

February, 2022 Newsletter

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Pastor's Ponderings



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

I have so happy to note that by 5:15 pm these days, it is still light enough to walk the dog or take in a view of the mountains. The darkness of December is giving way to the longer hours of spring. Just the change in light signals that better days are ahead.

In the same way, the promises of God signal the same to each of us. With covid, with the political landscape, with personal struggles, it is easy to focus on the darkness. But each day, marinating in the promises of God is like allowing a few more minutes of light into our lives. I've started my centering prayer practice again in the morning after being knocked off course a while back and entering the silence with God bringing light into the darkness.

This year's Lenten theme will be discussed on Wednesday evenings beginning March 9th at 5:30 pm around the dinner table as we bring back soup suppers after several years off. We'll be led by Worship Committee members in conversations about how the light of Christ helps us move forward. Look for more information in the coming weeks but plan on joining us!

The light of Christ---thanks be to God!

Pastor Kay

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Christikon Clips

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Information for our Congregations



Christikon Youth Camp Brochures have been mailed to every young person in your congregation who are completing grades 4-12. Save by registering before March 15. Additional brochures are available from your church office.

We are **recruiting staff** for the upcoming season. If you know someone who would be a good fit, direct them to christikon.org/employment for more information and application materials.

Family Adult opportunities can be found at our website. Watch for updated topics and speakers. Register at: <https://christikon.org/registration-adult-family/>

Do it online! You can use the Internet to register for all camp sessions at Christikon, or to make a gift, or to find out more about this special ministry. Go to www.christikon.org

Save the dates: The Annual Christikon Benefit Auction at the Billings Depot is coming on Sunday, April 24th. Watch for updates on our website.

The past year was dominated by pandemic, masks, and uncertainty yet we were thankful for the opportunity to do ministry. We safely held camp sessions, although challenging, all our effort ended up providing a powerful experience for those who attended camp. Our plans for the 2023 season are going forward and we look forward to again welcoming all! Watch for updates on our website.

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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First Impressions Team # 4 Serving the Congregation – February, 2022

Sunday	February 6	February 13	February 20	February 27
Greeters (2 People)	Sandy Nelson	Adam & Erin Stephens	Scott Wittman	Sandy Nelson Scott Wittman
Ushers (2 People)	Brad Wagler Scott Wittman	James Evans Family	Pomajzl Family	James Evans Brad Wagler
Assistant Minister & Lay Reader	Lynette Kyle	Matt Steinmetz	Paula Voerding	Tanya Raile
Nursery	Stafford Family	Sandy Nelson	Pomajzl Family	Evans Family
Coffee Hour (2 families)	Sandy Nelson Erin Wagler	Paula Voerding Scott Wittman	Jana Stafford Rikki Pomajzl	Echo Youngbauer Scott Wittman

Altar Guild: Sue Christenson & Helen Wichern

Counters: Sandy Nelson & Jim Evans

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Council & Member Committees

Worship

Doug Morton
Echo Youngbauer
Joyce Anderson
Larry Jones
Sandy Nelson

Education

Maggie Kirkham

Evangelism

Lynette Kyle
Vic Seefeldt
Paula Voerding

Building & Maintenance

Jim Evans

Helping Hands

Lynette Kyle
Vic Seefeldt
Paula Voerding

Stewardship

Pam Betters
Matt Steinmetz
Larry Jones
Richard Brown
Thea Farrington
Paula Voerding

Nominating

Jana Stafford
Lynette Kyle
Dawn Jolovich

2022 Synod Delegates:

1st weekend in June Richard & Anita Brown

Christikon Delegates:

Thrivent Advocate:

Carol Begeman 307-587-2189

Worship Schedule

Sunday Worship 10:00 am
Sunday School 11:00 am
Wednesday Faith Formation 4:00 pm

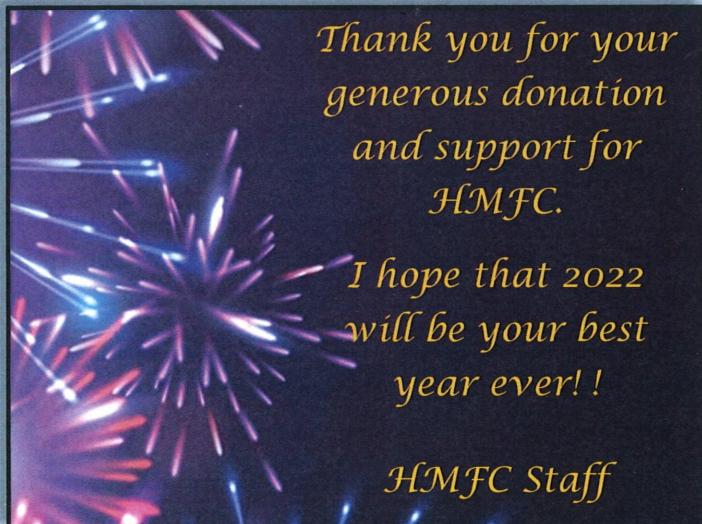
Church Website: www.trinitylutherancody.org

Thank You

Our neighbors in Park County
are very blessed to have
concerned folks like you guys
at Trinity Lutheran! With
this generous donation we will
be able assist a month's
worth of people in need.

Thank you so much!

Dawn Garrison



February 2022 Birthdays

02/03 Kirkham Maggie

02/05 Akers Janine



02/06 Stinson Taylen

02/08 Hensley John

02/08 Tuten Jeremy

02/09 Brown Anita

02/09 Kessler Sharyn

02/09 Stephens Avery

02/13 Mason Rod

02/14 Nunn Alora

02/19 Decker Spencer

02/19 Wagler Brad

02/21 Wilder Jean

02/23 Smith TJ

02/24 Pelfrey Samantha

02/25 Evans Jim

02/25 Hufty Kristi



LET'S CELEBRATE

Financials for 1/2/2022 thru 1/30/2022

February 2022 Anniversaries

02/14 Kessler, Sue & Rod

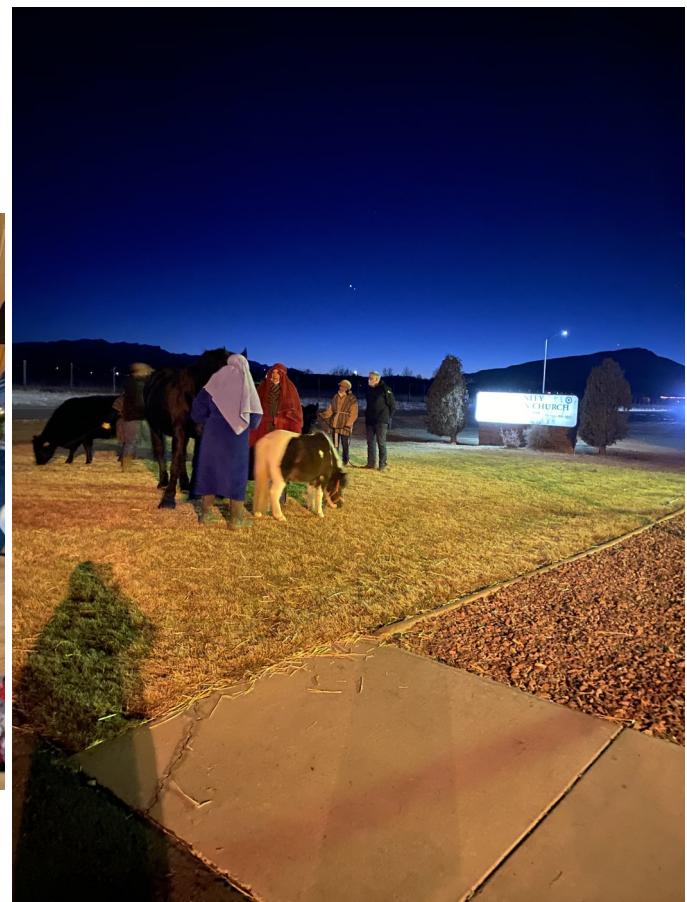
02/17 Pomajzl, Steve & Rikki



	Weekly Needed	YTD Needed		YTD Recv'd
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	Weekly Needed	YTD Needed		YTD Recv'd
1/2/2022	4305	6855		6855
1/9/2022	4305	10201		8610
1/16/2022	4305	3020		12915
1/23/2022	4305	4570		17220
1/30/2022	4305			27043

