



**Trinity
Evangelical
Lutheran Church**

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**MARK YOUR
CALENDAR**

**December 3
Team Trinity Holiday
Gift & Bake Sale**

**December 11
Christmas Program**

**December 24
Candle Light Service
5:30pm**

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Trinity Times December 2022

Pastor Tim Nappe's Paragraph

*"See, now is the acceptable time;
see, now is the day of salvation!"*

(2 Corinthians 6:2b)

These are words written by the Apostle Paul to the Christians who happen to be living in the city of Corinth. As we read these words, it is easy to miss the urgency that Paul wants to emphasize. If we were to speak these words, the tone of our voice could add emphasis and urgency. But when they are written, the urgency is harder to convey. Maybe it would be better if we capitalized and underlined them, in addition to the exclamation point.

"SEE, NOW IS THE ACCEPTABLE TIME!"

SEE, NOW IS THE DAY OF SALVATION!"

Paul is trying to catch their attention. He wants to emphasize that this is the moment, and if you miss this moment, it may not come around again. Don't let the moment pass! Take advantage of the blessing that God wants to give you while it is available! Don't miss your opportunity!

Paul wants to declare to the Corinthians, "Look! Now is the acceptable time!" Pay attention!

In the Bible, especially in the New Testament, when the writers are talking about time, it is important to notice what kind of time they are talking about. There are two different words that can be used in the New Testament for time. There is:

- * Chronos, which is "chronological" time. It is regular, measured, predictable time. Seconds, minutes, hours, days, weeks, months, and years. We can mark it and measure it with clocks and calendars. But there is also,
- * Kairos. This is different. This is the "moment." It is significant time that often comes unpredictably. It can surprise us and catch us off guard. This is the moment that something important or significant happens, like the birth of a baby or the coming of the harvest. It is time that is so important, that when it comes, everything else stops.

This verse from 2 Corinthians is talking about Kairos time. It is the significant moment! It is an important event!

I believe that Trinity Evangelical Lutheran is on the verge of a Kairos moment! We don't want to miss the significance of it! It is a moment that set the course for the coming years! All these things are converging in this moment of our history:

- * We are about to start a new year! 2023!
- * We are celebrating an anniversary year! 125 years!
- * For the first time in recent memory, we will start the year debt free!
- * There is an exciting sense of enthusiasm and anticipation for the future, rather than apprehension and worry! What does God have in store for us?

I invite you to join me in prayer and expectation as we follow God into the future!

Pastor Tim Nappe

Building Fund

Endowment Loan	PAYING OFF—12.1.2022
Member Loan #4	PAID OFF - 1.16.2022
Member Loan #3	PAID OFF - 1.16.2022
Member Loan #2	PAID OFF—5.25.2022
Member Loan #1	PAID OFF—10.5.2022

Member Loans

Total Member loans paid in 2022 **\$200,000.00**

Total Interest paid in 2022 **\$2,975.00**

Hello, members of Trinity!

Time and again for quite some time now - many of you have stepped up in whatever way you've been able to to help pay off our building loans (bank loan & member loans). And November has been no exception. We received an anonymous donation to pay the remaining balance of our final member loan. GOD IS SO GOOD! This means we will end 2022 debt free. We would not be where we are without God's grace and your generosity. THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!! During our next council meeting, we will discuss when to burn the mortgage. Stay tuned!

And to follow the good news...

Church Council has been very intentional to stay focused on the building loans, and not start another project that would require financial assistance. We can finally look forward! We have a handful of projects that make the short list; we will present those to you for discussion during our annual meeting on January 15. There are still building fund envelopes in your offering packets. Continue to use them as you have in the past - but with the understanding that the money will be directed to whatever we decide our next project will be. We will do the same with any special contributions we receive; we will direct them to our next project unless we are told otherwise.

I wish each of you a very blessed Thanksgiving!

