

# January 2020

# TRINITY TIDINGS

A monthly newsletter for the people of Trinity Lutheran Church of Athens, WI

## Pastor's Corner



"...And surely I am with you

**always, to the very end of the age." – Matthew 28:20b**

Here's a collection of random thoughts that are on my heart as we say good-bye to 2019 and enter into 2020.

First, it must be the science fiction / geek side of me, but writing "2020" kind of blows me away. It's really hard to believe that we are entering the year 2020. It seems like this would be a good year for hover cars, the year we find the cure for cancer, and a visit from a humanoid race from another planet. Whatever happens, like the previous 2019 years, Jesus is with us – and that's a good thing!

Second, my thanks for an awesome 2019. A lot of really great things happened in 2019. Most importantly, the love of Jesus was shared, the people of God at Trinity made a good witness to their love of Christ in the Athens Community, and the Gospel continued to bring joy and comfort to hearts of God's people! A pastor could not ask for anything better! Jesus is clearly with us!

Third, Kaye and I want to thank everyone for the incredible outpouring of love over this past holiday season. We are so thankful for all your wonderful cards, gifts of love, and tasty treats! We are truly blessed by your love, care and concern. We are thankful for the love of Jesus which clearly motivates us!

Fourth, as we enter 2020, once again, Trinity will be faced with great challenges in mission and ministry – especially in finances. At the end of 2019, we finished with a debt at the credit union, as of this printing, of \$38,455. Thankfully, we were blessed by the generosity of many individuals at the end of 2019, or the debt would have been much higher. The thing is, our school and church ministries are running at optimal efficiency. We cannot spend less money without making drastic changes in staffing or ministry efforts. Changes of this nature would be very painful and would likely cause conflict.

To that end, we will be focusing very intentionally on stewardship education and practice in 2020. As we did four years ago, we will once again be engaging in the "Consecrated Stewards" program during Lent. We derived significant benefit from our last use of this program. We look forward to even greater benefit this time through. We will certainly need the love and presence of Jesus during this time!

Finally, I want to thank all of you for the incredible partnership that we share in the ministry of Trinity in this community. It's very easy for people to judge the success or failure of a congregation by its pastor. One of the important things that you all have taught me is that we are all in this together. We need each other. We depend on each other. When we succeed, it's because of our partnership in the Gospel. When we fail, we do so because WE are not perfect and we need Jesus' love, mercy, and forgiveness!

Looking forward to another incredible year...

In Jesus,

Pastor Mark

To know Christ ...  
and make Him known.

## WORSHIP TIMES

Saturdays 7:00 p.m.

Sundays 9:00 a.m.

With Holy Communion  
every 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Weekend

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# Trinity Lutheran Church, School & Child Care

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Technology Director / Grades 5 & 6

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Teacher / Grades 3 & 4

Becky Van Rixel  
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Custodian

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## Principal's Message

Last week as my students said, "See you next decade," it struck me that another decade has come and gone. Time continues to roll on. Years come and go. We were just preparing for Christmas and by the time you read this, it will probably be January of 2020. Time definitely does not stand still. Time always seems to be something we don't ever have enough of.

HES  
ALIVE!

When it comes to God, time is not a factor. He is timeless. Yes, we are constantly getting closer to the time of Christ's return. However, God's promise of salvation through Christ who was born on the first Christmas has not changed since human existence. The promise began back when Adam and Eve first disobeyed God. That promise to them is the same promise for us today. God has provided a Savior that has paid the price of all our sins. From the first sin committed to the last one that will occur prior to Christ's return, the cost of forgiveness and salvation has been paid. Salvation is timeless and for all people of all ages. God's promise does not change. So, when it comes to time moving on, all we need to know is that we are just that much closer to experiencing eternal life.

Welcome to 2020! May God bless you in the new year!

Dean Frick  
Principal



# Church News & Events

## Trinity LWML

Trinity LWML met December 4<sup>th</sup> at Athenian Living. The January Afternoon LWML meeting will be January 8<sup>th</sup>, 1:00pm at Athenian Living, and the Evening LWML will meet Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm at the home of Louetta Lavin. Please join us!

