

# Trinity News

**January 2021**

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## Mission Statement

**Grow Faith,  
Serve God,  
Love Others**



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*"Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord." – (Luke 2:10-11)*

### Dear People of Trinity,

The words of the heavenly angel are still echoing in our ears, and already we are starting to think of the new year and the business of the weeks to come. Yes, this is a year we will be glad to put behind us. It has been a great challenge and many of us have endured more than our share of hardships. We will be happy to move on. But the transition to the new year will still be overshadowed by coronavirus concerns. Yes, vaccines are on the way, but it will take many months for us to regain a semblance of normalcy. In the meantime, we will carry on, try to keep one another safe and do the things that best fulfill our mission as God's people in this place.

One of the first things that will look very different in the new year is our annual meeting. Trinity's Constitutional Bylaws say that "the date and time of the annual meeting of this congregation shall be the third Sunday in January, following Worship service." We have no choice about that. Whether we are back to worshiping in person or still online only, we will meet that day, when we are done with worship. At best, I believe we will have to figure out a hybrid means of being together – some people being in the building; others joining online. If we are still doing our worship remotely, then we will have to develop a way for everyone to gather electronically.

The most important aspect for holding a "remote" (electronic only) or "hybrid" (in-person and electronic) meeting is the issue of hearing and speaking. Every person must be able to hear what is said and be able to speak if they desire to do so. Some people may also be able to see and be seen, but that is not so important. I'm writing to you about this now because this may take some planning and effort by everyone to make it happen. The council will need to develop a plan that will include all our voting members. This will certainly involve Zoom, which we have learned to use for our online worship, but only if you have a computer with a working microphone and a good set of speakers. If you are without a microphone, you will need to find a way to make yourself heard. That may mean putting together a conference telephone call in parallel with the Zoom connection. Then participants can call in and listen and speak, with our designated technicians making sure that everyone can hear what is being said.

We will also have to figure out voting. Voice votes won't be so difficult, but ballot voting will take some real thought, especially if we are to maintain anonymity. I trust that someone will come up with a way for this to work. It may mean putting the meeting into recess for a period of time, so that ballots can be mailed in or dropped off at the office; then reconvened at a later date. Already, our synod is talking about having a "remote" assembly, which will include the election of a bishop, stretched over two consecutive weekends for the sake of being able to effectively do all our business.

However we decide to do this, we will want everyone to have the opportunity to participate in the meeting. We need at least 50 people for a quorum. So, stay tuned for the all the pertinent information. We'll get it out to you as soon as it becomes available! Then, help us out by planning how you will attend and participate!

Peace Be with You, **Pastor Art**

**The Annual Congregational Meeting  
of Trinity Lutheran Church of Benson, MN  
will be held on Sunday, January 17, 2021,  
immediately following the morning worship.**

# Trinity Lutheran Church Council Minutes December 2, 2020

## *Grow Faith, Serve God, Love Others*

**Welcome** by President Brian McNeill at 7:01 pm. Members present by Zoom were Diane Schuerman, Jodee Erickson, Laura Hulterstrum, Toni Lindstrom, Adam Kolander, Jason Heinzig, Jason Anderson, and Becky Woitte. Also present were Pastor Art and Treasurer Bill Hoberg.

**Devotions** by Pastor Art. He shared a presentation on Christmas, Christ and COVID by Eric D. Barreto.

**Pastor's Report.** Pastor Art made 24 parish visits by phone, computer or in-person plus had many text messages and email conversations. He had two hospital visits by phone. Pastor Art confirmed three students individually on 11-22-2020. Pastor Art held one teaching session, one baptism, and two online confirmation classes. There were no weddings, or counseling sessions. Pastor officiated for one funeral/burial held at the Benson City Cemetery. Pastor Art led two Sunday worship services in-person and on Zoom simultaneously; and, two Sundays and one midweek service on Zoom only. Four services were broadcast on the radio and five services posted on Facebook. Pastor Art had a half day of continuing education and took no sick leave or vacation. Pastor Art will be conducting two baptisms with family only. Brenda will videotape them for broadcast on Zoom the following Sunday. Pastor Art would like to take the week between Christmas and New Year's Day as vacation. The Council was in agreement on Pastor Art taking the vacation. He will be present for worship but will use a sermon prepared by Pastor Grady St. Dennis of Gustavus Adolphus College. There is no cost to the church for use of this sermon.

**Additions to the Agenda:** None.

**Reports:**

**Secretary Becky Woitte.** The November council minutes were reviewed and approved by email.

**Financial Secretary Pam Anderson.** Motion by Becky to approve with second by Laura. Motion carried.

**Treasurer Bill Hoberg.** November envelope giving was \$8,744.70. Total income with memorial, loose offering and transfer was \$10,004.70. Total expenses were \$11,508.46. Checking account balance is \$18,644.63. Bill filled out the paperwork at First Security Bank for the Paycheck Protection Program loan to be forgiven. Motion by Jason A. to approve with second by Jodee. Motion carried.

