

# TIDINGS

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Monthly Newsletter

Sunday School @ 9:30 am

Worship, with Communion @ 10:30 am

Fellowship (after Worship Service)



A NEW COMMANDMENT I GIVE TO YOU, THAT YOU LOVE ONE ANOTHER:

*just as I have loved you,  
you also are to love one another.*

JOHN 13:34

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## Lent is Just Around the Corner

by Pastor Steven Hagler

We are in the season of Epiphany, but on February 22nd Lent begins with Ash Wednesday. What is Lent all about? Lent is to Easter what Advent is to Christmas. Lent is a time of personal and spiritual growth, and a time to look outward and inward. Lent is a journey of mercy. Lent is a season of preparing ourselves for the celebration of Easter. Traditionally, Lent is a time for prayer and fasting. It starts with Ash Wednesday with a time of confession and repentance. Throughout the season of Lent, followers of Jesus will often fast from something, food, or an activity. The “sacrifice” serves as a reminder of what Jesus endured for us when He went to the cross. One of the goals of giving something up is that the time would be replaced with prayer. Lent is a time to “reset.”

Early in the church’s history, the major events in Christ’s life were observed with special observances, such as His birth, baptism, death, resurrection, and ascension. As these observances developed, a period of time was set aside prior to the major events of the birth of Jesus and His resurrection as a time of preparation. During Lent, the Church’s worship assumes a more penitential character. The color of the Season is purple, a color often associated with penitence. The word “alleluia” is usually omitted.

The more somber services form a powerful contrast with the festive celebration of Jesus’ resurrection when our alleluias ring loud and clear. In the ancient church, the weeks leading up to Easter were a time of intensive preparation of the candidates who were to be baptized after the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday. The time in the Church’s calendar was seen as an especially appropriate time for baptism because of the relationship between Christ’s death and resurrection and our own in Holy Baptism (Rom. 6:1-11). This focus would suggest that the season of Lent serves not only as a time to meditate on the

suffering that Christ endured on our behalf, but also as an opportunity to reflect upon our own baptism and what it means to live as a child of God.

Join your fellow brothers and sisters in Christ during the Wednesday evening services and soup suppers to prepare to enter the Holy season of Easter with a proper focus on the One who gave His ALL to allow us to be part of His family, and experience the forgiveness of sins. During these Wednesday evening Lenten services this year we will be hearing about, “What Do Lutherans Believe?” The message each Wednesday night will be on basic topics which define who Lutherans are. There is much written about the Lutheran faith in much printed material.



The important sources of Lutheran theology is found primarily in the Bible, but also what the reformers thought which is found in the unaltered Augsburg Confession and in Luther’s Small Catechism. Also a major source will be the Book of Concord, including the Apology of the Augsburg Confession, the Smalcald Articles, the Treatise, the Large Catechism, and the

Formula of Concord, all of which further validate expositions of the Holy Scriptures.

I will also be using two books which will help me be as concise as possible considering the time constraints of a worship service. (Those books are *Lutheranism 101*, and *The Spirituality of the Cross* by Gene Edward Veith, Jr.) During the soup supper each week there will be a discussion on the previous week’s message. Bring your questions and comments.

***By God’s Grace,  
Pastor Steve***





Lent begins with a solemn call to fasting and repentance as we begin our journey to the baptismal waters of Easter. During Lent the people of God will reflect on the meaning of their baptism into Christ's death and resurrection.

The sign of ashes suggests our human mortality and frailty. With the cross on our brow, we long for the spiritual renewal that flows from the springtime Easter feast to come.

The Season of Lent begins on **February 22 with Ash Wednesday**, our Worship Service starts **at 6:45 pm**.

You are invited to share together in Lenten Meals and Worship Services.

**Lenten Soup Suppers at 6:00 pm  
& Lenten Worship at 6:45 pm  
Wednesdays: March 1—April 5**

During these Wednesday evening Lenten Services this year we will be hearing about, "What Do Lutherans Believe?"

During the soup supper each week there will be a discussion on the previous week's message.

**Bring your questions and comments.**



Please sign-up to bring soup to share at one of our Lenten Soup Suppers.