## 2020 Offering Envelopes

As you begin to use your 2020 offering envelopes please keep in mind there are three categories to choose from when distributing your funds: Current, Missions & Major Building Fund.

Money given to current expenses are used for all church and school operating expenses, including utilities, classroom textbooks, salaries, and general maintenance of the church / school building.

Funds designated for major building fund will be ear-marked for any large building or maintenance project that may arise. There are also funds designated for the Organ Fund, and Endowment Fund. Mission funds are sent to the North Wisconsin District to be used for mission projects. If you have any questions, please give the office a call. Thank you.

## Official Acts & Monthly News

**Death:** Frank Andrew Tiffany was called to his heavenly home on Monday, December 16, 2019. His funeral was held here at Trinity on Saturday, December 21, 2019.

**Baptism:** Andrew Tucker Henrichs-Doll, son of Aaron Doll and Michelle Henrichs was baptized here at Trinity on Sunday, December 8, 2019.

**Weddings / Released / Confirmations:** none

**New Members:** Tracy & Kristin Zettler and their daughter Addyson was accepted through Transfer from St. John's Lutheran Church, Hamburg, on Wednesday, December 11, 2019.

**Births:** Lila Mary Ostrander, daughter born to Alex and Rachel (Riske) Ostrander on Saturday, December 14, 2019.

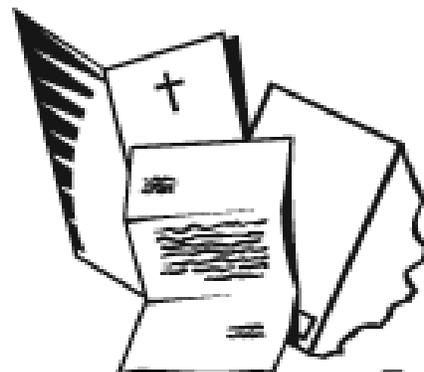
**Hospitalized:** Phillicia Boushon, Sandy Ewan, Dave Kulas, Sr.



## December Memorials

**In loving memory** of Frank Tiffany, a gift was given toward General Operating expenses by Wil & Darlene Strack.

*Thank you for your gift!*



# Memorials & Gifts



## Young Investor Savers!

Remember to keep track of your volunteer hours / good grades as you can claim up to \$25 per year - \$1.00 per hour for volunteer hours. Anyone under the age of 18 is eligible to open an account which pays 3.5% up to \$1,000, and you need not be a Trinity member! It's also time for High School Seniors to apply for LCEF Scholarships. Please see D. Strack with any questions. Thank you!

# Community / Church Other News & Events

## Epiphany Tea, featuring musical entertainment!

The 2020 Epiphany Celebration will be held at St. Anthony Catholic Church on Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 1:00pm with musical entertainment and fellowship to follow.



This event is open to the community, any and all ages. Come join in for an afternoon of familiar toe-tapping music, laughter and fellowship.

January 2020						
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## Quarterly Voter's Assembly

Voter's Assembly Meetings here at Trinity are held quarterly – after Sunday Morning Worship the last Sunday of the month of January, April, July, and October.

Please join us on Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup> for our next meeting – after the Volunteer Appreciate Lunch 😊 Thank you!

Join us ...

## Lutheran Laymen's League (LLL)

Greetings from your fellow believers in the Gospel! The January meeting of LLL will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church, Medford, on Sunday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, beginning with a pot-blessed meal at 1:00pm. The meal will be followed by a short business meeting and then the presentation of the Spiritual Conversation Kit. Please bring a dish to share, the rest will be provided.

All are welcome to attend. The LLL is looking for new members!

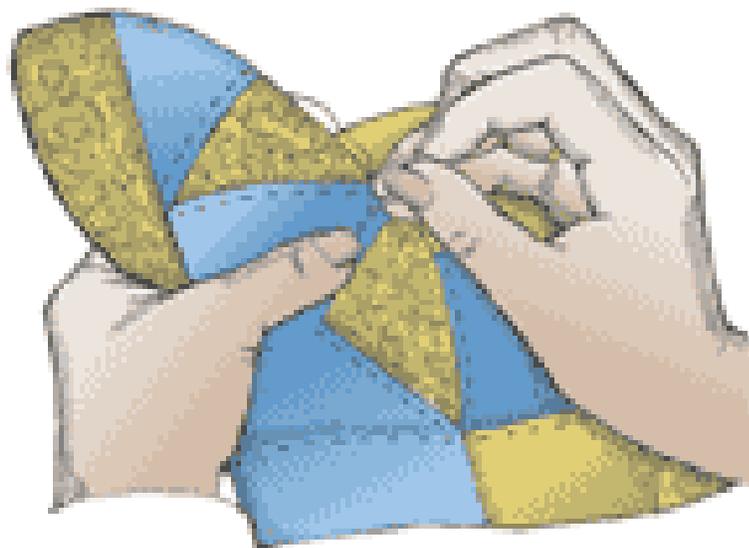
Questions? Please contact Wil and Darlene Strack at 715-257-7376.



## Trinity Quilting News

After not quilting for several months, Quilters will resume meeting the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month, beginning January 8<sup>th</sup>, 9:00am – 12:00pm. New workers are needed... no talent is required, and the pay is outstanding, but in ways you might not expect.

Quilts are generally made for the Hospice House in Wausau (twin size) – Orphan Grain Train (any size) – K. I. Sawyer (king and queen size). Quilters are always open to other ideas too!



# QUILTING GROUP

### January Acolytes

Saturday, January 4 7:00pm  
Nick Pittman & Malaina Telschow  
Sunday, January 5 9:00am  
Jenna Handschke & Eli Paul  
Saturday, January 11 7:00pm  
Michael Meyer & Gavin Frahm  
Sunday, January 12 9:00am  
Addisyn Kottke & Natalie Salber  
Saturday, January 18 7:00pm  
Ava Ford & Swayne Stencil  
Sunday, January 19 9:00am  
Abby Diethelm & Malaina Telschow  
Saturday, January 25 7:00pm  
Aleah Frahm & Nick Pittman  
Sunday, January 26 9:00 am  
Addison Lavicka & Paige Westaby



### January Birthdays

2 - Kaila Dunahee, Jena Zinkowich  
3 - Scott Roesler  
4 - Kevin Bunkelman, Emily Frick  
5 - Don Hardt, Cheryl Lenz  
6 - Brooks Beilke, Doreen Weise, Mindy Young  
7 - Dave Kulas, Jr., Ken Punke  
8 - Jenna Ellenbecker, Dean Frick  
10 - Brian Boesl, Preston Manecke  
11 - Edison Ellenbecker, Paige Westaby  
12 - Larry Framke, Mark Schroeder  
13 - Rebecca Bliven, Jean Krueger, Phillip Marcott,  
Taylor Thurs, Joe Petrie  
14 - Nick Belter, Ryan Ellenbecker, Cole Handschke  
15 - Todd Barkow, Nathan Heier, Eugene Weise  
16 - Craig Heller, Abigail Van Rixel  
17 - Karen Bergmann, Samantha Betzner,  
Diane Murkowski  
18 - Gabriel Boushon, Anna Nowicki  
19 - Ellen Czech, Joe Kepner, BJ Komarek,  
Tom Schaer  
21 - Tanya Ellenbecker  
22 - Frank Koeller, Kim Mroczenski, Caleb Steinke  
25 - Shirley Denzin, Connie Radloff, Colten Weiler  
26 - Halle Albrecht, Jillian Ewan, Justin Hein,  
Robert Nowacki, Noaki Takamura  
27 - Jesse Call, Laurel Pitzke  
28 - Brinley Kornack, Lisa Nowicki  
29 - Nancy Haehlke, Jordan Kuck, Bruce Radloff,  
Bev Tiffany  
31 - Carol Fritz, Alexander Kuck