**Committee Reports:**

**Board of Education and Youth.** Did not meet. Committee has emailed back and forth. Superintendent Jamie Moe will continue what she is doing with the Sunday School.

**Outreach and Community Relations/B.A.C.K. Program.** Did not meet.

**Property and Grounds.** Thank you to Rick Hoffman for cleaning up brush and fallen down tree limbs around the parsonage. Jason A. purchased tools and a toolbox for the church with memorial money from Diane Schuerman in memory of David Schuerman. Jason will mark the tools with "TLC". There is approximately \$60 left for additional purchases. Craig's has been contacted for servicing the furnaces. One of our furnaces may not be working as there is a odor coming from it. Craig's has a couple of options on COVID filters. Fascia still needs to be put up on the north side of the church. Jason A. hasn't done a lot of research on pricing of the fascia.

**Stewardship and Finance.** The

committee started the budget process for 2021 and will continue to meet.

**Worship and Music.** The committee met on December 1. The recommendation of the committee is that online Zoom services only continue through the end of December. The committee wants to continue with the council-approved digital newsletters only and paper to those who request it or have no email starting in January. The committee compared the cost of bulk mailing to the cost of copy machine rental based on the number of copies run off, toner, and 8½ x 14 sheets of paper. From what was determined, the cost is very close to the same as continuing with bulk mailing of the newsletter to everyone. The church secretary is having an issue with emails being "bounced back". The committee will research the issue and look at possibly changing the church email account to a Gmail one if our current account does not work properly. In checking with Backstreet Media, the issue may be including too many email addresses in one email. The committee is asking for volunteers to videotape themselves or a family member reading the Christmas story and singing hymns for a service. The committee prepared their yearly report for the annual meeting. The Council agreed with their previous motion to have digital only newsletters starting in January. Newsletters will be mailed to those with no email or who wish to receive them.

**Shout Out** - Special music from Shelly Mikkelson and Candyce Sowers for their two piano duets, Shelly Mikkelson for her solo, and Peggy Cameron for her solo; Jamie Moe for her work with the Sunday School.

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## NOVEMBER 2020 INCOME

ENVELOPE OFFERING	\$ 8,744.70
LOOSE	\$ 10.00
GENERAL MEMORIAL	\$ 250.00
BANK OF WEST (Community Outreach)	<u>\$ 1,000.00</u>
NOVEMBER INCOME	<u>\$10,004.70</u>

### ***INCOME COMPARISON***

YTD 2020 (4,492.00 to Team Promise, 1,000 to WELCA, 2,500 from WELCA for lighting, 3,000 Roofing, 500 Hospital remembrance, 2,997.00 Thrivent, 20,800 Loan/grant, 200 rent)	\$ 154,301.87
YTD 2019 (Rock 1181.501300 Team Promise 291.81 Landscaping 1446. Lighting)	\$ 141,069.95
(Trust 27,846.56, from Savings 168,354.75 & \$8,000)	\$ 345,271.30

### **MEMORIALS/GIFTS RECEIVED**

In Memory of David Schuerman on his birthday  
 \$250.00      Tool box & tools for Trinity

#### **SAVINGS ACCOUNT (First Security)**

ALTAR FUND	\$ 1,029.91
HANDBELLS	\$ 773.73
LIBRARY FUND	\$ 808.00
MEMORIAL FUND	\$ 1,500.08
MUSIC FUND	\$ 417.94
PARKING LOT FUND	\$ 3,258.50
SUNDAY SCHOOL/VBS FUND	\$ 2,509.51
TEAM PROMISE	\$ 2,604.00
VIDEO PROJECT	\$ 1,582.21
ROCK	\$ 163.00
BUILDING FUND	\$ 303.00
INTEREST	<u>\$ 32.52</u>
BALANCE TO DATE	\$ 16,332.40

#### **SAVINGS ACCOUNT (Bank of the West)**

BUILDING & GROUNDS	
Furniture	\$ 11,059.85
COMMUNITY OUTREACH	
Global	\$ 10,726.52
Local (-1,000.00)	\$ 11,623.11
EMERGENCY	\$ 21,345.59
MARKETING	\$ 3,196.59
TRANSPORTAION	\$ 14,170.56
INTEREST (+ 16.97)	<u>\$ 856.56</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$ 72,978.78</u>

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*Tithe.ly response – There has been 4 people/envelopes that used this in the month of November. Deposits from Tithe.ly totaled \$ 289.70 for November. (This is reflected in envelope giving)*

