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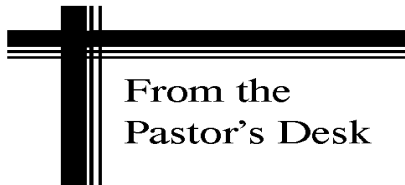
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VISION STATEMENT

Trinity Lutheran Church is a community inspired by God
to share Christ's good news by what we say and do.

JANUARY 2022



From the Pastor's Desk

A new year is beginning, and I hope it is better than the last two. It has been painful to witness unkindness in the world. We have all been under such stress and that means we need to dig deeper to find the kindness that we are gifted by God.

Exodos talks about the hardening of the Pharaoh's heart. Sometimes Pharaoh hardens his own heart and sometimes God hardens the Pharaoh's heart. In Romans 9, Paul picks up this theme and is linking it to the rejection of Jesus by his own people. Paul is not saying that God engineers this but, *"rather, it is a cautionary warning to you, the reader, saying, 'Don't be like Pharaoh!'"* ¹

SOME QUOTES

Lord, we don't need another mountain
There are mountains and hillsides enough to climb
There are oceans and rivers enough to cross
Enough to last 'til the end of time

What the world needs now is love, sweet love
It's the only thing that there's just too little of
What the world needs now is love, sweet love
No, not just for some, but for everyone
- Jackie DeShannon

*"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind."
This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it:
'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'
On these two commandments hang all
the law and the prophets."*
- Jesus ²

We hope your Christmas is merry and bright.

- Steve & Trudi

I pray that 2022 brings softer hearts.

- Pastor Steve Johnston

Ref 1: <https://bibleproject.com/blog/pharaohs-heart-grew-harder/>

Ref 2: Matthew 22:35-40

CHAIRS REPORT

A new year is just around the corner, if it has not already arrived by the time you read this Newsletter. 2021 was a year of ups and downs, twists and turns. There were joys and there were sorrows. Our doors were closed and then finally after a very long time reopened with everyone singing Hallelujah and Praise the Lord. We were cautious and diligently following all the rules and guidelines. We had even taken the steps to verify that those entering our doors 12 and over were double vaccinated.

While we were not able to hold the type of 100th Anniversary Celebration that we had wished, our 100th Anniversary Services was wonderful. It was great to see Bishop Susan, Pastor Jim Gary and Pastor Tom Ristine. It was wonderful to hear their thoughts and messages as looked back at their time at Trinity. Hopefully in 2022 we will be able to hold an Anniversary Dinner. We are looking at ways to keep our thoughts of our 100th Anniversary going. If you have any thoughts, please provide them to Annette. She will ensure we get them.

The treat of COVID was still all around and unfortunately before Christmas Eve, the numbers within London had risen higher than we had ever seen before. It was a tough and heartbreaking decision that was made to again close our doors to in-person worship before Christmas Eve. We hope everyone is safe, warm and doing well.

RETURN TO IN-PERSON WORSHIP

As mentioned above, it was not an easy decision to again close our doors to in-person worship services. It was not done without a great deal of thought and a few calls to our parishioners who were always out to service. Council met, discussed the numbers, what this would mean to our parishioners, what this would mean for our Christmas Eve Service, Christmas Day Service and worship going forward. It was decided to again close our doors to in-person worship until at least the beginning of February to see if the numbers would come down and to allow all that could, obtain their booster or third shot.

Pastor advised that he and Ross had already started to think about this as the numbers rose and were already planning and doing some recordings. So yes, while we could not all meet in-person, there would still be a virtual live Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and Sunday Services for all to enjoy. We are thankful for this possibility and thank Pastor Steve, Ross and Jonathan Wild for taking charge of these virtual services. We pray we are able to again worship in person before Easter. Only time will tell.

CHILDREN'S PAGAENT

We were able to hold a very condensed Christmas Pagaent on December 12th. The children did a wonderful job and even wearing masks, sang out loud and strong and spoke their parts with joy. Our thanks to Kathy Meadows for the choice of songs, the books the children read and for leading them as she does so well from the grand piano. Our thanks to Nancy Manners as well who took all the songs, stories and parts and put them together in one flawless power point presentation. Our thanks to Jonathan Wild who ensured that the children, those in church and those at home were able to follow along and sing with the children. Hopefully 2022 will allow more children to participate in our 2022 Children's Pagaent.



CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Although our Christmas Eve service was on line only, it was an absolutely wonderful and meaningful service. The picture was crystal clear and you could hear everyone as if you were sitting in the pews. It was truly a remarkable service. Our thanks to Nancy Jackman, Trudi Johnston, Wendy and Emily Inch and Ross. A very special thanks to both Pastor Steve and Jonathan for working so hard to ensure an exceptional viewing.

Our Christmas Day service was also only on line but no less wonderful and beautiful. Again, it was like you were there in the pews.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

While our in person worship services are cancelled, our staff will be in the office in the new year to answer you calls and provide any help or guidance you may need. If you wish to see someone in person, please call ahead to ensure they are there and will be available on the date and time you wish to drop in. You are always able to call the office and book an appointment.

CHRISTMAS TREE



Thank you to Cheryl Millar & Nancy Jackman for providing us with the beautiful Christmas tree this year. Also, thanks to Joan Leffler & Randy for decorating it. The tree looked great!

**PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR
OUR
ANNUAL MEETING
TO BE HELD**

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13

**IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING
OUR WORSHIP SERVICE**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

**LUTHERAN MEN'S CLUB
BREAKFAST/MEETING
SATURDAY 15 JANUARY 9 AM**



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| TREASURER'S REPORT | | | | | | |
| For the period ending | | 30-Nov-21 | | | | |
| Please find below a report of this years receipts and disbursements compared to last year. | | | | | | |
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| | | | Jan to Nov 2021 | Last Year | Variance | |
| Current Operating Fund | | | | | | |
| <i>The current fund is used to cover our day to day expenses of operating the church.</i> | | | | | | |
| <i>The expenses incurred are based on the budget approved by the congregation.</i> | | | | | | |
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| | Envelope Offering | | 169,566 | 131,953 | 37,613 | |
| | Rent Income | | 7,290 | 4,880 | 2,410 | |
| | Grants | | 10,367 | 9,499 | 868 | |
| | Wage Subsidy 2020 | | 76,884 | | 76,884 | |
| | Disbursements | | 221,615 | 218,033 | 3,582 | |
| | Surplus (Deficit) | | 42,491 | -71,702 | 114,192 | |
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| Benevolence Receipts | | | | | | |
| <i>Funds designated as Benevolence or marked to another charity (ie Mission Services) are deposited into this fund. Weekly Benevolence collections are forwarded to the Synod.</i> | | | | | | |
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| | Receipts | | 5,830 | 4,990 | 840 | |
| | Disbursements | | 5,360 | 4,185 | 1,175 | |
| | Surplus (Deficit) | | 470 | 805 | -335 | |
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| Debt Reduction | | | | | | |
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| | Receipts | | 1,256 | 1,121 | 135 | |
| | Disbursements | | - | - | 0 | |
| | Surplus (Deficit) | | 1,256 | 1,121 | 135 | |
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| Help for Others | | | | | | |
| <i>Funds designated as Help for Others go to fund our outreach program for Northern Hospitality</i> | | | | | | |
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| | Receipts | | 845 | 1,320 | -475 | |
| | Disbursements | | 1,065 | 1,302 | -237 | |
| | Surplus (Deficit) | | -220 | 18 | -238 | |
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- Lynne Killinger, Treasurer



TO ALL THOSE
CELEBRATING IN JANUARY

BIRTHDAYS

Mary Mundt (8)
Lawrence Petch (20)
Linda Cook (24)

Helmut Heitzmann (11)
Lou Mantle (22)

Dennis Liska (14)
Hans Stuhlemmer (22)

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Jonathan & Alicia Wild (26)

JANUARY

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------|------------------------|--------|--------------------------|
|  <p>ON LINE WORSHIP ONLY</p> | | | | | | 1 |
| 2 2 nd Sunday after Christmas | 3 Northern Hospitality 2 pm | 4 | 5 Lions 7 pm | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| 9 Baptism of Our Lord | 10 Council 7 pm | 11 Thames Area Clergy 10 am | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 Men's Club 9 am |
| 16 2 nd Sunday after Epiphany | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| 23 3 rd Sunday after Epiphany | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 Lions 6:30 pm | 28 | 29 |
| 30 4 th Sunday after Epiphany | 31 | | | | | |