



From Pastor Jason's Desk

Hello Friends,

I am hoping that spring is finally here to stay, hey everyone needs to have a dream!

I am currently reading a book called "The Warrior Soul" written by Stu Weber and Jerry Boykin. This is a great reminder that we all have a place in the mission of Jesus Christ here on this earth. So many times I hear things like "I am too old to help the church now. " In reality, we are all called to do what we can until that time that we are called home to heaven. I want all of us to think of ways that we can help in Christ's mission to reach all of the people that we can for Christ.

We live, I think, under the impression that we have all the time in the world, that we can help in the mission of Jesus Christ when we retire or when things slow down. That is not the way that Satan thinks, he is actively looking for ways to derail us and our calling. We as Christians must do all that we can to reach those that do not know Jesus. We must remain a unified body to face the trails and the evil that is out there in our world.

I know that we think we are only one person and what kind of an effect can I have on a problem this size. We can join together, instead of ripping the body of Christ apart. We are stronger together. "A house divided can not stand."

You have heard me say that there are plenty of people in our world wanting to tear us apart. What is it that you and I can do to strengthen the body of Christ to lift one another up in Christian love and compassion?

Friends my challenge to all of us is this, think of two people that we are in contact with. Do they have a church home? Do they know the love and the compassion of Jesus Christ? We may not agree with them on the various topics that our society loves to debate, who cares. Love them, treat them like Christ would treat them. A mentor and colleague of mine says to his church we will love you so many different ways we will find one that will stick.

There is no time to wait and assume that others will do it for us, we need to take an active role in the mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. To make sure that our loved ones and those around us know Jesus and his love.

Friends join me and let's make sure that the communities of Lead and Deadwood know that there is a savior out there for all, that he loves all of the people in our community. What can you do to help in this mission?

Until next time, may the love and compassion of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ be with you all,

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**Administrative Council/Finance Meeting**  
**Sunday, April 23, 2023**

The Trinity United Methodist Church Administrative Council meeting was held on Sunday, April 23, 2023, CMC, 10:30 a.m. Members present. Pastor Jason Christensen, Gary Linn, Bob McNeill, Cindy McNeill, Jim Wolff, Jane LaFollette and Lynn Larsen.

Gary Linn opened the meeting with devotion and prayer.

There were no changes to the agenda.

Jim Wolff moved/ Bob McNeill seconded to **approve the March 16, 2023 minutes. Motion carried.**

Jim Wolff, Treasurer, reviewed with the Council the Financial Report. Cindy McNeill moved/Jane LaFollette seconded to **approve the Financial Statements** as presented. **Motion carried.** Discussion was held on moving \$10,000.00 from the Investment Accounts into the Church Bank Account. Jane LaFollette moved/Cindy McNeill seconded to **approve the recommendation of Jim Wolff, Treasurer, to move \$10,000.00 from the Investment Asset Accounts into the Church Bank Account. Motion carried.** Jim informed the Council we need to update a new authorization list that requires signatures for our church investment accounts. Bob McNeill moved/Jane LaFollette seconded to **remove Brian Hansen and Jacque Fuller from the list and Sue Holloway, Cindy McNeill and Jim Wolff be the signees for our investment accounts. Motion carried.** Jane LaFollette moved/Sue Holloway seconded **there needs to be minimum of two of the three signees to sign any paperwork for our church investments. Motion carried.**

Bob McNeill, Trustees Chair, reported to the Council the van we used from the Spearfish United Methodist Church is being returned to them as per agreement with them if we didn't need the use of the van we would return it to them. Church members will be asked for input on the direction vehicles park in the CMC parking lot. Bob has connected with the company we purchased the kitchen flooring from in the CMC. The company rep will be out to look at the problem we are having with the flooring. "Work Days" for the church this summer will be held on June 23-24. Putting in the new sound system has made a big difference in our church.

Pastor Jason gave his report to the council. He reviewed the Lenten study, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter services that were held through Lenten season and Holy week. A detailed report of his activities is in this newsletter.

