# 2021 YEARBOOK

A YEAR OF SPECIAL EVENTS, FELLOWSHIP, AND FUN AT TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH IN MASON CITY, IOWA





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# 2021 A YEAR IN REVIEW

### 2021

### JANUARY

- Third floor Conference Room completed
- Trinity Annual Meeting was January 31

- Sunday School was online with Douglas

- Livestreaming the 9:30 AM Services - No in-person worship

# **FEBRUARY**

- Saturday in-person worship resumes

- Healing Touch Ministries' room and office completed

- February 7 is Camp Sunday

- Lent theme is Listening Through Lent.

- Wellness Challenge begins - 40 Contacts in 40 Days

- Ash Wednesday Service with "Self Serve" Holy Communion / Imposition of Ashes was February 17

- Final Construction Walk Through Feb 19

# MARCH

- New Youth Room completed

- Midweek Organ Recital (Online) on March 10

- SoulCollage® Workshop on March 11

- Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday

- on March 28
- Holy Week in a Bag offered
- Easter Food Boxes distributed

# APRIL

- Holy Week continues through Easter Sunday - April 4

- Walk with Jesus' Last Words
- Sunday In-person worship resumes
- Pictorial Directory photos begin
- Jelly Bean Prayer gifts distributed
- Swimming in the Gospel of John
- begins with Rev. Burton Everist
- Trinity Bronze Bell Choir begins practice April 12

- Trinity starts Trinity Kids YouTube channel

- Trinity quilters shipped 37 school kits and 73 quilts to Lutheran World Relief

## MAY

- Outdoor worship begins May 16

- Trinity congregation builds Band Festival parade float and walks in the parade May 29

- Classy Crafters begin meeting
- We Are One sermon series begins

- Michelle Murray begins a new position

- as Connections Writer / Editor
- Dave Smith begins his position as Custodian

- May Anniversary Theme video released: *Courageous Mission & Service* - Robin Kime ends her position as interim Youth Director

# JUNE

- Baccalaureate Service held June 6 - Jane Wageman retires as Administrative Assistant to Communications

- Ashley Morrison begins her position as Administrative Assistant to Communications

- Northeastern Iowa Synod Assembly on June 12 - Pastor Kevin is elected as Bishop

- Vacation Bible School is June 16 & 17
- Mask mandate is lifted

- Worship services and Holy Communion resumes at local care facilities

- Matt Gender organizes Summer Choir

- June Anniversary Theme video released: Lifelong Learning

- Rejoicing Spirits meets in-person for the first time

- Men's Bible study begins meeting at Pies & More
- Women's Bible study resumes
- Semi Annual Meeting held June 27

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## JULY

- Bike to Church Sunday held July 11
- Share the Harvest returns to Trinity
- ELCA World Hunger Challenge Project
- Weekend held July 24 & 25
- Pedals, Pipes & Pizza held July 28
- Love the Sinner! Hate the Cliché?
- Summer sermon series
- Dan Rift, Director of ELCA World Hunger, visits Trinity
- July Anniversary Theme video released: Authentic Worship
- Gretchen Klemesrud ended her position as Custodian.
- Pastor Kathy hosts *Wine, Women & Word* Bible Study

# AUGUST

- Senior Summer Coffee Gathering held August 5
- Pastor Kevin's final weekend is August 13 &14
- 150th Anniv BBQ held August 22
- Matt Gender hosts two organ recitals
- titled Whirlwind and Fire & Light
- Mask mandate is reinstated
- Melissa Schoneberg from Habitat For Humanity is a special guest at services
- August Anniversary Theme video released: Radical Hospitality

# SEPTEMBER

- Ministry Fair held September 11 & 12
- Fall worship schedule and Sunday
- School begin September 12
- Wednesday Night Alive begins September 15 after a year off
- Prayer Shawl Picnic held Sep 21
- Bishop Installation Service held at
- Trinity September 25
- Pastoral Call search begins

- Emma Sjostrand begins her position as Custodian

- Trinity Staff begins new feature in Connection called Servant Spotlight
- Worship transportation and Home
- Communion Ministry returns
- 10th Grade Confirmation class
- confirmed on September 26
- 15 new members received

## OCTOBER

 Carol Dettmer begins her position as Director of Middle School Ministries
 Kristian Carlson begins his position as Director of Young Adult and High School Ministries

- Generosity Fall sermon series begins
- Trinity Begins rotating art exhibits
- October Anniversary Theme video
- released: Extraordinary Generosity
- 150th Anniversary Services and Celebratory Luncheon held October 31.

