

### In Stitches Group

If you do any kind of handwork (stitching, knitting, crochet or whatever) you are invited to come each Wednesday at 10:00 am. We meet in the Church Parlor to enjoy good fellowship and have a wonderful time.



### Prayer Meeting

Each Wednesday, we meet at 5:30 pm in the church parlor for prayer. If you have a private prayer request, please put it in writing and put it in one of the offering envelopes found on the back of the pews. These will not be opened and no one will read these but we will pray over them and then they will be burned.

### *God's blessing on these groups*



### ***Grab Your Hats***

This group stays busy visiting our shut-ins or members in the hospital so grab your funny hat and join Them. They meet the first Thursday of each month at 1:00 pm at the church and spread joy wherever they go!



Our Bible Study group meets at 11:00 on Tuesdays to study God's word then, we go to lunch afterward. We also change the paraments on the altar at the appropriate seasons. This is a wonderful group of women and everyone is invited to come join us.



## **JANUARY, 2020**

## **Newsletter**



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### **Our Mission**

**We invite and welcome all into the community of faith and, empowered by the Holy Spirit to serve Jesus, to go out and share God's Love.**

We observe open communion to all those who believe in the real presence of Jesus' body and blood, in the bread and wine, for the forgiveness of sins.



Grace to you and peace from our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ. Thank you Pastor Chris for your dedication and service the past two years to Trinity Lutheran Church. To God be the Glory!

Month, 2020

As many of you are aware, our sweet Pastor Christopher has been saying in St. Louis, Mo. with his precious wife, Catherine who still is in need of extensive care. It is with a sad heart we said good-bye to him this first Sunday of 2020. His place is with her to help in her rehabilitation. We understand that God works in mysterious ways to perform his wonders and we pray that Catherine's total recovery will be one of these wonders. We send our prayers with Christopher and will continue to pray for them both.

As we know, when God closes a door, he opens a window. We are so excited that our own Blake Craddock was confirmed on this first Sunday, January 5, 2020. We have all watched this amazing young man since the day he was born and couldn't be any more proud if he were our own kin. Blake, you are a shining star of our church and we are so very proud of all your accomplishments. To God be the Glory!

The last Sunday of the decade provided us with a very wonderful service, with our message being given by Kathy Bogan Matlock. To show what a small world this is, Dr. Soell was Kathy's family doctor when they lived in Iowa Park (she grew up and went to school there.) Also, we ended the year/decade with a good meal. Thank you to everyone who were able to come and bring such good food. Hopefully we will continue this delicious tradition on the fifth Sunday of the months that have five.

***Let us rejoice and be glad in this new decade the Lord has presented us with. Do not let us waste one moment on anything other than his word and his works. With God, all things are possible.***

#### **EXCERPTS OF CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING NOVEMBER, 2019**

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm
2. The devotional was given by Sandy Johnson
3. Minutes from the October Council meeting were reviewed and accepted as written.
4. The Treasurer's report was reviewed and it was noted that we will probably end the year in the red. The Treasurer's report will be filed for audit.
5. Pastor reported that Catherine is doing well and he thanked everyone for their continued prayers.
6. The Ministry Reports were given.
7. New Business included a report from Jim Lawrence, Long Range Planning Committee Chair, regarding the continued negotiations with the Young Life Organization regarding our church property.
8. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm

#### **Community Outreach**

We are still saving Pennies for Prescriptions to help Interfaith Outreach with their prescription medication program. The bottle is outside Pastor's office. There is also a box under the table outside Pastor's office for your old glasses. The Food Basket is in the hallway of the Fellowship Hall and all donations are welcome. If we have special requests they will be in the weekly bulletin. We will be sure to let you know when we will have our next Campus Ministries \$1.00 Lunch at MSU. If you have anything for the Newsletter or the new Webpage, please contact either Chris Bybee, Community Outreach or Patty Lawrence.

