



*Pastor Derek Rosenstiel  
Associate Pastor*

***“So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to God-self through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to God-self, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So, we are ambassadors for Christ...” (2 Corinthians 5: 17-20a).***

Greetings Siblings in Christ,

Our Lenten journey this year focuses on the vitally important topic of reconciliation. God’s reconciling work is most clearly revealed to us in the Cross of Christ. As we make our journey towards Holy Week and Good Friday this Lent, we stand at the foot of the Cross and are called to gaze upon it and contemplate the new life God has brought through such a tragic instrument of death. The ministry of reconciliation is one of the most important callings we all have been given in and through the waters of baptism. But what does reconciliation even look like and entail?

Reconciliation looks like restored relationships; between God and creation, between humankind and the rest of creation, between humankind and itself, and even a restored relationship with one’s own self. Reconciliation can clearly be seen in the calling given us to persistently and even defiantly love our enemies. The enemies who revile us, those we have created, and those who we falsely imagine out of a place of fear or disregard. Reconciliation is difficult and never-ending but in this ministry that we have been called to, we get the chance to experience the healing and saving power of Christ at work in our lives and in our world.

The work of reconciliation often begins with the first step of forgiveness. Both the giving and receiving of it. Martin Luther King Jr. wrote in his book *Strength to Love*:

*“Forgiveness does not mean ignoring what has been done or putting a false label on an evil act. It means rather, that the evil act no longer remains as a barrier to the relationship. Forgiveness is a catalyst creating the atmosphere necessary for a fresh start and a new beginning.” (King 1981)*

This step of forgiveness can oftentimes be the hardest one to take. Pride, self-loathing, hard-heartedness, fear, trauma, and so much more can create hurdles we must overcome. Yet, in the Cross of Christ, God has opened to us the path to healing and new life. God has promised us the gift of mercy and forgiveness always, and freely gives it to us even when we feel like we do not deserve it. God declares to all that we are worth the fullness of God’s love. This gift is endlessly delivered to us broken and battered souls, and through this liberating gift we have been freed to participate in God’s reconciling work.

God’s love for us is made incarnate in the person of Jesus Christ, and in turn this same love is embodied in our own acts of reconciling love. During our mid-week Lenten worship services, we have the honor of being gifted with five witnesses to the power of reconciliation experienced by people in their lives. I pray that you may experience healing and hope in Christ this Lent. Let us give thanks to God as we hear these witnesses and contemplate what God’s life-giving gift of reconciliation means for our lives. Blessings to you and yours this Lent, and may God’s peace and love be made present to you in this time.

God’s Peace,

Pastor Derek Rosenstiel

# Sunday School News

*But these [stories] are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.*

**John 20:31**



*God's Word—Our Story*

**Sunday School is offered for all ages from 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. between services.**

- Preschool through 5th grade start in Fellowship Hall.
- Youth meet in the youth rooms under the sanctuary.
- Adults have classes upstairs in the conference room and in the LFC.

In February, the children had fun learning the story of the four friends that lowered a paralyzed man through the roof to see Jesus. The four men thought “outside the box” because they knew only Jesus could help their friend.

We played games to engage the story, did “outside the box” painting like Jackson Pollock, and acted out skits that showed how to help our neighbor.

In March, the children will use Bible games, art, and science to learn more about the story of the Samaritan woman who met Jesus at the well.

She was forgiven and welcomed unconditionally.

**NO Children's or Youth Sunday School on Sunday, March 15 because of Spring Break. Adult class will meet.**

## **Bible Explorers A Pre-Confirmation Class for our 5th and 6th Grade Students!**

5th and 6th grade students are invited to a new class that meets on Wednesday nights from 6:15 to 7:30 p.m., worship at 5:30 p.m.

March 4	Intergenerational Lenten Event
March 11	Session #19: The Law
March 18	DBQ School Spring Break, no class
March 25	Session #20: Grace
April 1	Session #21: The Cross
April 8	Holy Week, no class

# Confirmation News



## **7th and 8th Grade Confirmation News**

Confirmation is an opportunity for youth, aged 7th through 8th grade, to learn about discipleship.

