

From Pastor Jason's Desk

Greetings Friends,

Fall quickly turned to winter and with it came our first snowfall. I mentioned that I love the fall as it is my favorite time of year. I did get a chance to take a photo of Spearfish canyon in the colors.

This time of year, I begin to reflect on the things in my life for which I am most thankful. I give thanks to God first to his sacrifice of his one and only son for the forgiveness of my sins. I am thankful for all my family, my wife and kids, and for all of you that are on this journey with me for the kingdom of Jesus Christ. We need to remember in this high paced world of ours to keep our eyes focused on Jesus. Paul wrote in his letter to the church at Rome chapter twelve verse two



“Do not conform to the pattern of this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good and pleasing will.” NIV

This time of year we need to be thankful for all things and people that God has given us. My prayer for us as Christ’s disciples is that we stay focused on the mission of Jesus Christ to make disciples of all nations for the transformation of the world.

We have a lot going on at the church with the upcoming season. Please takes this opportunity to get involved in the ministries of the church. We are offering an advent study and live nativity project. There is the South Dakota Home Show the first weekend in November. We have the Halloweenie event. And we will be participating in the community Blue Christmas service of which I will be preaching but I am trying to get you to come so forget I said that.

Friends I encourage all of us to be in prayer and in a state of gratefulness for the gifts and the people that God has blessed us with in this life. I continue to pray for all of you. I would love to see more of you at coffee at Lotus Up on Tuesday mornings. Please, if there is something I can do for any of you please let me know.

Our world is confusing and there is all kinds of confusion and strife out there we must find the courage and the faith to place our trust in God. Thanking him for the blessings of this life. Remembering that we all have a part to play in the mission. So please be in a time of reflection and prayer as we go forward together in this mission of Jesus Christ each of us playing our part in that mission.

Until next time,

Together in HIS service,

Pastor Jason

Pastor: Jason Christensen

Finance: Sue Holloway

Administration: Gary Linn

Editor: Holly Heisinger

Email: office@leadtumc.com
trinityllmedia@gmail.com

Website:
www.leadtumc.com

Facebook: Trinity United
Methodist

Church phone:
605-584-1328

Inside this issue

Page 2: Finance/Admin Minutes

Page 3: Trustee Minutes

Page 4: Missions Update

Page 5: Member Care
Trinity United Women in
Faith

Page 6: Sermon Series
Home Party
Advent Study
Live Nativity
Star Words
Handbell Choir

Page 7: Special Music
Praise Team
Birthday & Anniv.
Worship Help
Charge Conference
Pastor's Contact Info.

Page 8: Recognition Awards
Youth Group
Bible Studies

Page 9: Church Calendar



Administrative Council/Finance Meeting
Thursday, October 20, 2022

The Trinity United Methodist Church Administrative Council/Finance meeting was held on Thursday, October 20, 2022 CMC, 5:30 p.m. Members present: Pastor Jason Christensen, Gary Linn, Jim Wolff, Bob McNeill, Sue Holloway, Cindy McNeill, Jane LaFollette, and Lynn Larsen.

Gary Linn called the meeting to order with a devotion and prayer.

There was one addition to the agenda—Handbells Maintenance. Sue Holloway moved/Jane LaFollette seconded to **approve the September 15, 2022 minutes. Motion carried.**

Jim Wolff, Treasurer, reviewed with the admin council the Financial Reports. Sue Holloway moved/Cindy McNeill seconded to **approve the September Financial Reports. Motion carried.** Jim Wolff reported a stewardship drive will be held. Sue Holloway will be giving a Stewardship presentation with date to be determined. The 2023 proposed Church Budget was reviewed by the Admin Council. Jane LaFollette moved/Cindy McNeill to **approve the 2023 Church Budget with amendments. Motion carried.**

Bob McNeill, Trustees Member, gave the Trustees report. There are a few minor maintenance projects that need to be completed. Insurance on the van vehicle will be changing. Tim Kusters will be building a laser signage for the church. Plans are coming together for the Nativity scene. The sound board is being repaired. Bob informed the council the vehicles going into the church parking lot will change to one direction and they will be putting up signs for that change.

