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March 2024

2024 Church Directory

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-A Christ-Centered Family of God Sharing His Word in Faith and Love-

March 2023

From the Pastor's Desk . . .

Well, February was a busy month around here at Trinity. The last Saturday of the month the ladies (and a few men) were here for hours slicing, dicing, and cooking soups. The church smelled wonderful. Making over 50 gallons of **soup** (available in four varieties) is no small task – and it took lots of people lots of hours to complete it. Earlier in the month the church youth decorated cookies for the annual “**Random Act of Kindness**” activity – where people from Trinity were encouraged to take a cookie (or two) and give it to a stranger as a random act of kindness. Just the sort of thing Jesus would want us to be doing... And on top of all that, we had **midweek Lenten services and suppers** – again with plenty of good food and desserts. (I think I’m starting to notice a pattern here... :-)

March is another busy month here at Trinity. There are more midweek Lenten services (and suppers) planned – not because we like to be busy, but because it allows us the opportunity to deepen our faith as we meditate on Jesus as He heads towards the cross (and empty tomb) for our salvation. This year during Lent we are focused on some of “**God’s Strange Teachings**” (during the Sundays) and “**Jesus’ Strange Ways of Teaching**” (during the midweek services). When it comes to being a Christian, there are some odd, unexpected, and even counter-intuitive things we learn about God and how He wants us to live. And Jesus, as God’s Son come down to earth, frequently did unexpected and thought-provoking things that surprised people, caught them off guard, or pushed them to understand Him in a new way. And while many of us have been Christians for a very long time and have heard the stories of Jesus’ walk towards the cross a good many times, it’s helpful for us to recover some of the shock-value of the things Jesus actually said and did. They are... almost... unbelievable!

Speaking of which, on the **last** day of March we at Trinity celebrate what is of **first** importance: that Jesus Christ rose from the dead on Easter morning! What seemed unbelievable to the Disciples at first turned out to be the greatest Good News. Jesus is risen and we shall arise! Lots to be excited about. Add some home made egg bakes on top and it should be a wonderful celebration all around. Everyone’s welcome.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Josh





There are Lenten Devotions in the narthex
for you to take.
There are regular and large print available.

Holy Week Services:

Palm Sunday, Sunday March 24 8:30 am Divine Wordship with Holy Communion
Maundy Thursday, Thursday, March 28 7:00 pm Worship with Holy Communion-Stripping of the Altar
Good Friday, Friday, March 29 7:00 pm Tenebrae Worship
Easter Sunday 6:30 am Sunrise Service with Holy Communion
7:30 am Easter Breakfast/Easter Egg Hunt for the youth
9:00 am Easter Service with Holy Communion



One intriguing person in the Passion account is the thief on the cross whom Jesus promised a same-day entrance to paradise (see Luke 23:43). Pastor and radio host Alistair Begg says he can't wait to meet that man and ask how everything unfolded. "You were cussing [Jesus] out with your friend," Begg says. "You've never been in a Bible study. You've never been baptized. You didn't know a thing about church membership, and yet you made it!"

In a sermon, Begg pictures an imaginary angel at the pearly gates, growing frustrated during the sinful thief's entrance interview. After receiving no clear answers from the thief about doctrines such as justification, the angel finally asks, "On what basis are you here?" The thief simply replies, "The man on the middle cross said I can come."

Pure Germany! 2024
Pomerania, Lutheland & Northern Bavaria
Sept. 11-23, 2024

This trip is open to all, but if your ancestors emigrated from northeast Germany (Pomerania), you will want to consider signing-up for Pure Germany! 2024. This is a special-customized 12-day tour of northeast Germany, Luther Heritage sites, and northern Bavaria.

Described as an "amazing trip" by a former traveler-participant, this tour is a one-of-a-kind journey toward discovering your roots. "Thanks so much for making the Germany tour the trip of my life! I don't know what else I could have asked for," shared John Schultz (2022 tour participant).

If you or someone you know would like to learn more, contact Jim Yagow
at jimyagow@aol.com or call (920) 809-4445.

