

The Parish Messenger

The Monthly Newsletter of Trinity & Georgetown Lutheran Churches

FEBRUARY 2012

MONTHLY MEETINGS

Council Meetings

Georgetown: Sunday, February 12, 5:00pm

Trinity: Tuesday February 14, 7:00pm

WELCA Meetings

Georgetown: Wednesday, February 1, 6:00pm

Trinity: Thursday, February 23, 1:30pm at church

Cumberland Lutheran Pastors

We meet Wednesday mornings 11:00am at First Lutheran.

Cumberland Ministerial Association

We meet the first Wednesday of each month. This month we meet at Trinity.

Heart of the North Pastors

We generally meet the fourth Tuesday of each month.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Breakfast Bunch

Thursdays, 8:00am at Trinity

Quilting at Georgetown

Thursdays, 1-4pm

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PASTOR'S PONDERINGS

Focus on Mission Giving

Our churches have a long history of supporting, giving to agencies, programs and appeals to both the larger church as well as to local causes.

However, there are times that we need to rekindle an interest in giving our hard earned money away. Therefore, the councils of both churches and I will look at those ministries we've given to in the past and some that may be different and determine what our emphasis will be for each month.

Our focus for February will be donations to our local food pantries through the Souper Bowl program and donation to World Hunger Appeal.

What I intend to do is in each newsletter to publish an article introducing the next month's focus and give some background information. One Sunday we will celebrate our giving for that month.

Healthy financial living is important to be a healthy congregation. Thrivent for Lutherans encourages people to remember 10-10-80 as the numbers for healthy money use. Take the first 10% of your money and give it away, take the next 10% and save it for short-term and long-term needs. Then live on the other 80%. Some of us may already be doing this and more. For others it's a goal. Consider meeting this approach one step at a time.

As a congregation we are trying to take steps to give our money to organizations or individuals who we know are doing worthwhile work locally and around the world. We have a minimum goal in mind for each congregation and then we hope you'll find causes you'll want to contribute toward in order to meet a greater goal. Thank you for your generosity!

Pastor

r Neal

Winter Theological Event Pastor Neal will join his colleagues at this year's Winter Theological Event on Sunday Feb. 12 through Monday Feb. 13 at the Plaza Hotel in Eau Claire.

PARISH NEWS

Souper Bowl Sunday **Sunday, Feb. 5**

Sunday, Feb. 6, we celebrate the donations of soup, crackers and money, we are giving to the Loaves and Fishes Food pantry. 140 million Americans will tune into the Super Bowl game. There will be parties with abundant food, friendship and fellowship. At the same time, there will be people worrying about staying warm, finding shelter and a warm meal. Our donations are a simple, yet significant act of caring for others. Thanks for giving.

Bible Sunday **Sunday, Feb. 12**

Plan to bring your Bible to church with you!

Cherish Our Children **Sunday, Feb. 19**

Palt Dinner **Sunday, Feb. 19**

Everyone is invited to our annual palt dinner at Trinity. We begin serving at 11:30am and continue till 2:00pm. The menu includes boiled and fried palt, baked ham, Scandinavian fruit soup, salad, homemade pie and beverage. Cost: Adults \$8.00 12-16 \$5.00 and under 12 is free.

Snowfest at Hunky Dory **Sunday, Feb. 26**

Folks from both Trinity and Georgetown are invited to Hunky Dory resort for an afternoon of outside fun beginning at noon. We will be sliding, ice fishing, ice skating or even bowling. Bring your own skates, sleds or fishing equipment. There will be a fire so bring hot dogs to roast, buns and a snack to share. Coffee, hot water for cocoa and pop will be provided. Dress warm and come for the fun of it!!!

Confirmation

We continue to meet each Wednesday from 6:30-8:00pm through February. We focus our

attention on the Ten Commandments. Parents, plan to meet with your son or daughter during Lent for faith discussions beginning the week of February 29.

Day Off:

Except for emergencies Pastor Neal will be using Fridays as a day of "Sabbath".

Council Exit Interview

Each year the council members leaving their term in office are invited to share a meal and do an evaluation for Pastor Neal. This year's meal will be held at the Oakwood Inn in Luck, noon, Sun., Feb. 12.

Luther Park Winter Retreat

We will schedule a week-end if there is an interest in attending this event. Please contact Pastor Neal if you would like to participate.

We usually leave around 6:00pm on Friday and return after clean-up on Sunday about 9:00am.

