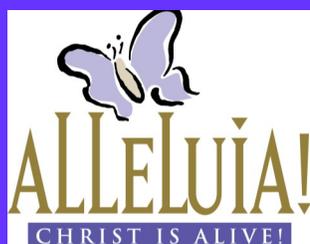


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TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

# April, 2022 Newsletter

## Pastor's Ponderings

"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead."

-1 Peter 1:3

### Easter Joy!

Order, disorder and reorder is the way Fr. Richard Rohr speaks of a universal pattern we see in the world and during the season of Lent and Easter, we find this pattern in the Easter story. We experience Jesus as a teacher and guide through his earthly ministry, /then from the great disorder of his suffering and death, we find the reordering to new life that we thought was impossible. From this we begin to understand and hopefully embrace this pattern to "give us hope in difficult times and the courage to push through messiness and even great chaos to find a new way of being in the world."

During this Holy Week and Easter, we will see this transformation embodied in our midst. Henry Jones, using his gifts of chemistry, blacksmithing and creativity will lead us through the process beginning on Palm Sunday and culminating on Easter. I don't want to spoil the beginning or the ending of this story but be ready to participate in this universal pattern from order to reorder.

There...have I gotten your attention? Plan to join us during this most holy of weeks.

**Palm Sunday, 10 am**

**Maundy Thursday, 6 pm**

**Easter Sunday 10 am**

We'll join for Easter breakfast at 8:30 and celebrate the joy of being together again after two years in limbo. Well, there you have it! Order, disorder, reorder....a universal pattern!

In Christ, Pastor Kay

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## Christikon Auction In Person and Online

We are so excited to be in Person in 2022! **Christikon Benefit Auction – Quilts, Vacation Get-aways, and a Whole Lot More will be on Sunday April 24<sup>th</sup> 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 22-24 on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/Christikonbenefitauction>

Like our page and share it with your friends! Watch for sneak peeks!

**Youth Campers: Our Early Registration Discount has been extended to April 1st! You've got time to get registered!**

**Christikon is celebrating its 72<sup>nd</sup> year!** 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](http://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.

## CHRISTIKON

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## First Impressions Team # 1 Serving the Congregation – April, 2022

Sunday	April 3	April 10	April 17	April 24
Greeters (2 People)	Dawn & Jim Evans	Rod Mason Ian Arthur	Matt Steinmetz Kandy Mittlieder	Kim Dils David Buck
Ushers (2 People)		Dawn & Jim Evans	Andy Syring Ian Arthur	Andy & Diane Syring
Assistant Minister & Lay Reader	Echo Youngbauer	Larry Jones	Diane Syring	Matt Steinmetz
Communion Assistant's (4 People)	Jeff & Donna Myers	Ian Arthur Rod Mason	Matt Steinmetz Kandy Mirrleider	Jeff & Donna Myers
Nursery	Lynette Kyle	Hensley Family	No Nursery	Merager Family
Coffee Hour (2 families)	Jim & Dawn Evans Janis Wright	Lynette Kyle	Men Putting on Breakfast At 8:30 NO Coffee Hour after Worship	Andy & Diane Syring Donna Myers

Altar Guild:

Counters: Jason Stafford & Kristine Juergens

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**Council & Member Committees**

**Worship**

Doug Morton  
Echo Youngbauer  
Joyce Anderson  
Larry Jones  
Sandy Nelson

**Education**

Maggie Kirkham  
Jason Stafford

**Stewardship**

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

**Evangelism**

Lynette Kyle  
Vic Seefeldt  
Paula Voerding

**Building & Maintenance**

Brad Wagler  
Jim Evans

**Nominating**

Jana Stafford  
Lynette Kyle  
Dawn Jolovich

**Helping Hands**

Lynette Kyle  
Vic Seefeldt  
Paula Voerding

**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](http://www.trinitylutherancody.org)**

## Where I Saw God

### Baylee Stafford

Throughout my faith journey, I have always struggled a little bit with prayer. It feels silly to admit since prayer is a central, and perhaps the easiest, aspect of faith, but it's true. I absolutely recognize the power and importance of prayer, and I do make an effort to include it in everyday life, but I think it would be a fair assertion that there have been times where all of our lives felt a little too "busy" for God. There have definitely been times when I realize that I have prayed only when life felt hard, and during these times, I remember the importance of praying with gratitude, and for other people, as well. There was also a period early on in my faith life where I didn't know how to talk to God. I was too self critical, and when I spoke to Him, it felt too formal, even when I knew that it was alright to speak to Him as a friend. This initial challenge, I believe, is where my most recent struggle with prayer stems from.