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans' Thrivent Choice® Program

By designated Choice Dollars through Thrivent Choice, eligible members recommend where Thrivent distributes some of its charitable grant dollars among thousands of participating nonprofit organizations and congregations. Have you designated your Thrivent Choice Dollars for 2023? The deadline to direct is March 31.

Thank you to those who currently direct their Choice Dollars to Trinity and to those who have in the past.

This month's Choice Dollars deposit was \$438.00.

**If you have not directed your Thrivent Choice Dollars for 2023,
please do so by March 31.**



Christian Sympathy to the family of Rev. David Henslin,
who served Trinity as a Vicar from Aug. 1982-July 1983
and as vacancy pastor from 1997-1999.



Cards may be sent to:
Sandy Henslin
1704 Lakeview Dr SW
Rochester, MN 55902

David Dwight Henslin, 78, of Rochester, MN, went to be with the Lord on February 9, 2024, after a battle with heart failure, under the care of Seasons Hospice.

David was born in Roseau, MN on July 3, 1945, to parents Marvin and Lucille (Krueger) Henslin. When David was 7, his family moved to California where he grew up. He met Sandra Hall when he was 18, and the couple were married two years later. A marriage where they lived together for 58 years, they were blessed with three children, Eric, Brent, and Heather.

Dave became a policeman in Pomona, CA. During that time, he also completed his college degree. Seven years later, he was given medical retirement due to an injury incurred. A few years later, he decided to attend Lutheran Seminary and become a Pastor. His ministry was in southern Minnesota with churches in Rochester, Elgin, St. Charles, and Winona.

Dave is survived by his wife, Sandy; children, Eric, Brent, and Heather, all of Rochester, MN; grandchildren, Isabella, Alivia, and Thane; great grandson, Julian; two brothers, Jim, and Charles; as well as many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by both of his parents; and a sister, Janet.

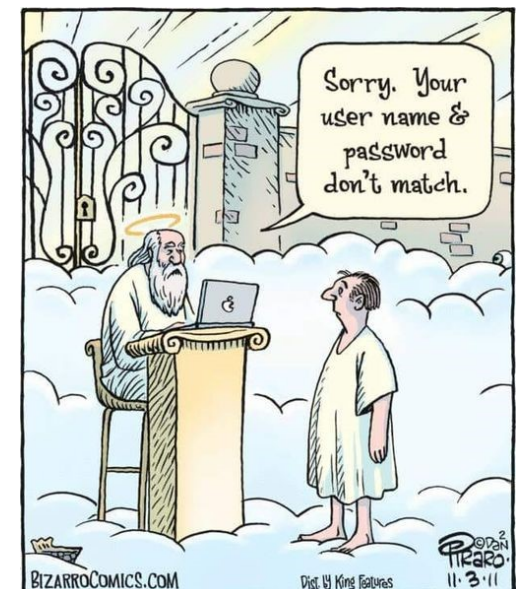
A memorial service was held Friday, February 16, 2024, at Ranfranz and Vine Funeral Homes (5421 Royal Pl. NW Rochester, MN 55901).

The service can be viewed at ranfranzandvinefh.com. Go to his obituary and at the bottom, click on the live stream. Pastor Jobe delivered the message.

THANK YOU...

Dear Members of Trinity, Pastor and Mary Bramstedt sincerely thank all of you for the many private and parish prayers offered in behalf of our daughter, Heidi, during her recent hospitalization at the University of Wisconsin Hospital in Madison. Heidi was there for seven weeks and in Intensive care for quite a while. Finally, she is doing better and will be scheduled for her kidney stone surgery, hopefully, sometime in March. It was very comforting to us to know she was being prayed for by so many people and in so many places, Minnesota, Iowa, and Wisconsin. We sincerely thank you for your thoughts and prayers! God bless you!