Confirmation Class for 7th through 8th grade students meets during the school year on Wednesday evenings in the Fellowship Hall from 6:15 to 7:30 p.m., worship at 5:30 p.m.

### **Discipleship Opportunities:**

**Worship** - Confirmation Families are encouraged to sign up to help at a Wednesday or Sunday worship service as greeters, ushers, communion servers, or readers.

**Bible Study** - Attend Wednesday class; come to Youth Sunday School Class during the school year.

**Service** - Confirmation Families are encouraged to participate in two of the monthly service projects that are offered.

- Food Distribution: Saturday, March 21, 8-11 a.m.

**Fellowship** - Confirmation Families are encouraged to participate in two of the monthly Family Ministry fellowship events offered with the church.

- Bowling - Sunday, March 8, 2-5 p.m.

**This year we are engaging the stories of the New Testament.**

March 4	Intergenerational Lenten Event
March 11	Session #17: Crucifixion
March 18	DBQ School Spring Break, no class
March 25	Session #18: Resurrection Stories
April 1	Intergenerational Small Groups
April 8	Holy Week, no class

### **Intergenerational Lenten Event Wednesday, March 4, 6:15 to 7:30 p.m.**

Required for Bible Explorer and Confirmation students. Families highly encouraged to attend!!

### The Well (New Small Group Ministry)

All are invited to join this new small group ministry that we are starting! *The Well* will be a regular gathering opportunity for people to enjoy some fellowship time and to join in exploring and growing in their faith. We will meet at an informal off-site location in the evening time. After grabbing a beverage and possibly snack of your choice, we will gather and go around the group asking, "what question or topic would you like to discuss tonite?" After each person (that wants to) shares a question or topic to discuss with the group, we will as a group decide what we would like talk about for the night.

Rooted in the concept that we are led by the Spirit to continually explore and learn more about the mystery and gift of faith we have been given in Jesus Christ, this group is meant to help grow relationships and create a safe and fun space to discuss faith and life. No one is an expert in faith and there are no wrong questions to ask about faith. All are invited and please feel free to bring your bibles or any other resource you would like to bring to enhance the conversation. We hope to see you at these fun gatherings!

We are working on finding both a monthly evening and morning time for these gatherings that will work for most folks. Look for details on these gatherings at *The Well* in your Sunday bulletins as well as on the Holy Trinity website, Facebook page, and in The Bridge. If you are interested in this new small group ministry talk to pastor Derek. All are welcome and your presence is a blessing to others! Please invite a friend too!

### Mystery Dinner Theater

*Friday, March 27, 5:30 to 9:00 p.m.*

A 1969 Happening featuring  
Cassiopeia and the  
Constellations

Molly and Terry Hoefflin and the Die Laughing Murder Mystery cast will present their newest production as a fundraiser for the California Trip.

Cost is \$60 per person which includes a full dinner and the show.

Call Terry for more information at 563-542-6064.

### High School California Mission Trip July 21-29, 2020



This coming summer, HTLC will send sixteen youth and adults to California, Pastor Josh's home county, to experience mission in a new environment. We will work with Central City Lutheran Mission in San Bernardino to serve the homeless community as well as former gang members looking to make a new start.

Why go all the way to California on a trip? Going away from our familiar surroundings can help open us to new experiences and perspectives. We will see a different culture outside our home state, and that will give us a new view of the world. Also leaving the familiar can take us outside our comfort zones so that we will meet God in new ways

The trip will cost us some money, and our families have planned fundraisers to help us make our goal. HTLC has always been supportive of our youth and mission. We are asking for your support again this year to help us get to California.

**Through our fundraisers in December we were able to raise over \$2500 for our trip.**

## THANK YOU!



**Warning:  
The Frogs are on the loose!!!!**

**STEWARDSHIP NEWS**

***Discipline and Lent***

When you read this, we will be in the season of Lent as we observed Ash Wednesday on February 26<sup>th</sup>. There are many church traditions associated with Lent, one that is most familiar is to consciously give up something during this season.

