



From Pastor Jason's Desk

Here are some thoughts on this season of Lent and what it means for us as Christians

Lent is a sacred season in the Christian calendar, spanning 40 days (excluding Sundays) leading up to Easter. It is a time of reflection, repentance, and spiritual renewal, modeled after Jesus' 40 days of fasting in the wilderness (Matthew 4:1-11). During Lent, believers are invited to draw closer to God, examine their hearts, and prepare to celebrate Christ's resurrection.

“Lent” comes from an Old English term meaning “spring,” signifying a season of renewal and growth. Just as nature awakens after the barrenness of winter, Lent calls us to awaken our souls to God's transforming grace. It is a time to let go of spiritual complacency and embrace a deeper, more intentional walk with Christ.

One of the key themes of Lent is repentance. In the Old Testament, ashes symbolized mourning and repentance (Joel 2:12-13). That's why many Christians begin Lent with Ash Wednesday, receiving ashes on their foreheads as a reminder of their mortality and need for God's mercy: “Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.” This solemn beginning sets the tone for a season of humbling ourselves before God, seeking forgiveness, and turning our hearts back to Him.

Lent is also a time of self-denial. Traditionally, Christians give up certain luxuries or habits—whether food, entertainment, or other comforts—not as a mere ritual but as a way to refocus on God. Fasting and sacrifice remind us that true satisfaction is found in Him alone. Others take on spiritual disciplines like daily prayer, Bible reading, or acts of service, using this time to cultivate a more profound dependence on Christ.

Ultimately, Lent is not about empty rituals or self-imposed hardship but about transformation. It is a journey toward the cross, where we are reminded of Christ's ultimate sacrifice, and toward the empty tomb, where we rejoice in His victory over sin and death. It is an invitation to realign our lives with God's will, to seek His presence, and to prepare our hearts for the joy of Easter morning.

As we walk through this Lenten season, may we embrace its call to repentance, renewal, and deeper faith. Let us use this time to turn away from distractions and toward the One who offers us true life—Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. Take this time to reflect on the price God paid for a relationship with us. Remember this and be thankful.

Until next time,

Pastor Jason

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**Trinity United Methodist Church
Finance and Administrative Council Meeting
Thursday, February 20, 2025**

Greeting and Call to Order by Chairperson Gary Linn

Attendees: Gary Linn (Chairperson), Jim Wolff (Treasurer, Trustee), John Keene (Finance Chair), Jane Lafollette (Worship), Pastor Jason

Devotion: Gary Linn

Changes and/or Additions to this Agenda: None

Review and Approval of the January 2025 Meeting Minutes: moved, seconded and approved.

Treasurer Report

Review and Approval of the Financial Reports showing a \$10,000 loss for the month reflecting a \$4,000 reduction in revenue from last year and increased cash expenses (summary attached): moved to approved, seconded and motion carried.

Old Business: none

Finance Committee Report

Old Business:

Audit Committee – not yet assembled

Electronic Giving – working on streamlines electronic giving.

Fund raising through use of CMC for sports tournament lunches seems unlikely to produce sufficient revenue to justify the effort. Tabled for now.

New Business

Proposed reporting monthly Income & Expense totals in the monthly newsletter.

We are in discussions with a Christian school start-up for a three day a week K-5 of 40-50 students.

moved to approve report, seconded and motion carried.

Administrative Council Meeting

Board of Trustees Report:

No open parsonage issues.

Church – Jim Wolff will take over the inventory effort regarding electronic equipment, other than office. Two areas of cove lighting are not working. We will monitor sidewalk snow removal to determine is the cost/benefit is aligned.

CMC – no new issues.

Overall: Wayne will investigate cost to install exterior cameras to monitor the parking lots. Trustees are re-examining the five-year plan for the campus. Approved contractor list will be updated. Subsidence under the parking lot retaining wall will be evaluated and repaid costs determined.

moved to approve, seconded and motion carried.

Pastor Jason's Report: Attached, moved to approve, seconded and motion carried.

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Program Committees Reports:

Worship – Lenten and Easter services and music set.

Missions – Report attached

Staff-Pastor-Parish Relations – no report

United Women in Faith – no report

Christian Education – no report, but attendance remains strong with need for adult volunteers to help education volunteers with supervision. City-wide summer church camp organization

Old Business Administrative Council –

Simple Church update – Work is proceeding, almost ready for larger participation.

