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TELC ANNUAL MEETING JANUARY 21 Following Worship

Trinity Times January 2024

Pastor Tim Nappe's Paragraph

⁵ Then Joshua said to the people, "Consecrate yourselves, for tomorrow the LORD will do wonders among you." (Joshua 3:5)

Where does the time go? All of a sudden, we are already looking at 2024! It hardly seems possible that twelve months have gone by so quickly! But, ready or not, here we are!

With our committees and council, we are busy writing year end reports. We look back over the previous year and try to summarize a year's worth of meetings and activities into a couple of paragraphs. And at the same time, we are looking ahead. We are looking into the new year and thinking about goals and objectives that we would like to accomplish in the coming months.

The New Year, whether we are talking about our work here at the church, in our work or business, or in our personal lives, the New Year is a time of reflection on the past and optimism for the future.

It is a time to think about where we have been and refocus on our direction as we move forward. Are we satisfied with where we have been? Have we accomplished what we hoped to achieve? Are we moving in a positive direction or are we losing ground?

Looking back over the last twelve months here at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, I have to admit that I am very pleased with the progress that we are seeing. Attendance in Sunday worship is up! Weekly offerings are up! The number of children participating in Sunday School is up! There is a vibrancy and enthusiasm that is apparent as we gather for worship! Committee and Council meetings are no longer events that we would like to avoid; there is energy and optimism as we look to the future!

As your pastor, I am very encouraged as I look to the future of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church! This verse from Joshua captures the joy and expectation as we follow God into the future that He has planned for us. Joshua is preparing the people to cross over the River Jordan and enter into the Promised Land. God has been preparing the people for this moment for hundreds of years.

The People of Israel are on the verge of an exciting new chapter in their history, and this is Joshua's word of advice to them. "Consecrate yourselves, for tomorrow the LORD will do wonders among you."

His challenge to the people is to "consecrate yourselves." Dedicate yourselves to God. Focus your attention on Him. Listen to Him. Concentrate on His Word and His priorities. And then watch what He can do! "For tomorrow the Lord will do wonders among you."

Where is God taking us in the future? That is the wrong question. We are simply called to stay close to Him, be faithful and obedient, and then we will be amazed at the wonders we will see!

Pastor Tim

January Worship Notes

1st Sunday Bucket of Bucks for ATLAS, other Sundays Noisy Offering for January and February—

January 7th, Baptism of Our Lord: 10:00 am Worship. Communion at the Rail. Mark 1:4-11. Thank you Lord, for the reminder that you have called each of us to be your sons and daughters. You are pleased with us, not for what we have done, but simply because we are your children. May we serve and follow you faithfully, all the days of our lives.

January 14th, Second Sunday after Epiphany: 10:00 am Worship. John 1:43-51. Reception of New Members. Dear God, help us to remember that following You is an adventure filled with joy and wonder! The devil would have us believe that our existence is miserable and depressing. May we live in the joy and wonder of seeing You at work, in our own lives and in the world around us.

January 21st, Third Sunday after Epiphany: 10:00 am Worship. Mark 1:14-20. Continuous Communion. Annual Meeting. Dear Jesus, Your call to us is very simple. You simply call us to "Follow me." We are the ones who overthink it and make it complicated. Help us to simply step out and follow where you lead.

January 28th, Fourth Sunday after Epiphany: 10:00 am Worship. Mark 1:21-28. Pastor Tim and Bev on vacation in Arizona. Dear Lord, we confess that we are automatically suspicious of authority. We like to think that we are the ones in control. Help us recognize that your authority is not a threat to us, but it is for our own protection.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

2023 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS: Financial giving statements for 2023 will be in your mail box by January 12th. If there are any corrections that need to be made please let the office know and your statement will be reprinted. Call (754-3645) or email (telc@premieronline.net). Thank you for your support in 2023.

2024 CHURCH ENVELOPES: The envelopes for 2024 are in the church mailboxes. Each month a project envelope is included in your packet. **This envelope will now be used for the current project we are raising money for. There is also a monthly MISSIONS envelope.**



- A "thank you" to everyone who helped decorate the church for Christmas. Some decorators worked on Saturday ... some worked other days during the week.

- Thank you to everyone that attended the Parsonage Open House. Was fun to see so many parishioners enjoying fellowship. *Pastor Tim & Bev.*

- Team Trinity would like to thank those who donated goodies and other items to our Christmas Gift and Bake Sale. It was a very successful Christmas sale. Thank you for your support.

- Thank you to all who shared flowers with us for the Christmas Eve Service and all who contributed in any way to help make the service meaningful. God's blessings to all of you and have a Happy New Year!