### NOVEMBER

- Scandinavian Bazaar is at Trinity!
- Rev. Nichalas March gives talk about the history of the Greek Church during Wednesday Night Alive
- 9th Grade Confirmation class confirmed November 14
- Advent begins with the theme
- Women of the Promise
- *Living our Laments* special worship service held for grieving people on November 30

### DECEMBER

- Scandinavian Bazaar proceeds totaled \$13,600, the largest amount ever recorded.
- Advent Cantata *Journey Round the Wreath* held December 4
- Holden Evening Prayer held on
- Wednesdays in December
- Christmas Tea held December 9, with special speaker Dee Stanton
- We Watch & Wait Sunday School program held December 12
- Christmas Eve Worship had four services with two of those livestreamed
- vices with two of those livestreamed
- Jim Magelssen retires from his
- Visitation Pastor position
- New pictorial directories finally arrive!



PASTOR DAN GERRIETTS SENIOR PASTOR I am about to do a new thing. Now it springs forth! Do you not perceive it? – Isaiah 43:19

For many of us, 2022 arrived with a mixture of weariness and hope. Weariness that we must start yet another year under the cloud of the pandemic and its challenges. But also hope – that life going forward is going to be significantly better, and that we will continue to regain a sense of safety and freedom and connection to each other.

It is good to hope. For we belong to a God who relishes hope and the chance to create new life, especially when no one is looking for it. Like in the midst of Israel's slavery in Egypt. Or when Judah was scattered in exile. Or in the tomb where Jesus' body lay. Across the ages, God has continually done new things that both surprise and delight those caught in weary, desperate situations, or who feel caught in the winds of change.

Each January, we pause at Trinity to look back at God's new life work and to prayerfully imagine where God is leading us in the coming year. 2021 was another year of unexpected joys and new beginnings for TLC – perhaps more so than any year in recent history:

- It was our first full year of online and hybrid ministries as an intentional strategy to expand our community of worship, learning, care and connection beyond in-person gatherings. While we still deeply value the importance of inperson gatherings, we have seen how God's healing love can reach hundreds of new people through these technologies, and even help them put down roots in our congregation.
- Despite the pandemic, we marked our 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with joyous gatherings, beautiful worship, fantastic meals and two successful mission projects with Habitat and ELCA World Hunger. It was a celebration worthy of Trinity's Servant Church legacy.

- Six new staff joined our team as we both adapted and added staff roles for a changing ministry. We said goodbye to Pastor Kevin Jones as he began his new call as our Bishop. And we began interviewing for our next associate pastor. We hope to have a candidate to present for congregational approval very soon.
- With the resumption of in-person activities last January, we were finally able to utilize our newly renovated building. What fun it has been to watch our congregation and wider community using these spaces, and to see how they have grown our ability to serve, connect and gather.

What new thing will God do in 2022? Trinity's leadership is exploring how our congregation might serve as an "anchor" for those churches in our region who seek revitalization or are unable to call pastoral leadership. We will keep serving the spiritual, emotional and physical needs of our community. And in light of our rapidly changing world, we will continue to draw on our past, keep faith in the present, and trust in God's future for us.

God has done remarkable things with and through us this past year. And Trinity's mission is vibrant and growing in a really challenging time for all churches. Thank you for taking part in this mission. And thank you for your trust in our God who makes all things new – our hope and our life!

