

JANUARY

Trinity Lutheran
Lexington, NE

Servant Thoughts

As we begin a new year, I can't help but think that we never really know what is ahead for us as a new year begins. I honestly thought by now that we would have been done with COVID and the need for masks, testing, etc., but some of that still lingers on. I certainly had no idea last January that I would have had major back surgery in New York City and have had as successful a recovery as I have had so far. I also didn't expect that January 2022 would begin with one less staff member for us here at Trinity, as we said farewell to the Ohlmann's in December.

So, what is ahead for us in 2022? I've learned that it doesn't make sense to make bold predictions, but rather to look at what things we can know for sure. So here is a list of what I do know is ahead for us in 2022...

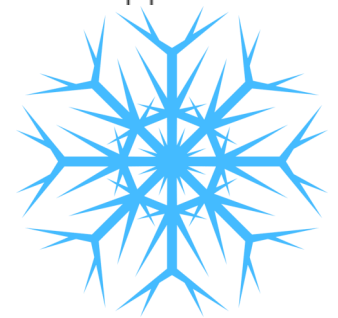
- ◆ We will continue to be focused on God's Word and Sacraments in our times of worship.
- ◆ We will continue to seek to grow as disciples, following our Lord Jesus where He leads.
- ◆ We will continue to encourage individuals and families to spend time with the Lord in personal study of God's Word and in prayer.
- ◆ We will strive to grow in our understanding of sabbath rest and how our Lord desires us to experience and know how powerful it is to rest in Him.

As we face whatever comes in 2022, if we commit together to these basics, then I am certain that the Lord will continue to take care of us. And even when we fail, and don't always live up to these desires, God is still faithful! One of my favorite descriptions in the Psalms is the "steadfast love" that our Lord has for us. We certainly are not always "steadfast" to Him... but in Christ, we know and experience God's steadfast love for us! That is what I am looking forward to in this new year.

In the service and love of Jesus,

Pastor Rob

Hebrews 13:20-21



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Christian Family Night Menu

January 5

Sloppy Joes

Chips

Baked Beans

Cookies and Fruti

January 12

Waffles and Chicken

Fruit Cups

January 19

Beef Stew

Biscuits

Pudding

January 26

Tater Tot Casserole

Bread

Peaches

thank you!

- ♦ Jackie and I wish to offer our thanks to all of you who so graciously showered us with gifts and well wishes this past month. It is impossible to put into words all the love that we felt as you expressed your regrets of our departure but at the same wished us the best in future. We will always treasure each of you in our hearts until that day when our Lord Jesus takes us home to live with Him forever. See you later, Pastor Bill and Jackie

- ♦ Chef Batie will be gone for the Jan. 26 and Feb. 2 CFN meals so some help is requested for those two nights to set up and serve and if a volunteer chef would like to prepare the Feb. 2 meal that would be great.

For Jan. 26 the menu is set and a volunteer will be needed to put the casseroles in the oven at 4:30. Then volunteers will be needed to set up and serve and then cleanup.

For Feb. 2 a chef is needed to plan a menu, and again volunteers to set up, serve and cleanup.

Chef Batie will be happy to help you plan for numbers and show you around the kitchen if you want to cook on site.

Signup sheets for each week will be in the fellowship hall.

SAVE THE DATE !!!!!!!

JANUARY 9, 2022

LLL MURDER MYSTERY

CHINESE TAKEOUT

Characters:

CHEW CHOW***Mrs. Boggs' Cook**

PENNY SYLAN***Mrs. Boggs' Live-In Nurse**

AXEL DENT***Mrs. Boggs' Private Chauffeur**

LAI LOW***Mrs. Boggs' Chinese Maiden**

Staying with Mrs. Boggs

HIM WONG***Retired Police Detective From**

Hong Kong

ANITA MUMM***Mrs. Boggs' Missing Daughter**

Welcome Honorable friends to LLL's 12th Murder Mystery. You will be served a part of your dinner after each act. Come and enjoy fellowship, food. And friends

FREE WILL OFFERING WILL BE TAKEN



January 13, 2022

Opening: Jackie Ohlmann

Program: Linda Moore– TBA from

LWML Website

Closing: Jackie Ohlmann

Hostesses: Marilyn Hueftle and Francie Stieb

Installation of Officers



LUTHERAN HOUR– KRVN(880 AM)
Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

♦ **January 2**

"Gospel Power for Personal Patience"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Gregory
Seltz

No one likes to wait! Hear God's promises for
impatient people.
(Luke 2:40-52)

♦ **January 9**

"Facing Rejection"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
How does one deal with rejection? Push
through it? Rise above it? Or start over?
(Luke 3:1-22)

♦ **January 16**

"Hazed and Confused"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
God is against our pride because He wants to give
Himself to us.
(Luke 4:1-37)

♦ **January 23**

"TBD"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

♦ **January 30**

♦ **"TBD"**

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler



- ♦ Coming Soon! The Wednesday Woman's Bible Study will begin a new study by Deb Burma called "Be Still and Know: A Study of Rest and Refuge" on January 5, 2022. Come and join us for the Christian Family Night meal followed by the study.