- Pastor and Mary -





Christian Entertainment Options:



Christian Concerts:

4/12/2024 Christian Comedian John Crist at Mayo Civic Center Rochester MN

4/13/24: Mercy Me with Newsboys at
-Target Center-
Tickets available at: www.myktis.org



Christian Movies in the Theater:

Based on the novel by #1 NYTimes bestselling author Karen Kingsbury, "Someone Like You" is an achingly beautiful love story. After the tragic loss of his best friend, a grieving young architect launches a search for her secret twin sister. In theaters April 2nd!



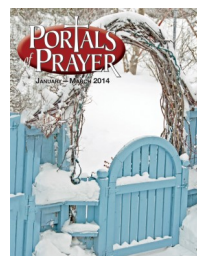
Christian Radio:

to listen to all day. Good Christian music, prayer and God's word to get you through the week.



Or 94.3 FM

850 AM



Christian Devotions to start your day:

www.lwml.org (Mustard Seed Devotions from Lutheran Womens Missionary League)

www.cph.org (Portals of Prayer from Concordia Publishing)

www.lhm.org (Lutheran Hour Ministry Daily Devotions)

March 1 Carolyn Bluhm, Marlys Kitzman, April Wolf

March 2 Cheryl Kohler

March 3 Derek Allen, Andrew Pitzer, Charles Radtke

March 4 Herbert Wurst

March 5 Earl Radtke, Jonah Heppner, Kayla Speer

March 7 Faith Back, Alice Davis, Ron Hoffman, Ashley Reller, Jacqueline Stoltz-Graner
Cathy Zabel, Keyra LaFee, Vienna Wurst

March 8 Craig Barrett, Beth Pahl

March 9 Noah Escamilla, Anthony Pitzer, Stash Rucinski

March 10..... Derik Tradup

March 11..... Holden Bye, Renee Stephan

March 12..... Jill Hoffman, Cherish Marquardt, Ron & Cathy Walters

March 14..... Troy Brown, Diane Reiter

March 15..... Charlotte Ohm

March 16..... Caleb Moldenhauer

March 17..... Stella Loftus

March 18..... John Hall

March 19..... Matthew Haack, Amber Holtegaard-Mark, Alicia Kahn, Bobbi Jo Krusmark

March 20..... Bryanna Donahue

March 21..... Heidi Bramstedt, Victoria Hoehne

March 22..... Tyler Hahn, Aaron Mickow

March 23..... Krista Johnson

March 26..... Jacob Copley

March 28..... John Jacobs

March 29..... Mark Kahn, Joyce Koss, Lyle & Eileen Wandrey

March 30..... Mitchel Ferden, Joe Haack, Samantha Petersen, Sarah Petersen,

March 31..... Marian Prescher

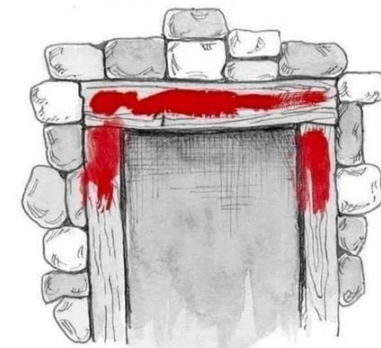


CHURCH DIRECTORY

If you have not had your picture taken for the directory, please see Kari or Betty soon, as we wrap up picture taking. If you would like to submit a photo, you can email it to the church.

trinitylutheranelgin@gmail.com

Questions may be directed to Kari Wurst or Betty Haack



The LORD did not check who inside the house was worthy. HE checked for the BLOOD on the doorposts. None of us is worthy. Only the blood of Jesus can cover us.

5 Christian facts that hit deep

GOD DOESN'T TELL US TO UNDERSTAND. HE TELLS US TO TRUST HIM.
Proverbs 3:5-6

IF YOU'RE WORRIED ABOUT IT, THAT'S A SIGN YOU NEED TO PRAY ABOUT IT.
Philippians 4:6-7

EVEN IF OTHER PEOPLE LEAVE YOU, GOD WILL NEVER ABANDON YOU.
Hebrews 13:5

GOD'S TIMING IS BETTER THAN YOUR TIMING.
Isaiah 55:8-9

GOD KNOWS WHAT'S BEST FOR YOU. TRUST THE PLAN.
Jeremiah 29:11

YOUR GIVING MATTERS!