Sharon Gradert, Council President

Offerings

October 30, 2022

General Fund: \$2,823.21

Noisy Offering: \$64.93

Attendance: 105

November 6, 2022

All Saints Sunday

General Fund: \$3,328.00

Bucket of Bucks: \$95.64

ATLAS of Osceola County

Attendance: 105

November 13, 2022

General Fund: \$ 3,009.00

Noisy Offering: \$54.94

Upper Des Moines Food Bank

Attendance: 115

November 20, 2022

General Fund: \$ 2,535.00

Noisy Offering: \$59.07

Upper Des Moines Food Bank

Attendance: 90

November 27, 2022

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**TRINITY EVANGELICAL
LUTHERAN CHURCH**



December Worship Notes

1st Sunday Bucket of Bucks for ATLAS, other Sundays Noisy Offering for Upper Des Moines Food Bank

December 4th, Second Sunday of Advent: 10:00 am Worship, Communion at the rail. Matthew 3:1-12. Dear God, you call us to repentance. We pray that you will give us the courage to truly repent and turn from our sins. Help us to follow you in the future.

December 11th, Third Sunday of Advent: 10:00 am Worship. Matthew 11:2-11. Sunday School Christmas Program. Heavenly Father, when troubles come and doubts arise, we pray that you would calm our minds and settle our hearts. Help us to remember your word, focus on you, and rest in your promises.

December 18th, Fourth Sunday of Advent: 10:00 am Worship. Continuous Communion. Matthew 1:18-25. Gracious God, we thank you for the faith of Mary and Joseph. They trusted in you, in spite of the questions and even in the face of public disgrace. Help us to rely on you, as they did.

December 24th, Christmas Eve: 5:30 pm Worship. Luke 2:1-20. Continuous Communion. Lord, we thank you for your willingness to humble yourself and come into our world. You were willing to lay aside all the advantages of your heavenly privilege and be born as a helpless baby in Bethlehem, all for us!

December 25th, Christmas Day: No Worship Today. John 1:1-14. Dear God, as we enjoy our family and the freedoms that we have in our lives, help us to never forget you as our Heavenly Father and the life that you have in store for us in eternity!



We have much to be thankful for and reason to celebrate! We received a very special donation, with the request that it be used to pay off Trinity's final loan—the Endowment loan of \$60,000.

We joyfully announce that we are now debt free!

Thank you to this latest donor and to all those who have sacrificed and contributed to this challenge over the years!

Team Trinity would like to thank all those who donated desserts, helped serve, did dishes and attended our Baked Potato Meal. We served 140 and took in \$1146.00 for the American Cancer Society. Thanks for your support!



Congratulations to Dixie Lee Onken on her Baptism on Sunday, November 13, 2022. Dixie is the daughter of Jared & Kendra Onken. Dixie's sponsors for baptism are Dani Onken & Holly Dorn.

Lord, bless Dixie with all the love heaven can release.

Give her strength and grace and happiness each day.



UGLY SWEATER AND COOKIE DECORATING— For all the youth of Trinity—Wear your ugly sweater (optional) and come to cookie decorating on Sat., December 10 from 10-11:30 am at church. Younger ones (3 years old-1st grade) are welcome to join, but need to have an adult with them to help.

Congregation will vote on the cookies the following day after the Christmas program!

There will be No Sunday School and No Adult Sunday School December 25th and January 1st and
NO CHOIR or YOUTH GROUP December 21st and 28th

MARK YOUR JANUARY 2023 CALENDAR

TELC ANNUAL MEETING —January 15th with a POTLUCK



1	Pam Groote
	Pat Lange
2	Arlene Kuehl
	Paul Hensch
5	Steve Onken
	Jeremy Wollmuth
9	Marty Richardson
	Carson Schaa
10	Duane Leach
11	Alexis Braun
12	Isabelle Bugay
13	Dylan Schuck
14	Stephanie Wollmuth
15	Karen Marten
18	Keith Zylstra
19	Karla Gamez
	Ryan Green
	Steve Woelber
20	Ty Hanna
	Lowell Heibult
	Kyle Kruger
21	Laureen Engler
23	Kyle Green
26	Reagan Rusche
28	Bruce Seivert

Special Services & Events



Team Trinity's Christmas Gift & Bake Sale

December 3rd
8:00am - 1:00pm

There will be decorative gifts and LOTS of goodies to choose from! Please come and help TEAM TRINITY raise money for the American Cancer Society. **THANKS!**



LISTEN TO CHRISTMAS

TELC Children's
Christmas Program

December 11, 2022

10:00am Worship Service



Parsonage Christmas Open House

December 11th

2-4pm

Hosted by
Pastor Tim and Bev



Christmas Eve

Candle Light Service

5:30pm

Worship with Communion
Poinsettia Dedication

NO Worship on December 25th

TELC COUNCIL MINUTES for 11.8.2022

Call to Order: President Sharon Gradert called the meeting of TELC council to order at 7:00 pm.