**Wednesday, March 1  
Wednesday, March 8  
Wednesday, March 15  
Wednesday, March 22  
Wednesday, March 29  
Wednesday, April 5**



*There will be a sign-up sheet on the table in the Narthex.*



**UGM  
On-going  
Ministries**

**We would love to have you join us anytime at the following on-going ministries:**

**Participating in an event at the Crisis Shelter for Women and Children**

(First Tuesday of each month)

**Tuesday, February 7**

**3:00 pm—5:00 pm**

**Serving lunch at the Men's Shelter**

(Second Thursday of each month)

**Thursday, February 9**

**11:15 am—1:00 pm**

*The above listed ministries help us to live out our Mission Statement; "To proclaim the Good News of God's Saving Grace and to minister to our community through our relationship with God."*



### March Tidings Newsletter Articles

Please submit your Tidings articles or information to the church office by

**Wednesday, February 15**

for our March 2023 newsletter.



Please pick up your individual

### 2022 Giving Statement

from the table in the Narthex.

*Thank you so much for your generous and faithful giving to HTLC!*



## Special Congregational Meeting

**Sunday, February 5,**

**@ 11:45 am**

**in the Fellowship Hall**

The agenda for this meeting is detailed below. If you have questions regarding any of the items, please call one of the Council members for more information.

Per our congregation's constitution, a quorum of 20% of voting members must be present. If members are unable to physically attend the meeting on Sunday, February 5, you may vote by calling in to the church office in advance (prior to February 5) at (509) 926-7966.

If you will be calling in to vote, please leave a detailed message with your first and last name and a yes or no on each specific item to be voted upon (numbers 4., 5., 6., 7., listed below).

### Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Announcement of Official Meeting Quorum
3. Opening Prayer
4. *Election of Dan Olson as President/Treasurer until the next HTLC Annual Meeting*
5. *Election of George Simon as Vice President until the next HTLC Annual Meeting*
6. *Approve all actions of the HTLC Council since last HTLC Annual Meeting*
7. *Approve the issuance of a Letter of Call with Ordination in Place to Steven Hagler as HTLC Interim Pastor*
8. Closing Prayer
9. Adjournment



# COUNCIL MINUTES

## **Council Meeting Minutes: January 10, 2022 — “Subject to Approval”**

*Respectfully Submitted by Nancy Purcell, Secretary*

**Present:** Dan Olson, Diane Fried, Ilene Benham, George Simon, LaLita Tadena, and Nancy Purcell. Also present were Pastor Steve Hagler, Marcia Taes, Denel Ingraham, and Larry Tyler. Charlie May was absent.

**Call to Order:** Dan Olson called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

**Devotional:** George presented a devotional based on 2 Peter 1:3 entitled “Toaster Power” that just like a toaster must be connected to electricity to work, to receive power from Christ, we must be connected to Christ.

**Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made by Diane and seconded by George to approve the December 13, 2022 minutes. Motion was unanimously approved.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Dan presented the Treasurer’s report.

Checking:	\$54,544.95
Charles Schwab Building Fund:	\$19,222.04
Charles Schwab Savings:	\$27,378.37
Savings – Vanguard:	\$24,007.17



Dan reviewed the Profit and Loss Statement, showing the comparison between income and expenses for 2022 with 2021. He also presented a Profit and Loss Statement showing totals for the years ending 2016-2022, reflecting the approximate additional costs to Holy Trinity from having the additional user groups. He also presented a report showing the yearly income from the various user groups.

It was noted that because Marcia Taes is no longer on council, there is now only one signer on STCU checking account. LaLita made a motion that George Simon be added to the account as an additional signer, which was seconded by Diane. Motion passed unanimously.

It was further discussed that designation of Thrivent Choice Dollars by those members who have Thrivent investments must be made by March 31. It can be done online or by calling the Thrivent home office at 800-847-4836 and asking for Thrivent Choice Dollars. Note, Choice Dollars do not require a project as the Thrivent Action Team dollars do. If you have questions, please talk to Diane or Nancy.

**Pastor’s Report:** Pastor Steve reported he had, as usual, spent time on sermon preparation, preparation for Sunday services, preparation and study for teaching the Sunday morning Sunday School Class, attending the Friday morning Bible study/breakfast, preparing an article for the newsletter, and meeting with Worship and Music. Additionally he has been in contact with Pat and Caren Woods, had visited with Arlene Severance and took communion to her and had visited with Myrtle Stoop at Hospice and subsequently met with the Stoop family and Pastor Jaynan Clark in preparation for Myrtle’s funeral service.

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He is working on topics for the Lenten services centering on what it means to be a Lutheran. It was suggested that discussions could be held on each sermon topic at the soup supper the following week, including any questions people might have. As a basis for the various discussions Pastor Steve is reading *Lutheranism 101, The Spirituality of the Cross*, by Gene Veith, videos from a Pastor in California based on *Lutheranism 101, Luther's Small Catechism*, and the *Book of Concord*.

Pastor Steve asked that his ordination be held at Holy Trinity on Saturday, February 11, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. Pastor John Anderson will officiate at the ordination assisted by Pastor Gail Guttereud. A reception will follow in the fellowship hall and everyone is invited and encouraged to attend.

There was discussion on whether Pastor Steve needed an interim call from Holy Trinity prior to his ordination and what we as a congregation needed to do. The call committee will contact Julie Smith at the LCMC office to be sure we meet any requirements on behalf of the church.

**Properties and Maintenance:** In Charlie's absence, there was no report. Work has been completed on the two bathrooms in the north end of the building.

**Worship and Music:** See report submitted by Nancy Purcell.

**Congregational Ministries:** See report submitted by LaLita Tadena.

**Christian Education:** See report submitted by George Simon. In addition Diane reported that there are two children attending Sunday School. To date they have completed *Luther's Small Cat Series*, the Christmas story, and are working on Bible stories in the Sola Publishing Company "Blue Series" designed for elementary Sunday School students.

**Social Care and Concerns:** See report submitted by Diane Fried.

**Old Business:** Marcia Taes reviewed with the Council the agenda and proposed questions to be used in the interview with the pastoral candidate on Monday, January 16, and coffee with the candidate on January 17. Council members are invited to join in the dinner on January 16 to meet the candidate and to have coffee with the candidate on January 17. Marcia then reviewed the next steps in the call process should the Call Committee recommend the candidate for a call, including the necessary background checks before submitting the name to the congregation for approval.

## **New Business:**

1. Renewal of Ministry Pacific Policy due February 17, 2023. Dan stated that the policy premium had increased 12% over last year. Denel Ingraham will review the policy and contact the company with questions and assist in completing the necessary forms.

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## 2. Facility Use:

- a. Use of the fellowship hall by Keith Reger, Happy Hour Group on February 3 from 6-9 p.m. was approved.
- b. Use of the fellowship hall by Betty, NA Step Sister Recovery, for a baby shower, on February 4, was approved at a suggested donation of \$75.00. Larry Tyler will be available to open the fellowship hall and lock the same.
- c. Linda Quick's request to use the church was denied. Pastor Steve will not be available for a funeral on the requested date.

**Member Items:** Meeting date to discuss use of the church facilities by outside groups and cost for such use is scheduled for February 2 at 2 p.m. Marcia Taes, Larry Tyler, Ilene Benham, Dan Olson, George Simon, Nancy Purcell, Squeaky May and Tracy Tenney have all agreed to meet. Anyone having suggestions or concerns is welcome and encouraged to attend.

Pastor Steve reported that he will be out of town February 1 through February 4. He will be back in time for service on February 5.

Marcia Taes reported that Drew Nelson, who has been assisting the Call Committee, will be on a 90 day Sabbatical starting in May and has offered to preach at Holy Trinity on a Sunday. Council has accepted the offer and a time will be arranged between Pastor Steve and Pastor Drew.