Prayers

In order to keep our prayer requests up to date, those prayers that are short term in nature, will be listed for two weeks. If, after that time, you would like your request to remain, please resubmit your request to the church office. Members will be in bold.

Health Concerns

**Ron King, Jo Swartz, Elaine Cox, Alan Gierhan,
Carol Shutz, Wanda Hoefener, Norbert Kwiakowski,
Lacy Bowman, Dixie Line**

Chronic or Long Term Health Conditions

Barb Horn, Jackie Rowan, Jon Buhlmann

Mission & Ministry

Ferry Family, Chelsea Irwin

Kearney Circuit Pastors and Congregations



THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY

**Lucas Horn, Randy Kwiatkowski, Jason Murray,
Dylan Samway, Jennifer Ballenger, Perry Pierce,
Andy Howard, John C. Moore, Ben Wichelt, Devin
Hueftle, Nic Van Cura, Tyler Schukar.**



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William Ohlmann, 01-02
Sandra Watkinson, 01-02
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Kendra Moore, 01-03
Mike Schulte, 01-04
Dale Barnes, 01-06
Alivia Peeples, 01-06
Dylan Richman, 01-07
Logen Callahan, 01-11
Elaine Cox, 01-12
Robert Potter 01-15
Sandra Goodrich, 01-17
Saidi Ringenberg, 01-18
Karter Barnes, 01-18
Lucille Grassmeyer, 01-19
Amanda Ziegenbein 01-19
Tessa Callahan, 01-25
Laurel Schram, 01-26

Ted Harvey, 01-26
Stephanie Ringenberg, 01-27
Dawson Anderson, 01-27
Mary Sue Haag 01-27
Cynthia Callahan, 01-28
Craig Uden, 01-28
Henrey Barnes, 01-28
Ed Johnson, 01-30
Chelsey Brown, 01-31
Larry Hauptmeier, 01-31
Gabriel Fees, 01-31



Eldon and Elaine Peck, 01-05
Roger and Kim Schultze, 01-16
Dennis and Pat Samway, 01-16
Gary and Cynthia Petersen, 01-26
Rod and Shirley Swanson, 01-27



♦ Our Anniversary and Birthday list is generated by information in the computer. If there is a mistake or we missed something, please let us know in the office. Thank you!

TRINITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Monday, November 1, 2021
7:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER & DEVOTIONS

The meeting was called to order by Eric Young. Pastor Rob led us in devotion. Acts:18:5. Paul arrived in Corinth. He devoted himself fully to the Word, testifying to the Jews that Jesus is the Christ. Do not be afraid! Do not be silent! He stayed a year and 6 months teaching the word of God. Most of the Jews didn't like him, but some did follow him. Within the Corinth Church, there were lots of troubles. Every Sabbath he tried reasoning and persuading both the Jews and the Gentiles.

Pastor asked for prayer requests & led us in prayer. Prayers for healing for Pastor Rob, Deb, Gerry Bauer, Jared's father & Don's harvest help, Brad Heil.

ATTENDENCE

Pastor Rob, Kyle, Peg, Shirley, Julie, Marcus, Deb, Josie, Jared, Kim, Eric, Dana, & Don

MINUTE CORRECTIONS

Don Batie was present at the October meeting. Trustee report should have read that Kat will work on winterizing the sprinkler the end of October and not November.

Josie motioned to approve the minutes as corrected, and Don seconded the motion. Minutes were approved.

TREASURE'S REPORT

Report attached. Pastor Rob reported that we are still sitting good. No noticeable drops in giving. The building fund isn't receiving as much. Don may do a giving report to remind the congregation that the building fund is still in need.

EDUCATION REPORT

Josie reported that Trunk or Treat was moved indoors due to the wind. Very well attended. The Christmas program will be held on December 15th at 6:30 pm. The kids will start practicing soon. Don added that soup will be served prior to the program. Julie offered the help of the Youth if help is need for the program.

ELDER'S REPORT

Kyle reported that the Elders met on October 18th and after an opening prayer, spent the remainder of the time on the 2022 TLC Budget. A copy of the completed budget was the forwarded to Pastor Rob who will bring the document to the Board of Directors meeting on November 1st for final approval. Those present at the Elders Meeting were Larry Fisher, Don Batie, Quentin Daily, Mike Thome, Marcus Porath, and Rick Trampe. The group finished with the Lord's Prayer.

INREACH/OUTREACH REPORT

The committee met in the library on October 25th, 2021. Members present were, Peg Fisher, Dana Thornburg, Francie Stieb, LaDonna Kwiatkowski & Pastor Bill. LaDonna created and mailed 39 birthday cards and 6 anniversary cards for October. Trunk or Treat is outside again this year from 4:30-6pm. Everyone is welcome to decorate a vehicle trunk, wear a costume, and hand out goodies to the children of the community. Peg received a Thrivent grant for Trinity Thanksgiving baskets, she will send out a note for the bulletin/newsletter asking for names that could benefit from receiving a Thanksgiving Basket. Peg contacted the Parent/Child center for angel tree names. The responded positively but have not sent a specific list of names yet. Pastor Bill shared some evangelism ideas from the church workers conference including follow-up visits with church guests that have filled out an attendance card. LaDonna is to come in on Mondays to review the names and reach out. The committee will meet again on Monday, November 29th at 5 pm in the church library.

PLANNING REPORT

The committee met Sunday, October 24th. Hosted Pastor Appreciation for both Pastor Rob & Pastor Bill on the 24th, also. We had special cupcakes and for the program had a "bouncy" good time. We will be participating in the LLL Chili Cookoff. We will be having a retirement farewell for Pastor Bill & Jackie on Sunday, December 12th. Details to follow.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Don will do an update on the building fund & giving. The contribution envelopes will be here & they will get them labeled.

TRUSTEE REPORT

Jared Bauer is our new guy. The furnace filters have been replaced. Lights in the social hall may need to be looked at. He will work on removing ceiling tiles. The new phone system should be here within 2 wks. Maria's phone is the only one that is actually ringing now.

YOUTH REPORT

Julie reported that the youth attended Fields of Faith on October 13th at the Lexington High School. They participated in Trunk or Treat on October 27th. The butter braids will be arriving on November 3rd. The youth group will be making chili on Wednesday, November 10th to participate in the LLL Chili Cook off. They will not be meeting on November 24th. They will be serving on November 28th and the month of December. Julie has been sending monthly e-mails to both parents and students. Registration is opening today for the National Youth Gathering. Pastor asked if Julie wanted to have an informational meeting. November 20th & 21st is the Middle School State Convention in LaVista. During Advent, they plan to do a craft & devotion after service. They are averaging 3 youth per night.

PASTOR'S REPORT

Pastor Bill was not present. But he did submit his report stating visitations have been a little difficult in respect to the care facilities for the past two months. Covid is still causing sporadic shutdowns and he has been unable to visit several of our shut-ins because of that. He has been able to make several home visits however. He will continue his efforts to visit the care homes as they open up. He and Jackie are spending most of their time packing and downsizing from almost 30 yrs at the same residence. Thankfully they are still speaking with each other despite the frustrations to go along with this. They are planning to make their move complete in the first part of January.

Pastor Rob reported that he has a telehealth meeting with his surgeon set for 11/10/21. He is hoping to be able to move to just the cane. He has been doing some meetings by Zoom. Reformation Services was held yesterday. He will be working out the schedule for Christmas, Advent & New Years. Ann Young is stepping away from decorating for Christmas, so we will be looking for someone to do this. We need to let Donna Phillips know if we have a name for our chili – she is going to be making name cards.

OLD BUSINESS

We will wait on forming a by-law committee until 2022.

NEW BUSINESS

Budgets were submitted by each board. Budget requests were reviewed. Some areas may go down because of Pastor Bill's retirement, mileage, benefits, conference & workshops. We have increased the Guest Pastor budget since we haven't been having to pay anyone when one of the Pastors were gone. Elders were questioning the cost for Webmasters, this is what Alan Gierhan has been working on. Pastor changed the amount on Devotional materials, Portals of Prayer, as these amounts have increased. NACC went down by supporting Concordia any student gets a scholarship, so far, we have 3 students. Note changes to Maria's salary, lowered postage cost, increased streaming budget to \$1200, this includes bank fees, check purchasing, stop payments. Increased insurance amount. Budgeting for organist in case we do need to use it. Overall, the budget is down from last year. Don moved to accept the budget as presented and Kyle seconded the motion. The budget was approved.

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

None

Next Meeting – Monday, December 6th, 2021 at 7:00 PM

Closed with Lord's Prayer

Respectfully Submitted

Kim Richman
Secretary