# HAPPY★NEW★YEAR

## JANUARY, 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 HAPPY NEW YEAR  Church Office closed	2 Grab Your Hat 1:00	3	4
5 SS 9:00 am Worship 10:15 am Confirmation Installation of Council	6	7 Bible Study 11:00 am WF Sewing Guild 1:30	8 In Stitches 10:00 am Prayers 5:30 pm	9 WF Sewing Guild 1:30	10	11
12 Sunday School 9:00 am  Worship 10:15 am	13 Bunko 7:00 pm	14 Bible Study 11:00 am	15 In Stitches 10:00 am Prayers 5:30 pm Council 6:30	16	17	18
19 Sunday School 9:00 am  Worship 10:15 am	20	21 Bible Study 11:00 am WF Sewing Guild 1:30	22 In Stitches 10:00am Prayers 5:30 pm	23	24	25
26 Sunday School 9:00 am Worship 10:15 am	27	28 Bible Study 11:00 am	29 In Stitches 10:00 am Prayers 5:30 pm	30	31	



January	5	12	19	26
	<u>White</u> <u>At the Rail</u> Sandy Johnson	<u>White</u> <u>Intinction</u> Sandy Johnson	<u>Green</u> <u>Intinction</u> Sandy Johnson	<u>Green</u> <u>Intinction</u> Sandy Johnson
	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	Calvin & Diana Hillen
	Patty Lawrence	Gail Deason	Jeff Hams	Jan Ramsey
Sunday Surprise 	Confirmation Reception Blake Craddock	OPEN	OPEN	Calvin & Diana Hillen
Lay Reader 	Patty Lawrence	Gail Deason	Jeff Hams	Janet Ramsey
	Walter & Glenda Splinter	Walter & Glenda Splinter	Walter & Glenda Splinter	Walter & Glenda Splinter
	Calvin Hillen Jeff Hams	Blake Craddock Eric Oehlerking	Jim & Patty Lawrence	Frank Schneider Mark Lee

## *Lectionary Lessons for month, 2019*

January 5, 2020: Second Sunday of Christmas Jeremiah 31:7-14 Psalm 147:12-20 Ephesians 1:3-14 John 1:1-18	John begins his gospel with this prologue: A hymn to the Word through whom all things were created. This Word became flesh and brought grace and truth to the world
January 12, 2020: Baptism of Our Lord Isaiah 42:1-9 Psalm 29 Acts 10:34-43 Matthew 31:3-17	Before Jesus begins his ministry, he is baptized by John, touched by the Spirit , and identified publically as God's Child.
January 19, 2020: Second Sunday after Epiphany Isaiah 49:1-7 Psalm 40:1-11 I Corinthians 1:1-9 John 1:29-42	John the Baptist's witness to Jesus initiates a chain of testimony as his disciples begin to share with others what they have found.
January 26, 2020: Third Sunday after Epiphany Isaiah 9:1-4 Psalm 27:1, 4-9 I Corinthians 1:10-18 Matthew 4:12-23	Jesus begins his public ministry shortly after John the Baptist is imprisoned by Herod. He proclaims the nearness of God's reign and call four fishermen to be his first disciples.

## Happy Birthdays and Anniversaries for (month)

Happy Birthdays	Happy Anniversaries
Zeta Klein - 01/02 Beverly Kusano - 01/05 Linda Hams - 01/07 Edy Brasfield - 01/09 James Beegle - 01/10 Donald Thomas - 01/14 Teri Price - 01/20 Jean Billing - 01/23 Bill Craddock - 01/25 Robert Billing - 01/25 Calvin Hillen - 01/29	Christopher & Catherine Yanker - 1/5 Jim & Patty Lawrence - 1/6 Paul (deceased) & Marge Secord - 1/31

## Prayer Needs

There are a lot of Trinity members in need of prayer as well as our church. Beginning with this New Year and new decade, let's put those prayers at the front of our list. God listens and answers so we must keep a continuous dialogue with him. If we don't desert him, he will never desert us. There are big opportunities as well as decisions coming our way so please be vigilant with your prayers. We received word that Marge Secord has fallen and was in the hospital for a couple of days. Please add her to your prayer list.

