



From the Pastors desk

Hello Friends,

The new year is upon us, I am looking forward to the new year and the adventures we face together. The weather has been up and down but I look forward to the nice days and know that with each nice day we have we are one closer to spring.

I have greatly enjoyed my Lotus Up coffee hours on Tuesday, several of you have stopped by to visit over a cup of coffee and I encourage others to do the same. I mentioned this past Sunday that we can talk about religion or football or what ever is on your mind.

As hard as it is to believe, we are in the process of preparing for the Lenten season. We will be offering a Lenten study called "People of Passion A Lenten Weekly Study" I hope several of you will consider joining us for this study.

I continue to work on making visits to the home bound and the shut ins, if you know of someone that would appreciate a visit please contact the church office with that information.

This Lenten season, I encourage all of us to truly think about the sacrifice that Christ made for each and everyone of us. To truly live into the meaning of being a follower of Jesus Christ we must die to our own wants and desires and look to Christ for what his plan and meaning is in our lives.

The Apostle Paul wrote this to the church at Galatia:

"I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. I do not set aside the grace of God, for if righteousness could be gained through the law Christ died for nothing." Galatians 2:20-21 NIV

This is the question that I leave you all with this month, Christ died so that we would live for him and his plan for our lives not that we would live for ourselves. We must take time as we approach this Lenten season and reflect on that price paid to die to ourselves and to live enterally with Christ Jesus.

My door is always open to all of you, I am so grateful that God has placed us on this journey together. Know that I am praying for all of you and that I am here if you need anything. Gods blessings on you as we enter this time of lent.

Until next month,

Pastor Jason

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**Administrative Council/Finance Meeting
Thursday, January 19, 2023**

The Trinity United Methodist Church Administrative Council meeting was held on Thursday, January 19, 2023, CMC, 5:30 p.m. Members present. Pastor Jason Christensen, Gary Linn, Cindy McNeill, Bob McNeill, Jim Wolff, Cheryl Wolff, Jane LaFollette and Lynn Larsen.

Items added to the agenda were Vacation Bible School, Winter Connection, and the 2023 Budget remediation review.

Gary Linn opened the meeting with devotion and prayer.

Jim Wolff moved/ Jane LaFollette seconded to **approve the November 6, 2022 and November 21, 2022 minutes. Motion carried.**

Jim Wolff, Treasurer, reviewed with the Council the Financial Reports. Jane LaFollette moved/ Cindy McNeill seconded to **approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.** Sue Holloway called Pastor Jason to let him know she would be unable to attend the council meeting. Since Sue was unable to attend the meeting, it was the decision of the council not to discuss the 2023 Budget remediation review. Jim informed the council we will be converting our in-house accounting system to Tech Soup which serves nonprofit organizations. Bills and payroll will be done through this new system. Tech Soup will provide training to the office staff and committee chairs. Cindy McNeill moved/ Jane LaFollette seconded to **approve converting our in-house accounting system to Tech Soup. Motion carried.**

Bob McNeill, Trustees Chair, reported to the council the lights in the basement of the parsonage need to be replaced as the lighting in the basement is very poor. The cost to replace the lights is \$300.00. The CMC has a refrigerator that no longer works. He has received estimates up to \$2,000.00 for a new refrigerator. The sound board for our media system in the church is on its way. To get the best service from Facebook for our worship services we need to get a tablet. The cost of a tablet is \$200. Bob informed the council the cost of having snow removed in the church parking lot in December is \$2,581.00. Cheryl Wolff moved/ Jane LaFollette seconded to **approve paying up to \$300.00 for the lights in the basement of the parsonage, to pay up to \$2,000.00 for the refrigerator that includes a donation of \$1,000.00, and to pay up to \$200.00 for the tablet. Motion carried.**

Pastor Jason gave his report to the council that is in the church newsletter. There are four community churches, one of them being our church, that will be providing a community Vacation Bible School for our community youth this summer. He is also looking for another alternative plan in addition to VBS to keep our youth connected to our church. The youth Winter Connection will be held in Rapid City next Friday and Saturday. Three youth girls will be attending. Two adult women have volunteered to chaperone the girls but we need one more adult female to chaperone. Pastor Jason has been working on future sermon series and has completed the series through June. On the first Sunday in February he will be attending a continuing education course at Lake Poinsett.