Monthly FINANCIAL/BUDGET REPORT

January. 2024	Total Income: \$	17,952.50
	Total Expenses: \$	17,674.72
The difference between expenses and income as a "Positive" \$		277.78



Join today and come have fun with the women of the Trinity Guild! We can make an amazing difference here at home and all over the world!



Trinity Guild next meeting: Thursday, March 14th at 1:30pm

Birthdays: Marlys Kitzman (1)
Marian Prescher (31)
Hostess: All Guild Member Cookie Party
(Bring 1/2 dozen cookies each)

March Door Greeter:
Barb Heyn



February Meeting Minutes:

Booklets were passed out. The contents was prepared by the officers. Typing and assembly was done by Patty and Kari.

Pastor Josh led Bible Study. We continue to study Ecclesiastes. Its theme and conclusion is that life without faith in God is empty and futile. We need to continue and learn more.

LWML Pledge

Roll call was answered by 10 members.

Secretary minutes were ready and accepted. Since there was a lot of correspondence, it was passed around for each to read.

Judy was installed by Pastor as our new Vice President. Judy gave her report as Vice President.

Rhonda gave the Treasurer's report and reminds us of our \$10.00 dues.

Delegates report::Marian and Judy will be hosting the Delegate meeting on February 17th. Plans are being made for the April Rally which will be at Trinity on April 13th.

Lake Pepin Pastors will be meeting at Trinity on March 7th. Judy, Marian, and Rhonda are in charge of the lunch.

Trinity Guild be helping with the Lenten Suppers.

Members are reminded to bring their empty jelly jars to church by Sunday, March 3rd.

Our next meeting will be March 13th. Members are to bring 1/2 dozen cookies. Marian and Joy are setting up. Corrine will bring ice cream and Marlys toppings.

Our meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer, Doxology, and the Table Prayer.

Lunch was served by Marian and helpers. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

Lucy Jacobs, Secretary

**Check out LWML
Mustard Seed
Devotions available
at: www.lwml.org
or download the
LWML app on your
smart phone.**



**Evening Trinity Guild
next meeting: Tuesday,
March 19th at 6:30 pm**

Lenten Suppers

March 6 Assorted Soups
March 13 Spaghetti & Alfredo
March 20 BBQ, Chips and Salads

Proceeds will go to the Trinity Guild.



For updates on Tim Boardman,
go to caringbridge.org and
search for Tim Boardman.

Accessing the church service videos:

Our church services are now on cable TV.
You can find it on Midco channel 20,
the services rotate simultaneously with 2
other churches.

Facebook-Trinity Lutheran of Elgin
church website– trinitylutheranelgin.org
You tube– Trinity Lutheran, Elgin



Youth Night
Saturday, March 16
5:00-7:00 pm
Supper will be served.
We will be assembling
back packs for
Lutheran World Relief



Attention
We have a no longer have
a post office so we have a
new address:
305 1 St NW
Elgin, MN 55932

Join us for Immanuel Lutheran School's
**Pre-School/Kindergarten/New Families
Information and Registration Night**
Thursday, March 7, 6:30-7:30 pm

Current and prospective families are invited to
Immanuel Lutheran School for an informational session to
learn more about Pre-School (now enrolling 3 & 4 year olds!)
and Kindergarten for the 2024-2025 school year.

6:30 pm – 7 pm	Open meeting with a short presentation. Students will be dismissed for an activity in the classroom.
7 pm – 7:30pm	Tours of the Pre-School and Kindergarten classrooms (optional) and a chance to fill out registration forms and pay the registration fee.

If you have any questions or want to know more about our school, please call the office at 507-534-2108 or email office@immanuelplainview.org

Please RSVP for this event by calling 507-534-2108

Violet Marquardt, age 3, daughter of Kari & Nick Marquardt was recently diagnosed with Type B cell Leukemia. Please consider helping Violet, Kari & Nick. The funds will be used for medical expenses and to allow Kari and Nick to spend extra time needed to care for sweet Violet back to her energetic caring self.