**Next Month Devotional:** Nancy

**Counters:** January – Ilene and Diane; February – Diane and Nancy

**Adjournment:** Meeting was closed with prayer at 8:10 p.m.

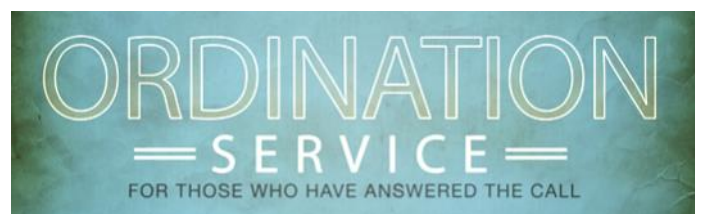


### Thrivent Choice Dollars:

Don't forget to designate your Thrivent Choice Dollars before they expire on **March 31, 2023**.

It can be done online or by calling the Thrivent Home Office at (800) 847-4836.

**Contact Diane Fried or Nancy Purcell with any questions.**



Please join us on  
**Saturday, February 11, at 2:00 pm,**  
at HTLC for a Service of Ordination  
**for Interim Pastor Steve Hagler.**

All are invited to a reception following the service in the Fellowship Hall.



This women's ministry event is a warm, friendship-building night of eating together, watching a movie, and comfortable conversation about moral issues and biblical perspectives.

**All women are invited to join us!**

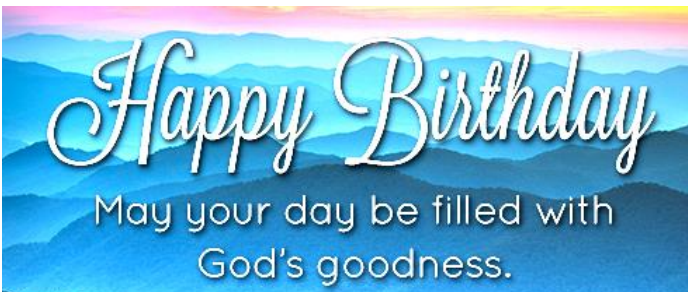
Our next meeting is **Friday, February 17**

**We meet for dinner @ 5:00 pm.**

We will be watching:

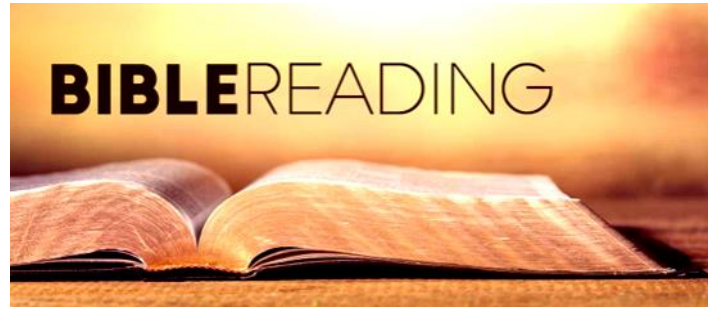
**THE CHRONICLES OF NARNIA: THE LION, THE WITCH, AND THE WARDROBE**

Contact Squeaky May for more information at (509) 951-7512 or squeak265@gmail.com.



**February Birthdays**

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|-------------------|-------------|
| Ava Andreasen     | February 2  |
| Sandy Hoveskeland | February 11 |
| Larry Mattson     | February 12 |
| Charlie May       | February 13 |
| Eric Fletcher     | February 14 |
| Vicki Egesdal     | February 15 |
| Kaden Perala      | February 22 |



**February 5 (5th Sunday after Epiphany):**

- † Isaiah 58:1-9a [9b-12]
- † 1 Corinthians 2:1-12 [13-16]
- † Matthew 5:13-20

**February 12 (6th Sunday after Epiphany):**

- † Deuteronomy 30:15-20
- † 1 Corinthians 3:1-9
- † Matthew 5:21-37

**February 19 (Transfiguration of Our Lord):**

- † Exodus 24:12-18
- † 2 Peter 1:16-21
- † Matthew 17:1-9

**February 22 (Ash Wednesday):**

- † Joel 2:1-2, 12-7 or Isaiah 58:1-12
- † 2 Corinthians 5:20b—6:10
- † Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

**February 26 (1st Sunday of Lent):**

- † Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7
- † Romans 5:12-19
- † Matthew 4:1-11





**February Anniversary**

**Bill & Sharon Nelson — February 9**



## February 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
			<p>10:00 am Bible Study</p> <p>Pastor Steve's Office Hours: 12:00 pm–4:00 pm</p> <p>12:00 pm AA—VNG</p> <p>5:30 pm AA—HHG</p> <p>7:00 pm NA—WNW</p>	<p>Pastor Steve's Office Hours: 9:30 am – 12:00 pm</p> <p>Tracy's Office Hours: 11:00 am—1:00 pm</p> <p>12:00 pm AA—VNG</p> <p>3:30 pm Fiddlers-INW Jr</p> <p>5:30 pm AA—HHG</p>	<p>7:30 am Breakfast and Bible Study</p> <p>12:00 pm AA—VNG</p> <p>5:30 pm AA—HHG</p> <p>6:00 pm—9:00 pm AA-HHG Game Night</p>	<p>10:00 am AA—SMM</p> <p>2:00 pm—5:00 pm Baby Shower (hosted by NA)</p> <p>8:00 pm AA—SNM</p>
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
<p><b>5th Sunday after Epiphany</b></p> <p>9:30 am Sunday School</p> <p>10:30 am Worship Service &amp; Fellowship</p> <p>11:45 am Special Congregational Mtg.</p> <p>10:00 am AA—SMG</p> <p>2:00 pm AA—CAYA</p> <p>7:00 pm AA—SRG</p> <p>7:00 pm Al-Anon Mtg</p>	<p>12:00 pm AA—VNG</p> <p>5:30 pm TOPS</p> <p>5:30 pm AA—HHG</p> <p>7:00 pm NA—MNM</p>	<p>9:00 am Thimbles</p> <p>12:00 pm AA—VNG</p> <p>3:00 pm—5:00 pm Serving @ Crisis Shelter for Women &amp; Children</p> <p>4:00 pm Fiddlers (AGT)</p> <p>5:30 pm AA—HHG</p>	<p>10:00 am Bible Study</p> <p>Pastor Steve's Office Hours: 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm</p> <p>12:00 pm AA—VNG</p> <p>5:30 pm AA—HHG</p> <p>7:00 pm NA—WNW</p>	<p>Pastor Steve's Office Hours: 9:30 am – 12:00 pm</p> <p>Tracy's Office Hours: 11:00 am—1:00 pm</p> <p>11:15 am—1:00 pm Serving Lunch @ Men's Shelter</p> <p>12:00 pm AA—VNG</p> <p>3:30 pm Fiddlers-INW Jr</p> <p>5:30 pm AA—HHG</p>	<p>7:30 am Breakfast and Bible Study</p> <p>12:00 pm AA—VNG</p> <p>5:30 pm AA—HHG</p>	<p>10:00 am AA—SMM</p> <p>2:00 pm Ordination Service for Pastor Steve</p> <p>8:00 pm AA—SNM</p>
12	13	14-Valentine's Day	15	16	17	18
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19	20	21	22Ash Wednesday	23	24	25
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**February Events**

Special Congregational Meeting	Sunday, February 5 @ 11:45 am <i>(after worship svc.)</i>
Event @ Crisis Shelter for Women & Children	Tuesday, February 7 3:00 pm—5:00 pm
Serving Lunch at UGM Men’s Shelter	Thursday, February 9 11:15 am—1:00 pm
Ordination Service for Pastor Steve	Saturday, February 11 @ 2:00 pm
Council Meeting	Tuesday, February 14 @ 6:30 pm
Dinner & a Movie	Friday, February 17 @ 5:00 pm
Worship & Music Meeting	Wednesday, February 22 @ 1:30 pm
Ash Wednesday Lenten Service	Wednesday, February 22 @ 6:45 pm
Mid-week Bible Study	Wednesdays @ 10:00 am
Breakfast & Bible Study	Fridays @ 7:30 am

**Regular Worship Schedule**

9:30 am Sunday School  
 10:30 am Worship w/Communion  
 11:30 am Fellowship (after Worship)