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# 2021 A LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT



**JO PEARCE** 2021 PRESIDENT

As I sit down to write and reflect on the last year at Trinity Lutheran Church, I can't help but let my mind shift and think how Covid 19 has changed everything. To think it started in March of 2020 and we are now in January of 2022 and we are still wondering how long will it last. But one thing I do know is that we have and will continue to get through it together as a family.

COVID19, we as a congregation are very fortunate to have many highlights to reflect upon throughout the past year. We had challenges, but the positives were plentiful. Let's start with

Even with



MARY CHARLSON & JO PEARCE

the T150 Construction project which was completed. What a great feeling that was. Trinity's anniversary float in the North Iowa Band Festival Parade. Then on to the ELCA World Hunger Challenge Project Weekend. The 150th Anniversary Block Party was a wellattended event, which included an outdoor concert & BBQ. In September Trinity members helped with the Habit for Humanity Challenge. Also, in September our newly elected Bishop Kevin Jones was installed and a reception was May God's peace be with you, held after the installation. What a wonderful celebration this was. The weekend of October 31st the 150th Anniversary Celebration Worship was held with dinner afterward. What an amazing time to celebrate. In November Trinity's Scandinavian Bazaar was back in the church for the first time in a few years. These are just a few of the highlights of

2021.

It truly has been an honor for me to have been on council for the past three years. And to my fellow council members, I am thankful that you responded yes and accepted to serve as leaders of this congregation. I would also like to express my gratitude to the many people who said yes to serve this past year on the various committees, cabinets,

> and to the countless volunteers, it really does take a village. I am grateful to our pastors and church staff for all the ways they lead and guide our church. I ask for evervone's prayers as Roger Schlitter steps into the role of President of the congregation and to

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continue to bless our pastors and

church staff. We are blessed to have an amazing church family.

Unfortunately, we do not have a crystal ball to see what 2022 will bring but I am confident it will be a memorable one as in the years past.

I will leave with this... God has & will continue to carry us through everything and we are stronger together than by ourselves.

#### Jo Pearce

# 2021 OUR MISSION

## COURAGEOUS MISSION & SERVICE

Our mission to be a servant church continued in 2021 through the dedication and creative responses of Trinity members and staff. Here is a snapshot of the year.



HEALING TOUCH MINISTRY



LYDIA CIRCLE MAKES CARDS & ORNAMENTS







TRINITY'S MINISTRIES COMMITTEE ORGANIZES THE EASTER FOOD BOXES



PRAYER SQUARES CRAFTING TAUGHT IN WORKSHOP





**REJOICING SPIRITS WORSHIP** 

PRAYER SHAWLS DISTRIBUTED TO GRADUATING CLASS

# 2021 OUR MISSION

# EXTRAORDINARY GENEROSITY



TRINITY TAKES ON ANNIVERSARY CHALLENGE PROJECTS



HEALTH CABINET PROVIDED CARE BAGS TO MERCY

TRINITY HELPS AT COMMUNITY KITCHEN HERE IN MASON CITY



BACKPACK & TOILETRY DRIVES





MISSION MINISTRY AT VACCINE CLINIC



QUILTS DONATED TO LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

Thank You for your continued help with Trinity Lutheran Church's mission!



WORSHIP SERVICES WITH COMMUNION RESUME AT LOCAL CARE FACILITIES

# 2021 FINANCIALS

**FINANCIALS** 

ASSETS				
AS OI	F DE	CEMBER 31, 202	20	
Cash	\$	818,370		
Investments	\$	2,897,102		
Total Cash/Invest			\$	3,715,472
Property and Equipment	\$	7,912,291		
Total Property			\$	7,912,291
Total Assets			\$	11,627,763
LIABILITIES & NETWORTH	н			
Liabilities	\$	1,444,813		
Total Liabilities			\$	1,444,813
Without Donor Restriction	\$	7,992,397		
With Donor Restriction	\$	2,190,553		
Total Equity			\$	10,182,950
Total Liabilities and Ne	et Wo	orth	\$	11,627,763

### SUMMARY OF INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT AS PROVIDED AT THE SEMI ANNUAL MEETING, JUNE 27, 2021

