

From Pastor Jason's Desk

Greetings friends,

As I type this we are getting snow, and there is more on the way. This helps put me in the mood for the upcoming Advent season.

Sometimes as Christians we struggle with this time of year as it is the same as last year and the year before. What you and I need to think of this year is what are we expecting God to do in our lives and the lives of those we are around with the blessing of Jesus birth?

This is a time of year where we need to pay special attention to how we treat each other and those that we are around. For many this is a time when they struggle or it is not always a happy time. We as a church and denomination face struggles and we need to present a unified front for Christ! Mr. Jim Putnam put it this way...

“Unfortunately, in many cases, Christians fight each other rather than the enemy. Meanwhile, our saved neighbors are hurting. They are dying unsaved because we are more concerned with arguing with each other than sharing our faith with them. We fight. They watch. We lose. They lose more.”

Pastor Jim Putman from the book Church is a team sport.

Each of us faces trials and challenges in our lives, we struggle with things that no one knows anything about. Then we who are supposed to be Christians fail not only in how we treat one another, but we fail when non-believers see how we interact with one another. For me as your pastor I see that we have so much work to do that we cannot afford to be sidetracked with minor issues that do not have a kingdom mission or goal.

This Advent season I challenge you to look at the birth of our Savior in a different light, this time live as if we are expecting God to show up and show off. Prepare our hearts to be the servants that God intended us to be. I challenge you to reach out to someone you know who is hurting, struggling, or needs some extra support. Mend those bridges, say you are sorry. We can accomplish a lot but to do that we must do it together. Spend time with you children or significant other reading the birth story of Jesus, read a Christmas Devotional together. Watch some of the old classic movies. These things will prepare your heart and mind for the coming of our Lord and Savior. Most of all be kind to one another and bless each other with the light of Jesus Christ.

As your pastor please remember nothing is more important than the people in our lives. God has blessed us with these friends, family, loved ones. It is our job to work together, putting side our differences to make the most of this life we have been given.

God Bless you all this Christmas Season,

Pastor Jason



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**Administrative Council/Finance Meeting
Sunday, November 6, 2022**

The Trinity United Methodist Church Administrative Council meeting was held on Sunday, November 6, 2022 CMC, 10:30 a.m. Members present: Pastor Jason Christensen, Gary Linn, Jim Wolff, Bob McNeill, Sue Holloway, Cindy McNeill, Lee Ann Paananen and Lynn Larsen.

Gary Linn called the meeting to order.

Two agenda items: 1) \$1,500.00 bill payment for the cleaning of the church handbells; 2) Sound System.

Pastor Jason reported the remaining \$1,500.00 left on the bill for cleaning the handbells was given through the Memorial Fund undesignated funds from the family of Dick Tinker. Sue Holloway moved/Jim Wolff seconded to **approve the payment of the remaining \$1,500.00 on the bill to clean the church handbells from the Memorial Fund undesignated funds given from the Dick Tinker Memorial. Motion carried.**

Pastor Jason informed the Admin Council a benefactor told him the sound system needs to be replaced and we need to start over. This person visited with Jim Wolff asking him how much a new sound system would cost. Jim researched the cost for replacing the sound system. After further discussion with the council, Jim recommended \$4,000.00 for the cost. Jim Wolff moved/ Cynthia McNeill seconded to **approve budgeting \$4,000.00 to replace the sound system. Motion carried.**

Pastor Jason reminded the Admin Council the Church Charge Conference will be held on Thursday, November 17, 2022, CMC, 6:30 p.m.

Pastor Jason closed the meeting with prayer.

Lynn Larsen, Recording Secretary

There are no minutes to report from the Board of Trustees as they did not have a meeting.



TUMC Charge Conference Minutes

Monday, November 21, 2022

The Trinity United Methodist Church Charge Conference was held on Monday, November 21, 2022, 6:30 p.m. CMC. Members present: Pastor Jason Christensen, Gary Linn, Sue Holloway, Cindy McNeill, Bob McNeill, Jim Wolff, John Hauge, Vickie Hauge, Diane Metzger, Mona Tinker, Joyce Darling, Theo Rogers, Kathy Billings, LeeAnn Paananen, Tammy Gilbery, Susan DeGooyer, Janet Christensen and Lynn Larsen.

There were no changes to the agenda.

Gary Linn called the meeting to order and welcomed Rev. Dan Bader, District Superintendent, to the meeting.

District Superintendent, Rev. Dan Bader, conducted the Charge Conference meeting. He opened the meeting with prayer, read Luke 24:13-35 on the two apostles who encountered Jesus on their walk on the road to Emmaus. He asked the members to share with him what are some of the things we do to celebrate the life of our church. Some of the responses included strong relationships with our church members who serve the church with their talents, the power of our prayers, more people coming back to church services following Covid, great outreach mission work locally and throughout the world, and music that fills our hearts.

Pastor Jason reported the Members at Large 2023 with three positions that need to be filled: Chairperson on Christian Education Committee, Member at Large on Finance Committee and Sound Lead on the Worship Committee. **All voted aye to affirm the Membership Report.**

The members reviewed the Membership Report. Two were received into membership, five transferred their membership from other United Methodist churches and one from a non-United Methodist church. No one was removed from the church membership list and there was one death. **All voted aye to affirm the Membership Report.**

Cynthia McNeill reviewed with the members the Clergy Compensation worksheet. **All voted aye to affirm the 2023 Clergy Compensation for Pastor Jason Christensen.**

Other reports in the Charge Conference booklet include the Pastor's Report, Finance Report, Facilities Report, and Trustees Report. It was noted the Finance audit has been completed, the insurance is up-to-date on the church, we have a Safe Sanctuary Policy and our incorporation with the Secretary of State is up-to-date.

It was noted our church has no candidates for ministry recommendations.

In conclusion of the meeting Rev. Bader asked us to pray for those who need our prayers, take time to listen to those who want to talk, and reach out to those who need our help as we never know how Jesus will work in their lives and in ours.

Pastor Jason closed the meeting in prayer.

Lynn Larsen, Recording Secretary

Missions Ministry

Missions and Outreach: Sue Holloway, Chair

Adopt-A-Platoon: We are meeting at 10:30 on December 1st to assemble 500+ cards that will be sent to our deployed military personnel. It is a time for fun and fellowship before the United Women of Faith Meeting at 12:00. Come along side us to spread the love of Jesus to those who are far from home. We are saying good-bye to several of our respondents as they are returning home.

Meals On Wheels: Our next week is Monday, December 19th through Friday, December 23rd. Singles can easily handle Monday through Thursday, but teams work better for Fridays when we give out the frozen meals to cover the weekends as well as the hot meals.

SD Largest Home Party: We had beautiful weather for the day. 20 vendors came and displayed their wares. \$600 was made from the table fees and the Methodist Ladies made \$545 with their bake sale. The Lutheran Ladies have dedicated their proceeds to "Send Hope" but we have not received their check at this writing on November 12th. Many thanks to all that helped set up and take down all of the tables especially Pastor Jason who worked like he was back on the ranch!

Halloweenie: We had a great event. The congregation stepped up big time with donations to cover the cost of the event and manning the booths and kitchen. 140 meals were served by plate count and 82 goody bags were given out. Little ghosts and goblins started lining up by 4:45 and stayed until 6:15 as the last ones finished their walking tacos. Many thanks to Teah Pray and Theo Rogers for helping organize the event and Sharon Narem for the donation of a couple hundred fuzzy animals for prizes.

Hospital Lap Robes: This is a new outreach for us. We meet on the second and fourth Wednesdays from 9:30 to 11:30am in the basement of the Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran church. This is a low skill project because we use a solid piece of fabric placed on a solid piece of polar fleece and tack them together with 9-12 yarn knots. Easy, peasy! Call Sue to join us.

Toys For Pine Ridge: We have been asked to host a collection box for the "Hellfighters" who are a Christian motorcycle group which has the Mission at the Cross at exit 32. They have been taking toys to Pine Ridge children for over 15 years. They will deliver the toys on December 10th so if you would like to help them out, please have your new toy or game in the box by December 3rd.

Shoebox Christmas: All of the plastic shoeboxes that were wrapped by the Ladies have been claimed. The Congregation can use left-over wrapping paper to cover their own shoeboxes and fill them with a hat & gloves that Kathy Wanhahan made, small toys, stuffed animals, colored pencils or crayons, matchbox cars, puzzles, hairbobs, etc. Keep the cost between \$20-25.00. Choose an age and gender, fill the box and return it to the office by Dec. 3rd.

Live Nativity: On Saturday, December 3rd between 3 and 5, Nativity event will be held in the CMC. There will be a holiday backdrop so people can take family photos. Children will have a nativity craft to make and refreshments will be available. Ladies, we could use a few plates of cookies or bars plus a little help in the kitchen. Each family will receive a goody bag.



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



Doris Adamson 52 Dunlap Ave. Deadwood, SD 57732	Orin 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 3600 Sheridan Rd., Apt. 207 Rapid City, SD 57702
Sandra Hansen Golden Ridge Regional Sr Care 200 Montana Ave. #116 Lead, SD 57754	Barbara Harvey Edgewood Vista 540 Falcon Crest Dr., Apt. 200 Spearfish, SD 57783	Judy Hink Avantara Arrowhead 2500 Arrowhead Drive Rapid City, SD 57702

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

Christmas Potluck at the CMC

Hosted by Our

Presbyterian Friends

Will be on December 8 at Noon.