Jane LaFollette, Worship Chair, reported we have added to our worship service "Centering". This is a music prelude played as the congregation in attendance begin to center their thoughts upon the service and the word of God. We are hearing positive comments about this addition to the worship service.

Lynn Larsen, Member Care committee, reported church members sent Easter cards to shut-ins and those who are in nursing and assisted living homes. It was noted we have received "thank you" notes from those who receive these cards letting us know much they appreciate our outreach to them.

Sue Holloway, Missions, gave an update on the cards that are sent to Adopt-A-Platoon program with 500 cards being sent out in April. The Meals-on-Wheels for our church will begin the week of May 8<sup>th</sup>.

Cindy McNeill, Staff Pastor Parish chair, informed the council due to the passing of Pete Fuller, who was a member of this committee, Correen Dammen will fill this opening. Work will begin to fill out the church and Clergy Report.

Sue Holloway reported on the Women in Faith will hold its final meeting on May 4<sup>th</sup> and will resume with a picnic in August. The Spring Focus gathered with women from churches in the Northern Black Hills on Saturday, April 23. It was a successful and enjoyable gathering.

There have been a few questions regarding the new Building Use Agreement. Jim Wolff will do some editing to make it easier to understand and for the office staff to answer questions when people fill out the form to reserve the church and CMC.

Pastor Jason gave an update on the application he has submitted to the Dakotas Conference for the Practical Church Leadership courses he is taking. He has to propose a project he wants to implement to Dakotas Conference by May 1, 2023 for their approval to do this project. Pastor Jason informed the admin council his project is an Intentional Discipleship Program. Through this project he will be offering classes on history of Methodism and basic Bible courses. In order to do this project, he needs the approval of the Trinity United Methodist Church Administrative Council before he sends his project plans to Dakotas Conference for them to approve this project. Cindy McNeil moved/Sue Holloway seconded to **approve Pastor Jason's project on his Intentional Discipleship Program. Motion carried.**

Discussion was held on the Northern Hills Alliance for Children Program who want to use the CMC this summer. It is still up in the air so we will work to find out the status of this program.

Vacation Bible School, with four churches involved, was discussed. Three church members from our church will be meeting with the other churches this coming week and will get more details on the combined Vacation Bible study that will be held in July.

The next Administrative Council meeting will be held on Thursday, May 18, 2023, 5:30 p.m., CMC.

Pastor Jason closed the meeting in prayer.

Lynn Larsen, Recording Secretary

## Trinity United Methodist Church Trustee Meeting Minutes April 20, 2023

- Bob McNeill opened the meeting with the Breakthrough prayer.
- The trustees present were Bob McNeil, Jim Wolff, John Hauge, Wayne Holdcroft, Dean Geiman, Mike Darling, Larry Howell, Ron Pray, and Lee Ann Paananen
- The minutes from the March 16 meeting were reviewed and approved by vote. Jim/Larry

### Parsonage Projects

- Waffle lights in the basement will replace the old ineffective lighting. Ron will pick them up on Friday.
- The service door threshold in the garage is heaving and the door needs caulking. A dehumidifier needs to run in the parsonage to avoid buildup of moisture. Bob will get Damprid hanging bags to put in the closets where moisture tends to settle.

### Church Building

- The shelves in the balcony closet, for the Bell Choir are done.
- Stephanie said the vacuum in the church isn't working properly. LeeAnn will clean the vacuum thoroughly and check for a clog.
- Bob said there's a slow leak in the hot water tank in the custodians closet in the church. It is not bad, but will need to have an eye on it.

### CMC Building

- After inspection, all of the flooring in the kitchen, hallway and bathrooms are not securely glued down. It is especially bad in the kitchen by the dishwashing station. The representative from the flooring company is coming May 9 from Sioux Falls to look at it and decide what to do about it.
- John will put up a mirror at the back corner of the CMC parking lot so cars can be seen coming around the corner. Jim put together an estimate and layout for one way traffic pattern, behind the building. The plan includes signs and painting new parking lot lines. Mike suggested that we talk to the congregation about whether to change the traffic pattern. Jim will create a display to explain how it would change the parking and the flow of traffic. It will include a way for the congregation to vote on it. Donny Rogers is going to seal the parking lot around the building. There are a couple of holes that need to be fixed in the parking lot where the water pools. Parking lot pavement behind the CMC needs to be cut and create a broad based dip for the water to flow out to the drain. There is another hole in the parking lot by the roof drain that collects water and heaves the pavement. This will be drained into the broad based dip as well.
- The insurance company sent a letter accepting liability for the damage from the car that ran into the CMC. It is unknown, at this time, how much they will pay.
- Lab asked to use the CMC for emergencies. Waiting for specifics from the lab on what they need exactly and what it would be used for.
- Day care approached the church about using the CMC in the summer. Have not heard any more from them.
- Bob talked to the Spearfish Methodist Church and they will come to get the van since it is not being used. It will save the church money on insurance. The title will have to be transferred back to the Spearfish Church. When the title is transferred and they drive it off the lot, the insurance can be canceled.
- Toilet needs repair in the women's restroom. Ron and Larry will replace the fill valve and tighten the toilet seat.
- Wood smoke smell is coming through the vents in Pastor's office. It cannot be ascertained where the smell is coming from.

### General

- John started a 5-Year Capital Plan. It will be updated as needs are identified.
- The new Sound Board has been installed. It is working great but needs more adjusting.
- A smart tv which will display the views from the security cameras is needed so the staff can monitor the buildings.
- Wayne's going to check Holly's computer to speed it up and make it more reliable.
- Snow Removal & Lawn Maintenance was discussed. Wayne is willing to continue with lawn care. Weeds need to be killed. Jim will spray weed and crabgrass killer.
- Annual Workdays are scheduled for June 23 and 24th. Regular maintenance and cleaning will be done. Volunteers are welcomed and appreciated. A sign up sheet will be made available the first week of June.
- Bob Closed the Meeting, Next Meeting Date: TBD

-Lee Ann Paananen, Secretary



The May meeting will be on Thursday, May 4 at 12:30 in the CMC. Jane LaFollette will be our hostess and presenting the program.

Many thanks for those who made our United Women in Faith Focus Day a success. Members of units from Spearfish and Sturgis were our guests.



*Missions Ministry*

Mission: Sue Holloway 920-7788

Adopt-A-Platoon: We are assembling the letters into the cards at 10:30 on Thursday, May 4th. This project will continue through the summer on the first Thursdays of each month at 10:30 in the CMC. Many thanks to akll that took boxes of cards this month.

Meals on Wheels: Our next week is Monday, May 8th through Friday, May 12th. Just a heads up, the next 2 weeks are June 12th-16th and July 17th-21st. Many thanks to those who are faithfully serving the shut-ins of our community. It is much appreciated.

## Trinity United Methodist Church Library Notes

May 2023

We have 3 new classic books/series in the Library!

Paul Yancey's "**What So Amazing About Grace?** A great book by Philip Yancey to understand undeserved grace and what it looks like in action in the Christian's life.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer, **The Cost of Discipleship**, This classic by German Theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer was written during the Nazi regime and uses the Sermon on the Mount to talk about the difference between "cheap grace" and "costly grace."

CS Lewis **The Chronicles of Narnia** the complete set. This is CS Lewis' best selling series of 7 fantasy books about children being transported by magic to the world of Narnia, where they get to know the various creatures and are asked by the lion, Aslan, to protect the kingdom. This is for our children readers of all ages. A great series for families to read together.

Coming up... **The Ragamuffin Gospel, Mere Christianity, Basic Christianity.**

We welcome donations of Christian books.

We are also needing another bookcase.

If you have any questions, contact Carol Holdcroft [choldcroft@twhco.com](mailto:choldcroft@twhco.com).