Christmas Eve Worship with Live Nativity





Where I Saw God

By: Baylee Stafford

Earlier this year, I decided it time to be done with competitive running. It was an incredibly difficult decision to make — I had been somewhat religiously training since middle school, but I felt that it was the right decision for my mental health and well-being. I do not necessarily disagree with or regret this decision, but the repercussions have been more emotionally challenging than I had anticipated. In being finished with collegiate athletics, I have had more time to regret my decision not to play soccer as well as wonder what it would have been like if I had. Because being a runner had become a sort of alternate identity, I have been asked about my training by numerous people who I love and respect, and I have had to tell them that I chose to be done; I have repeatedly felt like I am letting the people in my life down. I have begun to allocate more attention to my weekly level of activity and what I eat whereas before, this was all built into the sport. There are days when I desperately long for some form of athletics in my life, and there are days when I am grateful for all of the extra time to dedicate to other important areas such as academics. There are days or weeks when I miss seeing my coaches, teammates and trainers on a daily basis, and there are days when I am ecstatic to have the time to go to the gym and regulate my own training. I realize that all of this is a result of my decision, and I still stand by my choice, but ending that chapter of my life led to a feeling of a loss of purpose. Before, I was an athlete. Before, I was on a training regimen to work toward being a competitor. Before, everything that I did within that realm of my life was for a reason. After I decided to be done, I lost that sense of who I was supposed to be.

In sitting with the discomfort, however, I have come to realize that beginning a new chapter is exciting and meaningful, and I will always have God and my faith to rely on when I feel overwhelmed searching for purpose. I think there comes a point in all of our lives when we wonder what our true purpose is, and that's okay. We tend to forget that this feeling can lead to an exciting rebirth! It offers us the opportunity to reshape what we want our lives to be about and who we want to be, and we will always have a loving and absolute God to guide us when we need it.



Gift:

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFT

\$165.00

Date: 12/27/2021

Congregational Gifts
2021 December

Trinity Lutheran Church
3401 Sheridan Avenue
Cody, WY 82414

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Lutheran Bible Camp, Inc.
1108 24th Street West
Billings, MT 59102-3810

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Dear friends at Trinity Lutheran Church,

Thank You

Thank you for your donation of food and other supplies to the Cody Cupboard - an incredible 538 pounds in November and December! Your generous donations will brighten the holiday season and New Year for numerous local families.

With gratitude,

The Cody Cupboard volunteers

1/2/22

Dear Trinity Quilters - Words are inadequate to describe what a gift it was to both receive and be able to give "David's shirt quilts" to my kids on Christmas. It is clear that this was a labor of love by all involved and is something we will cherish. I cannot thank you enough for taking on this project and exceeding my expectations. We loved the antique map backing and the kids thought it was the perfect tribute to their dad. We are blessed to be a part of this church family.

Love, Sandy + Jordan

I can't begin to tell you all how much it means to me the gift you gave my family. I am so blessed and want to thank you all for the love you gave my family.
—Garrett N.

Leanne McDonald



Trinity Lutheran Church Council

December 14, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Present: President Justin Marchant, Jim Evans, Maggie Kirkham, Kristine Juergens, Sandy Nelson and WesLeAnn Medina.

President Justin Marchant called meeting to order. Maggie Kirkham led Devotion. Pastor Kay gave opening communion prayer and service.

Consideration and Approval of November, 2021 Minutes: No revisions. WesLeAnn Medina made motion to approve. Sandy Nelson seconded it. All council were in favor

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

Pastoral phone calls—2; Meetings 4; Pastoral visits—5; Worship—3; youth—1; Funeral--1

Worship—After so many years of faithful service and beautiful music, Joyce Anderson let the Worship committee know that she would like to retire and go back to being a substitute Sunday musician. After investigating other congregations' salaries, we have become aware that we are extremely low in compensating our musicians. The Worship Committee has requested a bump in the salary line of at least \$5200.