We are looking for adult chaperones to assure we have enough adult supervision. Please let Pastor Neal know if you can help. A group covenant also needs to be signed for all youth under 18 years of age.

Our weekend consists of meal preparation and cleanup, outside group activities, individual free time and worship.

Breakfast Bunch

Each Thursday morning we meet at 8:00am at Trinity to share a breakfast. We share the cooking responsibilities as we are able or contribute \$2.00 per meal. The money collected goes toward a ministry of our choosing each year.

Beginning around 8:30am we study the scripture readings assigned for the following Sunday. Please come and join us! Come and go as you need.

The Lutheran

Individual subscriptions are available at www.thelutheran.org. If you are a member of Trinity and do not receive a copy and would like to notify Pastor Neal so he can add you to the group subscription.

SPARK Lutheran Bibles and Story Books

There are still a few copies of the story books and Bibles for \$12.00 available to our members. More

can be ordered if necessary. See Pastor Neal if you would like to look at these children resources.

TRINITY NEWS

Trinity Shepherding Group for February

Leaders are Janice and Norman Anderson.
Helpers include: Stanley Anderson, Renae Breault, Carl & Phyllis Erickson, Darren & Tonya Johnson, Josh & Shannon Kelch, Chad & Staci Lundmark, Peggy & Tim Lundmark, Jill & Scott Riebe, Cheryl & Mark Rouzer, Anna & Tom Weaver, Linda & Ray Weaver, Dorene & Neal Weltzin. Thank you to those families who helped in January. March leaders are Joy Severson & Ellen Bergmann.

Dartball

The 2011 season has begun. Our team plays on Monday nights beginning at 7:30pm. We play three games a night. This year we play teams from First Lutheran, St Paul's Lutheran in Cumberland and St. Matthew in Almena. We conclude the season with a tournament in March.

We always welcome new players. If you have an interest in participating contact Glenn Greener.

Trinity Lutheran Church - Council Meeting - January 10, 2012

Present: Pastor Neal, Norm, Kathy Grenquist, Joy, Marie, Bonnie, Ruby, Shane, Glen, Alison

Devotions – Pastor Neal - What are we thankful for?

Secretary's Report

Treasurer's Report

Dec. report:

\$61.26 in blessings bucket

\$1482.66 balance in check book

\$239.84 offering sent to synod in December

Eddie Dittbrenner paid \$620.00 for renting 8 acres.

Paid for 2011 and 2012 (\$40.00/acre)

Motion to approve treasurer's report was made by Bonnie, Joy 2nd, motion carried.

Insurance for parsonage is \$210.00 for 2011 and \$213.00 for 2012, GT will be billed for half.

Expenses and Proposed Budget for Annual Meeting worksheet explained.

Mission donations budget designations:

January: undesignated mission support through NW Synod of WI \$250

February and March: Focus on Food: local food shelves, Souper Bowl and World Hunger \$500

April: CRA (Milltown) \$200 and Serenity House (Balsam Lake) \$200

May: Soles 4 Souls \$150

June: Luther Park \$400

July: Youth Gathering \$1,000

August: ELCA Good Gifts Water and ELCA Malaria Initiative \$300

September: Habitat for Humanity \$250, Lutheran Social Services \$250

October: Lutheran World Relief (quilts) \$500

November: Synod Resource Center \$200

December: undesignated mission support through NW Synod of WI \$250

Pastor's Report

Finishing council terms: Rick, Kathy Grenquist, Bonnie

Ruby has also finished her term as treasurer.

January

Annual meeting time change: Motion made during congregational meeting to change time of annual meeting. Dorothea B. made motion, Rick S. 2nd.

Congregation voted and the motion carried. Annual meeting time changes to 10 am, Sunday, January 22, 2012.

February

Deacons/Elder/ Trustee Reports

Old Business

New Business

Items for annual meeting:

Blacktop fund

Building fund

Memorial fund

Refrigerator is not working properly. Shane will check with Amundsons in Rice Lake.

Furnace filters need to be replaced. \$150 to replace all six filters. We could buy cheaper filters to reduce the cost. Ruby will check with Jay to see if he can get filters from 3M. (Size: 20x25x4)

Next meeting: Tuesday, February 14th

Trinity WELCA

Trinity Church Women's Yearbooks are distributed. If you have not received one please let Jan Anderson know, 822-3722. Take note of these changes this year: We have 4 monthly meetings on Saturday morning 9 AM for the working gals to join the Bible Studies: March/April and Sept. /Oct. Please note these special meetings for they will be unique!

"CAFE" This website is for ladies ages 18-35 featuring timely articles about faith and life...and for sharing your thoughts with others.

www.boldcafe.org

AUGUST 13-14 is Conference Women's Retreat at Luther Park Camp, Chetek, which you may enjoy ... even; bring your children with you for special care. Some 60 plus women attend regularly...nice overnight facilities.

Jan Anderson, President Trinity Church Women

Trinity WELCA

WELCA invites you to come Tuesday, Feb. 14, 9am to help make graduation quilts. Donated material is needed and if you can the material should be cut into 8 1/2 inch squares. Questions? Contact Gail Anderson.

Trinity Library

We want to thank those who have left us Christian books for the Library...please let Joy Severson or Jan Anderson know when you do this so we don't miss any. We have some exciting reading books and picture books for any age. Books are to be of Christian nature for growing in our faith at different age levels: Biography, novels, inspiration, education, self-helps, teacher helps, parent's helps, children's books, games, etc. Do not put them on the shelf until we have ok'd them. The Library Use is improving slowly...God bless the Library!

GEORGETOWN NEWS

Georgetown Council Meeting Minutes

Jan 8, 2012

All members in attendance

Meeting called to order by Char G

Devotions led by Pastor Neal-reflecting on our faith in the past year

Out-going members serving 1st 3 yr term:

Lyle Jensen, Char Glenna, Jodi Chitty-all members have agreed to run on 2012 ballot for second term. These members will also serve on the nominating committee for 2012 nominees.

Secretary's Report read by Char G.

Treasurer's Report read by Lydia R.

Discussion regarding treasurer's position and action items to be discussed at future meeting with past and present treasurer, council president, and trustees.

Agenda set for annual meeting

Exit interviews to be conducted in February with out-going council members and Pastor.

Meeting adjourned on a Char G./Rachel B. motion

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Next meeting: February 12, 2012 at 5:00pm

Submitted by Char G. - Council Secretary

Georgetown Shepherding Group for February

Leaders are Jeanne Kahl & Laverne Parenteau. Helpers include Pam & Denny Armstrong, Don & Caroline Beske, Roger Christiansen, Bill Enberg, James & Judy Glenna, Robert & Rita Glenna, Herb & June Johnson, Gary Kahl, Elizabeth Knutson, Bob & Linda Knutson, Jim & Kristine Lindgren, Mary & Leigh Marquardt, Beverly Moll, Loren & Deb Monson, Georgia Orr, Leroy Parentau, Harry Petersen, Dianne Wagner, Paul Williams and Rita & Jerry Zimmer. Thank you to those families who helped in January.

WELCA

The February WELCA meeting will be held at 6:00 pm on Wednesday, February 1, at church. We begin with a potluck meal followed by the meeting. The director from the Alzheimer's Day care Center in Balsam Lake will speak to us about the center.

COMMUNITY MEAL

Our monthly free community meal will be held Thursday, Feb. 16, noon. All are welcome!!!

Georgetown Building Fund (Mission Plus Account)

Minimum Needed Monthly: \$1715
(Payment due 25th of each month)

The council has set a goal to have a \$10,000 balance in the account to allow for variations in giving. Any balance in excess of this will be used to pay down the mortgage. The council would challenge us to raise \$35,000 for 2012.

February Birthdays

- 1 Jason Randall
- 4 Chandra Cummings
- 6 Katelynn Swiontek, Cash Rouzer
- 7 Will Bergmann, Brenna Becroft
Emily Jones
- 9 Royce Jepsen, Melissa Leverty
Melinda Hansen
- 13 Kate Stone
- 14 Tim Lundmark, Mary Cran
- 16 Paul Gorne
- 20 Paul Grenquist
- 21 Bill Becroft, Aiden Freer
Linnea Freer
- 23 Amanda Kelch, Sherry Doornink
Beverly Schmidt, Matt Grover
- 24 Kelly Anderson
- 25 Erica Dueholm
- 26 Jonathan Ekenstedt
- 27 Anita West
- 29 Janice Jensen

February Baptisms

- 3 Luke Soldner
- 4 Landon Wickstrom
- 7 Rick Sellent
- 8 Taylor Breault, Kailey Breault
Jared Lundmark, Kooper Klugow
- 9 Neil Jensen
- 10 Caleb Greener, Hunter Sellent
- 11 Carol Osterloh
- 12 Randy Glenna
- 15 Brian Johnson, Courtney Allison
Mikayla Allison, Aiden Freer
Linnea Freer
- 17 Melissa Grinnell, Jacey Smith
Joseph Smith
- 18 Kent Jensen