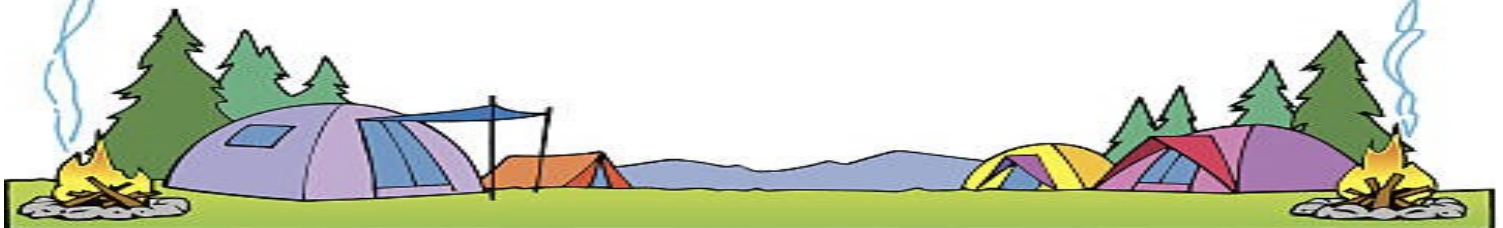
## SUMMER CAMP INFORMATION

**Registration for Summer Camp 2023 is now open!**  
**Camp brochures are here!**

The people of Trinity UMC are committed to helping send people to camp, so please inquire about available scholarships. Some of the camps do have limits on how many campers they can have so register early. There are brochures and registration forms located at the back of the church or call the office with any questions.

Check out [dakcamps.org](http://dakcamps.org) for all of the camp opportunities!

**Contact the office for the camp code**





Please remember our homebound members by sending them a greeting card



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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 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> 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

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

## CHRISTIAN CHUCKLES

Give me a sense of humor, Lord,  
Give me the grace to see a joke,  
To get some humor out of life  
And pass it on to other folk

**What did Jonah's family say when he told them about what happened before reaching Nineveh?** "Hmm, sounds fishy."

**What did pirates call Noah's boat?** "The *arrrrrrk*."

**What kind of car would Jesus drive?** A Christler.

**What did Daniel tell his real estate agent?**  
"I'd prefer a house with no den."

**How did Joseph make his coffee?** *Hebrewed* it.

## BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

### Birthdays:

May 2-Royal Brooking  
May 2-Merritt Keehn  
May 5-Alexandra Pearson  
May 8-Jerry Pontius  
May 9-Gary Todd  
May 14-Barbara Harvey  
May 15-Joyce Darling  
May 15-Zoe Keehn  
May 15-Jerrad Mattson  
May 16-Deborah Thorp  
May 17-Cory Percy  
May 21-Terri Keene  
May 21-Dale Peters  
May 21-Madison Rystrom  
May 26-John Rystrom  
May 31-Tammy Gilbery

### Anniversaries:

May 20-James and Cameon Wefso  
May 25-Tim and Becky Kosters  
May 28-John and Jan Peppmeier  
May 28-David and Cathy Billings  
May 29-John and Sherri Rystrom

## Hymn Dingers

Bell Practice on May 9th and May 16th at 4:00 p.m. in the church.

Make a Joyful Noise!



Please join us in listening to our wonderful Hymn Dingers on May 21st during church worship service.

## SERMON SERIES:

CHARACTER UNDER CONSTRUCTION  
May 7-Fruits of the Spirit

GREAT STORIES OF THE BIBLE  
May 14-David and Goliath  
May 21-Noah and the Flood  
May 28-David and Bathsheba

## Vacation Bible School

July 17th, 18th, 19th & 20th

5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Manuel Brothers Park, Lead

Supper provided

For Kids entering pre-K to 5th grade

Shine a light on Jesus' love!

Launch kids on a cosmic quest where they'll have a blast shining Jesus' light to the world. Stellar rockets kids on a out-of-this-world adventure that's light years of faith-building fun.



### L/D High School Baccalaureate

The Lead Deadwood Ecumenical Committee will be hosting a baccalaureate service on Wednesday, May 17th, at 7:00 pm at Lead-Deadwood High School. Pastor Jason encourages all to attend in support of the graduates.



### CLOTHE-A-KID Special Donation Sundays June 4th & June 11th

On June 4th and 11th, you will have the opportunity to financially support this worthwhile, local organization. Clothe-A-Kid provides the opportunity for school age families in the Lead-Deadwood School District to shop for new clothes for the school year.

