

March
2023

Pastor's Ponderings

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

March, 2023 Newsletter



Dear Sisters and Brothers, There are times when the new life promised by the resurrection seems absolutely impossible. You can imagine the most incredulous time would have been when Jesus, bruised, bleeding and lifeless was taken from the cross and brought to his final resting place. Death is always appears to be the most impossible barrier to new life. But those first disciples who were most in grief, most in touch with Jesus' physical death were the first to announce that for God, death is not the end...it is the beginning of new life. Christ is risen! Come celebrate the joy of Easter at Trinity!

Holy Week schedule

April 2, 10 am -- Sunday of the Passion worship

April 6, 6pm-- Maundy Thursday worship

April 7, 6 pm-- Good Friday worship

April 9, 10 am—Easter worship, and Easter breakfast from 8:30-9:15 am

In Christ, Pastor Kay

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Christikon Benefit Auction In Person and Online



Christikon Benefit Auction

– Quilts, Vacation Get-aways, and a Whole Lot More will be on **Sunday April 30th at the Billings Depot**. Items are some of the finest artistry including a variety of hand-made quilts, art work, gift baskets, getaways, jewelry and so much more.

April 28-30 Online

Watch for the link to our auction platform on facebook at www.facebook.com/Christikon
Like our page and share it with your friends! Watch for sneak peeks!

Campers: Don't forget to register for one of our many sessions available this summer!

How about Work Weekend? Bring your family and enjoy camp/fellowship and more while helping to prepare camp for the season! We look forward to welcoming you to camp! Go to www.christikon.org and find your session!

It is the mission of Christikon to awaken and nurture faith in Christ - exploring God's creation and the adventure of life together.

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Christikon Benefit Auction

Sunday, April 30th, 4-7 pm
The Billings Depot

Heavy hors d'oeuvres provided by
Basil & Bloom
Beer & wine available for purchase

**Live Auction begins
at 5:30 pm**

**\$25 admission
Tickets at the door**

Proceeds support the
outdoor youth ministries of
Christikon Bible Camp

Go to www.christikon.org for details.

Online auction begins April 28th and closes at the end of live auction on April 30th



First Impressions Team # 3 Serving the Congregation – April, 2023

Sunday	April 2, 2023	April 9, 2023	April 16, 2023	April 23, 2023	April 30, 2023
Greeters (2 People)	Linda Parko	Dick & Sharon Scott	Justin & Angela Marchant	Jerry Cowles	Dick & Sharon Scott
Ushers (2 People)	Linda Parko		Vic & Karen Seefeldt	Linda Parko	Richard & Anita Brown
Assistant Minister & Lay Reader	Echo Youngbauer	Larry Jones	Diane Syring	Matt Steinmetz	Paula Voerding
Communion Assistant's (2 People)	Vic & Karen Seefeldt	Diane Syring	Walter Huber & Carol Hausauer	Walter Huber & Carol Hausauer	Justin Marchant
Nursery	Mason Family	None	WesLeAnn	Pomajzl Family	Evans Family
Coffee Hour (2 families)	Peter & Arianne Mason	None	Linda Parko	Walter Huber & Carol Hausauer	Richard & Anita Brown & Justin & Angela Marchant
Maintenance					

Altar Guild:

Echo Youngbauer & Carol Hausauer

Counters: Mark Skates & Donna Myers

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Council & Member Committees

Worship

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Joyce Anderson
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Education

Jason Stafford

Stewardship

Pam Betters
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Larry Jones
Richard Brown
Thea Farrington
Paula Voerding
Mark Skates

Evangelism

Lynette Kyle
Vic Seefeldt
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Jim Evans
Thea Farrington
Samantha Jones

