



**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
LAKE NORDEN, SD
MEMBER NALC**

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- 3 Marcey Hagedorn; Barb Ruotsalainen
- 8 Deano Hartwig; Lori Patterson
- 9 Ashley Nelson
- 10 David Lee; Ava Campbell
- 11 George Grape
- 12 Terry Kasten
- 14 Donna Steffensen; Addison Schultz
- 17 Dylan Kastein
- 20 Linnea Sando; Doriane Paso
- 21 Christina Anderson
- 24 Barbara Halonen
- 26 Sharon Thue
- 29 Dacia Sorrell
- 30 Colton Muller; Madalyn Bos
- 31 Janet Andrews

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Click on the page titled "Give" at the top of the home page on our website. Scroll down to the "Donate Now" button. Once clicked on, follow the prompts. Then you're done! Thank you for remembering us with your offerings!



Listening for the Promise

But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. - 2 Peter 3:8–9

When you were little, did it seem like it took forever to be Christmas morning? I remember clearly thinking how slowly time passed, leading up to Christmas. The excitement of Christmas morning, of opening gifts, and having a special breakfast, made it seem like time inched along like a snail on a leaf. As the years have passed, I have been amazed at how time flies. As every season changes I say to myself, "I can't believe it's December," or "I can't believe it's almost the end of another year!" Perhaps this is because I have more time under my belt. Does time go faster because we have lived more days? As children we have lived less of life and proportionately a day seems like it takes longer. But as we age, we have more days that have passed and so comparatively, time goes quicker.

If my theory is correct about the ratio of time lived versus how fast or slow time seems to move, then it's no wonder St. Peter said, "With the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day." Time for the Eternal One is relative to God's eternal existence. I mention this because I hear many believers ask about the timing of Christ's return and the timing of the future resurrection. Many wonder if when a loved one dies, "Is she in heaven right now? Or does she have to wait for the final resurrection?" It is a normal human thought to ponder our own, and our loved one's whereabouts after death. But time is relative. It may be a thousand years to us, but the blink of an eye to God - or vice versa. What we really want to know is, "Is my loved one with God?" The answer to that is easy: Yes!

We need not worry about the timing of the resurrection or Christ's return. What we need to focus on is what Paul said in Romans 8, "Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord." The Lord is not slow or delaying working out his will for us. He is perfectly able, capable, and willing, to fulfill his promises. It's just that our time is not his time, and his time is certainly not ours. May we patiently pass time. Amen.

Trinity Lutheran Church Council

November 11, 2020 Minutes

The first part of these notes will cover the Trinity Council meeting. The second part will deal with the joint council meeting held at Badger Lutheran. Both meetings were held on 11th of November.

Call to Order

In Attendance: President Rusty Antonen, Vice-President Bob Hauschildt, Secretary Al Brendsel, Members: Dan Koistinen, David Carlson, Scott Steffensen and Pastor David Patterson.

Absent: Members Gerald Larson and Crystal Nelson

Devotions:

Provided by Pastor Patterson.

Secretary's Report

Dan moved and Bob seconded to approve the report for October. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

David moved and Al seconded to approve the report. Motion carried.

Old Business

- ☞ Live Streaming and Worship Services
 - Audio Cable has been installed to sync audio during worship services and live streaming
 - Internet speed for the church has been increased at a cost of \$15 a month. The prior speed was not fast enough to hand music videos and live streaming.
- ☞ Parsonage
 - Scott will install a ceiling fan/light fixture in the living room. He will also check other lights in the parsonage to see that they are in working order. More on the parsonage in the Joint Council meeting notes.

New Business

- ☞ Special Offering Designation
 - Bob moved and Scott seconded that money received for Harvest Festival and Thanksgiving will be used in the local account for the church. Motion carried.
- ☞ Thanksgiving Service



- Thanksgiving Eve service is scheduled for November 25th at 7:00 p.m. at Trinity. Dates and times for other holiday services will be listed in the church bulletin.

Meeting adjourned. Next meeting December 10th, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Joint Badger and Trinity Council Meeting

Call Committee

- ☞ Steve Gilbertson gave an update. The pastoral need has been posted on the NALC website. There are several pastor vacancies throughout the country.
- ☞ No responses yet. If any responses are received, the committee will evaluate and give their recommendations to each church council. Both councils will then review the candidate for pastor. A call letter and congregational vote will follow if required.

