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# Worship

Sundays/Facebook live (Trinity Lutheran Church of Valley City) 10 am

# Sunday School

Oct. 18-May 23 9-9:45 am

# Bible Study

Tuesdays: 10:30-11:30 am

# Pastor:

Rev. JoAnne Moeller Email: ptlc@bektel.com

# Office Staff:

Rochelle Triebold Marleen Pytlik Hours: 9 am-3 pm, M-F

# Financial Treasurer:

Kaneia Kinney

# <u>Financial Secretary</u>: Karen Magnuson

<u>Custodians</u>: Jerry & Michelle Dahl

# Trinity "Tidings"





# AN ADVENT PRAYER

(Author unknown; adapted, J. Moeller)

Gracious and Loving God, Creator of both the light and the darkness, With Your Holy Spirit, uphold us In our waitings and our hopings this season.

We, who have so much to do, Seek quiet spaces to hear Your Voice each day.

We, who are anxious over many things, Look forward to Your coming among us.

We, who are blessed in so many ways, Long for the complete joy of Your Kingdom.

We, whose hearts are heavy, Seek the peace and the joy of Your Presence.

We are Your people, Walking in darkness, Yet seeking the Light.

To You we say, "Come, Lord of Life...Come! Grant us Your Peace."



## "Abide" on Thursdays, 5:15-5:45 p.m.

A quiet time for you to sit in the Sanctuary to rest, pray, abide amidst the many demands and challenges.

Come, "Abide in me, and I in you..." (Jesus)
Light a red candle or two or three...
(Please wear a mask and social distance in pews)

# HOLY COMMUNION—12:20 p.m. Fridays (Individual, Couple, Family)

You are welcome to come to the TLC Sanctuary during this CV-19 time to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Please wear masks & respect social distance guidelines.

IN OUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS:

Family/Friends of MARLENE ARNESON, F/F of ANDY ANDERSON, F/F of Nicki FLANAGAN (Judy Torgerson's niece); DENINE DUFFY, JENNIFER BACHER, CHAD HENNINGSGARD, MADON-NA BACHER-SLACK; MARLENE BISCHOFF (SCC). DENNIS ANUNDSON (chemo). KATE LEHR (Pat Beil's grand niece); GALE "BUZZ" EGGERT; Coronavirus Public Leaders & Medical/CDC/WHO/1st Responders/Essentials; Business Owners/Workers & Unemployed; Families/Parents & Teachers/Admin.; Our PUBLIC LEADERS (Nat'I/State/ Communities); Others in Need (all struggling because of coronavirus, near & far; those recovering from tragedies/disasters (wildfires)/

because of coronavirus, near & far; those recovering from tragedies/disasters (wildfires)/accidents/conflict/violence; those who flee/live with fear, danger, abuse; refugees/homeless/hungry/thirsty at borders and in our communities/nation/world); SYNOD/Bishop Tessa Moon Leiseth/our ELCA Presiding Bishop Rev. Elizabeth Eaton; our missionaries; military men/women; OUR SYNOD PARTNERS: Central African Rep./Alaska; PEACE

"Thank you" to the following TLC Members who delivered Meals on Wheels in October &/or November: Jeanne Wobbema, Joie Heckman,



Jeanne Wobbema, Joie Heckman,
Sharon & Denny Anundson, Marleen Pytlik, Susan Smith, Bernie & Edna Elsner, Rebecca Compson (Lucas, Collin), Boyd & Rebecca Westman family, Randy & Naomi Schlecht, Barb Kauk, Gary & Bernadette Botner, Patty Beil & daughers Jean & Joan, Shawn & Kim Wittenberg, Chad & Tracey Zaun family, . TLC delivers Meals on Wheels the third Saturday of every month. If you are able to help, please call (845-3837) or email the TLC office (trinitylutheranyc@bektel.com).

# November 2020 Memorials

**GENERAL FUND** 

In memory of Harlan Haugan
In memory of Marge Site
In memory of Gary Schlagel
In memory of Kyle Kohn
All given by Bernie & Edna Elsner

PROCLAIM RADIO MINISTRY

In memory of Lawrence & Verna Anderson (80th Wedding Anniversary/married @ TLC 10/12/40)
Given by Jeanne Anderson



...'tis the season to **be BLUE**, as we walk through **ADVENT hopefully and expectantly** (wear blue more often these days), and especially on Sundays!