We have reviewed the financial statements of Trinity Lutheran Congregation, which comprise the statements of financial position as of December 31, 2020 and 2019, and the related statements of activities and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements. Based on our reviews, we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the accompanying financial statements in order for them to be in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

SCHUPICK & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 13 North Federal Mason City, Iowa 50401

# 2021 150TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

### **CELEBRATE!**



From a BBQ Block Party to a Habitat for Humanity Build to a celebration culminating the year Trinity turned 150, there was something for everyone to commemorate Trinity's big birthday. Even throughout the pandemic, creative ways were found to carry on with the anniversary celebration.

Overall, the anniversary challenge offering benefiting ELCA World Hunger and Habitat for Humanity of North Iowa surpassed the \$15,000 goal with nearly \$20,000 in gifts. The celebration culminated in late October Sunday morning church services with "Trinity's Own" Bishop Kevin Jones preaching, the introduction of a newly commissioned hymn by Elaine Hagenberg, beautiful music galore adding to the festivities, and an anniver-

sary banquet and program featuring greetings from eight former Trinity pastors.

BY MICHELLE MURRAY





# 2021 CONGREGATIONAL CHANGES

### 2020

OUR CONGREGATION

# Membership: 3,206

Increases		Decreases	
By Baptism	15	By Death	36
By Transfer	29	By Transfer	25

Total Increases 44 Total Decreases 61

### 2021

# Membership: 3,189

### **BAPTISMS**

George Henry Edward Steele Bennett Joseph Cookman Rory Ann Van Horn Everett Irvin Hilton Kyren Jase Esquivel Landon James Harris Haven Marie Dockum Virginia Renea Swank Harrison James Stewart Mina Stephanie Kay Mejia Wyen Reid Rosengren Chase Anthony Young Rowan Elise Brierly Arthur Patrick Rogers Bellamy Esther Sanchez

### DEATHS

John (Jack) Hood Carolyn "Joyce" Konigsmark Edwin McDaniel Donald Sage Dola Shannon Arlo Movick **Douglas Freudenberg** Robert McFarland John Schmidt Larry Potter Jeanette Studt Donna Spurbeck **Diane Zuehlke** Brenda Sherman Tim Stoltenberg Irene Hanson Ralph Stricker Elaine Harman Karen Hurd Jerrold "Jerry" Eide Marj Bruland William Paulsen **Bethel Fahrenholtz** Margaret Van Horn Judy Macken Norma Ostmo Myrt Tapps Marie Thomas Angie Hansen Betty Lou Schneider Leslie 'Les' Graversen Nancy Gabel Bryan Ones Charles 'Chuck' Nichol Sandy Haubrich Don Benjegerdes

### **NEW MEMBERS**

Gina Napoletano Clinger Craig and Eileen Pross Susan Price Saylor Brett and Kelliann Alden Tonya Brunsvold Rev. Joel & Renee Dahlen

Ben Hansen Nathan Hunt Abby Koch Mark and Tavi LeDuc, (*Kennedy & Bennett*) Bruce and Jeanette Long Tom Thoma Rich and Deidra Rattay, (*Jaxson, Raina & Ranger*) Marlene Beenken Mike and Lynn Brown Rev. Jack and Ann Gannett

# 2021 WEEKLY WORSHIP

### WORSHIP STATS



This ministry has reached countless people in North Iowa and far beyond some of whom have even joined Trinity's life and mission, and making this congregation their spiritual home.

### **AVERAGE WEEKLY IN-PERSON WORSHIP\***

April 11 to Aug 22 = 193 (Services at 5 p.m. and 9 a.m.)

Aug. 22 to Sept. 5 = 220 (Services at 5 p.m., 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.)