Annual Meetings

- ☞ The annual congregation meeting for Trinity is scheduled for January 17, 2021 and Badger on January 24th. More information on both will follow.

Special Dates

- ☞ Paula will put together a schedule of special dates (Christmas Eve, Lent, Good Friday, Easter & so forth) and times for services. She will coordinate the list with Brittany and then the dates/times will be added to the calendars of both Trinity and Badger churches.

Parsonage

- ☞ Pastor Dave and Penny have moved out of the parsonage and bought a home in Brookings.
- ☞ As with any move out and then move in of a new pastor, different things will need to be done with the parsonage. The following are being scheduled:
 - Pastor Dave & Penny have left some furniture in the parsonage that they did not have room for in their new house. The furniture will be moved out and donated.
 - Carpet needs to be cleaned
 - Duct work needs to be cleaned
 - A Cleaning team will be hired to deep clean
 - Repairs done where needed.

Confirmation

- ☞ All on track at this time. A substitute has volunteered to conduct confirmation classes in the event Pastor Dave is not available. All lesson plans for the classes have been completed and are available for the substitute.
- ☞ Confirmation is currently scheduled for Palm Sunday.

No further business and the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Al Brendsel, Secretary

Special Trinity & Badger Lutheran Church Council Meeting

19 November 2020

CALL TO ORDER

In Attendance:

From Trinity: President Rusty Antonen, Secretary Al Brendsel, Members: Gerald Larson, Dan Koistinen, David Carlson, Scott Steffensen, Crystal Nelson.

From Badger: Joel Williams

NEW BUSINESS

- ☞ The joint Call Committee from both congregations met and forwarded Reverend Brian Ricke as their recommendation to replace Pastor David Patterson.
 - Reverend Ricke previously served as a pastor in Arlington and is now serving as a pastor in Minneapolis. He has recently preached at both Trinity and Badger. He also previously conducted confirmation classes for both churches.
 - The Minneapolis church where Reverend Ricke is serving requires a contract for their pastor. Reverend Ricke's contract expires in December 2020.
 - Reverend Ricke must be rostered with the NALC and has started the certification process to do so. The certification basically requires completion of a certification request and submission of credentials. Reverend Ricke has stated that he will take any additional training or education if needed for the certification.
- ☞ Dan moved and Al seconded a motion to present Reverend Ricke to both congregations. The motion carried unanimously. A meeting with Reverend Ricke and the congregations is being scheduled. Following that meeting, both congregations will vote separately to either extend or not extend a call to Reverend Ricke to become the Pastor of Trinity and Badger Lutheran Churches.
- ☞ The Trinity and Badger congregations will be furnished more on the date, time and specifics of the congregational meeting once they are finalized.

Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by Secretary, Al Brendsel.

Trinity Membership Adjustments:

Marriages: None.

Deaths: Donna Anderson; Sheldon Koisti; Kendell Riter

Baptisms: None.

Confirmations: None.

Transfers In: None.

Transfers Out: James & Cynthia Juntunen

LET IT snow!

Create a winter wonderland with this fun craft.

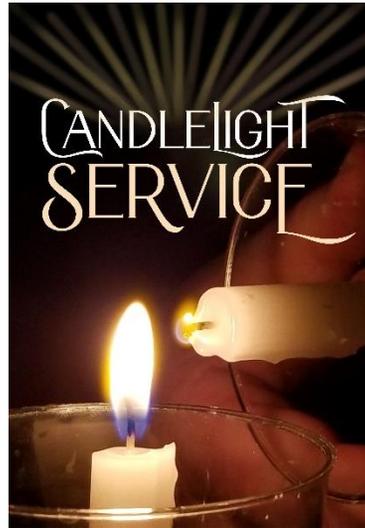


What you need:

- Glass jar with lid but no label
- Laminated photo (that will fit in the jar)
- Small plastic Christmas trinkets
- Hot or waterproof glue
- Container with spout
- 1 cup distilled water
- 3 tsp. glycerin
- Glitter

What you do:

1. Unscrew lid and flip jar upside down. Glue the photo and trinkets to the inside of the lid, standing upright.
2. In a container, mix water and glycerin. Pour the mixture into the jar, leaving space at the top.
3. Spoon in some glitter.
4. When glue is dry, attach the decorated lid tightly. Shake the jar to see "snow" swirl and settle.