Thank you to everyone for the special Christmas gift that we received from the congregation. We would also like to thank everyone for the cards and other gifts that we also received through out the Season. Everyone has been so generous to us. *Tim & Bev*

TELC COUNCIL MINUTES for 12.12.2023

Call to order: President Daryl Tutje called the meeting of TELC to order at 7:00 pm

Present: Daryl Tutje, Arlene Kuehl, Brenda Tutje, Jan Henningsen, Sharon Grader, Brenda Hibbing Taylor Hibbing, Steve Rosenberg, Brenda Rosenberg, and Pastor Nappe.

Absent: Luci Ferrin, Robi Brose, Linda Fick

Devotions were led by Pastor. He read from John 1 vs: 1-5 & 14

Pastor's report was circulated and discussed. His trip to Africa went well and he is considering a vacation to Arizona but there is a limited window of when. A list of expected members to join on January 14, 2024 was given to the council.

A letter from LCMC for support was shared. A motion was made by Arlene and seconded by Taylor to contribute \$500 LCMC, motion carried.

A motion was made by Taylor and seconded by B. Rosenberg to approve the minutes of the last meeting

Treasurer's Report:

Checking Balance	\$45,509.43
Folker's Endowment	\$ 3,820.93
Project Fund	\$59,097.27
Security Cameras	\$ 365.00
Furnace	\$ 4,010.85
Emergency	\$ 13,880.00
Sunday School	\$ 1,207.71
Luther League – Youth Group	\$ 8,689.00

Sharon shared the letter received from Sibley State Bank about a change in their account fee. If the balance is less than \$1,000.00 there will be a \$10.00 fee. It was decided to add the Good Samaritan fund to the Memorial account to avoid this fee. The motion was made by Sharon and seconded by B. Hibbing to do this. Motion carried. She checked into putting some money into a savings account and it was suggested to use the Ultimate Account instead.

A motion was made by Arlene and seconded by Daryl to approve the reports, motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Worship: We will undecorate the church on January 6th, 2024. Right now, the focus is on

Christmas. The bell choir will play in front of church on Christmas Eve. The baptism font needs some repairs and Ray Schuster is working on that. To purchase a new font would be over \$8,000.00. The offering plates are needing to be replaced. We should get six plates.

Christian Education: We are working on the Christmas treat bags for the Sunday School students this week.

Stewardship: Working on the spiritual gifts reports. They would like to sponsor a Baking with Bev some Saturday morning. They would like to start a young adults Logo's group. A class is being looked at by Rachel's Prairie Designs. It is a laser design class. Pastor and Bev would like to present a program about their recent trip to Africa. It is planned for January 14th, 2024.

TELC COUNCIL MINUTES for 12.12.2023

Evangelism: a card update was given. Having a valet service for the elderly of our church.

Property: Bosma Soft Water has been contacted to repair a pipe in the furnace room that water from the furnace dumps into. They have not been here yet. The lighting in the fireside room is dim and they will replace them with LED lights. The fellowship lights will use the current light fixture and will use LED lights. There have been complaints about how poor the lighting is outside the church. Taylor presented information about solar powered lights with a 1200 lumens light. The cost is \$549.00 for a single light and \$799.00 for a double light. They are called cottage lights. Brenda Hibbing made the motion to purchase 2 double solar lights with Brenda Tutje seconded. Motion carried. This will be paid from memorial money. The grease trap in the kitchen has been cleaned by Lelous Deversified of Doon, IA.

Executive: will proceed on with the Old Business.

Old Business:

A nominating committee report was given. John Maxwell has accepted to be on the endowment committee.

Connie Wollmuth has accepted to fill the two year term.

Several people are thinking about serving on the council. We are encouraged to get people to serve.

Future Vision Committee/Additional staff considerations was decided to skip at this time.

Congregation/Facebook/Webpage. Ashley Genschorck has reported that it is going well but need help from John French with the password to get into the system.

Building usage: Daryl said he still is working on it. Corinne has been instructed to inform the council before blocking off large portions of time to a group.

New Business:

Interim Pastor/Additional Staffing was discussed. Pastor was hired as $\frac{3}{4}$ time but is serving more than that. He suggested that we partner with a seminary, and this may help when pastor decided to retire. Pastors are hard to come by as is seen by other churches in our community. \$6,000.00 was included in the budget for this.

Budget: a motion was made by Steve and seconded by Taylor to accept the budget as discussed and presented. Motion carried.

Annual Meeting meal was discussed. It was decided to have barbeques with salads and desserts being potluck.

New member Sunday. January 7, 2024 will be a class and the 14th they will join. A motion was made by Taylor and seconded by B. Tutje to accept the list. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Brenda Tutje to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Jan Henningsen. Motion carried.

The meeting closed with the Lord's prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Arlene Kuehl, temporary secretary.

January Birthdays



4	Teagen Warner
5	Jeff Krahling
6	Brenda Rosenberg
12	Norah Jensen
14	Jennifer Zamorano
16	Barb Echter
21	Roland Rusche
23	Barb Seivert Evan Henningsen Bruce Wunder
24	Dawn Blochowitz
25	Dona Ellerbroek



Special Services & Events



"Reaching the Unreached"
 Presentation at Trinity
 January 14th
 POTLUCK AT 5:30
 Everyone is asked to bring a dish
 to share
 Presentation by Pastor Tim & Bev to follow the meal.

LCMC 3 Days of Prayer

January 2—For Our Congregation & Leaders

"Lord, we pray that You bless our congregations and leaders with Your favor and with Your provision and power to carry out the ministry and mission You have in store for us. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen."

January 3—For Those Who Don't Yet Know Jesus as Savior and Lord, and For the Prodigals

"Lord, give us Your heart for those who don't yet know you as Savior and Lord, and for the prodigals. Create in us a boldness to love them and serve them and to share our God-stories with them as opportunities arise. Open our eyes to be aware of everyday encounters in which we can minister Your love and Your power to those in need. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen."

January 4 - For Our International Partners

"Thank You, Lord, that You have bound us together with these sister churches and leaders and partner networks. We pray that You will give them protection and provision. We pray that You will show us how we can come alongside them, encourage them, and serve with them. Lord, grant our brothers and sisters Your favor in their cities, communities, and countries. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen."

Annual Meeting Sunday



TELC ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, January 21st,
 following worship

11:30am—POTLUCK

PLEASE sign up to bring a salad or dessert

Meat provided

Project Accounts as of 12/18/2023

Future Project	\$71,055.27
Emergency	\$13,880.00
Furnace	\$ 4,010.85
Maintenance (Folker's Endowment)	\$ 3,820.93
Security System	\$ 365.00



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thank you!

2023 COUNCIL & COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Thank you for your leadership in 2023.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

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A special **thank you** to the out going council members:
Sharon Gradert, Luci Ferrin, Arlene Kuehl, Brenda Rosenberg, Brenda Hibbing

Offerings

November 26, 2023

General Fund: \$2,230.00

Noisy Offering: \$42.61

Attendance: 73

December 3, 2023

General Fund: \$4,592.80

Bucket of Bucks: \$92.16

(ATLAS of Osceola County)

Attendance: 79

December 11, 2023

General Fund: \$3,433.00

Noisy Offering: \$89.01

Attendance: 103

December 17, 2023

Sunday School Program

General Fund: \$10,194.00

Noisy Offering: \$122.79

Attendance:

December 24, 2022

10:00am & Candlelight Next Issue

*November & December Noisy Offering
for Elderbridge (Sibley Dinner Date)*

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Serving Us for January 2024



January 7

Organist:

Lector: Maralee Onken

Acolyte: Roland Rusche

Sound System: Daryl Tutje

Ushers/Greeters: Stan & Linda Klaahsen

Head Ushers: Ron Prins & Ray Schuster

Altar Care: Sharon Gradert & Connie Wollmuth

Communion Helper/Teller: Daryl Tutje

Coffee Fellowship: VOLUNTEERS

January 14

Organist:

Lector: Arlene Kuehl

Acolyte: USHERS

Sound System: Kevin Wollmuth

Ushers/Greeters: Jan Henningsen & Connie Wollmuth

Head Ushers: Ron Prins & Ray Schuster

Altar Care: Sharon Gradert & Connie Wollmuth

Teller: Daryl Tutje

Coffee Fellowship: Love Work Group

January 21

Organist:

Lector: Lola Sjogren

Acolyte: Adam Genschorck

Sound System: Evan Beltman

Ushers/Greeters: Glenn & Linda Fick

Head Ushers: Ron Prins & Ray Schuster

Altar Care: Sharon Gradert & Connie Wollmuth

Communion Helper/Teller: Daryl Tutje

Coffee Fellowship: Students in Grades 7-12

Coffee Fellowship: Team Trinity

January 28

Organist:

Lector: Sandy Eben

Acolyte: Carson Renner

Sound System: Todd Ackerman

Ushers/Greeters: Ken & Sandy Eben

Head Ushers: Ron Prins & Ray Schuster

Altar Care: Sharon Gradert & Connie Wollmuth

Teller: Daryl Tutje

Coffee Fellowship: Team Trinity

Thank You!

**PLEASE remember to
find a substitute if
you are not able to
fulfill your
assigned time.**