



TRINITY *TRIUNE*

LUTHERAN *NEWSLETTER*

CHURCH OF SPENCERPORT

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

EVER WONDER WHAT YOUR PASTOR PRAYS FOR?

I have mentioned that God answers prayer in Bible study. I have preached about prayer more than a few times. On Sundays, I pray before bible study and pray at least once during our service. How about when I am alone in my office at 6am? What do I pray for while I am riding my bicycle? (No, I don't close my eyes while riding!!) I pray for you!! But what do I ask for? What is it that your pastor continuously asks for when turning to prayer? I wanted to share this with you in my message because I think it is important to know how much I care about you and our church and yes even our neighbors. Here are my most common prayers:

1) That our congregation know each other well (very well!!)

It's one thing to know people you are related to, but how about those who you are not related to and are part of the congregation? My prayer is that we do.

2) That our congregation walk together in faith.

This goes along with #1. One of the most difficult times for any one member is when they go through a crisis. My prayer is that when something happens to someone, we do all we can as a congregation to help them through whatever it is.

3) To be more selfless (Part 1).

Many church bodies have created a false narrative that I can have an individual relationship with Jesus without being a part of the body of Christ. That, in itself, can turn into a me, myself, and I attitude toward faith and church. To expound on one of Jesus parables, we are not individual sheep in a sheep pen, but rather we are a flock that are gathered by the Shepherd. We are created to be together. Certainly church is a vital part of our walk of faith and my prayer is that more of us are reminded of that very fact.

4) To be more selfless (part 2)

I go to church, I tithe, I pray, AND I am a good person. Don't get me wrong, these are all great attributes of a Christian. The problem is this list is incomplete. Jesus teaches us His condensed version of the commandments. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, mind, and soul AND love your neighbor as yourself. My life as a Christian is not about myself, but about others. My prayer is that we do as our Lord did in the upper room and wash the feet (aka serve others) of others...placing their needs before our own.

5) Know the Word, and teach it to others

This is the prayer I say after every Bible study session. Bible study is not only for those who come, but for our circle of influence. Whether that be our family members, friends, or neighbors...everyone who needs to hear the Word.

One last thing, I hope you noticed something odd about these prayers and who is missing? You see, those of you who are mature Christians...that have read Scripture and have attended for many years know your Lord Jesus. You know that He died for you and offers forgiveness of you sins as we repent. This is why my prayers are not about knowing Jesus, but rather following Him into neighborhood because they need us. There you go!! It shouldn't surprise you because you have probably heard these petitions in a sermon (or two). Don't get me wrong, I do pray for those who are sick, are homebound, or are troubled, but as far as the church is concerned these are the very things that cross my mind often. I pray them out of love and a desire to see this church become a beacon of light...the light of Christ to our community as it should be. Amen!



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Best Wishes and God's Blessings to the Following:

- 1 – Mark Gebhardt
- 4 – Walt Cranmer
- 10 – Ruth Hagmier
- 10 – Elizabeth Hammond
- 10 – Julianne Hammond
- 11 – Taryn Widger
- 14 – Jodi Blank
- 14 – Allison Rittler
- 16 – Jager Ritzenthaler
- 17 – Billy Ketelhut
- 19 – John Gentzke
- 19 – Derek Keens
- 28 – Helene Gustafson



JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations and God's Blessings to:

- 31 – Ken & Lisa Castricone

COUNCIL MEETING DEC. 11TH 2023

Due to many illnesses, Council did not meet this month, but will convene on January 8, 2024

NEXT TRIUNE - FEBRUARY

Mark your calendars! The deadline to get information in for January is Wednesday, January 17th. Any announcements sent later than that may not make the printing of the February Triune!



SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE

Christmas program was presented in December 17th and based on the song "The Twelve Days of Christmas"

CHURCH COUNCIL OFFICERS NEEDED

We are currently in need of a Vice President and a Council Secretary for the church council. The council meets on the 2nd Monday of the month, beginning at 7pm. The V.P. is responsible for facilitating the meetings, and the Secretary is responsible for taking notes at the meeting and submitting them to the church administrative assistant for posting in the monthly newsletter. If you are interested in filling one of these positions, please contact Cathy DeConinck!