New Business Administrative Council – None

Next Meeting – **March 20, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.**

January Financial Report

	Jan 2025	Jan 2024 (PY)	Change
Total Revenue	\$ 11,462.61	\$15,212.22	\$(3,749.61)
Total Expenditures	\$ 22,070.65	\$16,270.66	\$ 5,799.99
Net Operating Revenue	\$(10,608.04)	\$ (1,058.44)	\$(9,549.60)

LENTEN STUDY

Pastor Jason will be leading a Lenten study entitled *The Jesus I Never Knew*. Philip Yancey reveals the real Jesus beyond the stereotypes, offering a new and different perspective on the life of Christ and his work---his teaching, his miracles, his death and resurrection---and ultimately, who he was and why he came. Relating the gospel events to the world we live in today, *The Jesus I Never Knew* gives a moving and refreshing portrait of the central figure of history.

The class will be held on Wednesday evenings, March 12, 19 & 26, April 2, 9 & 16 at 6:00 pm in the Christian Ministry Center. If you would like to attend the study & purchase the book (cost is \$6.00), please contact the office.

The Last Supper Presentation

The Lead/Deadwood Ministerial Association is putting on the dramatization of Leonardo da Vinci's *The Last Supper*. The Last Supper performance will be on Good Friday, April 18th at 7:00 pm at the Homestake Opera House.



THANK YOU!!

Please join in thanking these wonderful men for their devoted service in keeping our parking lot safe and clean.

Ron Pray, John Hauge, Bob McNeill, Don Rogers, Mike Darling, Dean Geiman, Royal Brooking, Jim Wolf, Troy Bobbitt

Trinity United Methodist Church
Statement of Financial Position
As of January 31, 2025

	As of Jan 31, 2025	Total As of Jan 31, 2024 (PY)	Change
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Total Bank Accounts	\$ 17,381.04	\$ 19,478.66	\$ (2,097.62)
Other Current Assets			
1251 Prepaid Expenditures	\$ 7,044.72	\$ 5,939.22	\$ 1,105.50
Total 1300 INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS	\$ 184,042.81	\$ 192,174.53	\$ (8,131.72)
Total Other Current Assets	\$ 191,087.53	\$ 198,113.75	\$ (7,026.22)
Total Current Assets	\$ 208,468.57	\$ 217,592.41	\$ (9,123.84)
Fixed Assets			
Total 1400 FURNISHINGS & EQUIPMENT	\$ 254,169.34	\$ 254,169.34	\$ -
Total 1500 LAND AND BUILDINGS	\$ 1,979,303.23	\$ 1,979,563.23	\$ (260.00)
Total Fixed Assets	\$ 2,233,472.57	\$ 2,233,732.57	\$ (260.00)
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 2,441,941.14	\$ 2,451,324.98	\$ (9,383.84)
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY			
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
Total Accounts Payable	\$ -	\$ 4,983.11	\$ (4,983.11)
Other Current Liabilities			
Total 2200 Passthrough and Payroll Liabilities	\$ 1,624.22	\$ (1,826.21)	\$ 3,450.43
Total 2400 Accrued Expenses	\$ 5,832.40	\$ -	\$ 5,832.40
Total 2700 Restricted Outreach Funds	\$ 21,983.50	\$ 27,410.46	\$ (5,426.96)
Total 2800 Restricted Land and Building Funds	\$ 41,708.04	\$ 36,460.11	\$ 5,247.93
Total 2900 Unrestricted FUNDS	\$ 24,799.76	\$ 9,564.76	\$ 15,235.00
Total Other Current Liabilities	\$ 95,947.92	\$ 71,609.12	\$ 24,338.80
Total Current Liabilities	\$ 95,947.92	\$ 76,592.23	\$ 19,355.69
Total Liabilities	\$ 95,947.92	\$ 76,592.23	\$ 19,355.69
Equity			
Total 3000 EQUITY BALANCE	\$ 2,424,881.29	\$ 2,424,880.94	\$ 0.35
3900 Retained Earnings	\$ (68,280.17)	\$ (49,089.91)	\$ (19,190.26)
Net Revenue	\$ (10,607.90)	\$ (1,058.28)	\$ (9,549.62)
Total Equity	\$ 2,345,993.22	\$ 2,374,732.75	\$ (28,739.53)
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$ 2,441,941.14	\$ 2,451,324.98	\$ (9,383.84)