**Sept. 12 to Dec. 26 = 392** (Services at 5:00 p.m., 8:15 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. and Sunday School)

### **AVERAGE WEEKLY ONLINE WORSHIP\***

Average Weekly Online Worship = 1,693\*

\*includes Facebook and YouTube livestream views/downloads over one week following each service

Services watched from 23 Countries

Total minutes watched via Facebook Livestream **351,600 Minutes** 

Total worship views on Facebook / YouTube in 2021 = 44,027

# 2021 CHURCH LEADERSHIP

### TRINITY PASTORS

Dan Gerrietts Senior Pastor

Kathy Graves Pastor of Spiritual Care

### **COUNCIL OFFICERS**

Jo Pearce, President Roger Schlitter, President Elect Leslie Dahlen, Vice President Anne Zook, Secretary Mark Lehmann, Treasurer

### **COMMITTEES**

#### **BUILDINGS & GROUNDS**

Paul Charlson Randy Elsbernd Pam Fike Sam Hunt Derek Schlitter Pat Marshall Gary Wattnem

#### **EDUCATION**

Harlan Baack Krystal Bolinger Carol Dettmer Marty Greder Tiffany Heuer Cheryl Fritz Kevin Jones

#### FINANCE

Tracy Anderson Pam Fike Gary Lindgren Ron Moeller Joy Olson John Rowe Kim Pang

#### GENEROSITY

Scott Boyle Tracy Farland Dan Gerrietts Scott Hermanson Linda Hunt Stacy Patteron Travis Patterson

### MINISTRIES

Penny Bennett Dan Gerrietts Lisa Lorenzen

### **COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Brian Carlson, Buildings and Grounds Colleen Frein, Education Jim Paape, Finance Bob Mason, Ministries Liz Fitzgerald, Generosity Cliff Rossler, Worship & Music Margie Steinberg, Youth &Family

#### **MINISTRIES (CONT)**

Craig Remmen Rhonda Smith Gwen Suntken Cynthia Zach

### PERSONNEL

Leslie Dalen Tom Dettmer Krystal Erickson Pam Fike Dan Gerrietts Roger Schlitter Dave Versteeg

#### STUDENT AID /SCHOLARSHIP

Ron Bloxham Pam Fike Jan Feustel Kevin Jones Ron Moeller Su Oertel David Stine

#### WORSHIP

Tom Dettmer Britta Elsbernd Julie Farland Matt Gender Molly Gerrietts Melissa Shallberg Warren Torkelson

### YOUTH & FAMILY

Nichole Clausen Kevin Jones Katie Klemesrud Katie Lindsay Jen Mobley Erin Peterson Kelsey Spotts

# 2021 CHURCH LEADERSHIP

### **TRINITY STAFF**

Kristian Carlson Director of Young Adult & High School Youth

**Carol Dettmer** Director of Middle School Ministries

Becky Elsbernd Parish Nurse

Pam Fike Parish Administrator

Marty Greder Director of Education

Matt Gender Director of Music

### Betsy Kirby Director of Contemporary Worship

Lou Ann Rossler Administrative Assistant to Congregation Life

#### Ashley Morrison Administrative Assistant to Communications

Michelle Murray Connections Writer / Editor

> Dave Smith Custodian

Emma Sjostrand Custodian

### **CABINETS**

### ADULT MINISTRIES

Mike Baker Susan Bangert Jean Bloxham Ron Bloxham Patty Flatness Cathy Gomez Kathy Graves Kris Latham Nancy Nelson

HEALTH MINISTRIES Becky Elsbernd Mark Feustel Kevin Hendrikson

### **STAFF CHANGES**

Michelle Murray began a new position as Connections Writer / Editor in May



Ashley Morrison began her position as Administrative Assistant to Communications in June



Dave Smith began his

position as Custodian

in May

Gretchen Klemesrud ended her position as Custodian in July



Pastor Kevin Jones ended his position as Pastor of Spiritual Growth in August

SERVANT (CONT) John Welch LaVonne Welch

#### WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Mary Charlson Becky Dettmer Heather Englin Liz Fitzgerald Carmen Humburg Becky Miller Julie Sanchez Sheila Swift Kathy Graves



 
 Robin Kime ended her position as Interim Youth Director in May
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Emma Sjostrand began her position as Custodian in September



Carol Dettmer began her position as Director of Middle School Ministries in October