### January Baptism Birthdays

2 - Aiden Lemmer, Alex Lemmer  
4 - Karen Gauerke, Kristopher Kottke  
5 - Nathlie Venzke, Tim Brumbaugh  
6 - Tom Mueller, Courtney Tesch  
7 - Aaron Passehl  
8 - Jean Balz, Lauryn Hartwig, Nicholas Peter  
9 - Callie Davis  
10 - Susan Becker, Robin Sauter  
11 - Mike Balz, Austin LeMay  
12 - Eli Bunkelman  
13 - Jason Christopherson  
14 - Maureen Belanger, Mason Halopka,  
Miranda Hertel, Paige Westaby  
15 - Peyton Gruna, Ken Scheffler, Adam Wassmann  
17 - Scott Roesler  
19 - Swayne Stencil  
20 - Michael Zenner  
22 - Celina Ellenbecker, Brandon Lippert  
24 - Dave Kulas, Jr.  
25 - Kaila Dunahee, Nila Koeller, Allen Natzke  
26 - Jenna Ellenbecker  
27 - Jena Zinkowich  
28 - McKenzie Brodziski  
Korbin Kuck  
29 - Talena Bliven  
Cheryl Lenz  
31 - Ken Punke  
Jordan Tessmer  
Paul Hamann



Baptism  
Birthday



### January Wedding Anniversaries

Joe & Laura Petrie 1/04/1986  
Mike & Tammy Dahl 1/09/1982  
Dave & Chris Hart 1/21/1976  
John & April Schreiber 1/21/2006





## Youth Group New.

### Crusaders for Christ 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade Youth Group

The Crusaders and Jesus is the Bread Youth Groups went Christmas Caroling Sunday evening, December 15<sup>th</sup>. Special thanks to Jerry & Tamey Zenner for sharing their special "Christmas Wagon" to take us caroling on!

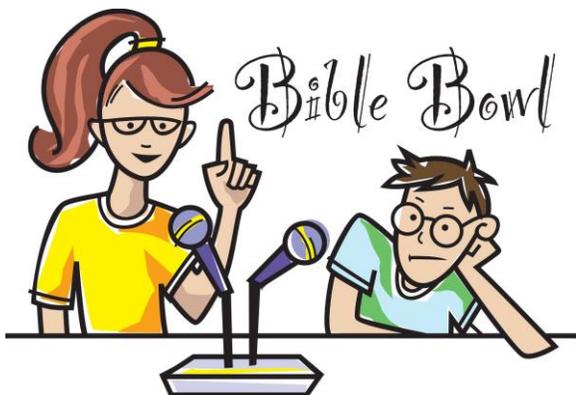
The group will meet for their next monthly meeting on Sunday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30pm, and will also resume marking their Bibles at the meeting.



### Wisconsin State Bible Bowl

This event will be on Saturday, March 28, 2020. *Are you interested in joining the challenge and fun of learning about the Book of Judges?*

Grades 7 – 12 are welcome to participate. If interested, or for further information, please contact the church office. Also needed is an adult (or two) to lead up this group!



## Team Trinity News

Youth will meet Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup> after the Morning Worship Service. The meeting will begin with Bible study and planning then go to The Hall for pizza, soda and bowling. Cost is \$12.00. Please let Fay Niemann know if you will be attending to help with planning.

**Mission Trip Youth** and families wish to extend a heartfelt **"Thank You"** to all those who supported the Advent Soup Suppers!

They will begin their monthly meetings this month – Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.

Youth will serve in the Benton Harbor Michigan area this coming Summer.



### ***Riding in style to Marshfield!***

**Thank You** to the Crusaders for Christ Youth for delivering the tabs to the Ronald McDonald House in Marshfield this past month! They also ate at McDonald and toured the light show at the Marshfield Zoo. The Ronald McDonald House welcomes families of ill and injured children newborn through age 18 who are receiving care at the hospital or clinic. Families are offered a warm setting to rest, prepare hot meals, and share time with other families in similar situations.