You may have noticed our new live streaming equipment is not working properly. As I am writing this, RAC is in the sanctuary with Doug Morton trying to sort out the issues. We hope to get this worked out shortly. Note: After the consult, we hope that the addition of an updated cable will result in all systems firing well. The Worship Committee, in looking at the lighting and its impact on the projection, is seeking an estimate on updating mostly bulbs but a few fixtures in the sanctuary. After speaking with Electric Alley, the recommendation would be for recessed lighting to be replaced with denser beams coming down on the altar, the piano and musicians area, and the pulpit. The lighting along the sides of the sanctuary would also get new LED bulbs that would light up the ceiling better so it isn't quite as dark in the room.

Much of this month has been dedicated to getting our Christmas Eve service set for this year. You can't believe how many animal phone calls I have made, and felt amazed this morning to secure at least one sheep! So far we have 32 congregational members involved in a variety of ways to make this service a special night for worship. Practice for Christmas Eve will be Dec. 19 shortly after worship. Costumes will be selected at that time.

Education and Youth—Youth group activity and attendance has been spotty since October. Our congregation has the most students available who are interested in youth but they are also super committed students/athletes and have a variety of commitments. The leaders from each church will gather to plan in early January and youth group will recommence in January. While youth group attendance has been inconsistent, I am very heartened by the commitment of our students to teach the younger kids' Sunday school classes.

--Faith Formation continues with 7-9 students who are creating gingerbread nativity scenes for their Christmas presentation to the congregation on Dec. 19. Students will be presenting readings of the Christmas gospel story.

Assistant to the Bishop Jason Asselstine reached out to see if we have students interested in the National Youth Convention in Minneapolis in July 2022. Richard Brown will contact families of students who are eligible age wise to go to the event and make a presentation.

Confirmation will begin in mid-January.

Younge-er adults group- This group, just getting going in early winter of 2020 was shut down by the pandemic but is now beginning again. This group is currently meeting at the Marchants home once a month on Sunday evening. At some point, they may elect to use a curriculum but currently, discussion on topics attendees bring sets the agenda for the time together

Maintenance Committee: Jim Evans reported most of the lighting projects are done. Waiting on a digital time clock.

November Financial Budget: Council made the motion to allow Melissa Kraft access to online banking records. Approval of November Financial minutes were approved based on pending adjustments. Council also made the motion to allow Melissa Kraft access to online banking records. All council were in favor.

Evangelism Committee Report: WesLeAnn Medina reported Christmas caroling was held on December 12, 2021. Approximately thirty three congregational members attended. Christmas Eve Service practice is scheduled on Dec. 19 shortly after worship.

Education Committee Report: Maggie Kirkham reported Sunday school classes have been going well. There are no classes over Christmas but classes will resume middle of January.

Worship Committee Report: Sandy Nelson and Pastor Kay reported a new cable was ordered. Two new projectors were discussed. Approximate cost \$10,000.00. The lighting in the sanctuary impacts the density on the screens. Will receive a bid on spotlights that will shine on the alter, music and pulpit areas.

Stewardship Committee: Justin Marchant stated there was nothing to report at this time.

New Business:

New Treasurer: Tessa Brinkley was removed from Treasurer's position and Melissa Kraft was voted in as new Treasurer. President Marchant made a motion. Blake Stinson made motion to approve. WesLeAnn Medina seconded it. All council were in favor.

Proposed 2022 Financial Report/Budget: Completed by budget committee and headed by Blake Stinson, Pam Betters, and Jana Stafford. A raise in salary was discussed for musician services. No questions or concerns were made regarding the proposed budget. WesLeAnn Medina made a motion to approve and Sandy Nelson seconded it. All council were in favor.

Community Benevolence Fund 2021: On Sunday, December 19, 2021, President Marchant will discuss with the congregation benevolence funds that will be used to support those in the local community who are in need.

President Justin Marchant closed with prayer

Meeting adjourned

Next meeting January 11, 2022

Respectfully submitted,

Kristine Juergens

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If you would like to be on the list to receive an e-mail of prayer requests and concerns, or if you have a prayer request for a loved one, please contact Judy Allshouse
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Welcoming Our New Members.

**Kandy
Mittlieder,
Marlyne
Priester,
David
Buck, Kim
Dils, Ian
Arthur,
Peter,
Arianne,
Kai and
Avery
Mason**

