



# NEWSLETTER



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## Divine Worship Services

St. Paul 8:30 a.m. Sunday  
Trinity 10:30 a.m. Sunday

**Bible Study** Book of Revelation -- St. Paul 10 a.m. Monday  
Trinity 5:30 p.m. Wednesday

## Sunday School

St. Paul 9:30 a.m.

## Youth Confirmation Class

St. Paul 1 p.m. Sunday

## Wednesday School

Trinity 5:30 p.m.

## Release-Time Class

Trinity 3:30 p.m. Wednesday

## Lent Schedule

### Wednesday Services, Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday

5:30 p.m. Trinity and 7 p.m. St. Paul

### Easter

7 a.m. St. Paul and 9 a.m. Trinity

## Lutheran Women's Missionary League

Trinity Hope Circle – February 2, 2021 2 p.m.

Trinity Ruth Circle – February 2, 2021 6:30 p.m.

St. Paul Dorcas Circle – February 9, 2021 7 p.m.

## Serving the Lord's Church in February

### TRINITY

**Elder** David Bogenhagen

**Ushers** Ben Bogenhagen

Brian Hall

**Acolytes** Jasmyne Lessman

Aidan Lessman

### ST. PAUL

**Elder**

**Ushers** Justin Everson, Rodney Weber, Lane Wesseling

**Acolyte** Karter Weber

**Altar** Kim Lessman

## Scripture Readings

Feb. 7 Isaiah 40:21–31; 1 Corinthians 9:16–27; Mark 1:29–39

Feb 14 2 Kings 2:1–12; 2 Corinthians 3:12–13, 4:1–6; Mark 9:2–9

Feb 21 Genesis 22:1–18; James 1:12–18; Mark 1:9–15

Feb 28 Genesis 17:1–7, 15–16; Romans 5:1–11; Mark 8:27–38



**If you have PRAYER CONCERNS or would like a PASTORAL VISIT,** please contact Pastor Lessman at 605-641-8501.



From Our  
PASTOR

*God has so composed the body, giving greater honor to the part that lacked it, <sup>25</sup>that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. <sup>26</sup>If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together (1 Corinthians 12:24-26).*

In 1 Corinthians, Paul describes a divided and struggling congregation, not unlike what we are going through today. In 1 Corinthians we hear how the Lord brought them through their struggles, using the sound theology and counsel of the apostle Paul, focusing on salvation through the Lord Jesus Christ. History shows that, despite early struggles, the congregation survived and prospered (e.g., we have Clement of Rome's letter to them from 40 years later).

God's Word of truth in 1 Corinthians is an important book for us to consider right now. Through the words given in 1 Corinthians 12:24-26, God tells us how to work with each other to become stronger as a congregation and to grow as the body of Christ. God tells us in this body of Christ we are to help each other. If one member has a weakness or is lacking in ability, others within the body work together to support and help overcome that area of weakness. In our world today it seems more common to exploit weaknesses rather than show true love to a person by helping with their weakness. As Christians and in keeping with the 8<sup>th</sup> commandment we try to cover weaknesses rather than exploit them. This is especially true within the church and the body of Christ as God tells us in 1 Corinthians 12:24-26.

I call this to our attention in light of the recent challenges we have been experiencing. I have had time to reflect on the concerns and complaints from some of our members. Some of you have said that I don't call our members as much as I should. You are right. I could do better. I confess my sin to those who may have been hurt by me not reaching out as I should. I ask for everyone's forgiveness. I do desire to do better.

Assuming I have your forgiveness, I now appeal to you as brothers and sisters in Christ for help. Because of the way I was raised, because I'm naturally introverted, I confess this is a weakness of mine. I assure you there is NO ONE I'm not willing to visit. There is NO ONE I'm not willing to call. But because of who I am, my weakness and my struggles I do not just naturally think of calling or visiting people. This is where I humbly beg for your help and assistance to cover my weakness. I'm easily contacted through email, social media, text, or a phone call on my cell (605-641-8501). Even if I don't answer right away please leave a message. I promise I will call back as soon as I possibly can. Please help us become a stronger body of believers by working with me to cover my weaknesses toward our members. Please just let me if someone's sick. Please let's work together as one body to *have the same care for one another. <sup>26</sup>If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together.*

It is my honest prayer that we come together in unity and love as the body of Christ!! As Paul says in Ephesians 4:1-6 *I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, <sup>2</sup>with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, <sup>3</sup>eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. <sup>4</sup>There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call—<sup>5</sup>one Lord, one faith, one baptism, <sup>6</sup>one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.* I'm not perfect, nor can I be, but I will certainly do everything I can to work with you through my weaknesses I just ask for a little help from you to do it.

