaletlc.org
<b>The new pictorial directories are here in the narthex!</b> These will not be mailed, please stop in & pick yours up, thank you!

<b>Bible Moment</b> Epiphany is January 6 <sup>th</sup> , the manifestation of Christ to the people, as represented by the appearance of thee star & the Magi's visit to the Newborn King. Matt.2:1ff. <i>If you were going to visit your favorite royal or president, what might you bring as a gift? Why?</i> One way of thinking about the Maji's gifts is that gold is a symbol and appropriate gift for an earthly king, and frankincense, aka incense, as a fragrant smoke offering rising to a deity, and myrrh used to embalm the dead, and as such, a foreshadowing of Christ's death for us.
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<b>Parade of Trees Update</b> Congratulations to our outreach coordinator Susie Smith and Karen Meunier helping her this year with the Parade of Trees at Gundersen Moundview Memorial. This year's theme was "Away in A Manger" and we <b>won Community Favorite!!!!</b>
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<b>Christmas Cards for Veterans Update</b> We sent <b>360</b> cards to the Veterans home in Kings! Thank you to all that par took in this event. Our youth did some shopping and also sent various items such as socks, hats, slippers, sweatpants, sweatshirts, coffee, snacks, puzzles, crossword books, Kleenex and more for the residents!
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<b>In case of bad weather</b> A machine message at church (608-564-7920) will announce if service is canceled. <u>When in doubt,</u> stay home where it's safe & warm.
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<b>Bi-Annual Congregational Meeting</b> <b>January 28<sup>th</sup> 10:00 am</b> <b>All voting members are encouraged to attend!</b>
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nominations made from the floor. The pastor shall serve as a convener and advisory member. A chairperson shall be elected at the first meeting.”

ii. Propose to change the above to read “.... shall be composed of up to five members....”

- J. Budget 2024
- K. Old Business
- L. New Business
- M. Adjourn meeting
- N. Close with the Lord’s Prayer

4. Tailgate Party discussion: it was decided that we should hold the Tailgate Party fundraiser every other year starting in 2025.

5. 2024 budget review- there was some discussion about the Ramp Hill project. We will wait for more information from the committee.

Other Reports:

**Education Ministry:** December 17 is the Sunday School Christmas program as worship. We have 4 new children enrolled in Sunday School and 1 new member in the Bible Study group.

**Outreach:** Susie is working on Christmas cards for Rosebrooke and Villa. Trinity participated in the Parade of Trees – the theme was “Away in a Manger.”

**Property Committee:** will be meeting on December 5

**Worship Ministry:** need to schedule a meeting re: communion at the rail.

**TLCW:** will be meeting on February 11, 2024. Harvest dinner went well and TLCW will be making lefse December 6&7 to be sold at the Cookie Bake Sale on December 15.

**Endowment Committee:** need a replacement on the committee.

**Landscape Committee:** Permits have been approved.

**Other:** reminder: Dessert Extravaganza is December 6 after the Cantata at 6 p.m. December 17 is Tailgate Party leftovers for fellowship following the worship service.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m., closing with the Lord’s Prayer.

Submitted in His service, Sandy Willis, Secretary

Stewardship Moment

Don’t fall for the myth. Most cars do not need to idle before driving. I’m told it was true when cars had carburetors, but unless your vehicle is from the 70s, there’s no need let your car ‘warm up’. Save money, time, fuel and fresh air – it’s a win-win! Though I would still take off slower than normal, and let all the parts/belts/tires warm up more gently...☺

**Unapproved December Council Meeting Minutes - December 4, 2023**

**Present:** Garret Gould, Michael Willis, Derek Pavelec, Pastor Terri Skildum, Danna Peterson, Kris Peterson, Meagan Grabarski, Carrie Easterly, Sandy Willis. **Absent:** Marge Edwards, excused.

**The meeting was called to order** by President Garret Gould at 5:47 p.m.

**Review November 2023 Council Minutes:** Motion to approve the minutes was made by Danna Peterson, second by Mike Willis. Carried.

**Review November 2023 Treasurer's Report:** Kris reported that expenses were more than receipts for the month. Motion to approve the report made by Mike Willis, seconded by Meagan Grabarski. Carried.

**Review budget to date:** Kris reported that we are on track for the year.

**Pastor's report:** Pastor did several home visits; 1 funeral; 1 Anniversary celebration; scheduled weddings for January, June, July, and October 2024. Her report was followed with prayer.

**Action Items:**

1. Next Council meeting will be January 2, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.
2. Set Bi-Annual Congregational Meeting for January 28, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. (following worship) Motion made by Danna Peterson to set the meeting date, seconded by Mike Willis. Carried.
3. Set the Bi-Annual Meeting Agenda:
  - A. Call meeting to order by President Garret Gould
  - B. Opening devotions by Pastor Terri Skildum
  - C. Set the Agenda
  - D. Treasurer's Report by Kris Peterson
  - E. Secretary's Report – May 2023 meeting minutes by Sandy Willis
  - F. Nominations for nominating committee
    - i.
    - ii.
  - G. Nominations of Synod Assembly participants for May 17-18, 2024 in Janesville
    - i.
    - ii.
  - H. Endowment report by Richard Grabarski
    - i. Nomination for vacancy on committee
  - I. By-Laws – change
    - i. C 13.02.01 of Bylaws reads as “The Nominating Committee shall be composed of five members, who shall be elected by the annual meeting from

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**Proverbs 3:5-6:** *Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.*

**Joshua 1:9:** *Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.*

**Ephesians 4:32:** *Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.*

**Joshua 24:15:** *Choose this day whom you will serve— as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.*

**John 14:6:** *Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life.*

B l e s s e d New Year !

*Pastor Terri*

**KFC – Kids For Christ**

- ★**Thanks everyone** for all your help with the Christmas Program! Yay!
- ★ **Sunday School resumes** Sunday January 7<sup>th</sup>.
- ★**January 28<sup>th</sup>** a movie will be shown for kids; the Congregational meeting is @ 10:00.
- ★**Bible Verse:** Eccl. 4:9 NCV: Two people are better than one, because they get more done by working together.
- ★**Activity:** On a cold wintry day **Make a Frittata** TOGETHER, recipe in the narthex.
- ★**Table Talk:** What is your favorite thing to do with mom or dad? Brother or sister? Grandparent? Cooking, making a snow fort, bike ride, gardening?
- ★**Bedtime Prayer:** God, thank you for all the people around me that help me, and those that play with me. Thank you for giving me people to talk to and to laugh with. Tonight I pray for \_\_\_\_\_. May they have a good day tomorrow. Amen.

**Thank you decorators**

Thank you to the following members that decorated the church so beautifully for the Christmas season. Tom & Sharon G., Kurt M., Gretchen W., Penny R., Karen M., Glenn & Peggy Q., Rick & Sari O., Lloyd & Darlene H.

**Bake Sale Success**

Thank you to all that donated baked goods for the TLCW bake sale on December 15th. The sale raised **\$1,818** for the group and they were sold out by 10:30!. Money from the sale gets used for member scholarships, camperships, Bible giveaways, LWR Kit supplies, kitchen upkeep and more!

***What do sweet potatoes wear to bed?  
their YAMMIES!***

Speaking of yams, for the month of January let's fill the food pantry cart with canned vegetables.

***Thank you for your generosity! The ATLCW***