Trinity United Methodist Church
Budget vs. Actuals: Budget_FY25_P&L - FY25 P&L
 January 2025

	Total		
	Actual	Budget	over Budget
Revenue			
Total 4200 UNRESTRICTED DONATIONS	\$ 11,462.61	\$ 19,240.00	\$ (7,777.39)
Total Revenue	\$ 11,462.61	\$ 19,240.00	\$ (7,777.39)
Expenditures			
5100 A. OUTREACH			
Total 5100 A. OUTREACH	\$ 118.40	\$ 250.00	\$ (131.60)
Total 5140 B. CONFERENCE/WORLD SERVICE	\$ 5,077.35	\$ 4,610.00	\$ 467.35
Total 5200 C. MINISTERIAL EXPENSE	\$ 6,790.89	\$ 5,204.16	\$ 1,586.73
Total 5300 D. SUPPORT SERVICES	\$ 4,162.89	\$ 2,866.66	\$ 1,296.23
Total 5400 OFFICE EXPENSE	\$ 2,915.64	\$ 1,983.33	\$ 932.31
Total 5500 BUILDING REPAIR/MAINTENANCE	\$ 1,356.30	\$ 600.00	\$ 756.30
Total 5600 F. CHURCH UTILITIES	\$ 904.33	\$ 1,074.17	\$ (169.84)
Total 5700 G. CMC UTILITIES	\$ 744.85	\$ 518.00	\$ 226.85
Total Expenditures	\$ 22,070.65	\$ 17,106.32	\$ 4,964.33
Net Operating Revenue	\$ (10,608.04)	\$ 2,133.68	\$ (12,741.72)
Other Revenue			
Total 6000 Other Income	\$ 0.14	\$ -	\$ 0.14
Total 6100 INVESTMENT INCOME	\$ -	\$ 920.00	\$ (920.00)
Total Other Revenue	\$ 0.14	\$ 920.00	\$ (919.86)
Net Revenue	\$ (10,607.90)	\$ 3,053.68	\$ (13,661.58)



**Please remember our homebound members
by sending them a greeting card**



Doris Adamson
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122 Wall St.
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Missions and Outreach Ministry

Mission and Outreach: Sue Holloway

Adopt-A-Platoon: Our next assembly day is Thursday, March 6th. It takes less than 2 hours to put the 500 cards and letters together. Please check out the “Adopt-A-Platoon” display at the front of the social room. You’ll find new letters and a few cards.

Meals on Wheels: Because our last week was the last week in January, we will not do meals in February. Our next week is scheduled for March 3-7. Please contact Sue DeGooyer for questions and to volunteer.

Hospital Blankets: We will meet on the 5th in the Lutheran Church’s basement. Because of going on a mission trip, we will be meeting only once this month. We meet for 2 hours. Talk to Kathy Wanhanen or me about this project.

Honduras: Many thanks to the ladies of United Women of Faith for all their help making the fund raiser a success. Total donations came to \$598.00. Your generosity will make life better for so many people that have almost nothing. The team will be gone from March 18th to March 28th. I will try to send a few pictures depending upon internet accessibility.



United
Women
in Faith

TRINITY UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH



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One of the resources available to Trinity United Women in Faith is the Daily Prayer Guide titled Generations of Grace. In looking at the first week in March, the submission by a 17 year old from Alaska is: “The love of family and friends can heal heart”. The verse for our meeting day on March 6 is Hebrews 11:1 “ Faith is the reality of what we hope for, the proof of what we don’t see.” Faith and Love, that is what sustains us, isn’t it?

Our meeting for March is on March 6th at 12 noon with a potluck. The program will be brought by Lynn Larsen and Janet Lanphear. All women are welcome to attend.

On Ash Wednesday, March 5, Trinity United Women in Faith unit is providing a variety of soups and desserts at 5:30 in the CMC. This is for all church members, families and friends. We are also very pleased to have the youth group, Kids for Christ, join us for the supper as it is their regular meeting night. The soup supper precedes the Ash Wednesday service which is at 7 pm.

The Ash Wednesday Prayer from the Prayer Guide is: Holy God! Our world rages. Yet we trust you will usher in a new way of living in love and peace! Amen. Written by Deborah Byrd, a Deaconess from Morton Memorial UMC, Tennessee.

Greetings from *The Books' Nook*

Have you been avoiding the library shelves in the CMC? I was, until a good friend took me for a look in the nook!

She gave me For Everything a Season by Paul Gully. It is a large print peek into everyday life events relating to the verse in Ecclesiastes. A GOOD, fast read!

Do you have a book from the Nook that you could tell us about in the Trinity Times? Submit it to Holly to be included in a future newsletter.

Signed,

Hooked on Books 



Holy Week

Palm Sunday-April 13
Church Services 9:00 am

Maundy Thursday-April 17
Church Services 7:00 pm

Good Friday-April 18
Da Vinci's Last Supper
Performance at the
Homestake Opera House
at 7:00 pm

Easter Sunday-April 20
Church Services 9:00 am

GOT MUSIC?

Are you looking to provide special music during worship service? We would enjoy hearing you sing, playing your instruments, sharing your musical talents, please contact the office.

Are you wanting to help with worship through song? Come practice with the praise team on Sundays at 8:00 am

I will sing to the LORD all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live. Psalms 104:33


Contact Information for
Pastor Jason Christensen
Cell Phone: 605-490-2601


E-mail: brncopastor4@gmail.com

Pastor Jason will be holding coffee hours at Lotus Up on Tuesdays from 9 to 11 a.m. Please stop by for a visit.

He will honor the Sabbath on Fridays.

Please join us for Ash Wednesday on March 5th.

 There will be a soup dinner in the CMC at 5:30 pm.

The service will be at 7:00 pm  in the church sanctuary.

Hymn Dinger Handbell Choir

The handbell choir will practice on March 4th and 11th at 3:30 pm in the church. They will perform on Sunday, March 16th.



BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays:

March 3-Connie Hyde
March 4-Jim Wolff
March 4-Charlotte Berglund
March 5-Anna Campbell
March 8-Shelli DeVries
March 9-Bailey Norton
March 9-Sue DeGooyer
March 11-Kayden Berglund
March 11-Sherri Rystrom
March 12-Michael Darling
March 12-Vickie Hauge
March 14-Jason Christensen
March 16-Betty Bender
March 19-Gary LaFollette
March 20-Margie Stoflet
March 21-Sid Goss
March 27-Chloe Berglund
March 29-Quinn Fisher
March 31-Faunille Cummings

Anniversaries:

Faith and Fellowship

If you are a person who enjoys fellowship and reading the bible please consider joining us. Faith and Fellowship meets in the CMC on Tuesdays at 6:00 pm. We will read and visit about how scripture can be of use to us and who knows we may even have some fun!

SERMON SERIES:

Lenten Series

(March 9-April 20)

03/09-Preparing for the Journey Ahead
03/16-Thank God for His Mercy
03/23-Prodigal Love
03/30-Repentance and Renewal
04/06-God's Compassionate Heart
04/13-Journey to the Cross
04/20-The Power of the Empty Tomb



*Bible Study at
Trinity United Methodist Church*



Men's Bible Study

The Men's Bible study takes place every Saturday morning in the CMC starting at 7:30 am. This study is offered to all men of our church as well as any guests that they would like to include. No preparation is required, and study material is provided.

Coffee Break Bible Study

Coffee Break Women's Bible Study will begin a new 10 lesson series on Thursday, March 13th entitled "Elijah and Elisha: Prophets with Power." Many Old and New Testament passages reference Elijah, so we are going to delve deep into his life and message to find out just what he was about. The first five lessons will feature Elijah's story followed by five lessons highlighting Elisha.

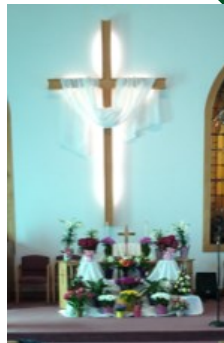
Ladies, if you have not been a part of our group before, please consider joining us for the first 5 lessons (or all 10). This short time commitment would allow you to see what our bible study is all about. All ladies, and any friends, are welcome! Our group uses the "Discover Your Bible" series, which inspires readers to discover together what the Bible says and means. Participants dive into the text using questions that spark meaningful conversation and personalized application. Our time together as a group is very meaningful as we also fellowship and support each other on life's journey while learning to live the life God called us to.

We hope to see some new faces on March 13th!