HOME BOUND MEMBERS

Remember our home bound members. Give them a call on the phone or send a card. Above all, remember to keep them in your prayers:

- Marie Feldmann
- Tom Troxell
- Waltraud Maisel
- Bill Crow
- Dorothy Ayers
- Glenn Neumann
- Cathy Crow
- Henrika Menge

PRAYER REQUESTS

Communicating through prayer with God is essential for every christian. If you are in need of any prayer we encourage you to contact us with a request. As these prayer request are sent out to our members we also hope you keep us up to date so we may know that the Lord has answered.

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PACKING GOODIE BOXES FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS AND SERVING MILITARY MEMBERS

We are beginning to collect food items and small devotionals or Bible verses to send to our college students and military service members. We do this every year and welcome all to help and contribute. A tote will be left in the Coat Room of the church for this collection. Church members are requested to bring in small, individual packages of candy (M&M's, Skittles, etc.), granola bars, popcorn, gum, cookies, hot chocolate, crackers (esp. Goldfish), and cereal boxes. Please do NOT bring liquids of any kind because we can't ship

them. Also, no perishables because we don't know how long it takes to get the packages to their destinations. We would also appreciate it if you could help cover the cost of shipping. Cash or checks will be accepted. Please make checks payable to Trinity Lutheran Women's Group and leave them in the Collection Plate or give them directly to Sally Steele. We will be packing the Goodie Boxes on Wednesday, February 7th, beginning at 10:00 AM. Ladies, if this is something you'd like to help with, please come. We can use many hands in packing and loading. Please bring all items to the Church and leave them in the labelled tote box no later than Sunday, Feb. 4th. If you have a college student or serving military member in your family (children and grandchildren); we'd like to include them in the Goodie Box distribution. Please let Sue Oswald know the name and address of your student or military member no later than Sunday, Feb. 4th. Thank you for all your help and support. This activity would not be possible without you.





HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM TRINITY CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL!

On December 6th, our students decorated the Christmas Tree at McDonald's. The children worked hard making the ornaments and it looked beautiful. After decorating the tree, we sang Christmas songs and had some yummy cookies. It was so much fun! We hope you had a chance to stop by and see it. Both of our classes shared their great singing voices and Christmas spirit at our Christmas programs on December 7th & 8th. In fact, they sang so well that Santa and Mrs. Claus came to visit, pass out gifts

and share in our celebrations. Everyone had a great time and we are so proud of the kids. Special thanks to Cathy DeConinck for helping serve refreshments after our 3's Christmas program. When we come back after New Year's, the 4-year-old students will continue learning their letters and numbers. They will also start to practice writing their last names. Our 3-year-old class will start learning shapes. The preschool staff will be meeting in January to discuss Open House for the 2024-2025 school year. We will pass along information as it becomes available. We want to express our heartfelt thanks to the members of Trinity. We are so grateful for the all the ways you support us and the families that we are so blessed to work with. Wishing you all joy, peace, and good health in 2024. - Laurie, Jodi, Yvette, Jamie & Marilyn

CHRISTMAS ANGEL TREE - COMMUNITY LUTHERAN MINISTRIES

Thank you to everyone who took an angel ornament or two, shopped for gifts, wrapped gifts, and returned your gifts to church. You made many people smile on Christmas. We were given 31 names this year and Trinity members signed up to make sure all of these 31 people would have a special gift(s) to open on Christmas. You Rock!



COOKIES & CAROLS

Cookies and Carols was a fun evening of sweet music and food. Thank you to Krista Hart and Betsey Reigle for creating and executing this fun event.

CONGREGATION MEETING

The congregational mtg happened on Sunday, December 10th. We approved option 2 of the budget Chris presented, as well as using funds from the missions fund to help pay for the remainder of the 2023 missions and the 2024 missions. Also approved was to use Investment funds to help with future projects, not to exceed half of that fund, see the budget proposal Chris provided for more details.