8:00 am Release Time
3:45 pm Confirmation
5:00 pm Confirmation
5:30-6:30 pm Lenten Supper
7:00 pm Lenten Service

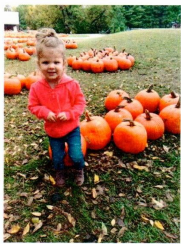
LWML Spring Rally
Lake Pepin Circuit
Saturday, April 13, 2024
Trinity Lutheran, Elgin
Theme: Connected in Christ, based on John 15:5
Time: 8:30 am registration, Starts at 9:00 am
Speaker: Matthew Feils-Immanuel Lutheran Youth Group, Plainview
Gifts from the Heart: Plainview/Elgin Food Shelf
Devotion: Pastor Josh Moldenhauer



MN South District LWML Convention
June 20-22, 2024
Verizon Convention Center, Mankato
More information to come!



Easter Egg Hunt
Sunday, March 31
8:30 am
Fellowship Hall
All kids are invited to participate!



FUNDRAISER FOR VIOLET WHO IS BATTLING LEUKEMIA

PLEASE JOIN US ON
SATURDAY APRIL 6TH, 2024
11:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.
EAGLES CLUB
917 15th Ave. SE Rochester, MN.



WHAT WILL TAKE PLACE
Basket silent auction
Baked goods
Food: Sloppy Joes, baked beans, chips and water
Raffle drawings will be: (raffle winners will be drawn at 3:30)
▪ 6-hour Tattoo session by ASH Tattoo
▪ A wagon full of booze



If you wish to make a monetary donation please use the QR "GO FUND ME"
Scan to donate



Puzzle!

Connect the dots to find two symbols of Easter. Then write the words in the correct blanks to complete an Easter poem.

17. the 18. holy 19. righteous 20. loving 21. one 22. He 23. died 24. to 25. 26. 27. 28. 29. 30. 31. 32. 33. 34. 35. 36. 37. 38. 39. 40. 41. 42. 43. 44. 45. 46.

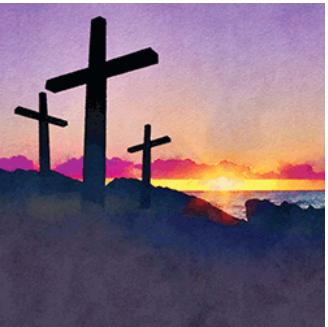
10. Christ 11. God 12. his 13. Son 14. again 15. the 16. 17. 18. 19. 20. 21. 22. 23. 24. 25. 26. 27. 28. 29. 30. 31. 32. 33. 34. 35. 36. 37. 38. 39. 40. 41. 42. 43. 44. 45. 46.

Answer: God gave us Jesus Christ, his Son, the holy King, righteous one. He died to save us all from sin, and on Easter day he rose again.

Resident of the month
♥ February ♥
Name~ Janet Moore
Nickname~ Jan
Birthday~ September 5th, 1935
Age~ 88
Favorite food/drink~ Fruit(looms)/coffee
Occupation~ Elgin Creamery
Hobbies~ Puzzles, Sewing, embroidery, word searches
Where did you grow up~ Elgin, Mn
Favorite Song~ Church hymns
Favorite Holiday~ Christmas
Favorite T.V. Show~ Price is Right
All the time + money what would you do?~ Travel more
Words of wisdom~ Think before you speak



Home School children came in to help Janet and her friends decorate valentine cookies.



Janet making home made pizza.



Janet enjoying pizza with her friends.



Patty and Luke surprised Jody and her housemates with pizza!



Jody is enjoying the Community Ed. Dance



Jody and her house mates love to play BINGO!





The kids enjoyed a spaghetti supper.



The youth frosted and decorated 120 cookies for Random Act of Kindness week.



Great groups in my area. Thanks for the kindness.
Pete, UPS driver



The cookies were packaged on Sunday morning and handed out after church for everyone to share with someone as a random act of kindness.