Building & Maintenance

Brad Wagler
Jim Evans

Nominating

Jason Stafford
Mark Skates
Judy Allshouse
Angela Marchant

Helping Hands

Lynette Kyle
Vic Seefeldt
Paula Voerding

**2022 Synod Delegates:
Thrivent Advocate:**

1st weekend in June
Carol Begeman

Jim & Dawn Evans
307-587-2189

Worship Schedule

Sunday Worship
Wednesday Faith Formation

10:00 am
4:00 pm

April 2023 Birthdays

4/01 Taylor Morton
 4/02 Felix Marchant
 4/03 Andrea Berntsen
 4/05 Marian Geving
 4/05 Georg Trosper
 4/05 Rikki Pomajzl
 4/07 Molly Ryzewicz
 4/09 Jenny Johnstone-Smith
 4/09 Janet Pryor
 4/13 Paula Kuck
 4/14 Candice Bock
 4/14 Jacob Tuten
 4/16 Mark Albrecht
 4/17 Taylan Volmer
 4/19 Rebekah Pelfrey
 4/22 Mark Ryzewicz
 4/22 Sara Johnson
 4/24 Barbara Kessler
 4/25 Marnae Hansen
 4/26 Hayden Parko
 4/30 Ava Stafford

April 2023 Anniversaries

None

Fall and Winter Worship
 at 10:00 am
 until Memorial Day
 Weekend 2023



Every Sunday after worship we will be
 having practice here at Trinity. Come
 join the fun! If you have any
 questions or would like to join please
 see Patty Parson.

Trinity Lutheran Choir



April 30, 2023

Financials for 3/1/2023 thru 3/31/2023

	Weekly Needed	Recv'd	YTD Needed	Recv'd YTD
3/5/2023	4601	3123.33	45412	
3/12/2023	4601			
3/19/2023	4601	3496		
3/26/2023	4601			

Trinity Lutheran Church Council

February 2023 Meeting Minutes

Trinity Lutheran Church Council

February 13, 2023 @ 6:00pm

***Present:** President Donna Myers, Pastor Kay, Mark Skates, Jim Evans, Sandy Nelson, Jason Stafford, Brad Wagler and Melissa Kraft.

***Absent:** Kristine Jurgeons and Vice President Maggie Kirkham

President Donna Myers called the meeting to order and Sandy led devotion.

Pastor Kay administered communion.

****Pastor Kay had an oral report and there was discussion that followed.***

Pastor Kay submitted the following written report for the month of January:

February 2023 Pastor's Report

Pastoral phone calls -4 Meetings -11 Worship -4 Pastoral visits - 4

Worship - Ash Wednesday worship is Feb. 22 with worship at 6 p.m. Worship Committee met to plan the Lenten season Soup Supper Table Talks that will begin March 1. Our topic this year is "Bright Shining As the Sun" based on the hymn 'Amazing Grace'. It is the 250th anniversary of this hymn. One of the screens in the sanctuary is not working well. Kim Wagler and Scott Wittman will address the issue to see if repairs need to be made. It has come to my attention that there was some misinformation about the two worship projects the congregation took on in 2021-2022. The misconception is that the project was overspent by several thousand dollars. This is not true. If you go through the council minutes, there is a clear road map of the Worship Committee's work. Phase 1 included all the equipment needed for the livestreaming capacity. Since we were still dealing with the pandemic, we wanted to complete that project as soon as possible. We had a congregational vote on September 19, 2021. At that meeting, the congregation approved the purchase of all equipment for live streaming our worship services (camera, video capture, controller) and an upgrade to the sound system. The total cost of that would be \$8000: \$6000 coming from designated funds, and \$2000 coming from depreciation. At the time we had the September 2021 congregational vote for the Phase 1 livestreaming project, the Worship Committee also knew the in person worship experience needed to be addressed. One projector was not working. There were many suggestions to the Worship Committee about options: large screen TV's could replace the projectors, one large projector could be sufficient if we remodeled a portion of the front sanctuary wall, or we could just replace the projectors. If that option was chosen it was suggested that the lighting in the front of the sanctuary could be modified so that the picture quality was not washed out by lighting. The Worship Committee knew we needed more time to research and decide the best course of action. Phase 2 was not included in the September 2021 vote. Once a decision had been made to replace the two projectors and do a lighting adjustment, the proposal of spending \$15,000 (\$10,000 for projectors and up to \$5000 for lighting) went to the annual meeting in 2022 for a vote. We also asked the congregation to vote on how they wanted to pay for Phase 2. We considered taking out a loan for the project and had secured several funding scenarios from the bank. The Congregation voted to approve the funding for Phase 2 but sent how to pay for it back to the council. Council minutes (Feb. 2022) on this read: Old Business: Financing the worship project: During the January Annual meeting, the congregation agreed to have the council decide on what type of funding to purchase equipment. Several funding options were discussed. The council agreed to pay for the purchase out of the Depreciation Fund. Jason Stafford made a motion to approve. Sandy Nelson seconded it. Our record keeping, though not always perfect, needs to be consulted when there are questions about what decisions were made and how decisions were made.