## Income & Expense- Budget vs. Actual

January through November 2020

	Jan - Nov 20	Budget	% of Budget
<b>Income</b>			
Offering	109,998.00	161,000.00	68.3%
Transfers	20,794.42		
Other	23,509.45		
<b>Total Income</b>	<u>154,301.87</u>	<u>161,000.00</u>	<u>95.8%</u>
<b>Expense</b>			
<b>Regular Expenses</b>			
<b>Payroll Expenses</b>			
Organist	3,663.97	4,065.00	90.1%
Secretary	9,539.56	10,600.00	90.0%
Custodian	1,764.06	5,128.00	34.4%
Payroll Taxes Church	1,080.05	1,514.00	71.3%
Pastor	58,074.50	63,354.00	91.7%
Mileage	232.31	2,400.00	9.7%
Pension and Related	18,805.60	20,717.00	90.8%
Health Savings Account	1,100.00	1,200.00	91.7%
Pulpit Supply	160.00	480.00	33.3%
Continuing Education	560.00	750.00	74.7%
<b>Total Payroll Expenses</b>	<u>94,980.05</u>	<u>110,208.00</u>	<u>86.2%</u>
<b>Utilities</b>			
Light & Water Parsonage	1,107.80	1,300.00	85.2%
Light & Water Church	3,098.74	5,000.00	62.0%
Telephone Church	1,474.06	1,600.00	92.1%
Fuel Parsonage	454.44	750.00	60.6%
Fuel Church	2,723.22	4,500.00	60.5%
Garbage	534.66	800.00	66.8%
<b>Total Utilities</b>	<u>9,392.92</u>	<u>13,950.00</u>	<u>67.3%</u>
<b>Other Expenses</b>			
Conference Dues & Registration	130.00	1,100.00	11.8%
Mowing and Related	1,650.00	1,650.00	100.0%
Snow Removal and Related	718.75	1,750.00	41.1%
<b>Commitment</b>			
Bible Camp	500.00	500.00	100.0%
Commitment - Other	8,500.00	8,500.00	100.0%
<b>Total Commitment</b>	<u>9,000.00</u>	<u>9,000.00</u>	<u>100.0%</u>
Library	180.67	300.00	60.2%
Insurance	5,444.00	5,500.00	99.0%
Workmans Comp Insurance	0.00	1,100.00	0.0%
Church Supplies	4,976.26	7,000.00	71.1%
Sunday School Supplies	0.00	1,800.00	0.0%
Music	0.00	900.00	0.0%
Postage	645.00	950.00	67.9%
Maintenance	8,508.03	6,000.00	141.8%
R.O.C.K. Ministries	47.29	200.00	23.6%
<b>Total Other Expenses</b>	<u>31,300.00</u>	<u>37,250.00</u>	<u>84.0%</u>
<b>Total Regular Expenses</b>	<u>135,672.97</u>	<u>161,408.00</u>	<u>84.1%</u>
<b>Misc Exp (Transfers)</b>			
TEAM PROMISE	3,186.40		
Video System	2,463.42		
Healing Garden	89.56		
Hunger	920.00		
Food Shelf	325.00		
Missions	2,980.00		
Transfer for Flowers	283.70		
Misc	13,593.75		
<b>Total Misc Exp (Transfers)</b>	<u>23,841.83</u>		
<b>Total Expense</b>	<u>159,514.80</u>	<u>161,408.00</u>	<u>98.8%</u>
<b>Net Income</b>	<u>-5,212.93</u>	<u>-408.00</u>	<u>1,277.7%</u>

Checking Balance 11-30-2020 18,644 <sup>63</sup>

## ZOOM ATTENDANCE

Date	Log in	Possible People
11/25		30
11/29		72
12/06	41	76
12/13	35	64
12/20	39	76
12/24	42	113

## SHOUT OUT

The Trinity Council would like to recognize members who give of their time and talents to our church. Each month we will feature one or two volunteers and/or groups of volunteers in this area of the newsletter. If there is someone you would like to recognize, please contact Jodee Erickson in person or by email [claypony@hotmail.com](mailto:claypony@hotmail.com) and tell us what they are doing. We are not able to recognize everyone all at once, but you could be next.

This month we give a big hardy **Shout Out** to:

**Jamie Moe** - Thank you for sending Sunday School lessons to our congregation's children and their families each Sunday through e-mail. We appreciate your time and dedication in providing a wonderful way to have Sunday School in a difficult time!

**Special Music** - Thank you to Shelly Mikkelson, Candyce Sowers and Peggy Cameron for sharing your talent in the month of November.

Thank you Shelly and Candyce for playing two piano duets "How Great Thou Art" and "Surely the Presence of God is in This Place", Shelly for your solo "Giver of the Heartbeat" and Peggy for your solo "Give Thanks". Each song is a meaningful addition to the worship service!

## STATISTICAL CHANGE

### Births

12/16- Kanan Zachary  
James Johnson son of Zack & Teri Johnson  
12/23-Laurel Everly  
Anderson daughter of Ryan & Sara (Schuerman) Anderson

### Baptism:

12/6 Elliott Laura  
Ascheman daughter of Brandon & Laura (Crabb) Ascheman  
12/13 McKenna Jo  
Hoffman, daughter of Garrett & Nicole Hoffman

### Sympathies to:

- Ron Woitte brother, Duane Woitte of Moline, Illinois, passed away 12/2.  
- Nathan (Emily) