

Trinity Lutheran Church

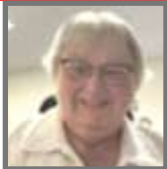
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From the Pastor's Pen... February 2025



**FEBRUARY
HIGHLIGHTS:**
3 - Council
5 - Crafting Night
12 - Game Night

Dear friends,

Our synod is the South-Central Synod of WI. As of January 1st, it has 78, 233 Baptized members, 133 churches, and 272 Pastors and 17 Deacons serving those worshipping communities.

Ever wonder what the synod does with the benevolence we send them? Here is a partial list of things, programs & ministry partners that our dollars support through our South Central Synod of the ELCA, that I for one, am grateful for: Campus Ministry, Pastoral education & seminaries, World Hunger, Care for God's Creation team, ELCA Youth Gatherings, Latino/Latina ministries, Lutheran Men in Mission, Luad, Racial Equity team, WELCA, ASSIST Counseling for Wellness, Disaster Response, Malaria Campaign, LOPPW Luth. Office for Public Policy in WI, LSS Luth. Social Services, Lutheran World Relief, Outdoor ministries (Bible Camp), support of local churches, plus help with pastoral calls and transitions.

I think the Lord is amazing in how our combined gifts support and do so much! Let me highlight one program near to my heart: *Lutheran Campus ministry*. This is a place on several college/university campuses where young adults can go to and be supported, connect with other Christians, pray and be prayed for, participate in fun activities, be involved in Bible study, or simply get a cup of coffee. In Madison the LCM center offers Thursday night worship and dinner, and on Wednesdays there's waffles. 😊 Especially for our students who are away from home, *sometimes for the first time*, this is a wonderful ministry.

Putting our gifts together in the name of Jesus Christ, we support so many brothers and sisters here in Adams County, in Wisconsin and around the world.

[Philippians 1:27](#) 'Stand firm in the one Spirit, striving together as one for the faith of the gospel.'

We have an example from the faithful in Galatia and Corinth who took up a weekly offering, putting some aside to help those less fortunate elsewhere. 1 Corinthians 16:1-2.

Your sister in Christ,
Pastor Terri

On a personal note: JoHanna is still in WA but is debating moving back to WI. Mom said to say hi to you all; she misses coming to worship with us. And my nephew Kolden got engaged to lovely Brandy.

Thank You to all of the Worship and Churchwide Assistants!

	Acolytes	Lector	Ushers	Liturgist	Camera
Feb. 2	Archer O. & Gavin B.	Meagan Grabarski	Ed Heideman & Steve Peterson	Mike K.	Brayden H.
Feb. 9	Mathias H & Jaxson N	George Goltz	Susan McIntosh & Derek Pavelec	Mike W.	Jameson N
Feb 16	Ava N. & Izzy N.	Tara Farrell	Crystal M. Nawrot & Hank Sauer	Roxie I.	Ashtin Q.
Feb 23	Amari H. & Raylee P.	Jeff Chase	Lloyd & Darlene Hovorka	Tom G.	Merrik M.
	Greeters	Comm. Asst.	Bulletin Sponsorship	Fellowship Hosts	
Feb. 2	Hank & Nancy Sauer	Dana H.	Steve & Danna Peterson	Quilters	
Feb. 9	Roxanne Irey	Carrie E.	JoAnne Bublitz	Quilters	
Feb. 16	John Stormoen	Sandy W.	Penny Ross	Quilters	
Feb. 23	Barb Bennett	Mindy H.	Jim & Jody Allen	Quilters	
	Counters			Snow Shovelers	
Feb. 3	Dana Henriksen & Barb Albrecht		Feb. 3-9	Tim Meyer & Dennis McClyman	
Feb. 10	Barb Albrecht & Terri Soley		Feb. 10-16	John Stormoen, Todd McLaughlin & Leif Pedersen	
Feb. 17	Terri Soley & Susan McIntosh		Feb. 17-23	Hank Sauer & Garret Gould	
Feb. 24	Susan McIntosh & Tom Guzman		Feb 24-Mar. 2	Kurt Mikolite & Bill Wahlen	

Monthly Volunteers

Altar Guild: Danna Peterson, Kim Bezemek,
Jill Renner, Maria Janisch

Food Pantry: Penny Ross

Garbage: Steve Peterson



Welcome to our new members. We are happy to have you join us at Trinity Lutheran Church of Arkdale! Dennis & Sarah Wright, Lynn Henricks (John, Nick, and Connor, not pictured), Zach & Shelby, Jackson, and Emma Hobbick.

Broccoli Cheese Casserole—Dana Henriksen (shared in Recipes & Memories cookbook ©1996)

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| 1 onion, chopped | 1 stick butter, melted |
| 2 (10-oz) pkgs broccoli, chopped | 1 can mushroom soup |
| 1 can mushrooms, undrained | 1 c. Minute Rice |
| 1 (8-oz) jar Cheese Whiz | |

Melt butter and brown onion. Add mushrooms, soup, and Cheese Whiz. Heat until warm. Add broccoli and rice. Bake at 305° for 30-40 minutes.