Pastor Jason is still looking for a Chair for the Church Education committee.

Jane LaFollette, Worship Chair, reported on the Worship Committee meeting that was recently held. Discussion was held on the upcoming Lenten and Easter services. The Worship committee will be meeting quarterly.

Lynn Larsen, Member Care committee, reported Christmas cards were sent to shut-ins in December. The committee will be requesting church members to send Valentine cards to the shut-ins.

Cindy McNeill, Staff Pastor Parish chair, noted the committee will meet this coming Monday and they plan to have quarterly meetings this year.

Under New Business the council discussed considering having a new church directory. He and his staff have contacted a couple of entities who do church directories to get their prices and what they offer. One more local entity will be contacted and Pastor Jason will bring that information to the February council meeting. Pastor Jason noted there are eight high school students who will be receiving Bibles in May. Jim Wolff moved/ Cindy McNeill seconded to **order Bibles to be given to the eight high school students at a cost up to \$300.00. Motion carried.**

The next Administrative Council meeting will be held on Thursday, February 16, 2023, 5:30 p.m., CMC.

Pastor Jason closed the meeting in prayer.

Lynn Larsen, Recording Secretary

Trinity United Methodist Trustee Minutes
January 19, 2023

1. Opening Prayer - Pastor Jason

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2. Agenda Additions

3. Approval of the October 20, 2022 Minutes Jim/Ron Approved

4. Parsonage - Update of Projects & Maintenance

a. Need to key the garage door to be the same as the house.

b. Need price for a new kitchen window.

c. Basement fridge was hauled to the dump.

d. Tub repair has been scheduled at a cost of \$335.

e. Light under the microwave needs to be replaced.

f. Basement is very dark. Bob will get an estimate for a new wafer light. Light at the bottom of stairs also needs to be replaced. Motion was made to purchase wafer lights for the basement. \$300. Jim/Lee Ann Approved by vote.

5. Church Building - Update of Projects & Maintenance

a. Boiler shut off valve was repaired. Water heater needs a drain valve. Work Day project.

b. Bell choir shelves on hold.

6. CMC Building – Update of Projects & Maintenance

a. Dumpster pickup has been changed to 2 times a month. This will lower the cost of garbage pickup.

b. CMC was run into by a truck. Gentleman turned it into his insurance.

c. Power to the snowblower shed has been installed.

d. Floor tile in the kitchen. Suggested to remove the tile and paint the floor with epoxy.

e. Fridge on the right is broken. Need to be replaced. Money was donated. Need a fridge with ice making capabilities. Motion was made to purchase a new fridge up to \$2000. Jim/John Approved by vote.

f. Small conference room, Pastor's office and hallway need louvered vents.

7. General

a. Election of Trustee Officers. Motion by Jim/ Ron to retain current officers and approved by vote..

Bob McNeil President and Lee Ann Paananen Secretary

b. Van – Insurance and usage was discussed. It was decided to keep liability on it for \$486 per year . Driver information needs to be updated with the insurance company.

c. Larry Howells son made beautiful new signs for the church rooms. They will be installed.

d. 5-Year Capital Plan needs to be updated

e. CMC & Church Usage Policies: After discussion it was decided to recommend to the Admin Board to charge \$200 for weddings for church rental + \$50 clean up fee. CMC - Request donations from community groups who use the CMC. Smaller groups will be asked to use the conference room instead of the large reception room. Private groups - \$50 for large room and additional \$50 to use the kitchen.

f. Snow Removal Contractors - Stuen removed the snow after the big storm. Cost was \$2850.21. Thanks to our volunteers from the congregation who plow for us every time it snows.

g. Sound Board Update: We are waiting for the soundboard to arrive from the supply company. It is anticipated to be installed around the end of January. The IPAD is old and is not working to stream church services live. There was a discussion on purchasing a new tablet. Motion was made to purchase one. Bob/Larry \$200 for new tablet and approved by vote.

8. Bob closed the meeting with the Breakthrough Prayer

9. Next Meeting Date: February 16, 2023 at 4:30PM

TUMC Finance Committee

Finance Committee: Sue Holloway, Chair

Greetings,

Below is the "Thumbnail" version of the 2023 Budget. A detailed budget is in the Charge Conference Report. If you did not get a copy, please contact the office, 605-584-1328 to request one or they are on the table at the back of the sanctuary.