**HUGE THANK YOU** to Al Riemer and their time and  Michele for volunteering limo bus for the trip!

# Council Meeting – November 13, 2019

Meeting was called to order by Vice President Neil Marthaler. Pastor opened with prayer.

## Officers:

President- Rick Guralski (A)

Vice President- Neil Marthaler (P)

Secretary- Renee Tessmer (P)

Admin Assistant- Judy Weise (A)

Principal- Dean Frick (A)

Rev-Mark Schwalenberg (P)

Board of Elders (P)

Board of Christian Education- (P)

Board of Trustees- (A)

Board of Stewardship- (P)

Youth Coordinator- Renell Wassmann (P)

**Secretary Report:** Motion made by Kaye Schwalenberg and seconded by Dawn Mroczenski to approve the secretary report as printed in the monthly newsletter.

**Financial Report:** Checking Account Balance at the Credit Union \$611. Petty Cash \$37. Savings Accounts at the Credit Union: Organ Fund \$593, Major Building Repair Fund \$5,646, Endowment Fund at Thrivent, \$109,124. Credit Line at the bank of Dorchester \$46,583, Mortenson Progressive Fund \$23,924, Total General Fund Income for October \$35,446, Total General Fund Expenses for October \$58,575, resulting in a loss of \$23,129. Dedicated Funds: School Lunch and Child Care salaries are both paid current. Motion made by Renee Tessmer and seconded by Mark Mroczenski to approve the financial report as read. Motion carried.

**Boards of Elders:** Accepted by Profession of Faith Curtis Balz. Jean Swenson transferred to St. Paul's Lutheran in Junction City. There was one baptism and one wedding.

**Board of Christian Education:** Continue to talk about school choice which was voted in at the October's voters meeting. There will be training end of November beginning of December. The Administrator position has been published but the position requires the administrator to have a Bachelor's Degree so no candidate has been found yet. Will soon be doing church visits. Bethlehem and St John's will be visited in January. St Peter's in Hamburg and Hope Church on 97 will also be visited in February. Attempt was made to install the safety doors in the ramp but they were too small, will need to be reordered. Tuition assistance fund continues to grow and \$500 has been dispensed so far. Considering developing an 8- week lunch menu and rotating it and cycling through it, will look more into this and reevaluate in a month. Continue to collect on past due tuition 18 families have paid in full 1 family from last year has a \$19 balance. Putting policies and procedures in place regarding outstanding tuition has helped. FOCE (Friends of Christian Education) each school received \$13,000. Both schools will give \$250 to cover expenses from the Banquet. Sunday School is going well. It was mentioned that the 1<sup>st</sup> graders this year are doing so well with their memory work and it was felt this is due to them learning to memorize at the age of 3 while in Sunday School.

**Principals Report:** No report

**Board of Trustees:** Pastor and Kaye replaced the wheels on the table carts which have made them much more sturdy. The lights flicker in the sanctuary and Pastor knows what the problem is but will talk to John Weiler first before fixing. Continuing to work on replacing light bulbs where needed. Will put snowblower attachment on lawn mower. Will put heat tape in gutters in the courtyard. Still looking for someone to do winter snow clean up. The thermostat in Mrs. Frick's room will be looked at. Looking at getting parts for the sink and faucet in Pastors room in front of church. Hurtis checked out the heating units and replaced one small part.

**Board of Stewardship:** Craft Sale will be on Sunday 11/18/19 from 10-3. Church Envelopes have arrived and will be dispensed. We will also be sponsoring a family this Christmas and are generating some new ideas on how to best sponsor them in relation to gifts.

**Pastor:** Pastor just reiterated to continue to welcome new parents, new families and new faces into our church. If families are presenting to have their babies baptized, please visit with them and make them feel comfortable and welcome them in.