I love to write, and as I have completed written assignments for college, I have noticed that in my mind, my success in writing is contingent on the "perfect moment." I have this belief that I have to be in a "writing mood" (which usually involves coffee and a coffee shop) in order to produce an impressive piece of writing. This semester, I am enrolled in an introduction to fiction course, and one of the first units focused on the writing process. In the chapter on this subject, the textbook proclaims that any piece of writing, written during any time of the day in any sort of mindset, has just as much value as a piece written during what the writer perceives to be an "ideal time." Essentially, the author of the textbook argues that self reliance, belief and trust is key. As a writer, I have to be able to trust that my knowledge in the realm is plentiful no matter the time of day, and everything that I put down on paper is informed by this knowledge, so I can have faith that I can write at any time and create a work that I am proud of. This newfound belief has been incredibly challenging for me; I have forced myself to sit down and write at times that would previously have been forbidden in my mind, and this practice is intended to encourage myself to always believe in my ability (this can also be tied into utilizing our God-given talents; God wants them to be used and seen as a contribution to the greater good!).

I think that my prayer self is very similar to my writing self. She will wait until the moment is right or she has more time to give or she knows exactly what to say, and this waiting goes on for much longer than she anticipates. I have always felt the need to "wait for the

right time with the right words" before praying, and as much as I realize that this simply isn't necessary or true, it's a habit that I have to break consciously through allowing and encouraging myself to pray whenever and wherever I feel the urge to. This also includes praying more often, as I know that prayer is mighty, moving, comforting and freeing. In essence, prayer is an essential element to our faith lives and relationships with God, and it is important to remember that all prayers, during any time of the day, no matter how short or long or conversational, are valuable and heard.

### *April 2022 Birthdays*

**04/02 Marchant Felix**

**04/05 Geving Marian**

**04/05 Pomajzl Rikki**

**04/05 Troster Georg**

**04/19 Pelfrey Rebekah**

**04/30 Stafford Ava**

### *April 2022 Anniversaries*

**04/07 Wichern, Helen & Forrest**

**04/10 Stinson, Karen & Blake**

**04/17 Jolovich, Dawn & Rudy**

**04/24 Brown, Anita & Richard**

**04/29 Kessler, Sharyn & Terry**



### **Financials for 3/6/22 thru 3/27/22**

	Weekly Needed	YTD Recv'd	YTD Needed	YTD Recv'd
3/6/2022	4601	4011	45418	50218
3/13/2022	4601	3152	50019	53371
3/20/2022	4601	6330	54620	59701
3/27/2022	4601	2293	59221	61994

# Trinity Lutheran Church Council

## February 15, 2022 Meeting Minutes

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**Present:** Pastor Kay, President Justin Marchant, Kristine Juergens, Sandy Nelson, Jim Evans, Melissa Kraft, Jason Stafford, Mark Skates and Donna Meyers

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

Election of 3 officer positions were discussed and nominated:

President: Donna Meyers elected

Vice President: Maggie Kirkham elected.

Secretary position: Kristine Juergens elected

All council were in favor.

**Consideration and Approval of January, 2022 Minutes:** No revisions. Jim Evans made motion to approve. Jason Stafford seconded it. All council were in favor.

**Pastor Kay submitted the following written report for the month of February:**

Pastoral phone calls—6; Meetings 5; Pastoral visits—5; Worship—4, Baptisms-2

**Worship**—The Worship Committee will continue to press forward to get our technology needs taken care of. The projectors have been ordered, Electrical Ally has been contacted and we are waiting for one more bid for new speakers. Thea, Doug, Joyce and Dawn met on Monday morning and as I write Doug and Thea are troubleshooting the system. Update: Thea and Doug think they are getting closer to getting the Facebook livestream to work.