Sherry Doornink

- 26 Donna Nystrom
- 27 LaVerne Parenteau
- 28 Dustin Lundmark
Rick Glenna

Cumberland Food Distribution # 822-2830

Distribution is at the Elementary School- Route 63 Main Street on the First Saturday of Each Month This month it is on February 4th 730am: Ticket Sales 8:00am: Distribution. \$15.00 Cash Donation. Bring your own containers for food. This distribution is done in conjunction with Ruby's Pantry

Greetings from Luther Park!

February 2012

Summer 2012—Register for Camp NOW!!: This is a special word to our parents who are beginning to look ahead to the summer of 2012. The camp schedule is on the Luther Park website: lutherpark.org. Online registration is available now so register early, especially for the specialty camps, these programs fill up early. Once again there will be a number of incentives and discounts, so take advantage! **Camperships will also be available.** Look for the Campership request form on the webpage: lutherpark.org. Summer brochures are available at your church.

VBS Daycamp Openings: We still have a few openings for Luther Park sponsored VBS Daycamp. Inquire about available weeks by contacting liz@lutherpark.org or call Liz Bowman at 715-859-2215.

Program and Retreat Coordinator Position Announcement:

Luther Park Bible Camp, Chetek, Wisconsin is seeking a person to serve in the following position: Program and Retreat Coordinator. The purpose of the position will be to coordinate summer and year round programming, rental retreats, and provide public / church relations in accordance with the mission and vision of Luther Park. This is a one year, full time position, with the possibility of continuation after one year.

For a complete description of the position please visit the following link: www.lutherpark.org/employment/fulltime

Needs / Wish List: We have some larger equipment needs and wants. Specifically, we are looking for good used vehicles, preferably Mini-vans or mid-size sedans. We are also looking for a good used or new pontoon motor, preferably about 25 horse-powers.

Adopt a Room in Covenant Center: We are encouraging congregations to consider adopting a room to remodel and upgrade in Covenant Center. This is the camps oldest retreat facility and it needs some tender loving care. Estimated cost: \$1,000 per room plus some great volunteer help from your congregation. Contact Jon@lutherpark.org or 715-859-2215

Calling All Counselors: Calling all enthusiastic and spirit-filled young adults looking for an adventure of a lifetime! Starting NOW! Luther Park is looking for the 2012 Summer Staff. About 35 counselors and team leaders will bring our ministry to life this summer. Employment information is available on our website at: www.lutherpark.org. For questions please email us at Program@lutherpark.org.

Year-Round Retreat Committee Members Needed: Luther Park and Luther Point are pleased about the promising start of a new ministry effort. We are excited about seeking the creativity and enthusiasm of a volunteer committee. If you or someone you know would like to contribute time and talents to creating meaningful retreat opportunities, we'd love to have you join us. Please contact Liz at 715-689-2347 or Liz@LutherPark.org for more information.

Mark your calendars--The Spiritually of Bread Baking—March 23-24, 2012: Luther Point and Luther Park are excited to announce this year-round ministry opportunity. Your host and instructors are Pastor Joel Olsen and LouAnn Olsen. This retreat will be held at Luther Point. Check out registration at either Lutherpark.org or Lutherpoint.org

Together in Ministry, Rev. Craig M. Corbin, Interim Executive Director

Loaves and Fishes Interfaith Food Pantry

400 S. Main Street - P.O. Box 554, Luck, WI 54853
January 17, 2012

TO: Our Faith Families
RE: Monthly Report -- December 2011

Households Served:	120
Luck School District	
62	
Unity School District	58
Adults	
190	Children
68	
	TOTAL: 258
	NEW FAMILIES:
13	
	Unity: 7 Luck: 6

USDA Food Received:	23 cases
Non-USDA (Donations)	3,006#
Groceries Purchases	670#
Volunteer Hours	66 hours

Food items needed for this month: oatmeal, other cereals, baked beans, saltines, canned carrots, canned mixed fruit and bar soap

Thank you for the financial support and the commodity donations that were given to Loaves and Fishes this past year. Without your prayers and support we could not continue our mission. May God continue to bless you and your families.

Pat Williams, Coordinator 715-405-

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