... "Thanks!" for your Fall Stewardship \$donations to Lutheran Disaster Response; the \$500-Match challenge WAS met... with \$1,128 making a difference for so many! Woo hoo! THANK YOU!

...in light of tis COVID season, we will not be coordinating "TLC Dingalings" to help ring Salvation Army bells this year...BUT if you would like to ring, please volunteer and DO make generous donations to the "red kettle," as funds are needed even more this year!

...our Sunday School CHRISTMAS PROGRAM will be "virtual" and we hope you'll join in (see separate article).



...ELCA "Good Gifts" catalogs are available on office/narthex tables if you want to "gift" someone who has everything with an ELCA World Hunger/ Disaster/Hope "honor"—a fun and hope-full option for any season!

...possibilities for our TLC Christmas Eve "CANDLE-LIGHT" WORSHIP are being pondered, so "stay tuned" to your bulletins/emails in the coming weeks!



... "Who's In the News?" from TLC recently...check out the bulletin board by the offices and see why: Jennifer Jenness, Bruce/Amy An-

derson ("Happy 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!"). We're delighted with you!

...that YOU are loved?! WELL, NOW YOU DO!!

# "God's Work. Our Hands."

# **OCTOBER 2020 Financials:**

Beginning Balance (as of 10/01): \$ 6,471.76 Income: \$ 8,972.99 Expenses: \$11, 817.56 Ending Balance (as of 10/31): \*\$ 3,627.19

Your addt'l/year end \$gifts are greatly appreciated! (\*Includes \$20,000 transfer from 12/2019)

"Thank You" to those who have dropped off or mailed your offering to the church!



Greetings from TLC Christian Education!

We have decided to continue having Sunday School. Thank you to the children and parents for wearing masks and hand sanitizing. We are also keeping the children safe by social distancing in the classrooms. This allows us all to come together and stay safe.

We have started practicing for this year's virtual Christmas program on Facebook. Children and teachers are very excited to share this with you all. We hope it warms your hearts with laughter and joy! Be watching for more information coming in December.

Pastor JoAnne and the Confirmation students are still able to meet. Thank you to them for sanitizing tables, hands, and wearing masks.

We are still in need of substitute teachers for Sunday School this year. Please contact Rebecca Westman, Nicole Olson, Rachel Johnson or the TLC office for more information. This could be just what your heart desires for you to do!

The following is a list of dates when Sunday School classes meet or don't meet:

December 2020:

Sunday School in Session: 6, 13 No Sunday School: 20, 27

January 2021:

Sunday School in Session: 10, 24, 31

No Sunday School: 3, 17

With the celebration of the birth of Jesus near, may His Spirit of Hope and Peace embrace us all & bring us Love~Happy Holidays!

Submitted by Rachel Johnson



The ladies of WELCA, Casa de Fe and the Quilters want to say a big thank you to all who helped in any way with the two Trinity Covid-19 Bake & Craft Sales, and

Take & Bake meals sale held in November. It took two small events but the proceeds were so close to a normal Fall Festival that we cannot complain. Thank You for baking, working and buying. Your gifts do not go unnoticed. Casa de Fe Mission team of TLC was able to send a support check for \$3,000 to the Foundations of Casa de Fe and Casa de los Suenos . Feliz Navidad!

Submitted by Jeanne Wobbema & Sue Martin

#### **Confirmation Corner**

Confirmation class schedule for Wednesdays, December 2020:

Dec. 2: Grades 8 & 9 (3:45-5:15 p.m.)

Dec. 9: Grade 7 (3:45-5:15 p.m.)

Dec. 16: Grades 8 & 9 (3:45-5:15 p.m.) Dec. 23: Gr. 7 TBD (to be determined) NO Confirmation classes on Dec. 30th.

\*Classes will be held in TLC dining room/bsmt.



# VCHS Hi-Liner Pantry Food Drive

Hosted by Bridge City Dentistry Collection Dates: 11/02 to 12/11

The VCHS Hi-Liner Pantry is available to help students in grades 7-12 and their families in need. The purpose is to help alleviate child hunger through the provision of food/essentials to children and their families at school. Bridge City Dentistry is encouraging patients (and others!) to drop off donations at their dental practice (239 2nd Ave. NW, VC). Drop off these items in the reception area: assortment of hygiene products, PB & J, crackers, canned tuna/chicken, canned soups & pasta sauces, cereal, noodles, mac & cheese, applesauce, canned fruit, granola/fruit bars. Help stock the Hi-Liner Pantry before the Christmas break!