Giving up something in our culture when we have almost unlimited access to food, events and opportunities is not easy as we have come to expect that we can have what we want when we want it. So, talking about a Lenten discipline can have a negative connotation.

And the word discipline has a negative overtone as we think if a child misbehaves, the child must be disciplined. But the word also has a positive meaning. As people who are blessed with financial resources, we give to the church and other non-profit organization that are serving people. Giving regularly is a healthy discipline.

The season of Lent gives us an opportunity to test out the word discipline. Some may choose the discipline of giving something up in order to live more simply or to consciously consume less. Others may choose to discipline themselves to do something for the season that you have only thought about. Maybe there is a book or books in the Bible that you have wanted to read but have never done that. What about discipling yourself to set aside time each day to read a chapter or two in the Bible?

Maybe you have seen a need in the community but have not acted on it. Can you discipline yourself to respond to that need during the Lenten season? Holy Trinity has a Little Food Pantry, what about deciding to bring food to stock the pantry during the weeks of Lent?

Choosing to “discipline yourself” during Lent is an opportunity to grow in your faith. Following a discipline that you choose can help you remember how Jesus lived that we might have abundant life.

Dave Assmus  
Stewardship Committee

**OUR MARCH APPEAL.....**

Our March special appeal is Lutheran World Relief. Being an ELCA congregation makes us a part of this great organization, doing God’s work with our hands. Their website, [lwr.org](http://lwr.org), fully describes their mission:

***At Lutheran World Relief, we envision a future where all people, in every corner of the world can live full, dignified lives.***

Founded by Lutherans in the United States at the end of World War II, grounded in Lutheran theology and building on decades of experience, Lutheran World Relief tackles global poverty by helping people adapt to the challenges that threaten their livelihoods and well-being. We work with people based on need, regardless of race, religion or nationality and we do not evangelize.

Today, Lutheran World Relief operates in East and West Africa, Latin America, Asia and the Middle East, helping some of the world’s poorest communities build the resilience they need to thrive.

Amplifying our impact for a world in need drives the unification of Lutheran World Relief and IMA World Health. **They are pursuing new opportunities, implementing stronger programs and supporting deeper and more lasting results for the health and well-being of the individuals and communities we serve. This new joint effort is a way for LWR to leverage resources for a greater impact.**

Please visit the [lwr.org](http://lwr.org) website for detailed information on all of the activities that are part of their work around the world. Many of these efforts are educational and economy building to help people in poor areas become more self-sufficient in a sustainable way.

Locally, our Holy Trinity quilters have made thousands of quilts that are distributed around the world to all areas in need. This group could always use some extra hands Use the gold stripe envelope to donate funds that will be used directly to support additional relief. Our donations are multiplied by thousands of Lutherans acting together. We all know that oppressed and needy people are an expanding group in the many troubled areas of our world.

Paul Dettmann  
Stewardship Committee



**FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT-JANUARY 2020**

YTD INCOME -	\$ 41,597.47
YTD EXPENSES -	\$ 56,781.40
YTD Net Surplus/(Shortfall) -	(\$ 5,183.93)

*Your Gifts make a difference - thank you!*

**AREA EVENTS—HTLC EVENTS—MEETINGS  
MARK THE DATE—PLAN TO ATTEND**

**Funeral Service Assistants**

If you are retired, or have time during weekdays, please consider volunteering to be an usher, communion assistant, reader or sound system operator for funeral services. Training will be provided if you are new to any of these positions.

Contact Diane Kalmes 920-344-6148 or Terry Hoefflin at 563-542-6064.

**Funeral Service Coordinator(s)**

The Worship Team is searching for a person or persons who would be willing to help coordinate Funeral Services when the need arises. You would be working with the Pastors and the main responsibilities would be to arrange for ushers, communion assistants, readers, acolytes, and sound system operators. There is a list of volunteers that can be contacted. At this time, it does not involve any duties regarding the funeral dinner. We currently have another person who is taking on that responsibility.

Contact Diane Kalmes 920-344-6148 or Terry Hoefflin at 563-542-6064.