Christmas Eve Candle Light services will be held at Badger and Trinity.

Badger – 4:30 p.m.

Trinity – 8:00 p.m



UPCOMING EVENTS

Happening in December 2020:

December 6th – Second Sunday of Advent

December 11th – Special Congregational Meeting

December 13th – Third Sunday of Advent

December 20th – Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 21st – First Day of Winter

December 24th – Christmas Eve, 8 pm Worship

December 25th – Christmas Day

December 31st – New Year's Eve

LET IT SNOW

Congregational Meeting

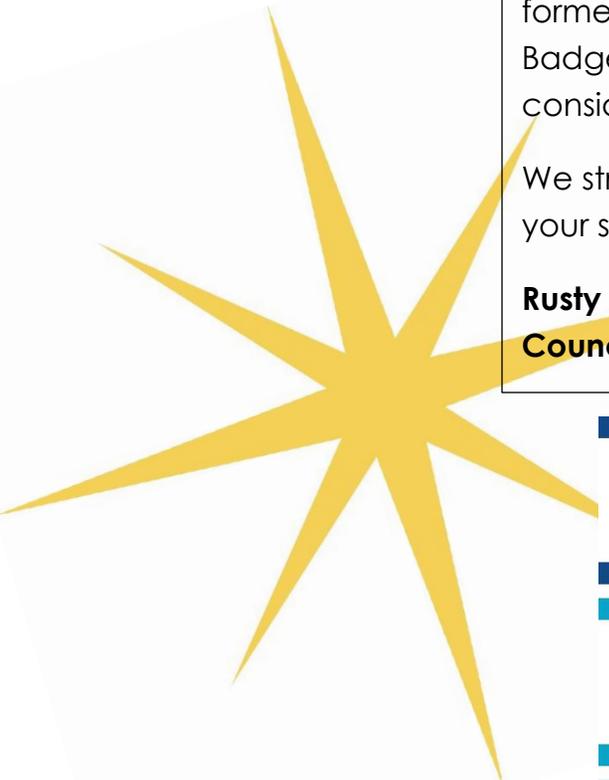


There will be a special congregational meeting of the Trinity Lutheran congregation on Friday December 11th, 2020. The meeting will start at 7:00 pm and will be held in the Lake Norden Community Center. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss and act on calling Pastor Brian Ricke to serve as Pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church. Pastor Ricke will be in attendance. The joint congregational meeting, with Badger Lutheran, is being held at the community center in the interest of reducing the spread of Covid 19.

Our current Pastor, David Patterson, is currently in a period of transition from serving as Trinity's pastor to working full-time at the Institute of Lutheran Theology. A call committee has been formed, has been meeting, and has presented this candidate to the councils of Trinity and Badger. Those councils have unanimously approved presenting this candidate for consideration of the congregations.

We strongly encourage you to plan to attend, get the chance to meet Pastor Ricke, and show your support for the future of Trinity Lutheran.

Rusty Antonen
Council President



HOPE
OF PARDON

HOPE
OF PEACE WITH GOD

HOPE
OF GLORY

The Christmas message is that there is hope for a ruined humanity — hope of pardon, hope of peace with God, hope of glory — because at the Father's will Jesus Christ became poor, and was born in a stable so that 30 years later he might hang on a cross.

—J.I. Packer

Puzzle!

Use the code to complete Isaiah's prophecy about Jesus, our Savior.



CODE:

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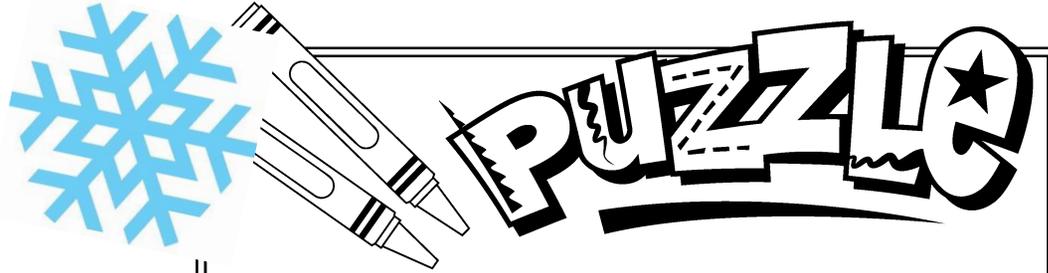
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I S A I A H 9 : 6 , N I V

Answer: And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Isaiah 9:6, NIV



WHITE AS SNOW

Jesus, our Savior, came to earth to purify sinners.