February Youth Night

Trinity Youth Events

- March 16, 2024 Assembling Back Packs for Lutheran World Relief 5-7 pm
- March 30, 2024 Setup for Easter Breakfast
- March 31, 2024 Easter Breakfast
- March 31, 2024 8:30 am Easter Egg Hunt
- April 27, 2024: Flower Planting/Service Projects around Church



The youth donated a basket of home canned products and a cookie cutter basket for the Arguto Benefit.

Dear Immanuel families and the Plainview area community,

A "thank you" seems too small to say how much we appreciate your kindness and generosity for Sunday's Rally. The outpouring of love and support immensely lifted Rick's spirits! He is still emotionally overwhelmed in such a positive way! During such a hard time your understanding and compassion have been a blessing and truly show God's love in you all. We are forever grateful for the gifts, meals, cards, words of encouragement, and especially all of your prayers for us.

Rick and Pam Arguto

Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in him.
Jeremiah 17:7



Opening the roaster bags.

What started out in 2019 as an idea and small fundraiser, has turned into a huge fundraiser that involved many volunteers of all ages. We began with 18 gallons of soup being made in 2019. Fast forward to 2024, and we made 53 gallons of soup with 26 volunteers! To peel and slice/dice 90 pounds of potatoes in an hour and a half is an undertaking of many talented volunteers.



Kris and Sherryl organizing the orders with a full cooler of 4 different kinds of soup.



Keep stirring

Grocery List 2024

- 2 1/2# shredded cheese
- 16# butter
- 29 quarts half and half
- 8 pkg. celery
- 40 cans minced clams
- 2 cans white crab meat
- 4 cans tomato paste
- 95# potatoes
- 20 medium onions
- 20# flour
- 38# carrots
- 10# ham
- 25# sirloin tip roast
- 10# wild rice
- 80# chicken

Total Profit

\$2350

To the A/C Fund



Soup Made 2024

- 20 1/2 Gallons Wild Rice
- 12 1/2 Gallons Potato
- 6 1/2 Gallons Clam Chowder
- 13 1/2 Gallons Beef Stew
- Total-53 Gallons (2023-42 gallons)

We Sold:

- 60 quarts & 31 Pints Wild Rice
- 35 quarts & 28 pints Potato and Ham
- 37 quarts 24 pints Beef Stew
- 13 quarts 25 pints clam chowder



Faith Back has made some soup bowl cozies. They are machine washable and microwave safe. They are \$5 each with proceeds to the A/C Fund. They can be purchased during fellowship hour.





Peeling Potatoes



Dicing Potatoes



Peeling Potatoes



Slicing Potatoes



Counting and labeling containers

Soup Fundraiser 2024



Teaching the next generation!



Making the potato soup base.



Counting and organizing orders so we make the right amount of soup.



Chopping onions and celery.



Just keep stirring so it doesn't burn!



Packaging cooled soup.



Continuous Cleanup!



Seems a little chaotic, but everyone has a job and knows what they are doing!



Thank you to Dave Kohs for the CPR/Defibulator refresher on Sunday Feb. 11 after bible study. There were 21 people in attendance. A \$250 donation was sent to the Elgin Ambulance as a thank you.

Matthew Moldenhauer



Name: Matt Moldenhauer
Grade: 2nd
Birthday: October 16
Favorite Thing about School: Recess
Favorite Food: Chicken Noodle Soup
Favorite Bible Verse:
Favorite Jesus Song: Jesus Loves Me
Favorite Subject: STEAM
Three words others would use to describe me: compassionate, caring, loyal



Trinity Lutheran Church ~
Thank you very much for your generous donation. We greatly appreciate your

Thank You!

Elgin Ambulance
wishes to thank you for helping
us continue to assure a high level
of emergency care for those who deserve
the best . . . the people of our community.

The Crew at Elgin Ambulance

Bless you!

On March 17, when we remember the Christian missionary St. Patrick, Irish blessings abound. Here are two benedictions to share with friends in the faith:
Deep peace of the running wave to you,
Deep peace of the flowing air to you,
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you,
Deep peace of the shining stars to you,
Deep peace of the Son of Peace to you. Amen.