The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you. <sup>24</sup>My love be with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen.  
Pastor Lessman

*We are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, <sup>16</sup>from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love (Ephesians 4:15-16).*

# LENT 2021

## *Return to the Lord*

In the Book of Joel, the prophet paints a vivid picture of the coming judgment of God, the Day of the Lord. The imagery is bold and terrifying: hordes of locusts swarming over the land and decimating everything. Joel's prophecy has teeth even today as wars rage, natural disasters threaten and destroy, and our culture seems to be unraveling. But right in the middle of this frightening portent, we find a tender invitation from the Lord: "Return to the Lord your God, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and He relents over disaster" (Joel 2:13). God's invitation and promise finds its fullness in Jesus Christ, who personifies and accomplishes all that God declares. During this season of Lent, we will consider the theme "Return to the Lord" and examine how the call to return played out in practical ways for the people who walked alongside Christ as He demonstrated and carried out God's grace and mercy on our behalf, taking God's wrath upon Himself, setting the stage for God to "turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind Him" (Joel 2:14).

Each sermon will focus on a particular event in the Passion, with a special focus on the people involved in the event. Studying the events and people helps to connect us with our own sinful nature, emphasizing how we have turned away from the Lord, and to reinforce and rejoice in God's call for us to return to Him with all our heart.

**Ash Wednesday:** "A Call to Return"

**Wednesday of Lent 1:** "Return to Prayer"

**Wednesday of Lent 2:** "Return from Betrayal"

**Wednesday of Lent 3:** "Return from False Witness"

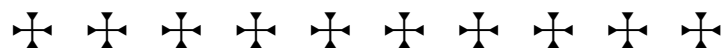
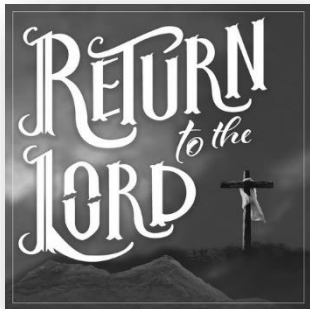
**Wednesday of Lent 4:** "Return from Denial"

**Wednesday of Lent 5:** "Return to the Kingdom of God"

**Holy (Maundy) Thursday:** "Return to the Table"

**Good Friday:** "Return to Truth"

**Easter Sunday:** "Return and See"



# Hymn of the Month

## 547 The Lamb



1 The Lamb, the Lamb, O Fa - ther, where's the sac - ri - fice?  
 2 The Lamb, the Lamb, One per - fect fi - nal of - fer - ing.  
 3 The Lamb, the Lamb, As way - ward sheep their shep - herd kill  
 4 He sighs, He dies, He takes my sin and wretch - ed - ness.  
 5 He rose, He rose, My heart with thanks now o - ver - flows.



Faith sees, be - lieves God will pro - vide the Lamb of price!  
 The Lamb, the Lamb, Let earth join heav'n His praise to sing.  
 So still, His will On our be - half the Law to fill.  
 He lives, for - gives, He gives me His own righ - teous - ness.  
 His song pro - long Till ev - 'ry heart to Him be - long.

*Refrain*



Wor - thy is the Lamb whose death makes me His



own! The Lamb is reign - ing on His throne!

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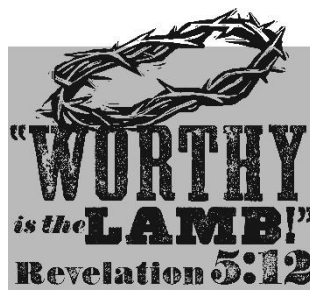
*Revelation 5:12–13; Genesis 22:7–8; I Peter 2:24–25*



A meaningful hymn for the season of Lent, as we ponder the Lamb “whose death makes me His own!”

This hymn was written by Rev. Dr. Gerald P. Coleman while attending a class on Galatians during summer school at Concordia Seminary in 1985. One of the focuses of this hymn are the two-syllable patterns: “The Lamb, the Lamb ... He sighs, He dies ... He lives, forgives,” etc. He never changed a word or note from his original composition.

ConcordiaUChicago. “Profiles in American Lutheran Church Music.” *YouTube*, Interview with Dr. Ralph C. Shultz, January 2014, <https://youtu.be/XPigCyrHRp8>.



## **1-21-21 Trinity's Voter's Meeting**

The January Voter's meeting of the Trinity Lutheran Church was held on Jan. 21-2021 at 7:30 pm with Pastor Lessman and 10 members (David B-Dan G- John G-Diana-Dean-Scott-Karen-Ben-Kim L and Kris) present with Pastor leading a devotion. The minutes of the October Voter's meeting were read and approved. The treas. report is \$13,217.74 and motion was made and seconded to approve.

The Synodical Convention has been moved to '22 or '23 depending on covid.

We have received \$895.00 from Melvin Mosemann family to be used where it is needed.

President Sailer sent info on the District Convention being moved to Dec.5-11 of this year.

Motion was made and seconded to accept the Brian and Laura (Bogenhagen) Megan and Logan Hall as new members.

Ted Meier entered eternity recently.

Pastor has visited AB residents 1-20-21 as it had been awhile.

Kim Lessman asked that the \$2000.00 Health Savings Account be given to them now to cover prescription expenses before their deductible is met. It was decided to give it to them now.

Discussion was held on having President Sailer come talk to anyone from our congregation one on one with some issues going on in the church. Diana made and Karen M seconded a motion to have him come visit whoever wants to talk with him.

David mentioned that Brian Hall has bought supplies to update the electronic equipment. Motion was made and seconded to give him \$500 at this time. Diana noted we will use some of the Memorial money from the Melvin Mosemann family.

The auditing committee commented that everyone's books came out all right.

Linda Smith and Janice Thiry have retired from the altar committee and no one has stepped forward to volunteer for it.

The slate of officers was presented and voted that everyone will keep their own offices.

Pres. Dean Suelflow, VPres. Ben Bogenhagen, Sec. Kris Kieffer, Treas. Diana Kieffer, Elders—Dan Guericke, Scott Meier, and David Bogenhagen (starting a new 3-yr term, having completed Dan Bosworth's term in 2020), Finance—Karen Meier and Brianna Bogenhagen, Trustees—John Geyer and Ron Steffen.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn at 8:07 pm and we closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Meeting adjourned.

Kris Kieffer Sec.

**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH  
4TH QUARTER REPORT - 2020**

**INCOME**

Home	\$16,655.00
Missions	\$2,850.00
Plate	\$640.75
Interest	\$81.65
Church Cleaning	\$820.00
Trans from Other Accts	\$600.00
Ted Meier Memorial	\$500.00
Gift from F & M Bank	\$300.00
Thrivent Choice \$	\$154.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b><u>\$22,601.40</u></b>

<b>Beg. Bal. Oct. 1, 2020</b>	\$8,873.31
Income	\$22,601.40
Disbursements	\$18,258.97

<b>End Bal. Dec. 31, 2020</b>	
<b>Total Checking</b>	<b><u>\$13,215.74</u></b>

**SPECIAL FUNDS**

Scholarship Fund	\$1,419.61
Memorial Fund	\$5,710.48
Thrivent Choice	\$6,167.50
Crystal Lake Cem.	\$307.32
THRIVENT	\$32,755.49
#9247295	\$13,957.57
#9249311	\$18,797.92
CD F & M BANK	\$33,708.00
Cert #5624	\$6,275.00
Cert #5683	\$2,031.03
Cert #56230	\$5,780.00
Cert #6968 CL Cem	\$2,500.00
Cert #5632 Choice \$	\$6,121.97
Cert #5633 Bldg/Mem	\$6,000.00
Cert #6265 Glissendorf	\$5,000.00
CD Extra	
<b>TOTAL SPECIAL FUND</b>	<b><u>\$80,068.40</u></b>

**EXPENSES**

Pastor's salary	\$5,087.52
Pastor's mileage	\$424.93
St. Paul Share	\$5,137.48
SD Dist. Missions	\$2,850.00
Synod TIM	\$100.00
Grounds & Upkeep	\$100.00
Propane	\$750.00
Electricity	\$656.02
Telephone	\$243.42
Water & Sewer	\$111.00
Church Cleaning	\$540.00
Communion	\$54.47
Portals of Prayer	\$52.50
Cemetary Upkeep	\$500.00
Organist Gifts	\$500.00
Miscellaneous	\$120.00
Garbage	\$164.01
Candle Oil	\$133.25
Trans to Scholarship	\$80.37
Trans to Choice \$	\$154.00
Ted Meier Mem Fund	\$500.00

<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b><u>\$18,258.97</u></b>
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Respectfully Submitted,

Diana Kieffer  
Jan. 21, 2021