

January 2024



Welcome to the Trinity Church newsletter. This publication will be sent out at the beginning of each month. We appreciate your comments by emailing us at: trinityugoffice@gmail.com

Upcoming Events:

- Teens Lock-in **January 13-14** at church
- **February 9-11** Camp Phillip Teens Winter Retreat. Friends & congregation members are invited.
- **February 11** Super Bowl party starts at 5pm
- No WOW meeting in January. Ladies please join us on Monday, **February 12!**
- **February 14** Ash Wednesday service
- **Reminder:** Help to beautify our alter by signing up to provide flowers for those special occasions in 2024.



January 14th

**After Worship
Please Attend!**

CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS

President: Terry Gifford

Treasurer: Lee Woelbing

Financial Secretary: Karl Winderl

Recording Secretary: Dave Gorsuch

Head Elder: Joe Young

Elders: Dan Smercheck, Keith Walley, Gibby Loberg

THANK YOU Robin Holler & Ken Levake for their dedication to serve on the church council.

WELCOME Gibby Loberg to serve a term as a new council member!

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!

Submitted by Kari Pomije

At the end of 2023 we welcomed a big group of new members here at Trinity. Praise be to God. Please take the time and introduce yourself, we are all family here.

Ashley Clemens Ashley and her two children, Kayden and Roy, who have been attending our Sunday School and did a wonderful job leading us in worship during their Christmas Eve program.

Noël Flanders Noël and her three children, Makenzie, Marlee, and Charles, have recently transferred their membership from a sister WELS congregation. We are happy to have them join the Trinity family.

Dan & Selena Hetzel Dan & Selena are recently newlyweds and will be expecting a baby boy in the new year. They are very excited for this next chapter in life and we wish them all of God's blessings.

Jacob & Faith Smrz Jacob & Faith have moved back home from Texas and are currently saving up to buy a house. Faith is the daughter of Gibby and Rachel Loberg, and we pray they settle well back into the Wisconsin lifestyle.

Reid & Sharon Urban Reid & Sharon have been regular Saturday night visitors who decided to take our bible information class and become members. They recently have joined our adult Bible study on Sundays and it's been great to have them share their insight and knowledge.

Cody & Chris Vanderheyden Cody & Chris are brothers. It is exciting to see two young men take charge of their faith and come to worship with us. We welcome them and happy to have them join our Trinity family.

We have been greatly blessed and we ask God to continue to watch and guide us throughout this upcoming year. Happy 2024!

Highlights from November Church Council Meeting:

Maintenance Committee

- Insulation in parsonage has been completed. Church insulation has been rescheduled.
- The new air conditioner unit in the Narthex has been installed, but needs electrical work to complete.
- Security system has been installed and activated.
- Parking lot railing is complete.

TRINITY'S STAINED GLASS WINDOWS

This is the final article highlighting the stained glass windows in our church. The windows were custom made and installed in 1986.

Note: The Triune God (Father, Son & Holy Spirit) are on the south side of the sanctuary. Gospel writers Matthew, Mark, Luke & John are on the north side of the Sanctuary.



God the Holy Spirit creates and sustains faith. By his guidance, individuals and congregations like our have been proclaiming the gospel message for millennia.



God the Son, Jesus Christ, is the sacrificial lamb who offered his life as the payment for the world's sin. Through him we have the promise of life and salvation.

TECHNOLOGY

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WHICH BOOK OF THE MAJOR PROPHETS IS THE EASIEST TO UNDERSTAND?

EZekiel.

Looking for God's direction

[Paul and his companions] came to the border of Mysia. From there they tried to enter Bithynia. But the Spirit of Jesus would not let them. So they passed by Mysia. Then they went down to Troas. During the night Paul had a vision. He saw a man from Macedonia standing and begging him. "Come over to Macedonia!" the man said. "Help us!" After Paul had seen the vision, we got ready at once to leave for Macedonia. We decided that God had called us to preach the good news there. (Acts 16:7-10 NIV)

Don't you wish sometimes that God would make his will known to you as clearly as he does to Paul. Somehow God clearly communicated to Paul; that he was NOT to go into Bithynia (modern day northern Turkey), but to go into Macedonia (present day Greece) instead. Apparently, that moment was the time to start mission work in Europe, so that's what Paul and his friends did.

Those of us working with you or on your behalf in prison ministry are facing a similar crossroads. For 30 years we have dependably relied on the United States Postal Service to help us deliver the gospel and encouragement to eager eyes and hearts in correctional facilities. But mounting restrictions are making sending and receiving studies, tests, and letters more difficult and expensive (for us and for inmates). Thanks to our bulk mailing to chaplains, we still distribute a good number of studies per year. But sending tests to specific inmates as well as receiving completed tests back from inmates using regular U.S. Mail has seen a significant decline. God seems to be saying that this pathway may not be the way to go now.

In response, we are exploring some new (to us) pathways. First, we are trying the use of Business Reply Mail for inmates or their onsite chaplains to submit their tests. While this will significantly increase our costs, especially if God blesses the idea, we believe this added cost is a small price to pay to be able to serve as many students as possible.

Our second new pathway is electronic delivery of our studies to the tablets many inmates now have access to in facilities. WELS Prison Ministry recently signed a three-year contract with Edovo, which provides a learning management system that ministries and educational entities can use to distribute educational material to inmates. Edovo currently has agreements in place at over 300 facilities to provide content to the inmates. We are also seeking agreements with other similar providers.

Please pray for these efforts. We are asking the Lord to bless them according to his will. We desperately want to continue to serve thousands of inmates nationwide and believe these may be the pathways God wants us to use. Also pray that if there are other ways that he desires us to share the gospel, he would give us the ability and wisdom to see these other pathways and use them.

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JANUARY 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
9am- WORSHIP w/ Holy Communion	HAPPY NEW YEAR!		7pm Catechsim			6pm- WORSHIP w/ Holy Communion
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
9am- WORSHIP w/ Holy Communion 10:30am -SS & Bible Study			7pm Catechsim	6:30pm Council Meeting		6pm- WORSHIP
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
9am- WORSHIP 10:30 am -VOTER'S MEETING			7pm Catechsim			6pm- WORSHIP w/ Holy Communion
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
9am- WORSHIP w/ Holy Communion 10:30am -SS & Bible Study			7pm Catechsim			6pm- WORSHIP
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
9am- WORSHIP 10:30am -SS & Bible Study			7pm Catechsim			5-5:45pm- Choir 6pm- WORSHIP w/ Holy Communion