**Youth: Crusaders** – Led by Judy Weise and Deb Frick. November 27<sup>th</sup> will be handing out Thanksgiving gifts after Thanksgiving Eve Worship. Sunday December 15<sup>th</sup> will be going Christmas caroling on the Zenner Christmas wagon. Jesus is the Bread group will join. Leaving Trinity at 6:00 p.m. Sunday December 22-Tour Ronald McDonald house and deliver the soda tabs. Eat at McDonalds, then to Rotary Light Display at Marshfield Zoo. Huge thank you to Allen Reimer and Michele Meier for taking them with their limo bus. Jesus is the Bread-7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, led by Tanya Schaer had their meeting with 4 attending. The lesson was Matthew 15:14 “If the blind follow the blind we will surely fall into a pit. If we follow God we will reach our destination. A blinded activity took place. Team Trinity High School led by Faye Nieman. Only had one youth present. With a hectic December coming it was decided to meet the first Sunday in January after Sunday School and try to go bowling. Mission Group will be doing Soup Suppers before Advent services December 4, 11 and 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** Suggestion on whether the school children could sing twice a month. Pastor stated that this would take too much time to prepare for twice a month as a great deal of preparation goes into the children practicing to sing. Suggestion also made if we could move Quarterly Voter’s Meeting in October up one week so it would not fall on a weekend that the school children had off on a Friday. It was felt that parents may leave town with their family on that weekend as the children had a 3-day weekend which might result in low attendance for the Voters meeting. Pastor stated that the light show at the parsonage would begin the 1<sup>st</sup> week of December. Motion made by Dawn Mroczenski and seconded by Renell Wassmann to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned Pastor closed with prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Renee Tessmer, Secretary

# Monthly Council Meeting - December 11, 2019

Meeting was called to order by President Rick Guralski. Pastor opened with prayer.

Officers:

President- Rick Guralski (P)

Vice President- Neil Marthaler (A)

Secretary- Renee Tessmer (P)

Admin Assistant- Judy Weise (A)

Principal- Dean Frick (P)

Rev-Mark Schwalenberg (P)

Board of Elders (P)

Board of Christian Education- (P)

Board of Trustees- (A)

Board of Stewardship- (P)

Youth Coordinator- Renell Wassmann (P)

**Secretary Report:** Motion made by Renell Wassmann and seconded by Dwight Tolk to approve the secretary report as read.

**Financial Report:** Checking Account Balance at the Credit Union \$412, Petty Cash \$33. Savings Accounts: Organ Fund \$593, Major Building Repair Fund \$6,308, Endowment Fund at Thrivent \$109,124, Special Interest Fund at LCEF \$307, Balance of our Line of Credit at Dorchester Bank \$41,074, Total General Fund Income for November \$53,518, Total November Expenses \$48,494 resulting in a gain of \$5,024. Dedicated Funds: School Lunch and Child Care salaries are both paid current. Motion made by Dwight Tolk and seconded by Kaye Schwalenberg to approve the financial report as read. Motion carried.

**Boards of Elders:** There were 3 baptisms, Zayn Michael Engel son of Nicole Rudolph on 11/30/19 and also on 11/30/19 Alexander Rey Garcia and Sofia Ann Garcia, children of Gorge and Samantha Garcia. Christmas Services will be held at 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Christmas Eve. Christmas Day service at 9:00 a.m. Pastor gave an update on vacancies. Talked about the live streaming services that are held on bad weather weekends. Mention made that maybe we could do some sort of instructional video so members understand it better. There were some technical difficulties during the latest live stream but they have now been fixed. Installation of officers will be held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of January. Pastor Jeppesen from Medford who is now a member here is doing some work on the Trinity Website. Request for transfer from Tracy, Kristin and Adison Zettler to transfer from St. John's Hamburg to Trinity Athens by Profession of Faith. Motion made by Dwight Tolk and seconded by Mark Mroczenski to accept the transfer. Motion carried.