May there always be work for your hands to do;
May your purse always hold a coin or two;
May the sun always shine on your windowpane;
May a rainbow be certain to follow each rain;
May the hand of a friend always be near you;
May God fill your heart with gladness to cheer you.





Council Meeting Minutes 2/13/2024

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Lee Peterson at 7:04pm. Pastor Moldenhauer led opening devotions from James 1- All good and perfect things come from above. Roll call was taken with 20 members present.

Approval of the Agenda- Patty Zabel-Duden added to New Business to discuss the Post office box, and copy machine, and added to Unfinished Business -the soup fundraiser. Motion was made by Wes Bruemmer and seconded by Larry Plenge to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Review of the Council Meeting Minutes- Approved as read.

Finance Report – Wes Bruemmer reviewed Profit and Loss for January 2024. Pastor explained that the circuit dues are what the circuit collects to pay for the 1 pastor delegate and 1 lay delegate to the synodical convention. Dale Himmer asked about investing additional funds considering the considerable savings account balance. Wes Bruemmer mentioned there will be some expenses coming up such as the A/C, however he will look into investing another CD with LCEF. A motion was made by Dale Owens and seconded by Dale Himmer to invest another \$15,000.00 from savings into a CD with LCEF. Motion carried. A thank you card for Bill Sims Tax Service was signed by the council.

Pastor's Report- Lent starts 2/14/24 with supper before the service. Confirmation is coming along. Also reported we should have a new member joining church soon. The remainder of Pastor's report is summarized as follows:

- The Confirmation Year 2 class of 15 confirmands is currently studying the Lord's Supper. During Lent the second group that meet at 6:30pm will move up its meeting time to 5 pm. Pastor is working on ways to make class a little more interactive and applicable. He's also started preliminary talks with the leader(s) at Immanuel, Potsdam about how to handle the Public (or private) Examination and Confirmation Sunday.
- The Confirmation Year 1 class have their first test (over the 10 Commandments) on Monday.
- The end of January Pastor emailed out progress reports to all the parents of all the Confirmation students. Some of them are still behind on completing assignments.
- He wrote and led a devotion on Ecclesiastes for the monthly Trinity Guild Meetings.
- He performed his first wedding here at Trinity and everything went well.
- He attended the February circuit pastor's meeting in Plainview. The March meeting is here at Trinity (on the 7th).

- He's started writing a midweek Lent series called "Jesus' Strange Ways of Teaching" – which follows Jesus during Holy Week in Mark's Gospel. Lent begins on Feb. 14th with a 7pm Ash Wednesday service. January Pastoral Acts: 10 shut-in visits, 11 private communions, 3 pastoral care visits, 1 hospital visit, 4 leadership meetings, 2 family visitations, 1 evangelism contact, 1 wedding (Sean & Trinity Liebenow), 1 funeral (Hap Beck)

Board of Deacons – Larry Plenge reported new individual communion cups will be ordered that are a different size to fit the communion cup trays. Lenten and Easter services are set. Easter services are at 6:30am and 9am with holy communion. Easter breakfast will be served in between services. Maundy Thursday service is at 7pm with holy communion, and Good Friday service is at 7pm.

Board of Trustees – Gene Reiter reported that Grinnell Mutual will be increasing their insurance rates possibly by 15%. A bid of \$3642.00 was received from B&C Plumbing and Heating for replacement of 2 water fountains. Gene reviewed on Amazon 3 different types of stand-alone water dispensers; bottle on top, bottle below, and one that hooks directly into the existing waterline. A fourth type is similar to the existing porcelain water dispenser. There are 2 models that hook into the existing waterline; a reverse osmosis dispenser for about \$299.00 and a filtered dispenser for \$268.00. The bottle dispensers run \$100-200. He also reviewed a bubbler for \$499.00 however we have had issues with the existing bubblers. Discussion took place. A motion was made by Wes Bruemmer and seconded by Larry Plenge to purchase a reverse osmosis dispenser from Amazon to be placed by the Sacristy. Motion carried. Bryce Bry is coming 2/14/24 to look at installing the A/C system in the fellowship hall and can possibly start next week, keeping in mind church activities. A carpet cleaning bid of \$600.00 was received from Exceptional Carpet Care, for the fellowship hall, to be done sometime after the primary election taking place at church in March.

