

THE TRINITY LUTHERAN

February, 2019



The Annual meeting of the Congregation was held on Sunday, January 27.

Elected to serve 3-year terms on council were Randi Cowan, Mark Scherer, and Tyler Stuck. Bruce Peters was elected for a two year term and Hannah Gillis was elected to serve one year as youth representative.

Beth Saler will be a Synod Assembly Delegate. Two more delegates are needed. A \$146,113.90 budget was adopted for 2019.

Thank you to the members who joined together for fellowship during the brunch and attended the annual congregational meeting. Each one of you is an important part of our church family with strengths and gifts to share. Thank you for your faithfulness to Trinity!

2018 Statement of Giving for tax purposes will be available the first of January. Let the office if you would like your statement emailed or sent out in the mail.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED: We are seeking individuals who would be interested in running the slides/sound on Sunday mornings. Also, individuals to be visit and take communion to shut-ins, lectors, and communion assistants. Please call the church office or sign up on the green sheet. Thank you.

BIBLE STUDY will meet this month on Wednesdays, February 13 and February 27, 6:30 – 8:00.

PLEASE TAKE A MOMENT to look at the Christmas cards the grateful fathers & grandfathers, inmates from the Lawrence County Correctional Center, sent to our Storybook Project volunteers to express how much this ministry means to them and their children and grandchildren. The cards are posted on the large bulletin board in the Narthex

MAY GOD COMFORT the family of Elfrieda Zerkel who passed away Tuesday, January 22nd at Lutheran Care Center in Altamont, Il. Elfrieda was the wife of Ray, and mother of Paul, Jon, Loren, & Lynn. The funeral was held Friday, January 25th at Kistler-Patterson Funeral Home in Olney

Help Needed on Saturday, February 2

A national group called Quilts of Valor makes and awards quilts to veterans and service members, to show appreciation for their service and dedication to our country. Over 200,000 quilts have been awarded since 2003. Locally, the Olney Valor Quilters have made and awarded 181 of these beautiful red/white/and blue quilts since 2015, nearly 100 last year alone. Our goal is to award more than 100 this year. We have a long waiting list and so.....

We need help! On Sat., Feb. 2, there will be a national Sew Day. We will be working at the Nazarene Church on N. Walnut Street, 9 – 4 p.m., and we hope members or teams from many churches will join us. Sign up individually or as a team with Jan Holtz, 618-354-0301, or Dolores McNabb, 395-3155, to say you will be there. All types of help are needed: cutting, sewing, pressing, and tacking

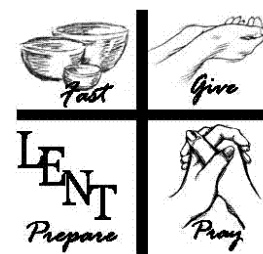
down bindings and labels. If you sew, we hope you are able to bring your sewing machine, but again, we will be working in teams.

And then, we will invite you to be part of an awards ceremony. The appreciation and gratitude of the veterans and service members is heartwarming! Hope to see you on Feb. 2nd!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: We will be cleaning and organizing closets & storage spaces at Trinity beginning at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, February 15. Everyone is welcome to help.

THANK YOU to everyone for all the flowers cards, and prayers upon the death of Elfrieda Zerkel on January 22nd. Also, many thanks for preparing the funeral dinner. Your acts of kindness were appreciated. Ray Zerkel family

JOIN US for our 2019 Bowl for Kids' Sake fundraising event. Start forming your 5-person team of friends, co-workers, club members, and family members. Check out our out-of-this-galaxy Star Wars theme! Hope to see you in February on the weekends of the 16-17th or 23-24th! May the Force be with You!



March 6, Ash Wednesday – Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes @ 7:00 p.m.

Worship on Wednesdays during
Lent @ 7:00 p. m.
March 13, 20, 27
April 3 & 10

Lenten Dinners at 6:15 p.m.

Palm Sunday – April 14
Maundy Thursday – April 18
Good Friday – April 19
Easter Sunday– April 21

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Bruce Peters
Carol Diel, Council Secretary
Tyler Stuck
Larry Saler, President
Becky Holstrum
Randi Cowan
Barb Stiff
Mark Scherer
Vicki Fehrenbacher
Hannah Gillis, Youth Representative
Mike Kurtz ~ Church Treasurer

January Council Minutes

*Council members present: Randi Cowan, Larry Saler, Carol Diel, Vicki Fehrenbacher, Victoria Hansen, Barb Stiff, Bruce Peters, Becky Holstrum, and David Britton. Mike Kurtz also attended.

*Minutes and the Finance reports for December 2018 were read and approved

*The council approved the 2019 proposed budget to present to the congregation at the annual meeting

*A \$100 donation to Salvation Army was approved by council in place of Bell Ringing

*The commercial refrigerator in the basement kitchen quit working and will not be repaired. Sarah Kincaid will check into purchasing two refrigerators from Memorial funds.

*A date will be set to clean out storage areas and closets

*The Worship Committee is planning Ash Wednesday and mid-week Lenten services preceded by dinners

*April 28 will be Confirmation Sunday

*Youth will have a swimming party at the Vincennes WMCA on January 13

*The Nominating Committee reported Randi Cowan, Mark Scherer, and Tyler Stuck have agreed to be seated on council. Hannah Gillis has agreed to be the youth representative.