Abbreviated Unapproved Council Meeting Minutes for January 6, 2025

Present: Sandy Willis, Carrie Easterly, Marge Edwards, Cathy Westover, Garret Gould, Pastor Terri Skildum, Michael Willis, Leif Pedersen, Meagan Grabarski. Absent: Kris Peterson, Dana Henriksen (excused)

The meeting was called to order by President Garret Gould at 5:31 p.m.

Approve agenda: The agenda was amended to add under Old Business: 5. Phones/ Internet and under New Business add: 1. Lighting Frames. Marge/Carrie moved to approve the amended agenda. Carried.

Opening devotion by Pastor Terri was from Matthew 18 regarding forgiveness with discussion and prayer.

Approve December Council minutes: Motion to approve the minutes by Carrie/Mike. Carried.

Approve December Treasurer's Report: Motion to approve the report made by Mike/Leif. Carried.

Review Budget to Date Report and Year End Report: Both were reviewed and discussed.

Pastor's Report: 16 shut-in visits were made. At Rest: 1 private memorial service. At the Font: 1 adult and 2 children will be baptized on January 12, 2025. New Members: 3 families will be joining on January 12, 2025 with another couple joining sometime in the new year. Pastor is waiting to hear back from a few others who are interested in joining. Other FYI: LEAD training is February 22 in Mazomanie, registration is open. Ash Wednesday is March 5. Youth Pizza sale and making is April 5, 2025 (tentative date).

Next Council Meeting date is February 3, 2025, at 5:30 p.m.

Old Business:

- Budget 2025 Update: Committee met and reviewed the budget and have the proposed budget prepared for Bi-Annual Meeting.
- Annual Audit: still trying to meet- will meet by week's end.
- Annual Meeting Agenda: was reviewed and set.
- Method of Announcements: the recent method seems not to be working as smoothly as was thought. It was suggested to have the liturgist take the microphone down to the congregation for those who wish to make an announcement from their place in the pews. No course of action was formally taken.
- Phones/Internet: Leif met with a representative from Frontier. 2 lines were tied to 1 number, so the representative separated them into the phone and elevator. Frontier will be giving us a bid to upgrade phones. Internet and WiFi are still uncertain.

New Business:

The men who put up the lights and Christmas banner on the retaining wall would like to leave the temporary mounted lights on the top of the wall to light a banner at Easter. The council decided to leave the lights up as they are not a hazard and the weather is not conducive to removal.

Reports:

- Education Ministry: Carrie Easterly wanted to thank Krista Pavelec, Meagan Grabarski and Pastor Terri for the children's Christmas Program. It was well performed and received well. Also, thanks to Maggie Wahlen for helping with the cantata music.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 pm, closing with the Lord's Prayer.

Submitted in His service, Sandy Willis, Sec.

Food Pantry Giving for 2024: Due to the generosity of members of ATLC, more than 500 pounds of nonperishables were donated, plus more than \$80. THANK YOU ALL!

February 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 9-Worship 10-Fellowship & Education	3 3:30 Bible Study 5:30 Council	4 8:30 Quilting 6pm Property Comm.	5 5:55pm Craft Night 6 pm Choir & Confirmation	6	7	8
9 9 Worship 10 Fellowship & Education	10 3:30 Bible Study	11 8:30 Quilting	12 5:45pm Game Night 6pm Choir	13	14 HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY	15
16 9-Worship 10-Fellowship & Education	17 Newsletter items due 3:30 Bible Study	18 8:30 Quilting	19 6pm Choir & Confirmation	20	21	22
23 9-Worship 10-Fellowship & Education	24 3:30 Bible Study	25 8:30 Quilting	26 6pm Choir & Confirmation	27	28	



Stewardship: Many electronics can't be put in the trash in Wisconsin, instead they must be recycled or managed as hazardous waste. Many electronics contain harmful materials, such as lead, mercury, cadmium, and certain flame retardants. The Adams County Landfill accepts many such items for free or a nominal fee. Call or check their website. Dismantled electronics are not accepted; check with the Wisconsin DNR website for more info.



Bible Moment: Vocabulary (answers below)

- 1 Commandment: a. Advice b. law c. suggestion.
- 2 Ebenezer: a. The Lord has helped us b. God is merciful c. He has redeemed his people.
- 3 Christ: a. Teacher b. Rabbi c. Messiah.
- 4 Siloam: a. sent b. peace c. health.
- 5 Sabbath: a. day of punishment b. day of birth c. day of rest.
- 6 Redeemer: a. coupon user b. rescuer c. salesclerk.
- 7 Justified: a. purchased by God b. brought near to God c. made right by God.
- 8 Epistle: a barnacle b. letter c. a type of missile.

KFC – Kids For Christ

♥**Don't forget** Sunday School at **10:15!** We are working on songs for the youth-led Sunday worship **April 6.**

♥**Pizza Orders!** start March 1. (Order forms in next newsletter.)

♥**Ash Wednesday supper** by our youth, **March 5th**, 5:30 to 6:30: baked potatoes with toppings, chili & soup.

♥**Bible Verse:** “**Love** the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.” Matthew 22:37.