Board of Education – Becky Hofschulte reported at February youth night 13 youth decorated 120 cookies for Random Act of Kindness. There will be a game night on 2/23/24 with a shut-in. At the March youth night,

3/16/24, the youth will assemble back packs for Lutheran World Relief. The youth will be serving Easter breakfast.

Board of Evangelism – Kari Wurst reported they are keeping up with the Facebook page and newsletter, and Becky Hofschulte is keeping up with the church website. They continue to have directory meetings. Over 50 members pictures have been taken. They will be making a call list for members to come have their photo taken. They are also looking at having the church service aired on the local cable station. The video quality was noted to be poor at times due to lighting and sound. Gene Reiter will check on a wireless connection to the camera.

Board of Stewardship – Dale Owens reported thank you's were received from the Lutheran Hour, Mission Central and First Lutheran School in Minneapolis for donations that were given from fellowship hour funds to the organizations. March fellowship money will be donated to LAMP, a mission outreach in remote areas of Canada. April fellowship money will be donated to Immanuel Lutheran School Secret Angel Fund.

Trinity Guild – Marian Prescher handed out the Trinity Guild 2023 Year End financial report. The Guild served the Hap Beck funeral 1/23/24. They are assisting with the Lenten suppers. On Saturday, 2/17/24 there will be an LWML Delegate meeting at Trinity in preparation for the spring rally on 4/13/24 hosted by Trinity. Pastor Phil Augustine is the LWML's zone counselor. The Guild will be serving the Pastors Circuit Meeting on 3/7/24. Kari Wurst reported there was an evening Guild meeting 1/16/24 to encourage younger women to become involved and will be assisting with Lenten suppers, and fellowship hour. The next evening Guild meeting is 3/19/24 at 6:30pm.

Unfinished Business - Patty Zabel-Duden reported the soup fundraiser orders need to be in by 2/21/24. The proceeds will go towards the A/C for the fellowship hall.

New Business – Patty Zabel- Duden reported the office copier lease is due in May and the copier needs updating. The new copier will need to be programmed to the new computer. A motion was made by Dale Himmer and seconded by Duane Behnken that Patty Zabel-Duden look into purchasing a new office computer. Motion carried. Patty also reported that our post office box fees are due soon and are \$77.00 for 6 months, and \$154.00 for 12 months. Discussion took place of purchasing a mailbox for the church property. Gene Reiter will talk to the post office about a mailbox for the church. A motion was made by Larry Plenge and seconded by Becky Hofschulte to approve a mailbox on the church property if approved by the post office. Motion carried.

Dale Himmer thanked Marian Prescher for setting up the defibrillator refresher given by Dale Kohs of the Elgin Ambulance Service. Twenty-one people attended. A motion was made by Dale Himmer and seconded by Dale Owens to contribute \$250.00 to the Elgin Ambulance Service in appreciation. Motion carried.

Gene Reiter reported that the Trustees will look into getting the fire extinguishers recharged. A suggestion was made to check with our insurance on doing this.

Ray Hampel mentioned that Pastor Henslin passed away.

Adjournment – A motion was made by Larry Plenge and seconded by Dale Himmer. Meeting adjourned at 8:13pm and closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna Peterson, Council Secretary

Special Voters Meeting 2/11/24 - 9:33am

The meeting was called to discuss Pastor Moldenhauer's compensation for 2024. Lee Peterson reported he met with Wes Bruemmer and the Deacons to review the compensation guidelines as provided by the MN South District and proposed a 5% increase or \$3,550.00 for a total salary of \$74,550.00 for 2024. The floor was opened for discussion. A motion was made by Dale Himmer and seconded by Dale Owens to accept the proposed 5% salary increase for Pastor Moldenhauer. Motion carried.

Adjournment – a motion was made by Dale Himmer. Meeting adjourned at 9:45am.