Roll Call: Present: Sharon Gradert, Brenda Rosenberg, Taylor Hibbing, Arlene Kuehl, Luci Ferrin, Adam Henning, Daryl Tutje, Linda Fick, and Pastor Nappe.

Absent: Jan Henningsen, John French, Sandy Olson, and Paul Hensch.

Devotions and Prayer: Pastor led devotions reading from Psalm 100. He followed with prayer.

Pastor's Report: Pastor shared his October report with council. Three out of the last five Sunday's, our attendance has been over 100. Pastor has been busy with our church committees and bible study, community events and attended North-west Iowa LCMC Pastor's meeting in Royal. Pastor will be away on November 20th with his Reaching the Unreached mission at St. John Lutheran in rural Plainfield. Daryl Tutje will lead the service, and Josh Tangeman will provide the message. Advent starts the end of the month, and Lenten services are not far away.

There were no additions to the agenda.

Minutes: A motion was made by Daryl and seconded by Adam to approve the minutes. All voted Aye.

Treasurer's report:

Checking Balance	50,591.09
Folker's Endowment	2,582.45
Parsonage	108.62
Building Fund	24,187.54
Security Cameras	365.00
Furnace	8,115.52
SE Entry Repair	3,251.92
Emergency	13,880.00
Sunday School	1,351.04
Line of Credit	0.00

A motion was made by Luci and seconded by Linda to approve the report. All voted Aye.

2023 budget. The budget was explained as the Executive committee has put together. We discussed some changes and how some items are pass thru entries and this should be explained to the congregation at the annual meeting. We will make final changes in December.

Committee Reports:

Worship and Music: Decorating the church for Christmas is scheduled for November 26 at 9:00 am. Luci is still working with Kelly Jacobsma on some special music from S-O students. Pastor will be gone on November 20th; Daryl Tutje and Josh Tangeman will do the service.

Christian Ed: Carol Leach requested a Thrivent Card to help pay for the Christmas goodie bags for the children. Brenda and Jan will purchase items for the bags.

Stewardship: The boxes for Operation Christmas Child through Samaritan's Purse will be brought to Worthington for transportation to Minneapolis. Linda volunteered to deliver them.

Evangelism: The Prayer Room is nearing completion. A plaque for the room noting the donation from the Lawrence Helmers' family has been ordered.

Building and Property: The handicap button needs to be replaced and will be done as soon as it is available. The cement work will not be done this year. The bench for a memorial for Brian Seivert has been ordered and will be kept in the Seivert garage until the cement work is done next spring.

Executives: Nothing to report.

TELC COUNCIL MINUTES continued

Old Business:

After the bills have been paid, there is still \$3,251.92 remaining in the SE Entry Repair account. This has been asked to be used for the Building Fund.

Possibilities are still being investigated to address the bells in the bell tower.

Craig Schwarz has been contacted about the sound system and will put us on his list.

The nominating committee is Adam, Paul, and Sandy. John French informed Pastor and Sharon that he is changing jobs and will not have sufficient time to serve on the council. We will need one nomination to serve his unfulfilled term of one year, four nominations for a 3-year term on council, and one nomination for the Endowment Committee.

There have been some volunteers for the 125th Anniversary Celebration and we will have an organizational meeting soon. It is still not too late to volunteer to help.

New Business

An annual review for Corinne is planned for sometime in December. If anyone has comments, please provide them to Pastor or Sharon by December 1st.

Annual Committee Reports are due December 4th.

We will be making goodies trays for the shut-ins, nursing home residents and recent widows and widowers. We will do this December 13th at 6:00 p.m., and each council member is asked to bring 3 dozen treats for the trays. Congregation members are welcome to help with the deliveries.