Directions: Figure out which path through the puzzle is correct. Choose one to try, starting at the first picture under the "Path" box. Follow each picture's directional cues to see if the words make sense when placed in order in the blanks below. If not, try a different path until you figure out the Bible verse.



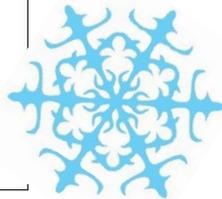
PATH 1	PATH 2	PATH 3	PATH 4	PATH 5	PATH 6
for	give	come	together	around	after
self	into	settle	eternal	thanks	forgive
God	LORD	says	without	Christ	warmth
love	sins	scarlet	other	light	praise
red	star	white	snow	winter	peace

↓ EXIT

"_____ now, let us _____ the matter," _____ the
 _____. "Though your _____ are like _____,
 they shall be as _____ as _____"

I S A I A H 1 : 1 8 , N I V

Answer: Path 3; come, settle, says, LORD, sins, scarlet, white, snow



DECEMBER 2020

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Live stream services held at 10:45 a.m. on our YouTube channel or Facebook Page</p>		<p>Follow us on YouTube: Badger & Trinity Lutheran Churches, South Dakota Like us on Facebook: Trinity Lutheran Church Lake Norden</p>			<p>Every Sunday (Unless Noted): 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Worship Service</p>	
<p>“Bless us, Lord, this Christmas, with quietness of mind; teach us to be patient and always to be kind.” —Helen Steiner Rice</p>		1	2	3	4	5
<p>6</p>	7	8	9	<p>10</p> <p>7 pm Council Meeting</p>	<p>11</p> <p>7 pm Special Congregational meeting @ Community Center</p>	12
<p>13</p>	14	15	16	17	18	19
<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>	22	23	<p>24</p> <p>8 pm Christmas Eve Service</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p> <p>9 a.m. Church Decorating</p>
<p>27</p> <p>No Sunday School</p>	28	29	30	31	<p>“Each of us is an innkeeper who decides if there is room for Jesus.” —Neal A. Maxwell</p>	
<p>Confirmation currently on Winter Break. Classes to resume 1/6/2021 at Trinity.</p>		<p>Ushers: 12/6 Don Thue 12/13 Al & Kathy 12/20 Rusty 12/24 12/27</p>	<p>Acolyte: 12/6 Laura Larson 12/13 Anaiya Koistinen 12/20 Melanie Aho 12/27 Evan Schultz</p>	<p>Scripture Readers: 12/6 Christi 12/13 12/20 Penny 12/24 12/27</p>	<p>Greeter & Visual Aid: 12/6 12/13 12/20 12/24 12/27</p>	

Attendance & Giving:

Sunday, November 1st Attendance: 28
 Local \$2360 Benevolence \$155
 Loose \$10 Online: \$70.00
 Food Pantry \$200 World Hunger \$575
 Total \$3370.00

Sunday, November 8th Attendance 24
 Local \$1120 Benevolence \$155
 Loose \$3
 Total \$1278.00

Sunday, November 15th Attendance 30
 Local \$1130 Benevolence \$155
 Loose \$100 Food Pantry \$200
 Total \$1585.00

Sunday, November 22nd Attendance 28
 Local \$750 Benevolence \$155
 Total \$905.00



RETURN SERVICE REQUIRED

Return to:
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Trinity Lutheran Council Members:

Rusty Antonen – President	Dan Koistinen – Member
Robert Hauschildt – Vice-President	Gerald Larson – Member
Allan Brendsel – Secretary	Crystal Nelson – Member
David Patterson - Pastor	Scott Steffensen – Member
David Carlson – Member	Unfilled Member Position



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Communications

Due to privacy laws, it is recommended that a family member or a friend notify either Brittany or Pastor Patterson directly with any hospitalizations, nursing homes admits, or if any pastoral care is needed. We don't want anyone to be left "hanging" during times of need.

We want to hear from you not only in times of need, but also in your times of joy! Let the office know what is happening in your lives – we love to hear from you!

January 2021						
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