**Board of Christian Education:** Child care update, Randalyn said they are organizing and cleaning up the room. They are looking at the handbook and clearing up any "gray areas". Pastor asked if child care could sing in church so they will be working on getting that started. Talked about child care raises for the teachers. Did give raises to the teachers and raised the high school help to \$7.75 instead of \$7.25. Child Care Directors salary was raised 3%. They gave quite a bit of money back to church. Lunch report looking for someone to prep veggies. Talked about school choice. We did interview for the Administrator position. It was voted on that the position would be offered to Sara Paul. Sara does not have a 4 year degree but Dean Frick's name can be listed and Sara can work under Dean's name. Sara will be vacating her position as an aide once she starts this school choice position. Dean attended the school choice training which was very helpful. There was a fee of \$350 and someone donated \$200 towards this. May 1 is the deadline to have the budget complete. Making sure budget is complete. We need to give a count of open seats we will say 5 per grade. Taking \$2,000 from FOCE (Friends of Christian Education Fund to cover some of the expenses involved with rolling out school choice. Will make church visits and working on making a presentation. Working on staining the doors and then they will be installed. Someone donated money to have a 3K scholarship available to anyone, to receive a \$200 discount for the next 2 years for any student.

**Principals Report:** Dean Frick attended training for school choice. Dean had asked at training at what point could we "back out" if we wanted to. They said at any time and that we are not locked in to anything. Trinity in Wausau will help us with budget. We will be going as a combined school with Trinity in Wausau. Dean Frick and Sara Paul and possibly Judy Weise will attend training. Dean will get more details on this. Plan is to do church visits to possibly gain more students. Pastor from Hamburg had called Dean and was very supportive of our decision. We need to have our calendar ready for the next year. Develop a packet that every applicant is given with all the information.

**Board of Trustees:** Pastor got the heat tape plugged in for roof. New bulbs are in for the ramp area. Snow blower attachment is on the lawn mower and is being used. Thank you to the Van Rixel family and all who are helping to shovel the sidewalks. Adam will work on the faucet in front. Few rooms of lights left to be installed.

**Board of Stewardship:** Offering envelopes are in back hallway and ready to be picked up. We talked about paring down the number of envelopes ordered as some people are not picking theirs up. We talked about coming up with a policy that stated if you didn't use any envelopes in one year that we won't print them for that person next year, discussion will continue and a policy will be placed. Pastor brought up having a device that would accept credit cards to take in offerings. Consecrated stewards again during Lent.

**Pastor:** Will do commercials again during the live streaming. Still working on who will be responsible for updating the website and keeping it current. Medford will be installing a new Pastor. A new Pastor will also be installed at Trinity in Spencer who will also be Pastor in Colby. Light show is up and running at the parsonage for the month of December. Please stop by. Pastor commented on the great number of baptisms and confirmations in his 4+ years here at Trinity. We are all blessed to be part of such a wonderful congregation here and great things are in store for Trinity.

**Youth:** Crusaders 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders led by Judy Weise and Deb Frick handed out Thanksgiving treats. Sunday December 22<sup>nd</sup> they will tour the Ronald McDonald House to deliver the soda tabs. Then go to the Rotary Light show in Marshfield. Jesus is the Bread 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders had their meeting with 4 attending November 17<sup>th</sup>. Planned a trip to the trampoline park in Wausau for their fun activity. Team Trinity High School youth will meet January 5 with bowling after led by Fay Niemann. Mission Group Judy Weise Leader. They are doing the Advent soup suppers and will be doing Lenten suppers also. There are still 2 openings left to go on the Mission trip this summer. Bible Bowl Saturday 3/28/20 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Bowler registration is due March 14<sup>th</sup>. Book of Judges will be used for Bible Bowl.

**Old Business:** Still in need of a Vice President.

**New Business:** Dean was asked by a member of the Fair Board if Trinity could be used for the Blue Ribbon Dinner to wash dishes. Kaye Schwalenberg made a motion and it was seconded by Mark Mroczenski to let them use our facility. Motion carried.

Motion made by Dwight Tolk and seconded by Dawn Mroczenski to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned. Pastor closed with prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Renee Tessmer, Secretary