Submitted by Shelli DeVries

**Memorial Garden
Sunday, April 20th**

If you'd like to donate an Easter lily, potted plant, or bouquet of flowers in memory of a loved one or in honor of someone please bring them to the CMC or church by Saturday, April 19th at 9:00 am.



Please call the office with who provided flowers and who it is in honor or memory of so that information can be included in the Easter bulletin.

SUNDAY SCHOOL



Sunday school is available for pre-school through 5th grade children. The curriculum is based on the stories of Jesus. If you are interested in helping with our sweet young children, please contact the office at 584-1328.



**KFC (Kids For Christ)
Youth Program**

*1st and 3rd Wednesday of the Month
5:30 pm to 7:00 pm*

**Christian Ministry Center
7 South Main Street Lead, SD
Please call 605-584-1328 with any questions**

**ALL
YOUTH
3RD - 8TH
GRADE**

**SUPPER
PROVIDED**

Upcoming Dates:

**March 5th and 19th
April 2nd and 16th
May 7th and 14th**

SUMMER CAMP INFORMATION

Registration for Summer Camp 2025 is now open!

The people of Trinity UMC are committed to sending people to camp, so please inquire about scholarships. Some of the camps have limited number of campers so register early.

Early bird registration deadline is April 30th

Brochures are located at the back of the church or call the office with any questions.

Please contact the office for the camp code.

Check out **dakcamps.org** for all of the camp opportunities!



MARCH 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 Men's Bible Study at 7:30 am
2 Music practice at 8 Worship at 9 Fellowship at 10 Communion Sunday Last Sunday after Epiphany	3 Mahjong 12:00 pm Kiwanis 5:30 pm	4 Pastor Jason Coffee Hours 9-11, Lotus Up L-PEO 1:00 Bells Practice 3:30 Faith/Fellowship 6	5 Youth 5:30-7:00 ASH WEDNESDAY Soup Dinner 5:30 Service 7:00 pm	6 Pastor's Meeting 8-10 Coffee Break Bible Study at 9:30 am Platoon Cards 10:30 UWF 12:00	7 Worship Spearfish Care Center, 10:30	8 Men's Bible Study at 7:30 am
Meals on Wheels March 3-March 7						
9 Music practice at 8 Worship at 9 Fellowship at 10 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS 1st Sunday in Lent	10 Senior Citizens 10-2 Mahjong 12:00 pm Kiwanis 5:30 pm	11 Bells Practice 3:30 Faith/Fellowship 6	12 Bide-A-Wee 12:00 Lenten Study 6:00	13 Coffee Break Bible Study at 9:30 am SC Cards 1-4 pm	14	15 Men's Bible Study at 7:30 am
Pastor Jason on Vacation March 10-March 16						
16 Music practice at 8 Worship at 9 Fellowship at 10 Handbells Play 2nd Sunday in Lent PJ on Vacation	17 Mahjong 12:00 pm Kiwanis 5:30 pm	18 Pastor Jason Coffee Hours 9-11, Lotus Up L-PEO 1:00 Faith/Fellowship 6	19 Staff Meeting 9:30 Youth 5:30-7:00 Amer Aux 6-8 pm Lenten Study 6:00	20 Pastor's Meeting 8-10 Coffee Break Bible Study at 9:30 am Meeting Night	21 Community Blood Drive CMC 11:30-5:30 No L/D School	22 Men's Bible Study at 7:30 am
23 Music practice at 8 Worship at 9 Fellowship at 10 3rd Sunday in Lent	24 Mahjong 12:00 pm Kiwanis 5:30 pm Newsletter Articles Due No L/D School	25 Pastor Jason Coffee Hours 9-11, Lotus Up Faith/Fellowship 6	26 Lenten Study 6:00	27 Pastor's Meeting 8-10 Coffee Break Bible Study at 9:30 am SC Cards 1-4 pm	28	29 Men's Bible Study at 7:30 am
30 Music practice at 8 Worship at 9 Fellowship at 10 4th Sunday in Lent	31 Mahjong 12:00 pm Kiwanis 5:30 pm					

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Trinity United Methodist Church is a welcoming congregation where God can be found in worship, music, and fellowship. Children always welcome.

WORSHIP SERVICES

SUNDAY MORNING AT 9 AM.



ASH
WEDNESDAY



Remember that
you are dust, and to
dust you shall return.
Ecclesiastes 3:20



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