**SCHEDULED MONTHLY MEETINGS**

- ◆ **LWR QUILTERS:** They will return to quilting the 1st Tuesday in February, weather permitting. Contact Diane Kalmes (920-344-6148) or dmkdik72@outlook.com.
- ◆ **PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY:** 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday at 9:30 am to 11:30 am in the Conference Room. Contact: Rose Tolzmann (563-590-3033) rosetolzmann@gmail.com.
- ◆ **DUBUQUE MEMORY CAFÉ:** every 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday at 10:00 am in the LFC. Contact: Cheryl Rose (rosesiowa@aol.com or 563-590-1989)
- ◆ **DORCAS/MARTHA CIRCLE:** every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. in the Library.
- ◆ **WOMEN'S ECUMENCIAL BIBLE STUDY:** the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month at 11:30 am to 12:30 pm in the Library.
- ◆ **GRIEFSHARE:** Wednesdays, 6:15 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Contact Sue Minter at (815.541.1161) or go to griefshare.org to register.



**Bowling**

**Creslanes Bowling Center**

**255 S Main**

**Sunday March 8**

**2-4**

**\$5.00 per person includes Shoe Rental**

**Going to Shot Tower after Bowling**

**Please Arrive Early to get bowling shoes**

**2020 FLOWER CHART**

If you signed up to purchase altar flowers for the sanctuary, please turn in a check made out to HTLC or cash in the amount of \$30.00 to the office. This year we will be purchasing the altar flowers through Hy-Vee. The sign up sheet is in the entryway. We still have many dates available. Thanks for your support!

**ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES**

- March 1: Discussion on ELCA Social Statement on Human Sexuality
- March 8: Lutheran Immigration & Refugee Services
- March 15: The Holy Spirit in Luther's Explanation to the Third Article of the Apostles' Creed
- March 22: The Holy Spirit in Luther's Explanation to the Third Article of the Apostles' Creed
- March 29: The Holy Spirit in Luther's Explanation to the Third Article of the Apostles' Creed

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## Lent: Renewed, Restored, & Reconciled in Christ

Please join us as we gather for our Lenten journey together each Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. as we focus on the topic of *Renewed, Restored, & Reconciled in Christ*.

The verses we will focus on in our weekly worship are *2 Corinthians 5: 11-21*. Centering on the ministry and work of reconciliation that is revealed to us in Christ we will focus on a different aspect of reconciliation each week with prayer, personal testimony, worship, and communion.

- **March 4th:** Experiencing reconciliation in your own life.
- **March 11th:** Experiencing reconciliation in your relationships.
- **March 18th:** Experiencing reconciliation with your neighbor.
- **March 25th:** Experiencing reconciliation in the Church.
- **April 1st:** Experiencing reconciliation in the world.

### LITTLE FOOD PANTRY & BLESSING CABINET

*Old Mother Hubbard  
Went to the Cupboard,  
To give the poor Dog a bone;  
When she came there,  
The Cupboard was bare,  
And so the poor Dog had none.*

This English nursery rhyme is sweet but hunger is not! Unfortunately our Little Food Pantry and Blessing Cabinet are very popular and we are having a hard time keeping them full!

Please consider helping us stock them. I have become addicted to stocking these shelves. Every time I am at the grocery store, I find great deals and buy for the pantries. Ready to eat meals, canned meats, combinations of pasta and meat sauce, fruits and vegetables, protein bars and hygiene products are just a few examples of what we want to fill our shelves.

Thank you for supporting our Mission!

Living Christ Call to Love and Serve All!