Pastor Jason reviewed with the Council his monthly report. He gave reports on his Lotus Up visits on Tuesdays, upcoming Charge Conference in November, update on the Nativity Project and his attendance at the Clergy Leadership Academy in early October at Wesley Acres camp in Daisy, ND. His full report will be included in the October newsletter.

Worship: Pastor Jason reported the handbells are currently being repaired in Custer. The cost for this repair is \$3,000. There is \$1,500 already in place to pay for this repair. Shelli DeVries and he will be researching different options to come up with to pay for the remaining balance of the other \$1,500.

Lynn Larsen, Member Care, noted Halloween cards were sent to shut-ins and she will be requesting Thanksgiving cards be sent to them in November.

Sue Holloway, Missions Chair, gave a report on Adopt-A-Platoon, Meals on Wheels, South Dakota Largest Home Party, Halloweenie, and Hospital Lap Robes with her full report included in the October newsletter. She handed out the new church brochures which are currently being distributed to various entities. She also noted that a large box with Christmas wrapping on it will be placed in the foyer of the CMC for those who want to donate toys. Jane LaFollette moved/ Bob McNeill seconded to **approve placing a collection box for toys in the foyer of the CMC. Motion carried.**

Sue gave an update on United Women in Faith. She is happy to report around 700 Christmas cards will be sent to Adopt a Platoon program. The women will prepare the cards for mailing to be sent to the troops prior to their November 3rd meeting. The Presbyterian women will join us for a Christmas potluck at the December meeting and will provide the program.

Cindy McNeill, Staff Pastor Parish Committee Chair informed the council they met this past Tuesday to discuss wages and compensation for staff and Pastor Jason Christensen. The Administrative Council approved the wages and compensation for the staff and Pastor Jason Christensen per the recommendations of the Staff Pastor Parish committee. The committee also filled out the Stay Moving Form.

Pastor Jason reported there are two youth who would like to attend Dakyouth in Aberdeen on November 11-13. They will be going with the Spearfish youth. For our youth to go to Dakyouth, we will need to get one or two female chaperones who are 18 years of age or older to go with them.

Pastor Jason also reported he and Jim Wolff attended a podcast in Rapid City to hear discussion on the disaffiliation of churches. Dan Bader, District Superintendent, will lead our Charge Conference.

The Charge Conference with the Administrative Council/Finance meeting to follow will be held on Thursday, November 17, 2022, CMC, 6:30 p.m. (We will go back to 5:30 Admin Council meetings in December.)

Pastor Jason closed the meeting with prayer.

Lynn Larsen, Recording Secretary

Trinity United Methodist
Trustee Meeting Minutes Oct. 20, 2022

Pastor Jason opened the meeting with a prayer.

In attendance were Bob McNeill, Pastor Jason Christensen, Larry Howell, Jim Wolff, Wayne Holdcroft, John Hauge and Lee Ann Paananen.

The minutes for the September 15 meeting were reviewed and approved. Mike/Jim.

Update on the parsonage projects and maintenance.

—The window in the kitchen needs to be replaced.

—The bathtub has a small crack in it. Bob will seal the crack first. If that doesn't work, a new tub will have to be installed.

Church Building projects and maintenance

—Maintenance on the snow blower is done and ready to go.

—Filters in the furnace have been replaced.

—Sprinkler system is off.

—There is a small leak in the water heater. John will look into what needs to be done.

—Boiler for the heating system needs to be worked on. A plumber needs to be contacted to do the repair.

—Shelves in the bell choir closet still need to be built. That will be done soon.

CMC projects and maintenance

—The snow blower shed is almost done. It is a great alternative to storing it in the building.

General projects and maintenance.

—There was discussion on the insurance for the van. The board approved to put liability insurance on it.

Jim/Bob

—John is working on the plow schedule. Thanks to all who keep our sidewalks and parking lots cleared in the winter.

—The water bill last month was extremely high. We will review the subject again next month, as it may be due to the sprinkler system

—One way traffic in the parking lot was discussed. This subject was tabled but will be reviewed later.