MITES

The featured mission for this month is the Journey's Lutheran School, in Milwaukee, WI. They serve God's Children with Special Needs. This school serves children between the ages of 8 to 21 who have who have learning disabilities, autism, anxiety, trauma, emotional behavior disorder, and obsessive compulsive disorder. The school prepares student to maximize their potential to become successful Christian

members of society. The enrollment at the high school program is growing. This grant will help purchase two vans to transport high school students enrolled in the School-to-Work Internship Program and students taking elective classes at the nearby Martin Luther High School. Your donations of coins and bills are collected the first Sunday of each month. Your small change can make a big difference.

SPENCERPORT ECUMENICAL FOOD SHELF

Thank you for your support during the Thanksgiving Season. The food we collected helps fill boxes for those in need in the Spencerport School District. Many thanks to those who donated turkeys! We supplied the ingredients for a Thanksgiving dinner 66 families! The food shelf will continue to supply food when necessary in December and all of next year. Please look for the needs list in the church bulletin; but remember we always need the basics: canned fruit, vegetables, soups, and meats. Anything you can give will be used to help families in our own community. Happy New Year!



TAKING DOWN THE CHRISTMAS TREE

Sunday, January 7th at 10:00AM (and will most likely need to be continued after the 11:00 service)

A BIG THANK YOU to all who helped to get Trinity ready for the Advent/Christmas season. It looked beautiful and helped make our Advent and Christmas celebration even more joyous. On Sunday, January 7, 2024, the decorations need to be taken down. Please check your calendars! If you are able to stay and help take things down and put them away, your help would be greatly appreciated.



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Women’s Bible Study Group will continue to meet in 2024 on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month. We will meet in the fellowship hall at 10:00 on January 10th and January 24th. Please consider joining us and bring a friend too!

TRUSTEES' REPORT

DECEMBER 11TH, 2023

Items Previously Discussed or Completed

The Church boiler will be inspected by a representative of HSB (The Hartford Steam Boiler Inspection and Insurance Company) on December 12 th .

Other Items

- Gatti Plumbing will be at the Church on Thursday the 14 th to descale the sewer line running from the Church to the road. They will be arriving sometime after 8:00 am. I am not sure at this point how long the work will take to complete.
- Krista Hart fell down the stairs while coming from the Choir loft. There is a damaged step on the stairs which may have caused the fall. I am looking into how we might get the stair repaired and I am open to any suggestions from the Council. It may need to have a new tread board installed.

Rodney

SERVING SCHEDULE

Please check your dates carefully and arrange for a substitute if you cannot serve when scheduled.

	JANUARY 7 9:00AM Communion Worship Service	JANUARY 14 9:00AM Worship Service	JANUARY 21 9:00AM Communion Worship Service	JANUARY 28 9:00AM Worship Service
ACOLYTES	Lily Ingham	Elizabeth Hammond	Julie Hammond	Victor Castricone
USHERS	Ron Lillie Ryan Ingham	John Gentzke	Mike Mayer Bob DeVantier	Brian Miller
LECTORS	Whitney Lagas	Chrissy Hammond	Eileen Bruton	Brian Miller
ELDERS	Bev Lillie Joe Lagas		Brian Miller Eileen Bruton	
COUNTERS		Tim Bruton Mark Gebhardt		Cathy DeConinck Mitch Frey
ADULT BIBLE STUDY (ABS) COFFEE SET UP	Sue Oswald	Bev Lillie Cindy Ingham	Madeleine Antonio	Krista Hart
ALTAR GUILD	Sue Oswald			

JANUARY 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
31 9:00am Blended 10:00 am ABS, SS 11:00 Contemporary 2:00pm RDC Rehearsal Communion	01	02 7:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal	03	04 6:30 pm Elders Meeting 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	05	06
07 9:00am Blended 10:00 am ABS, SS 11:00 Contemporary 2:00pm RDC Rehearsal Communion	08 7:00 pm Council Meeting	09 7:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal	10 10:00am Women's Bible Study	11 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	12	13 8:15am Men's Bible Study & Breakfast
14 9:00am Blended 10:00 am ABS, SS 11:00 Contemporary 2:00pm RDC Rehearsal	15 6:00pm Leadership Meeting	16 7:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal	17 Triune article deadline	18 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	19	20
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Schedule of Sunday Service:

Traditional Worship Service at 9:00AM

Sunday School, Confirmation & Adult Bible Study 10:00AM

Contemporary Worship Service 11:00AM

(both services live streamed on youtube)

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