Gretchen Kueter, Outreach Team Liaison





Megan Appleby	3/01	William Rowley	3/14
Evelyn Rose-Tolstedt	3/01	Janell Klein	3/14
Karin Kragenbrink	3/01	Grace Weber	3/14
Carson Tart	3/01	Samuel Barajas	3/15
Kayla Borchert	3/01	Mark Quade	3/15
Erin Hanson	3/02	Ruth Guler	3/15
Tim Larsen	3/02	Alfred Cordes	3/16
Gary Cording	3/03	Alan Henricks	3/16
Thomas Larsen	3/03	Sophia Brauhn	3/17
Rick Biedermann	3/03	Erich Moeller	3/17
Keith Stocks	3/03	DD Bowman	3/18
Shonagh Giere	3/03	Craig Homan	3/18
Brody Rice	3/04	Tony Zuccaro	3/19
Elliott Wagner	3/04	Diane Lichti	3/19
Dustin Quade	3/05	James Stierman	3/19
Joseph Pieper	3/05	Lexi Schuster	3/20
Katelyn Pergande	3/06	Marlee Tart	3/20
May Persaud	3/06	Leah Lindecker	3/21
Matt Galusha	3/06	Emily Wild	3/21
Elliott Zozaya	3/07	Tony Quinn	3/21
Mike Nolan	3/07	Christopher Bode	3/22
Peter Moldenhauer	3/07	Sara Metz	3/23
Marcia Bierman	3/07	Fredric Brass	3/23
Kim Grant	3/07	Carol Easler	3/23
Cathy Weber	3/08	Milli Walen	3/24
Lenore Howard	3/08	Kristin Page	3/25
Shelly Gessner	3/08	Natalie Meyer	3/25
Baylor Kivlahan	3/09	Janet Kelsch	3/25
David Studier	3/09	Deb Herburger	3/26
Megan Block	3/09	Gabriella Roling	3/26
Ethan Lembke	3/10	Marc Bierman	3/27
Emily Bierman	3/11	Carol Baumann	3/27
Logan Knobbe	3/11	DeLano Cain	3/27
Marie Ernster	3/11	Joan Dahlquist	3/28
Carrie Lohrmann	3/11	Landon Montgomery	3/28
Cristin Fitzgerald (Day)	3/12	Josie Kilgore	3/28
Rose Tolzmann	3/13	Michael Wlochall	3/29
Max Naumann	3/13	Bonnie Brass	3/29
Neil Keith	3/13	David Kragenbrink	3/30
Everett Droessler	3/13	Lillian Dyehouse	3/30
Olivia Stoffel	3/13	Susan Kettering	3/30
Robert Lehmann	3/13	Carson Prehm	3/31

Donald and Ellen Lau 3/30

**SYNOD DELEGATES NEEDED**

Have you ever thought about what happens during the Northeastern Iowa Synod Assembly? Why not check it out this year! We are in need of 2 more delegates and 2 alternate delegates to attend the 2020 Assembly June 12-14, 2020 at Wartburg College in Waverly, Iowa. The theme this year is "Celebrating Renewal: Johannes Bugenhagen, Parish Pastor of the Reformation and the event includes an election for a new bishop as Bishop Ullestad is retiring. I recall one interested member shared their desire to attend but my apologies, I've misplaced the name! Please let me know if you're interested - thanks! Wendy Einsweiler, 815-541-9170.



**Rummage Sale - Coming Soon!**

It's time again to be thinking about boxing up all those items you have in your home that you no longer want or need. Please be sure all items are in good condition, have all parts available, and if electronic, it is in good working condition. **ONLY digital, cable-ready flat screen TV's or monitors will be accepted. No computers. No used cell phones. No outdated car or booster seats, No artificial Christmas tress of any size. Please pick up detailed listing in the church entry.**

We will start accepting donations Monday, 20 April until Wednesday, 22 April. Proceeds go to the youth summer trips and Family Ministry mission projects.

Watch for **signup sheets** in April, in the church entry, for setup and sale days. This is a big sale and many hands are needed to make it a success. Questions – contact Darrell Kalmes cell 920-344-6146 or Diane 920-344-6148.

**YOU AND YOUR SPIRITUAL GIFTS**

Have you wondered about what spiritual gifts are and how to know which ones you have? Kathy Lindenberg and Dan Wild are creating a team of curious members to bring a Spiritual Gifts assessment to HTLC members in 2020. If you'd like to be a part of the team to help our members understand spiritual gifts, find out what their own gifts are, and get excited about using those gifts in ministry, contact Dan at 563-663-4340 or Kathy at 563-590-5991 for more information.