—Larry Howell's son has offered to make room signs for the church hallways to replace the paper ones.

Thank you for your kindness and upgrade to our signage.

A frame structure has been built for the living nativity. A manger will be built as well. Thank you to Bob and Cindy. Next meeting, we will put it up.

After extensive discussion on the sound system in the church, it was voted on and approved to see if Perfect Wave can repair the sound board that we have. If not, \$3500 was approved to purchase a new Sound Craft board from Perfect Wave. Jim/Lee Ann

The meeting was closed.

Next meeting will be November 17, 2022 at 4:30 pm.

Secretary, Lee Ann Paananen

Missions Ministry

Missions and Outreach: Sue Holloway, Chair

As you can see from the heading, this committee has increased responsibilities. We are taking on activities that increase Trinity's visibility in the community. That includes events and publicity. We will work under the direction of Pastor Jason with the assistance of the congregation. If you have any suggestions, please contact me or Pastor Jason.

Adopt-A-Platoon: We are meeting at 10:30 on November 3rd to assemble 600+ Christmas cards that will be sent to our deployed military personnel. We have used the left-over cards that people have plus all the freebies that come through the mail. This is allowing us to send out more cards for less money. It is a time for fun and fellowship before the United Women of Faith Meeting at 12:30. Come along side us to spread the love of Jesus to those who are far from home. I have heard from several more since my last report. One is a Navy Reservist from Spearfish who works in the IT Department of the Spearfish School District. It doesn't get much closer to home than Spearfish!

Meals On Wheels: Our next week is Monday, November 14th through Friday, November 18th. 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: Save the Date! Saturday, November 5th. The event will be open 10-3. We have room for 24 tables and lunch by the Youth Group will be available for a donation. This is a great way to start the holidays by helping children in desperate situations get the medical care in remote Honduras. I have been to this mission multiple times and plans are in the making for the team, including me, to return in March. Contact Sue 920-7788 with questions about the Home Party or "Send Hope". Ladies of the church are encouraged to donate baked goods for our bake sale table which supplements the income from the table fees to hopefully allow us to donate \$1000 to "Send Hope".

Halloweenie: This event is scheduled for Monday, October 31st. A full report will be in the December Newsletter. We are planning a slightly small event keeping all activities to the Social Room and changed the dinner food from hot dogs to a variation of "walking tacos". We have a lot of prizes left over from last year and some craft items. This will lower the cost of the event. We could still use financial support to abate the cost. We are giving out goody bags as they leave to decrease the cost of candy and keep the mess of wrappers on the floor to a minimum. We are tapping into the Youth Group, Teen Court and probably the Honor Society or Key Club to supplement manning the booths, set up and clean up.

Hospital Lap Robes: This is a new outreach for us. I have been working with the Lutherans for the last 30 years making twin sized quilts for Lutheran World Relief. Our focus has changed to the Lap Robes for the hospital several years ago as our group slowly dwindled. Now there is only Miss Rose in Newell who sews around the edges of the quilts and me who puts them together. A call for help has been answered by Connie Berschied and Kathy Wahanan. 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. We would enjoy having a few more people to build our stock pile as the lap robes go like hotcakes and we frequently are unable to meet during the winter. 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.

Brochure: A new brochure is now available for distribution in info packets that the Chamber sends out, included in goody bags during the 'Live Nativity' and 'Halloweenie' events and set out during the 'Home Party'.

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. 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.



**Please remember our homebound members this
Thanksgiving 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
Sandstone Assisted Living
2010 Windmill Drive
Spearfish, SD 57783

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

Chuck and Winnie Ferris
312 Main Street
Deadwood, SD 57731

Yvonne Foreman
Box 165
Deadwood, SD 57732

Sandra Hansen
Golden Ridge Regional Sr Care
200 Montana Ave. #116
Lead, SD 57754

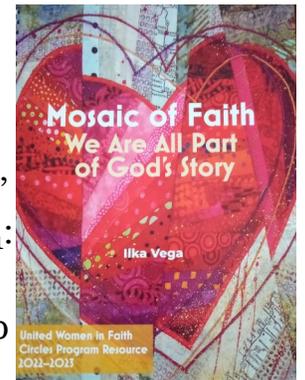
Barbara Harvey
Edgewood Vista
540 Falcon Crest Drive, Apt. 200
Spearfish, SD 57783

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

Trinity United Women in Faith

November 3 is the date of the next meeting of Trinity UWF at 12:30. Sue Holloway is the hostess and will also give the program.

Our new Program book has arrived. Mosaic of Faith - - We Are All Part of God's Story. Our Mission Statement is: "United Women in Faith seeks to nurture women through Christian spiritual formation, leadership development, creative fellowship, and education so that they can inspire, influence, and impact local and global communities." Our Purpose remains the same as it was as United Methodist Women: To be a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church."



United
Women
in Faith

Every woman is welcome to be a part of United Women in Faith.
Membership in the United Methodist Church is not a requirement.
See you on November 3 at 12:30 in the Christian Ministry Center.

SERMON SERIES

Sermon Series: Thankful

Sunday November 13th -Thankful for our blessings
Sunday November 20th -Thankful for our Trials

Advent Sermon Series: Great Hymns of Faith

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

Sunday December 25th - Carols and Lessons

11th Annual South Dakota's Largest Home Party

Saturday, November 5th
10:00 am — 3:00 pm
Christian Ministry Center

Twenty plus sales agents and crafters,
along with a bake sale

Serving Soup and Dessert
from 11 am — 1 pm

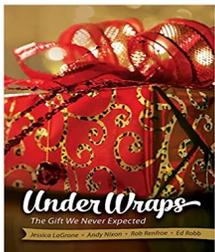
Proceeds benefit "Send Hope" for sick children
in Honduras and the church's youth group

ADVENT STUDY

Pastor Jason will be offering an advent class called
Under Wraps: The Gift We Never Expected.

It will be held on Tuesday evenings, Nov. 29, Dec.
6, 13, and 20 at 6:00 in the Church Sanctuary.

If you would like to attend the class and purchase
the book (cost is \$2.50) please contact the office.



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

LIVE NATIVITY

Join Trinity United Methodist Church for
a special event to launch the Christmas
season as we show the community the
birth of our savior through a live nativity.
We will be needing assistance in the areas of
set, costumes, hospitality, and the roles of the
actors. If you would like to be part of this
wonderful event please call the office.
Nativity to be held Saturday, December 3rd
from 3 to 5, inside the
Christian Ministry Center



HANDBELL CHOIR

Our handbell choir with two
members from the Lutheran
church will be playing for
entertainment at the Festival
of Trees. Please come out and
enjoy the music on November
19th around 5:45 p.m.

★ 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 in-
sights? 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 loose
sight of the gift of the star word.

**November: How has your star word inspired thankfulness in
you this year?**

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

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: SPRINGER96@msn.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

Nov. 1 Therese Pontius
Nov. 4 Evelyn Bertsch
Nov. 5 Maeve Campbell
Nov. 7 Crew Rainey
Nov. 8 Willie Aldrich
Nov. 9 Ron Pray
Nov. 17 Kingston Pullen
Nov. 17 Brian Specht
Nov. 21 Jonas Heisinger
Nov. 23 June Geiman
Nov. 24 Yvonne Foreman
Nov. 28 Jerzie Artz

Anniversaries:

Nov. 15 Charles and Winifred Ferris
Nov. 20 Jaci and William Pearson

CHARGE CONFERENCE

Our Annual Charge Conference will be held on **Thursday, November 17th** in the Christian Ministry Center at 6:30 p.m. as part of the monthly Administrative Council Meeting.

The purpose of the annual charge conference is to highlight the important ministries occurring within our church, and doing the business that needs to be done, such as presenting a draft budget, lay leadership, clergy compensation, and updating membership records.

All are welcome to join us for this important meeting.

Please note, that there may be times during the meeting when only members of the church are able to vote, but that will be explained during the charge conference.