INCOME: \$119,040.00

EXPENSES: \$189,575.00

DEFICIT: \$70,535.00

Over the past 2 years, we have survived by receiving 2 grants from the Dakota Methodist Foundation because we were able to pay our apportionments and the market was good. Due to the downscale of the stock market, we will not receive a grant this year. Also, to fulfill our small fund amounts, we now need to take money from our investment accounts. Frankly, we are in a critical situation. All special projects and outreaches will need to be individually funded or taken from investment accounts. If you look at the itemized proposed budget in the Charge Conference booklet, you will see that our expenses are fixed costs. We don't have pledge cards, so our income is a guesstimate and has consistently been decreasing. The Finance Committee met on January 16th and tweaked the budget again, looked at our investment accounts and brainstormed how to fundraise. We welcome your suggestions and concerns. The Ad Min meetings are open and you are welcomed to join us on the third Thursday of the month.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Holloway, Chair

Missions Ministry

Missions and Outreach: Sue Holloway, Chair

Adopt-A-Platoon: We are meeting at 10:30 on the first Thursday when the United Women of Faith meet. We were able to send 820 Christmas cards without having to buy 1! We hope to do the same for next Christmas. We all have unused cards that came through the mail or left over from purchases. Declutter a closet or drawer and give them to me to collect. I have already received about 150 cards from various resources. Let them collect dust at my house instead of yours. Talk to me about what to write in them and then bring them to the office. If you write a message now, that will save tons of time in October. **I will be gone March 1-14, so we will need to do cards on February 23rd starting at 10:00 am.**

Meals On Wheels: Our next week is Monday, February 27th through March 3rd.

Hospital Lap Robes: We meet on the second and fourth Wednesdays from 9:30 to 11:30 in the basement of Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church. This requires minimal skills. Talk to Sue.

Vitamins for Honduras: Many thanks to those who have donated vitamins and/or have helped work around Target's online shopping. We will have around 100 bottles of chewable kid vitamins which works out to 15,000. That equals 500 bags of 30 vitamins. That sounds like a lot but we see 2-300 kids a day in our 'clinics' and we will have 7-8 days of 'clinics'. "Send Hope's" nutritional outreach has increased from 800 kids to 2000. This is due to 2 years of Covid and multiple hurricanes washing out the limited crops that they have. Actually, I have seen few gardens but in all my travels around Puerto Lempira, I have not seen fields or crops. If you would like to help, contact Sue.

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

Doris Adamson
52 Dunlap Ave.
Deadwood, SD 57732

Orrin Aldrich
921 Addie
Lead, SD 57754

Betty Bender
122 Wall St.
Lead, SD 57754

Evelyn Berstch
Edgewood Vista
540 Falcon Crest Drive, Apt 135B
Spearfish, SD 57783

Peggy Cleveland
Friendly Horizons
7200 Freedom Dr., Rm 108
Summerset, SD 57718

Jean Dyer
Edgewood Vista
540 Falcon Crest Dr, Apt. 159
Spearfish, SD 57783

Chuck and Winnie Ferris
312 Main Street
Deadwood, SD 57731

Yvonne Foreman
Box 165
Deadwood, SD 57732

Pete Fuller
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Rapid City, SD 57702

Barbara Harvey
c/o Lynn Simmons
13916 Clydesdale Road
Rapid City, SD 57702

Judy Hink
Avantara Arrowhead
2500 Arrowhead Drive
Rapid City, SD 57702



All children are encouraged to attend Sunday school, which is held during Sunday morning worship services, following time for God's children. For more information, contact the office or Theo Rogers.



Bible Study



Coffee Break Women's Bible Study meets in the CMC every Thursday from 9:30 to approximately 11:45. All ladies of our church and community are invited. We would love to have you join us!

The Men's Bible Study meets throughout the year. This study is held on Saturday mornings at 7:30 am in the CMC. For information, contact the office or Syd De Vries at 510-910-3594.

Youth Group

All youth 6th-12th Grade are invited to a night of fellowship and fun! Join us in the Christian Ministry Center from 6:30 to 8:00. Dinner will be provided. We are looking for folks that would be willing to help with dinners and activities for the youth throughout the school year, please contact the office!