Any family is eligible to sign up online from May 20th-July 31st, go to [www.clotheakid.org](http://www.clotheakid.org). Any questions can be directed to Sue Holloway at 605-920-7788.

Last year, 112 students shopped. Each year, we have a growing number, we are planning for 120 kids for the 2023-2024 school year.



**Rochford Chapel  
Worship at 7:00 p.m.**

**Sunday, June 25, 2023  
Sunday, August 20, 2023**

**22585 N. Rochford Road  
Rochford, SD 57745**

**Hope you'll join us  
for worship at the  
"Church in the Wildwood"**

### Celebrating our High School Seniors:

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

There are wide-margin bibles located in the CMC. **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

have on our roster:  
Drew Christensen  
Rejoice Davis  
Kashton Dillman  
Clarissa Heisinger  
Ethan Keehn  
Crew Rainey  
Cameran Stoflet



# May 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Music practice at 8 <b>Worship at 9</b> Fellowship at 10 5th Sunday of Easter</p> <p>Pastor on Vacation</p>	<p>1</p> <p>SC Board 10:00 am Mahjong 12:00 pm Kiwanis 5:30 pm</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Pastor Jason Coffee Hours 9-11, Lotus Up Bells Practice 4:00</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Youth Group 6:30-8:00, CMC Dinner at 6:30</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Coffee Break Bible Study at 9:30 am UWF 12:30</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Men's Bible Study at 7:30 am</p>
<p>Pastor Jason on Vacation May 1 - May 7</p>						
<p>7</p> <p>Music practice at 8 <b>Worship at 9</b> Fellowship at 10 5th Sunday of Easter</p> <p>Pastor on Vacation</p>	<p>8</p> <p>SC Board 10:00 am Mahjong 12:00 pm Kiwanis 5:30 pm</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Pastor Jason Coffee Hours 9-11, Lotus Up Bells Practice 4:00</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Youth Group 6:30-8:00, CMC Dinner at 6:30 Bide-A-Wee 12:00 Staff Meeting 10:30</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Pastor's Meeting 8-10 Coffee Break Bible Study at 9:30 am SC Cards 1-4 pm Amer Aux 6-8 pm</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Men's Bible Study at 7:30 am</p>
<p>Meals on Wheels May 8 - May 12</p>						
<p>14</p> <p>Music practice at 8 <b>Worship at 9</b> Fellowship at 10 Communion Sunday H.S. Senior Recognition <b>Mother's Day</b> 6th Sunday of Easter</p>	<p>15</p> <p>SC Potluck Noon Mahjong 12:00 pm Kiwanis 5:30 pm</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Pastor Jason Coffee Hours 9-11, Lotus Up Bells Practice 4:00</p>	<p>17</p> <p>L/D High School Baccalaureate 7:00</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Pastor's Meeting 8-10 Coffee Break Bible Study at 9:30 am <b>Meeting Night</b></p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Men's Bible Study at 7:30 am CMC Private Rental</p>
<p>21</p> <p>Music practice at 8 <b>Worship at 9</b> Fellowship at 10 <b>Bells Play</b> 7th Sunday of Easter <b>L/D H.S. Graduation 2:00</b> CMC Private Rental</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Mahjong 12:00 pm Kiwanis 5:30 pm <b>Newsletter Articles Due</b></p>	<p>23</p> <p>Pastor Jason Coffee Hours 9-11, Lotus Up</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Pastor's Meeting 8-10 Coffee Break Bible Study at 9:30 am SC Cards 1-4 pm <b>Last Day of L/D School</b></p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Men's Bible Study at 7:30 am</p>
<p>28</p> <p>Music practice at 8 <b>Worship at 9</b> Fellowship at 10 Day of Pentecost</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Mahjong 12:00 pm Kiwanis 5:30 pm <b>Memorial Day</b></p>	<p>30</p> <p>Pastor Jason Coffee Hours 9-11, Lotus Up</p>	<p>31</p>			

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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.