STAFF:

(Pulpit Supply) ~ Rev. Dr. James Mutayoba
Pianist ~ Keegan Tucker

Choir Director ~ Andrew Flynn
Sunday School Coordinator ~
Altar Guild ~ Carol Diel
Church Secretary ~ Rhoda Slichenmyer
Financial Secretaries ~ Bob Crum, Bob Guinn, Mike Kurtz
Custodians ~ Adam/Hilary Donaldson

WEEKDAY CHILDREN'S MINISTRY:

Board Members

Vicki Fehrenbacher, President
Bob Crum, Treasurer
Sandy Britton
Mike Kurtz
Beth Saler
Victoria Hansen
Christina Diel

TRINITY PRESCHOOL

Director ~ Kristie Nosek
Teacher ~ Tanara Ryden
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Teacher ~ Kayla Myers

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS:

Bereavement ~
Convalescing Meals ~ Becky Holsturm
Funeral Luncheons ~ Elaine Ochs

Learning ~
Memorials & Special Gifts ~ Sarah Kincaid
Property ~ David Britton
Service ~ Randi Cowan
Stewardship ~ Carol Diel
Witness ~ Becky Holstrum
Worship ~ Beth Saler
Finance ~ Bruce Peters, Bob Guinn

GROUPS:

Remember When ~ Ed & Darlene Fritschle

Our Mission Statement
Trinity Lutheran Church strives to reach and welcome
all with the love of Christ

February 24

Lector: Jean Weber
Acolyte: Carolyn Powell
Com. Assistant: Hannah Gillis, Sue
Crum
Rosemary West
Sound: Steve Berry

**COME JOIN US FOR
WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY**

February 3

Lector: Susie Graham
Acolyte: Hannah Gillis
Com. Assistant: Vicki Fehrenbacher
Becky Holstrum
Sound: Steve Berry

February 10

Lector: Steve Berry
Acolyte: Owen Powell
Com. Assistants: Larry Saler, Jean Weber
David Britton
Sound: Bob Guinn

February 17

Lector: Elaine Ochs
Acolyte: Rylee Stuck
Com. Assistant: Randi Cowan, Jay St. Pierre
Sound: Tyler Stuck
Children's Sermon: Elaine Ochs



Birthdays in February

3 Addison Ryden
3 Autumn Ryden
3 Gracie Warren
4 Leslie Warren
10 Drake Holdren
12 Larry Cartmill
14 Thelma Schwartz
14 Avery Mehl
17 Alaina Diel
18 Owen James Petty
20 Gary Cowan
20 Don Kinkaid
22 Ethan Mehl

23 Lysie Weiler
 23 Jim Thomas
 25 Janet Dawson
 26 Mary Jane Hanes
 26 Nola Mae Sager
 26 Mary Jane Slinkard
 27 Linda Miller
 27 Martha Johnson
 27 Daniel Warren



SPECIAL CARE MEMBERS (as of 02/01/2019)

Jeannie Cantwell	Lavender Ridge, East Street ,Room #19
Loren Gerber	Brookstone #23, 869-2398
Don Harriss	Brookstone #37, 395-4033
Dorothy Lustfeldt	3 rd floor CRMH #25, 395-1549
Elaine Pierzchalski	Life's Journey, 705 Kenton St., Paris, IL, 61944
Bill Barber	Lavender Ridge, 1304 N. East St., Room 1 North
Gerlind Dean	Lavender Ridge, 1304 N. East St. Olney
Patricia Roberts	Lavender Ridge, 1302 N. East St. Olney

AT HOME MEMBERS:

Wilma Beck	6308 East Seven Hills Lane, Olney, 869-2394
Luella Densmore	No address or phone number
Roberta Holstrum	320 West St. John Street, Olney, 392-5605
Helen Meers	6943 N. Ste. Marie Rd., Dundas, 754-3573
Jean Miller	518 N. Boone Street, Olney, 395-1809
Mary Lou Sager	5322 N. Wood River Road, Claremont, 869-2358
Don & Margaret Strole	1000 E. Laurel Street, Olney, 392- 3106



Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent, the 40-day period (not including Sundays) of fasting and repentance leading up to Easter, the Christian holiday that commemorates and celebrates the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Originally, the first day of Lent was the day on which public penitents at Rome began their penance. They were sprinkled with ashes, dressed in sackcloth, and required to remain apart from the community until Maundy

Thursday (the Thursday before Easter). As this practice fell into disuse between the 8th and 10th centuries, it was replaced by the general penance of the entire congregation. From at least as early as the 8th century, this day was known as *dies cinerum* (day of ashes). This reflects the central ritual of this holiday, the placing of ashes on the forehead to symbolize mourning and penitence. This ritual continues in the Roman Catholic Church today. Anglican, Lutheran and some other Protestant churches also hold a special worship service on Ash Wednesday.

Ash Wednesday Rituals and Observances

The ashes used on Ash Wednesday are usually derived from burning the blessed palm branches left from the last Palm Sunday celebration. The ashes are blessed, sprinkled with holy water and fumigated with incense. Members of the clergy receive ashes from fellow clergy, usually from the most senior member of the clergy present. Monks receive their mark of ashes on their tonsure rather than their foreheads. Priests then place ashes on all willing members of the congregation, usually in the shape of a cross.

At some churches, believers wash the ashes off before leaving the church to symbolize that they have been cleansed of their sins; in other churches, participants leave the ashes on when they leave, thereby "carrying the cross out into the world."