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.

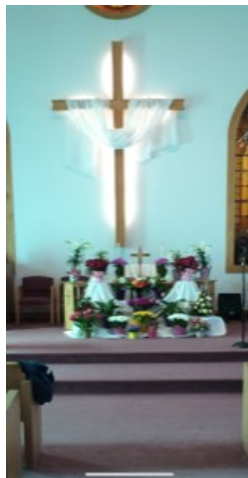
Are you wanting to help with worship through song?
Come practice with the praise team on Sundays at 8:00 am

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

Let's prepare for Easter

Needed: Flowers for a Memorial Garden

More information to come next month.



Christian Library

Thank you so much to those that have donated to our church library. We are happy to say the shelves are filled with over 100 books.

Our library consists of many wonderful titles and authors. We have a great variety of topics such as Christian living, devotions, inspirational, family, healing and much more.

The library is located in the CMC, please stop in to look it over and take home a book or two from our church library.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays:

2/4: Jason Campbell
2/10: Jean Martin
2/11: David Gilbery
2/16: Corliss Percy
2/17: Pete Fuller
2/19: Paula Jones
2/20: Delaney Mattson
2/24: Justin Thorp
2/25: Clarissa Heisinger
2/27: Luke Weisenberg
2/28: Reed Richards
2/28: Tyneal Thorp
2/28: Zayah Thorp
2/28: Sherry Yost

Anniversaries:

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.

SERMON SERIES:

THE STRUGGLES OF JESUS

Feb. 5—Jesus fails at evangelism, discipleship and service

Feb. 12—Jesus felt far from God

Feb. 19—Jesus has anxiety for the future

ON THE ROAD WITH JESUS

Feb. 26—Zacchaeus

TRINITY UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

Thursday, February 2, 2023

12:30 at the CMC

Please plan to attend the next meeting of United Women in Faith. Vickie Hauge is the hostess and the program will be given by Kathy Wanhanen.

On the agenda will be plans for Trinity UMC hosting the community gathering, Souper Starz, on February 23 at the CMC. Members of United Women in Faith will be providing soup and dessert for this worthy event. Ten dollars gets you a meal and a vote for one of the presenters. Two presentations of particular interest to members of Trinity UMC that we will want to support are The Annual Easter Egg Hunt and Clothe A Kid.

One of the United Women in Faith promotions is called The Reading Program. Every year some titles are selected in the areas of Education for Mission, Leadership Development, Nurturing for Community, Social Action, and Spiritual Growth. Titles from the last five years can be read and counted toward your goal. This is not heavy boring reading! Children's titles are included, some titles are novels, even some movies are included! Audiobooks are available. Also counting toward your goal is the Podcast "Faith Talks". I have discovered that several of the titles in the yearly selections are offered by The South Dakota Library Consortium through the free Libby App. Using the app gives us the opportunity to read without any expense of buying books. The titles I have found are: 1) "Without You There Is No Us" 2) "An Indigenous People's History of the United States" 3) "The Book of Joy" 4) "On the Come Up" 5) "I'm Still Here" 6) "Caste, The Origins of our Discontent" 7) "Three Feathers" 8) "The Four Winds" 9) "Pachinko" 10) "The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek" 11) "Eyes That Kiss in the Corners" 12) "Girl Gone Missing" 13) "The Same Sky" 14) "Hiding in the Light" 15) several other titles are to be found in our own UWF closet. Also, the Lead library staff would find titles for us too without expense.

You can find the complete list of Reading Program titles at www.uwfaith.org/readingprogram

Send Hope Mission to Honduras next month is in need of donations of non-gummie kids multivitamins. Please contact Sue Holloway about how you can participate in the mission by providing multivitamins or financial support.

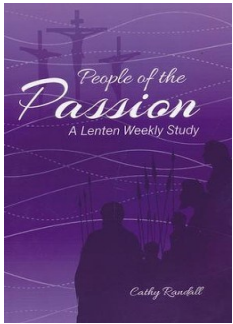
Looking ahead to the March meeting: On March 2 there will be a potluck lunch at 12 noon. All women are welcome. Come to have a great meal and find out what United Women in Faith is all about if you have not attended before. You will be warmly welcomed.