We will decorate the tree at the CMC with hats, mittens, and scarves for the children at the Boys and Girls Club. All Trinity UMC members and friends are invited to contribute items by December 8.



All women are welcome to attend and bring friends!

Christmas Caroling and Potluck

Please plan on participate in the caroling fun and help spread some Christmas joy to our church homebound members and the residents at Golden Ridge.

We will be meeting at the CMC and leaving at 3:00 pm.

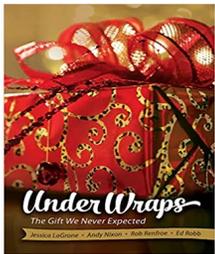
There will be a soup potluck following the caroling at approximately 5:30 pm.

We hope you can make it and don't forget to invite your family and friends to join us!



ADVENT STUDY

If you purchased a book for the advent study, the class will be held on the following Tuesdays, Nov. 29, Dec. 6, Dec. 13, and Dec. 20 at 6:00 p.m. in the CMC.



Under Wraps is an advent experience that explores the character of God described in the Old Testament and then revealed through Jesus Christ.

★ STAR WORDS ★

Do you still have your Star Word? How did you feel when you read your word? What were your initial thoughts, impressions, and insights? Did you have any specific prayers connected to your star word? Where did you place it to be able to see it regularly?

We'll continue with our monthly prompts to help us to not lose sight of the gift of the star word.

December: Reflect on your star word journey this year – where it's taken you, what you've learned, etc.

Blue Christmas

In the midst of the Holiday Happenings there are times when we are feeling blue and it is hard for us to connect with the celebration of the season. You may have experienced a great loss of a loved one and this may be the first Christmas without them. We recognize the pain, grief, and challenge that come with this time of year. Please know you are not alone.

You and your family are invited to join us for Blue Christmas Worship Service

Wednesday, December 21st at 7:00 p.m.

*Christ Church
631 West Main Street
Lead, SD 57754*

We gather to acknowledge the pain, grief, loss, and other challenges that come with this holiday season. Through music, scripture, and prayer we will pause and take time to acknowledge our pain, but will also look toward the hope and the promise to come.

Please share this invitation with your whole family and your friends

LIVE NATIVITY

Saturday, December 3, 2022

3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Indoors at the Christian Ministry Center
7 S. Main Street, Lead

Serving refreshments and dessert.

Make a fun holiday craft.

Receive a goody bags (one per family).

Take a picture with our holiday background.



GOT MUSIC?

Are you looking to provide special music during worship service? We would enjoy hearing you sing, playing your instruments, or sharing your musical talents, so 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

Worship Help Needed

It takes a village to have the church services go smoothly! We all have talents we can use to help that happen, as an usher, liturgist, praise team singer, furnishing flowers, media and fellowship provider.

Please prayerfully consider helping. There is a sign-up sheet at the back of the church or you can call the office (584-1328) to volunteer. You could sign-up online at leadtumc.com (under the worship tab).

Contact Information for
Pastor Jason Christensen

Cell Phone: 605-490-2601
E-mail: broncopastor4@gmail.com

Pastor Jason will be holding coffee time 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.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays:

Dec. 3 Karen Auchamenpach
Dec. 7 Clancey Fisher
Dec. 12 Otto Hallberg
Dec. 12 Rocky Mattson
Dec. 13 Barb Mattson
Dec. 14 Garret Lux
Dec. 19 Maddisen Larsen
Dec. 20 Chad Larsen
Dec. 21 Butch Oien
Dec. 22 Carolgene Peters
Dec. 26. Miranda Rainey
Dec. 30 Cynthia McNeill
Dec. 30 Teah Pray

Anniversaries:

Dec. 1 Sharon and Norman Mason
Dec. 2 Jane and Otto Hallberg

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I'M SORRY GUY, I KNOW THAT YOU'VE GOT A GOOD HEALTH PLAN AND YOU GIVE OUT FREE GIFTS AND ALL, BUT JESUS REALLY DOES HAVE A MUCH BETTER PLAN



Bible Study



Coffee Break Women's Bible Study begins a new eight week series entitled "Sermon on the Mount", beginning Thursday, November 10. We meet in the CMC every Thursday (with a break for Thanksgiving and Christmas) 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!

Advent Sermon Series: Great Hymns of Faith

November 27th - O Come O Come Emmanuel
 December 4th - Angels from the Realms of Glory
 December 11th - Hark The Herald Angles Sing
 December 18th - Joy to the World
 December 25th - Carols and Lessons

Join us in sharing the light of Christ during our Christmas Eve Worship Services

*December 24, 2022
 4:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.*

Christmas Eve Offering

As the Administrative Council had a short meeting in November due to our church charge conference, your Administrative Council will meet and discuss where our Christmas Eve offering will be disbursed at a later date.

Thank you for your generosity, compassion, and sharing the light of Christ to the world during this Christmas season!



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.

Please help us acknowledge our wonderful staff during this Christmas Season. A basket will be located on the table at the back of the sanctuary where you can place your cards and donations. Please join us in showing your appreciation for all the good work they do throughout the year. Our wonderful staff include: Pastor Jason Christensen, Secretary Norma Nodland, Administrative Assistant Holly Heisinger, and Custodian Stephanie Stevens. Thank you for helping show how much we appreciate them.

—Staff/Pastor Relations Committee.

DECEMBER 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 Men's Bible Study at 7:30 am Live Nativity 3-5
4 Music practice at 8 Worship at 9 Fellowship at 10 Communion Sunday 2nd Sunday of Advent	5 SC Board 10:00 am Mahjong 12:00 pm Kiwanis 4:30 pm	6 Pastor Jason Coffee Hours 9-11, Lotus Up Advent Study 6:00 L-PEO 1:00-3:00	7 Youth Group 6:30-8:00, CMC Dinner at 6:30	8 Coffee Break Bible Study at 9:30 am UWF 12:00-Potluck SC Cards 1-4 pm Amer Aux 6-8 pm	9 Coffee Break Bible Study at 9:30 am	10 Men's Bible Study at 7:30 am
11 Music practice at 8 Worship at 9 Fellowship at 10 Northern Hills Band 3rd Sunday of Advent	12 SC Potluck Noon Mahjong 12:00 pm Kiwanis 4:30 pm	13 Pastor Jason Coffee Hours 9-11, Lotus Up Advent Study 6:00	14 Youth Group 6:30-8:00, CMC Dinner at 6:30	15 Coffee Break Bible Study at 9:30 am Meeting Night	16	17 Men's Bible Study at 7:30 am
18 Music practice at 8 Worship at 9 Fellowship at 10 4th Sunday of Advent Caroling 3:00-5:00 Soup Potluck 5:30	19 Mahjong 12:00 pm Kiwanis 4:30 pm Newsletter Articles Due	20 Pastor Jason Coffee Hours 9-11, Lotus Up Advent Study 6:00	21 Staff Meeting 10:30 Blue Christmas 7:00 Christ Church	22 Coffee Break Bible Study at 9:30 am SC Cards 1-4 pm No L/D School	23 No L/D School	24 Men's Bible Study at 7:30 am Christmas Eve Services 4:30 & 7:00
25 Music practice at 8 Worship at 9 Fellowship at 10 Christmas Day	26 Mahjong 12:00 pm No L/D School	27 Pastor Jason Coffee Hours 9-11, Lotus Up No L/D School	28 No L/D School	29 Coffee Break Bible Study at 9:30 am No L/D School	30 No L/D School	31 Men's Bible Study at 7:30 am

Meals on Wheels December 19-23

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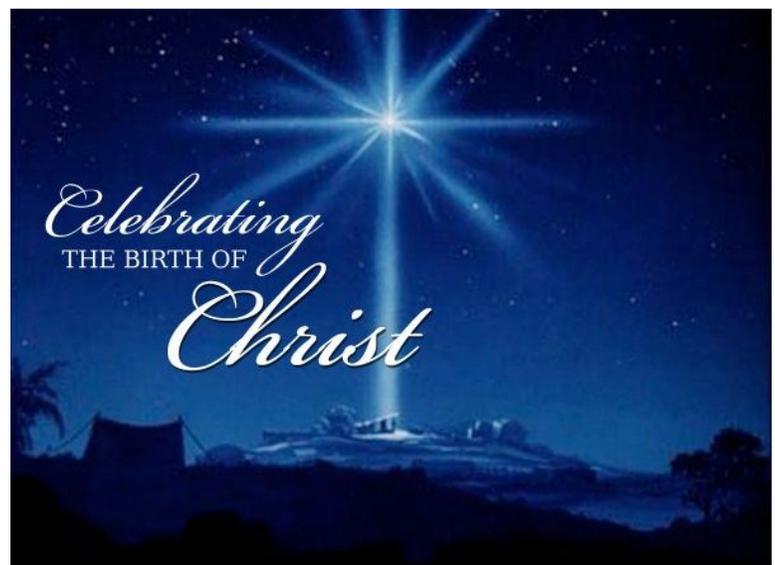
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Trinity United Methodist Church is a welcoming congregation where God can be found in worship, music, and fellowship. Children always welcome.

WORSHIP SERVICES

SUNDAY MORNING AT 9 AM.



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