This is the season to begin planning for Lent and Easter. I have been in conversation with Ed Martin, musician, in preparation for Palm Sunday. Henry Jones is planning to be involved in Holy Week worship with a theme of the ways we are transformed in our relationship with God. March 2<sup>nd</sup> is Ash Wednesday which kicks off the Lenten season. The Worship committee will lead Wednesday night soup supper Faith Talks at 5:30 beginning March 9th.

With covid numbers starting to trend down nationally, the discussion has begun as to when to begin serving communion without the little prepackaged communion cups. We may go with a hybrid system allowing people to continue to commune in the parking lot with the prepackaged set up, or home communion using those, and people in the sanctuary could choose too. I don't like what I see as a divided symbol where we don't all receive the same thing but at such a time as this, it is temporary and yet still meeting the needs of the congregation.

The Worship Committee will draft a job description for a new music director. The congregation approved the budget with an increased line item for a musician so we can begin to search for someone to fill this position.

**Education and Youth**—

--Youth Group-Trinity will host the February youth group meetings. Parents are graciously providing meals each week. Henry Jones will share his love of cool projects; I'll start with a prayer activity and he will follow it up with a 2 week process of making something that will reinforce the prayer. Should be fun and I always look forward to seeing what Henry comes up with!

--Faith Formation continues. Henry Jones and I have been talking about doing a Lenten or Easter activity with either laser or 3D printing with the students.

--Confirmation has begun and I am so glad I chose the curriculum I did since students have been able to continue their work on weeks they have to miss class. This is a strong curriculum and I would like to teach it to the congregation, not just the confirmands.

**Consideration and Approval of January, 2022 Financial Report:** Melissa Kraft submitted the following reports for review: Balance Sheet, Profit & Loss Budget Performance, Transactions by Account and Treasurer Supplementary Report. Melissa agreed to provide a lesson to council members next month. Sandy Nelson made motion to approve January financial report. Mark Skates seconded it. All council were in favor.

**Education Committee Report:** Maggie Kirkham was not present. Pastor Kay reported the high school students agreed to continue teaching Pre-K thru 1st grade classes. It was discussed how it is a great opportunity for high school students to obtain leadership experience and continued learning of faith when they teach.

**Evangelism Committee Report:** No report at this time.

**Maintenance Committee:** Jim Evans reported the lighting and timer for parking lots have been installed.

**Worship Committee Report:** Pastor Kay reported the worship committee is drawing up a job description for a new music director. They are seeking a person who can put together ensembles, adult and children's choir. Also discussed was Faith talks. It will be held on Wednesdays during Lent and allows the congregation to meet and discuss personal reflection and faith.

**New Business:**

*ELCA World Hunger:* Discussed fundraising and giving toward world hunger and Lutheran World Relief. For faith formation children will be provided a piggy bank. A goal was discussed as a congregation to give above and beyond our budget and make a special offering throughout 40- days of Lent. \$2500 donation was agreed upon. Suggestions were made for Lenten sacrifice such as skipping a meal or a special coffee, etc. Jason Stafford made a motion to approve. Sandy Nelson seconded it.

*Sign up for devotions and counting* were completed.

*Committees Stewardship, Evangelism, Education & Maintenance:* These positions and job duties were discussed. Mark Skates agreed to be on Stewardship Committee, Jim Evans agreed to be on Evangelism and Brad Wagler was placed on Maintenance Committee. Jason Stafford agreed to be on Education.

*Possible Talk about Tech Committee:* Doug Morton and Thea Farrington are working on completing and building a new system. Once completed; they will teach others how to utilize it. Once the system is in place, council agreed it would be beneficial to have several people trained on a tech committee that are willing to assist with live streaming and face book, etc.

**Old Business:**

*Financing the worship project:*

During January Annual meeting, congregation agreed to have council decide on what type of funding to purchase equipment. Several funding options were discussed. Council agreed to pay for purchase out of Depreciation Fund. Jason Stafford made a motion to approve. Sandy Nelson seconded it.

**Closing Prayer:** Pastor Kay

Meeting adjourned

**Next meeting March 08, 2022**

Respectfully submitted,  
Kristine Juergens

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