Education and Youth

Youth Group-Thanks so much to Richard Brown, parents, and students, for a wonderful evening on Feb. 12, doing the Lady and the Tramp fundraiser. Peter Mason and Taylen Stinson shared wonderful music, the food was terrific and it so fund to see our youth in action. Faith Formation began on January 18, We now have 12 students regularly attending with a preponderance of boys which makes the GaGa ball games very competitive! Patty is working with the students on singing and we hope to share music with the congregation in worship several times this spring. VBS- Planning for VBS with the Powell churches has begun. We will collaborate with them again this summer. Pastor Kay will be on vacation February 15-21, 2023.

Consideration and Approval of January 2023 Minutes: On motion by Jason Stafford, seconded by Mark Skates and carried, the January 2023 minutes were approved.

Consideration and approval of January 2023 Financial Report: Melissa Kraft went over the journal entries that were made after the audit. The changes did not change the balance sheet and everything in the January balance sheet is correct. We received thank you notes from Supervised Treatment Program, Young Life, Heart Mt. Free Clinic, and Sleep in Heavenly Peace There is no place on the Stewardship card for people to sign that they would like their giving changed for the following year. It was agreed that we need to give the members who use Vanco a form to sign to give us permission to change their giving. Next year the form will be sent out with the Stewardship cards. On motion by Jim Evans, seconded by Sandy Nelson and carried, the January 2023 financial report was approved.

***Proposed Budget:** Thank you to Jim, Maggie, and the budget committee for working so hard on the new budget. Some changes on the budget were that service charges were separated out of office supplies and sound and visual technicians were separated out of worship and altar guild supplies. On motion by Jim Evans, seconded by Sandy Nelson and carried, the 2023 proposed budget was approved. Because we approved the revised budget we need to make a motion to reverse the \$6000 social security benefit that council approved in November. On motion by Jason Stafford, seconded by Brad Wagler and carried, Pastor's social security benefit was reversed.

***Education Committee Report:** Jason Stafford reported that Lady and the Tramp went well. A great big thank you to Brad Wagler for making the spaghetti. We also had great entertainment provided by Peter Mason, Taylen Stinson, and Noel Graham. The group raised roughly \$1500.

***Evangelism Committee Report:** There was no report.

***Maintenance Committee Report:** Jim and Mark have started shredding the financial statements, but there are boxes from 1985 and they are afraid they will burn out their shredders. We can pay about \$700 to have them shredded or Brad, Jason, Jim, and Mark will work on getting them burned. Once they are taken care of then there will only be one box to shred each year.

***Worship Committee Report:** Have met and discussed Lent. Wednesday, February 22, 2023 will be our Ash Wednesday service at 6:00 p.m Soup suppers and Table Talks, like last year, will start on Wednesday, March 1st. The discussion will be focused around the hymn 'Amazing Grace'. There will be Maundy Thursday Service on April 6th at 6:00 p.m. Good Friday service will be at 6:00 p.m. as well. Easter breakfast will be pancakes and sausage.

***Stewardship Committee Report:** There was no report

***New Business:** Since the new council members will not start until March we signed up to be counters and devotion leaders for March and April. Thank you to Jim Evans, Sandy Nelson, and Maggie Kirkham for all the work on the council.

***March Counters:** Jason Stafford and Brad Wagler

Closing Prayer: Sandy Nelson

Next Meeting Date: March 14, 2023 at 6:00pm

Respectfully submitted,
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President

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