Three women of Trinity United Methodist Church, Joyce Darling, Lee Ann Paananen and Cameon Jacobsen Wefso, were recipients of the Women in Faith Recognition Award. They each received a gold pin which means \$40 was donated by our unit to Women in Faith and used in mission to women, teens and children.



***Joyce Darling:** She is member of Women in Faith who has served as president and recording secretary and is a member of Staff Pastor Parish and Christian Education committees. Additional services she provides or has provided to the church are teaching Sunday School, heading the prayer chain, working at Biker Breakfast, playing handbells, singing in the choir, and visiting and participating in the worship service at Spearfish Canyon Care Center. Joyce reaches beyond our church to serve on the Women in Faith Southwest District Social Action/Education and Interpretation.

***LeeAnn Paananen:** She served as secretary in the church office using her talents to do online programs, putting church service on facebook, putting together power point presentations and setting up online church giving. She plays handbells and sings when the church ladies sing. At Sunday services she is one of the media volunteers who enters the information that goes on the screens. One Sunday is church she shared her faith in God.



***Cameon Jacobs Wefso:** She was on the Trustees committee and served as their Chair, wrote a grant to receive money for hail damage at the church, went through many church files when the church office was in the church. She saved the files that were important, shredded files no longer needed and some of the files were archived and sent to Dakotas Conference. She also flipped pancakes at Biker Breakfasts.

We say thank you to these ladies for taking the talents God has given them to serve and contribute to Trinity's Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors.

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!

November 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Pastor Jason Coffee Hours 9-11, Lotus Up L-PEO 1:00-3:00	2 Youth Group 6:30-8:00, CMC Dinner at 6:30	3 Coffee Break Bible Study at 9:30 am UWF 12:30	4 Worship Spearfish Canyon Care Center at 10:30 SD Home Party Set Up	5 Men's Bible Study at 7:30 am SD Home Party 10:00-3:00
6 Music practice at 8 Worship at 9 Fellowship at 10 Communion Sunday 22nd Sunday After Pentecost All Saint's	7 SC Board 10:00 am Mahjong 12:00 pm Kiwanis 4:30 pm	8 Pastor Jason Coffee Hours 9-11, Lotus Up	9 Youth Group 6:30-8:00, CMC Dinner at 6:30	10 Coffee Break Bible Study at 9:30 am SC Cards 1-4 pm Amer Aux 6-8 pm	11 DAKYOUTH Nov. 11-13	12 Men's Bible Study at 7:30 am
13 Music practice at 8 Worship at 9 Fellowship at 10 23rd Sunday After Pentecost	14 SC Potluck Noon Mahjong 12:00 pm Kiwanis 4:30 pm	15 Pastor Jason Coffee Hours 9-11, Lotus Up L-PEO 1:00-3:00	16 Youth Group 6:30-8:00, CMC Dinner at 6:30 Staff Meeting 10:30	17 Coffee Break Bible Study at 9:30 am Charge Conf. 6:30	18	19 Men's Bible Study at 7:30 am Pastor Jason at Annual Conference
20 Music practice at 8 Worship at 9 Fellowship at 10 Deliver Greenery Last Sunday After Pentecost	21 Mahjong 12:00 pm Kiwanis 4:30 pm Newsletter Articles Due	22 Pastor Jason Coffee Hours 9-11, Lotus Up Thanksgiving Service 7:00 Assembly of God	23 No L/D School	24 THANKSGIVING Office Closed No L/D School	25 Office Closed No L/D School	26 Men's Bible Study at 7:30 am
27 Music practice at 8 Worship at 9 Fellowship at 10 1st Sunday After Advent	28 Mahjong 12:00 pm Kiwanis 4:30 pm	29 Pastor Jason Coffee Hours 9-11, Lotus Up Advent Study 6:00	30 Youth Group 6:30-8:00, CMC Dinner at 6:30			

Trinity United
Methodist Church

111 S. Main St.
7 S. Main St.—Office
Lead, SD 57754

PLEASE
PLACE
STAMP
HERE

Trinity United Methodist Church

111 S. Main St., Lead, SD 57754

7 S. Main St. - Office

605-584-1328

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.