♥**Activity:** Trivets of love (to put hot things on): need a piece of wood (extras in narthex), paint it white or light pink. Let dry. With permanent marker write on it ‘Jesus and I love you’ or a message of your choosing. Then paint your thumb & use it to make hearts around the words (pink & red). Let dry. Paint the whole thing with Mod Podge or white glue (dries clear). Let dry. *Great gift for Mom or Grandma.*



♥**Table Talk:** Did you know no one has a handprint or fingerprint like yours? God made you special, and God loves you. Who is special to you? Have you told them? How can you show them?

♥**Bedtime Prayer:** Lord, I'm off to bed to sleep. In your care I will keep. Fearing nothing, I make no peep. You're my shepherd, and I'm your sheep. Amen.



HS SENIORS – apply for scholarships starting now! Return applications by March 31st! TLCW scholarship forms are in the narthex kiosk.

Bible Moment Answers: 1-b. 2-a. 3-c. 4-a [ln.9:7]. 5-c. 6-b. 7-c. 8-b.

Crafting Nights are held the first Wednesday of each month at 5:55 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Each event offers an evening of crafting, socializing, and snacking. No experience is necessary. To date, we have created snow and gingerbread ornaments, yarn gnomes, and diamond art coasters. This month we will make canvas signs. A \$10 donation is suggested to cover the cost of materials. Let Danna in the office know if you are interested in attending, so we can ensure enough project kits are available for all.



Thank you to Quinnell's Plumbing and Nick and Kayla Quinnell for donating the sacristy faucet! Donations like this help a great deal toward meeting the budget ministry of our church. Thank you also to Glenn Quinnell for installing the faucet and replacing the bad element in the hot water heater. The sacristy sink is ready for use again.



KNITTERS – CROCHETERS

Or those who want to learn...
Let Pastor Terri know
 if you would like to get together to work on projects and socialize.



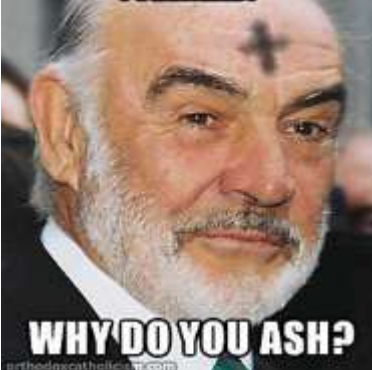
February Food Pantry Idea

Collect items that will make a celebration meal &



treat. Suggestions include pizza mix packet, pizza sauce, parmesan cheese shaker, pepperoni, canned mushrooms, bag of pretzels, cake mix, Sprite, candles, pie tin, frosting, generic gift bag, and tissue paper sheets.

IS THERE SOMETHING ON MY FOREHEAD?



Ash Wednesday is March 5th

Worship at 7:00 pm

Begin the evening enjoying the Baked potato & Chili & Soup Supper

5:30 – 6:30 pm by our Youth, (with lots of topping choices)

See the donations sign up sheet.





CROSSWAYS Retreats

Winter Camp (Youth)

- Jan 31st-Feb 2nd at Pine Lake Camp (Waupaca)
- Grades 3rd-6th
- Individuals and Youth Groups Welcome

Winter Crafting

- Feb 21st-23rd at Pine Lake Camp (Waupaca)
- Early Arrival Optional Add-on
- Adults 18+

Family Weekend

- Feb 28th-March 2nd at Pine Lake Camp (Waupaca)
- All Ages - Family Registration

BYG (Building Youth Groups)

- March 7th-9th at Imago Dei Village (Clintonville)
- Grades 3rd-6th
- Register as a Youth Group

Email Amanda@CrosswaysCamps.org

Did you know that Crossways Camps has year-round options for retreats. Check out some of the upcoming youth, winter, family, and group experiences. Visit their website at <https://www.crosswayscamps.org/year-round> for more information and to register. Contact Danna in the church office for campership support requests.

Summer Camp Registrations are Open! Register now for early bird savings. Enjoy outdoor fun with a faith base! *1st grade through High School, confirmation age, plus family camp!* Check out Crossway's camps with 3 sites: 1. Pine Lake Camp (closest) near Waupaca, 2. Imago Dei Village in Clintonville, 3. Waypost Camp in Hatley.





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GAME/BINGO NIGHT

for 5th-12th graders

Wednesday, February 12

5:45-7:00 pm

Bring a favorite game, a snack
to share and your game face!



Parents invited to stay and play!

Favorite Hymns of Different Professions

Dentist's Hymn-Crown Him With Many Crowns

Contractor's Hymn-The Church's One Foundation

Tailor's Hymn-Holy, Holy, Holy

Gossip's Hymn-Pass It On

Shoe Repairer's Hymn-It Is Well With My Soul

Shopper's Hymn-In The Sweet By and By

Pilot's Hymn-I'll Fly Away

Zookeeper's Hymn-All Creatures of Our God & King

Gardener's Hymn ... Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming

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**LENT begins in March with an
Ash Wednesday, youth-served Baked**

**Potato, Chili & Soup Supper
beginning at 5:30 pm, March 5.**

**Then, Wednesday evening
Contemplative Services will be
offered at 7 pm, March 5- April 9.**