# Stocking Stuffer program @ SCC

The Activities Dept. of the Sheyenne Care Center in VC is once again plan-

ning their "Stocking Stuffer" program for their residents. The program provides every single resident a gift bag filled with goodies. And for some, these are the only gifts they may receive. *Due to COVID restrictions* this year, the SCC is only accepting monetary dona*tions this year* instead of accepting the usual donations of personal items. All donations are tax deductible. The SCC will take care of shopping for the resident gifts using your contribution. Monetary contributions can be dropped off at the front door of the SCC or mailed (Sheyenne Care Center, 979 Central Ave. N., Valley City, ND 58072; please write, "Stocking Stuffer donation" in Memo line). If you have any questions, please call Cindy Schwehr (845-8238). Your support & generous donations are much appreciated!



## TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS 2020:

Council President: Diane Kracht Council Vice Pres.: Randy Ladbury Secretary: Linda Anderson

Other members: Jennifer Jenness, Russell Larson, Gene Langemo, Rodney Moore, Patti Angeles, Linda Westby

# NOVEMBER 2020 CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS:

Meeting held Nov. 12, 2020 @ 6:30 p.m.

Present: Diane Kracht, Linda Anderson, Patti Angeles, Randy Ladbury, Rodney Moore, Linda Westby,

Gene Langemo, Russ Larson, Pastor JoAnne, Kaneia Kinney/Treasurer

Absent: Jennifer Jenness

Called to Order by President Diane Kracht Devotion/Prayer by Pastor (Ps. 42/5.Charleston) Minutes/October Meeting: MSC (Rodney/Patti)

[\*M=Motion/; S=/Seconded; C=Carried]

Treasurer's Report: MSC (Linda W./Rodney)

\*Note: We are hopeful that December offerings and additional gifts will help us end the year 2020 "in the black," and we are grateful to all who make it possible.

<u>Pastor's Report re October 2020:</u>

Official Acts: 3 Confirmations/10-18-20 Pastoral Visits: October visits: 116

1 Care Center (Facetime), 59 At Church (safely), 51 phone/follow-up, 5 other.

Other: Sr. Confirmation mtg. & Sun. Sacraments Class/finished; 12+ various mtgs/ZOOM/Jmstn

Conf./Synod.

Committee Reports:

<u>CHRISTIAN ED.</u>/Pastor JoAnne - S.S. will continue to meet with CV19 cautions (as long as teachers/parents/kids choose to); First Communion has been postponed due to CV19 (date TBD).

ENDOWMENT/Randy Ladbury -no report. (December meeting TBD)

GLOBAL MISSIONS/Jennifer Jenness - Casa de Fe "take/bake" meals raised \$1,000.

<u>OUTREACH</u>/Gene Langemo, Diane Kracht - Donations can be made to Faith Lutheran Church for community Thanksgiving baskets/packing & pickup.

<u>PROPERTY</u>/Russ Larson, Gene Langemo - Various repairs made (Thx to Russ Larson, Gene Langemo, and Bruce Kracht, too!), Insurance hazard list to be reviewed/done.

<u>STEWARDSHIP</u>/Linda Anderson - Fall to Luth. Disaster Response w/\$500 challenge-match by end of November.

<u>WORSHIP-MUSIC</u>/Patti Angeles -continue with Facebook & "Proclaim"/KOVC (partial in-person for non-Facebookers); Amy Anderson is playing organ for services (which carries sound better over Facebook).

YOUTH/Rodney Moore - no report.

<u>WELCA</u> (Women of ELCA)/Linda Westby - 11/7 & 14 "COVID Bazaar" of baked/crafts/quilts raised \$700+.

#### Old Business:

--MSC (Randy/Patti) old Sanctuary lights "as is" offered for sale to Trinity members @ \$200 each (one per family/unit) - may contact TLC office if interested.

--MSC (Russ/Rodney) accept Marco copy machine change-over offer (\$10 less/mo.).

#### New Business:

--MSC (Linda W./Patti) continue Worship as we are through Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>, and consider further/Christmas Eve at Dec. meeting.

--MSC (Rodney/Randy) renew ELCA/Portico "Gold+" as pastor's health insurance/retirement.

--MSC (Rodney/Gene) for BEK/WiFi to wire/update for basement/whole church.

MSC (Rodney/Gene) to Adjourn; Closed with The Lord's Prayer.

NEXT MEETING: Thurs., Dec. 10 @ 6:30p.m.