**Thank you to all who joined us at the Noah's Ark Forum a few weeks ago. Kate Stierman, Board Chair, and I really enjoyed the opportunity to share about the growth and vision for Noah's Ark with so many congregation members. We look forward to more opportunities to bring the success of Noah's Ark to all of you. If you are the leader of any sort of group or bible study at HTLC, and you think your group would enjoy hearing our updates, please reach out. We would love to share about this ministry with as many people as we can!**

**We still have two openings in our summer program for children ages 3 through 7. You do not need to be currently enrolled at Noah's Ark to attend! Please help us spread the word!**

**Here are some February updates from each of the classrooms:**

### **Infant Monkey Room**

The Monkeys are practicing tummy time, love listening to music, and enjoy using the egg shakers. Of course there are lots of naps, feedings, and diaper changes, too! They have a new (but actually old!) Noah's Ark wall hanging for their classroom. We are incorporating high contrast colored picture cards into their tummy time routines as well as new sensory boards.

### **1 Year Old Bear Room**

The Bears have a new privacy mirror cube in their classroom. They love to climb in and see themselves in the mirror. They have been working on art skills with coloring and putting stickers on their papers. The children are back to moving the cribs for fun. It's a race to see who can move the cribs the fastest. They are also enjoying the magnet blocks and focus on pulling them apart and putting them back together. The new favorite task is dumping toys out and putting them away, just to do it again and again!

### **2 Year Old Hippo Room**

The Hippos have been working hard on picture word flash cards. They love to play with magnets, scarves, books, and puzzles. They invented a new, silly game where they turn out the lights and play in the dark for a bit. They think it is absolutely hilarious! The children also started working on making name books. They are carefully creating each page and are learning as they have fun making them. The Hippos love playing outside and getting pulled in the sleds. They made snow angels, used shovels, and built a mini snowman. Unfortunately nobody got to see their creation because it was knocked down soon after!

### **3 Year Old Lion Room**

The Lions talked about love, friendship, and sharing around Valentine's Day. They made friendship snack mix and friendship fruit salad. They used the experience to talk about how lots of different things added together can make something wonderful! They did drip-drop art to make beautiful hearts and practiced painting in the lines with a paper full of hearts. It took a lot of concentration and made our hallway so cheerful! The children had fun on the scooter boards in Big Room and figured out how to string them together to make a train. In chapel they learned about the boy Jesus in the temple and they sang "This Little Light of Mine" with Miss Sara. This is a very special time in the week for the children.

### **4 & 5 Year Old Giraffe Room**

The Giraffes participated in the Bridge to Reading Program. Together as a class they read a collection of ten stories and then they voted for their favorites. The story that received the most votes was "There's a Dragon in Your Book." The children loved getting to read so many new stories. One of the books was called "The Little Red Fort." After reading the story, they children got to make blanket forts! Their Valentine's celebration was so much fun. They took turns passing out their cards and goodies and had fun playing Valentine's Bingo. The 4 and 5 year old children work very hard at school.

**Noah's Ark is still looking to hire more substitute teachers! If you have a flexible schedule and love kids we would love to have you join our team!**

**We are also looking to hire a full time staff person to help us this summer with the summer program! This would be a great job for a teacher if you know of somebody looking for summer work!**

*Jenifer Montgomery  
Noah's Ark Director  
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Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Council  
Council Meeting Minutes  
February 8, 2020

**Attendance:** Council: Jonathan Brown, Adam Eikamp, Wendy Einsweiler, Tami Ernster, Michele Faubel, Gretchen Kueter, Pastor Josh Martyn, Pastor Derek Rosenstiel, Darrell Kalmes, Marlee Tart, Sue Tigges  
Absent: Terry Hoefflin , Lilly Hoefflin

President Sue Tigges called the meeting to order at 10:07AM.

Pastor Josh and Pastor Derek led the Council with a devotion.

President Sue reviewed the agenda, there were no changes. Darrell Kalmes moved to approve the agenda. Gretchen Kueter seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The January 21, 2020 and the February 4, 2020 Executive Committee Minutes were tabled until the March meeting as the new incoming council members had not read the January 21th minutes and the Feb 4<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee minutes were not completed.