The Annual Meeting is January 15th, 2023, following church. The meeting will be followed by a potluck meal.

We discussed an updated job description for the custodial job. It will be shared with Steve at his annual review.

We discussed having a Christmas Day service. Even though Christmas is on Sunday this year, a motion was made by Linda and seconded by Luci not to have a service that day. All voted Aye.

With John's resignation, it is necessary to change the signature card for the Memorial and Good Samaritan bank accounts. A motion was made by Adam and seconded by Taylor to change the signature card at Sibley State Bank to Sharon Gradert. All voted Aye.

Dates to Remember:

Stewardship Committee Meeting – Tuesday, November 15th at 7:00 pm

Property Committee Meeting – Tuesday, November 22nd at 7:00 pm

Christmas Decorating at Church – Saturday, November 26 at 9:00 am

Annual Committee Reports Due – December 4th

Council Exec. Prep meeting - Tuesday December 6th at 7:00 pm

Council Meeting – Tuesday, December 13th at 7:00 pm

Teller/Communion for December: Sandy Olson

Motion was made by Adam and seconded by Linda to adjourn the meeting. All vote Aye. We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Arlene Kuehl, secretary.

Serving Us for December 2022 & January 2023

December 4

Organist: Eileen Schutte
Lector: Vicki Zylstra
Acolyte: Roland Rusche
Sound System: Conner Beltman
Ushers/Greeters: Adam & Traci Henning
Head Ushers: Don Hibbing & Ray Schuster
Altar Care: Linda Fick & Barb Seivert
Communion Helper/Teller: Sandy Olson
Coffee Fellowship: Building Fund

December 11

Organist: Lola Sjogren
Lector: Brenda Krahling
Acolyte: Carson Renner
Sound System: Evan Beltman
Ushers/Greeters: Paul & Sandy Olson
Head Ushers: Don Hibbing & Ray Schuster
Altar Care: Linda Fick & Barb Seivert
Teller: Sandy Olson
Coffee Fellowship: Faith Work Group

December 18

Organist: Lois Timmermann
Lector: Paula Beltman
Acolyte: Presley Henning
Sound System: Kevin Wollmuth
Ushers/Greeters: Keith & Vicki Zylstra
Head Ushers: Don Hibbing & Ray Schuster
Altar Care: Linda Fick & Barb Seivert
Communion Helper/Teller: Sandy Olson
Coffee Fellowship: Students in Grades K-6

December 24—CHRISTMAS EVE

Organist: Lola Sjogren
Lector: Stephanie Wollmuth
Acolyte: Griffin Taylor
Sound System: Dan Berkland
Ushers/Greeters: Duane & Carol Leach
Head Ushers: Don Hibbing & Ray Schuster
Altar Care: Linda Fick & Barb Seivert
Communion Helper/Teller: Sandy Olson

December 25 **NO WORSHIP on** **CHRISTMAS** **MORNING**

January 1

Organist:
Lector: Sandy Olson
Acolyte: Carson Renner
Sound System: Kevin Wollmuth
Ushers/Greeters: Ray & Barb Schuster
Head Ushers: John Maxwell & Dan Berkland
Altar Care: Brenda Hibbing & Patty Dreessen
Communion Helper/Teller: Sharon Gradert
Coffee Fellowship: Building Fund

January 8

Organist:
Lector: Maralee Onken
Acolyte: Presley Henning
Sound System: Daryl Tutje
Ushers/Greeters: Jeff & Brenda Krahling
Head Ushers: John Maxwell & Dan Berkland
Altar Care: Brenda Hibbing & Patty Dreessen
Teller: Sharon Gradert
Coffee Fellowship: Love Work Group

January 15

ANNUAL MEETING

Organist:
Lector: Dan Berkland
Acolyte: Griffin Taylor
Sound System: Dan Berkland
Ushers/Greeters:
Head Ushers: John Maxwell & Dan Berkland
Altar Care: Brenda Hibbing & Patty Dreessen
Communion Helper/Teller: Sharon Gradert

POTLUCK