United
Women
in Faith

LENTEN STUDY

Pastor Jason will be leading a Lenten study entitled *People of the Passion*. This study unpacks a powerful examination of some of the main characters of Jesus' final days: Mary, Mother of Jesus; Mary Magdalene; Pilate; Nicodemus; Peter; and Judas. Throughout each chapter, Dr. Randall explores our perceptions and our knowledge of these individuals, pointing out how each played significant roles in exposing themes of faithfulness, gratitude, conflict, power, and betrayal.



The class will be held on Tuesday evenings, Feb. 28, March 7, 14, 21 & 28, at 6:30 pm in the Christian Ministry Center.

If you would like to attend the study and purchase the book (cost is \$14.00), please contact the office.

My Golden Valentine

In an effort to reach out and remind our Senior Citizens how special they are you can drop off Valentines at Lou Lou Bomdiggity's by Feb. 7th for Seniors in our community!

We have special helpers who will deliver your cards to Golden Ridge and others in our area. Please make the cards no bigger than a half size page of paper.

Lou Lou Bomdiggity is located in Deadwood at 11 Charles Street.

Volunteer Recognition Sunday

If you have volunteered for Trinity United Methodist Church in any way we want to say THANK YOU!!

We would like to recognize you and celebrate your willingness to help out our church on Sunday, April 30th. More information to come in our next newsletter.

Celebrating our High School Seniors:

We plan to celebrate and recognize our graduating high school seniors in worship on **Sunday, May 14th**.

There will be wide-margin bibles located in the CMC following worship and in the office during the month of May. We invite the congregation to highlight their favorite passages and leave a note in the margins.

We will then present the bibles to the seniors, during Senior Recognition Sunday.

These are the seniors we currently have on our roster:

Drew Christensen
Rejoice Davis
Kashton Dillman
Clarissa Heisinger
Ethan Keehn
Crew Rainey
Cameran Stoflet

***Please contact the office if there is someone that we have missed.**

February 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Youth Group 6:30-8:00, CMC Dinner at 6:30	2 Coffee Break Bible Study at 9:30 am UWF 12:30-2:00	3	4 Men's Bible Study at 7:30 am
5 Music practice at 8 Worship at 9 Fellowship at 10 5th Sunday after the Epiphany	6 SC Board 10:00 am Kiwanis 4:30 pm	7 No Coffee Hours L-PEO 1:00-3:00	8 Youth Group 6:30-8:00, CMC Dinner at 6:30 Bide-A-Wee 12:00	9 Coffee Break Bible Study at 9:30 am SC Cards 1-4 pm Amer Aux 6-8 pm	10	11 Men's Bible Study at 7:30 am Explore Dance CMC Rental 3-5
12 Music practice at 8 Worship at 9 Fellowship at 10 Communion Sunday 6th Sunday after the Epiphany	13 SC Potluck Noon Kiwanis 4:30 pm	14 Pastor Jason Coffee Hours 9-11, Lotus Up VALENTINE'S DAY	15 Youth Group 6:30-8:00, CMC Dinner at 6:30 Staff Meeting 10:30	16 Coffee Break Bible Study at 9:30 am Meeting Night	17 Private CMC Rental 4-8 pm	18 Men's Bible Study at 7:30 am
19 Music practice at 8 Worship at 9 Fellowship at 10 Last Sunday after the Epiphany	20 Kiwanis 4:30 pm Newsletter Articles Due No L/D School PRESIDENTS DAY	21 Pastor Jason Coffee Hours 9-11, Lotus Up	22 ASH WEDNESDAY Service at 7:00 pm	23 Coffee Break Bible Study at 9:30 am SC Cards 1-4 pm Souper Stars CMC Rental 5 pm	24	25 Men's Bible Study at 7:30 am
26 Music practice at 8 Worship at 9 Fellowship at 10 1st Sunday in Lent	27 Kiwanis 4:30 pm	28 Pastor Jason Coffee Hours 9-11, Lotus Up Lenten Study 6:30				
		Meals on Wheels February 27-March 3		Pastor Jason on Vacation January 30 - February 4		

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be found in worship, music, and
fellowship. Children always welcome.

WORSHIP SERVICES

SUNDAY MORNING AT 9 AM.



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