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor Josh referred to his written report. He welcomed those who are new and those that are rejoining council. The office has been a bit crazy with the Office Manager position turning vacant. He is grateful for the slew of volunteers who have helped the office out by answering phones, and helping out where they can. He is also thankful for JoAnn for volunteering her time with the bulletins on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. He is excited to get a Parent Bible Study Group going in March. He did ask for some patience from the church, as they interview some wonderful candidates for the Office Manager position, and then get that person trained.

**Associate Pastor's Report:** Pastor Derek referred to his written report. He is excited that the Outreach committee has graciously welcomed him into their midst to try some new things in the coming year. He is planning on getting together a group to exercise in both mind and body. He is also looking at starting a devotion group. He is excited for all that is to come.

**Treasurer's Report:** Jonathan Brown handed out a summary for January 2020. Total Income for January was \$41,597.47 and total expenses were \$46,781.40. His report also included a summary of the consolidated and general operating funds.

**Financial Secretary Report** Marlee Tart is working on cleaning up some of the GL Entries and adding some income lines to make things more understandable.

**Old business:**

- Filling vacant Noah's Ark Council position – Pastor Josh is working on finding a person to fill this position.
- Shelves have been installed in the rear entryway of the church. The building and grounds committee is going to be taking the chair lift out the week of February 10<sup>th</sup>. It no longer works and they will be recycling it.

**New Business:**

- At the Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup> services, the council will be installed before the blessing at each service.
- Hiring of a New Office Manager – As of the meeting the office had received 9 applications. After reviewing them all, 2 were chosen to interview. Those interviews will happen the week of February 10<sup>th</sup>. The personnel committee and Pastor Josh will be conducting those interviews.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS & ACTION ITEMS**

**Personnel** The Personnel committee held some interviews for the Part Time AP Position and Lisa Borchert interviewed and was chosen to fill that position. Adam Eikamp moved to hire Lisa Borchert for the Part Time (around 20 hours a week) Accounts Payable Position. Sue Tigges seconded that motion. Motion Carried.

**Building and Grounds** Darrell Kalmes moved to improve the phones and improve the internet capabilities with the BTS proposal. There is a donation that would cover the initial install expenses. Marlee Tart seconded that motion. Motion Carried.

Darrell Kalmes moved for the building and grounds to use Westphal to remove and install new lights in the LFC. The cost would be covered by donated money. Wendy Einsweiler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Darrell Kalmes moved to turn the small restroom in the sacristy into a storage closet. This is due to being unable to find contractors willing to quote the repair work, and the inactivity of the restroom being used. Gretchen Kueter seconded that motion. Motion Carried.

**Worship** Terry Hoefflin was absent, Darrell Kalmes moved to approve the proposal from Key City Metal Works for a custom-fabricated dolly for the electric piano. The dolly is needed to raise the keyboard off of the floor when it is moved. Wendy Einsweiler seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**Fellowship** Vacant

**Stewardship** Wendy Einsweiler

**Outreach** Gretchen Kueter

**Family Ministry / Parish Ed.** Tami Ernster

**Noah's Ark** vacant

**Youth Liaison** Lilly Hoefflin (Absent)

**STAFF REPORTS** (written)

**Family Minister** Sara McCaw

[ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE none to report](#)

Communications to Committees:

1. AP Position Filled
2. Office Manager interviews
3. Building and Grounds Action Items
4. Worship Committee Action Item

President Sue Tigges moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:08AM. Gretchen Kueter seconded that motion. Motion carried. Communion was served and the Lord's Prayer was said.

Submitted by

Michele Faubel  
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Council Secretary

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**APRIL 2020 TIDINGS**

**ARTICLE DEADLINE:**

***March 20, 2020***

**Worship Times**

**SUNDAY 8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship**

features a mixture of pipe organ and piano and often choir, hand bells or brass ensemble

**SUNDAY 11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship**

features keyboard, acoustic or electric guitar, vocal ensemble and often percussion

**WEDNESDAY 5:30 p.m. Lenten Services**

through April 1st



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**March 8 - Bowling Outing**

**March 21 - Hunger Outreach Food Distribution**

**March 27 - Mystery Dinner Theater**

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