**HEALTH MINISTRIES (CONT)** 

Ellie Koester

Sharon Magelssen

Amie Otto

Rachel Paulus

Jake Schweitzer

Karen Squier

Linda Vold

SERVANT

Dan Gerrietts

Amy Jones

Carmen Loveland

Ann Meyer

Tanya Rowe

Kristian Carlson began his position as Director of Young Adult & High School Ministries in October



Jim Magelssen retired from his position as Visitation Pastor in December



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# 2021 DAILY MINISTRY

**MINISTRY** 

### **PLEDGE COMMITMENTS**

	2020	2021	2022
Number of Households Pledged	258	208	226
Total Dollars Pledged	\$660,018	\$576,821	\$596,136
Average Pledge per Household	\$2,558	\$2,773	\$2,638

# INCOME

	2021 Budget	2021 Actual	2022 Budget
Offerings	\$1,033,850	\$996,676	\$1,033,650
Loose Offerings	\$20,000	\$16,290	\$20,000
Trust Income	\$71,000	\$72,353	\$89,425
Other	\$12,275	\$8,529	\$12,175
Total Income	\$1,137,125	\$1,093,848	\$1,155,250

### **EXPENSES**

	2021 Budget	2021 Actual	2022 Budget
Buildings and Grounds	\$98,500	\$89,146	\$98,500
Missions	\$166,100	\$178,363	\$166,100
Education	\$5,475	\$2,735	\$5,475
Finance	\$18,550	\$23,064	\$19,550
Ministries	\$12,320	\$12,611	\$12,270
Payroll	\$827,332	\$724,978	\$839,769
Generosity	\$1,100	\$127	\$3,600
Worship	\$12,000	\$11,767	\$10,775
Youth and Family	\$3,800	\$3,091	\$3,800
Total Expense	\$1,145,177	\$1,045,882	\$1,159,839
Income Less Expense	(\$8,052)	\$47,966	(\$4,589)



# 2021 MISSION OUTREACH

**OUTREACH** 

### **COMMUNITY SUPPORT**

Community Kitchen Hawkeye Harvest Food Bank KCMR Radio Community Support from Bazaar <b>Total Community</b>	\$ \$ \$ <b>\$</b>	780 2,082 17,631 7,500 <b>27,993</b>
PARTNER SUPPORT		
Habitat for Humanity Lutheran Social Services Riverside Lutheran Bible Camp Welfare Fund Partner Support from Bazaar	\$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$	11,288 5,000 2,000 8,612 1,500
Total Partner	\$	28,400

# **MISSION SUPPORT**

ELCA Disaster Relief	\$ 15,310
ELCA Mission Support	\$ 126,721
ELCA World Hunger	\$ 35,198
Mission Support from Bazaar	\$ 3,600

Total Mission \$ 180,829

### **YOUTH MISSION SUPPORT**

Boy Scouts College Scholarships Seminary Scholarships UNI Campus Ministry Waldorf University	\$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$	500 60,500 8,250 600 1,000
Yth Mission Support from Bazaar	•	500
Total Youth	\$	71,350

# SAVE THE DATE

March 2 Ash Wednesday (Services 1:30 PM & 6:30 PM)

March 9 - April 6 Midweek Lenten Services (Wednesdays)

> April 14 Maundy Thursday (Services 1:30 PM & 6:30 PM)

> > April 15 Good Friday (Service 6:30PM)

April 16 Easter Vigil (Service 5:00 PM)

April 17 Easter Sunday (Services 8:15 AM, 9:30 AM, and 10:45 AM) May 29 - September 4 Outdoor Worship Begins (Service 9:00 AM)

June 13 - 16 Day Camp / Vacation Bible School

July 23 - 28 ELCA National Youth Gathering

> September 11 Rally Sunday Indoor Worship Begins

October 30 Confirmation Sunday

November 3 Scandinavian Bazaar

December 24 Christmas Eve (Services 1:30 PM, 4:00 PM, 5:30 PM, & 10:30 PM)



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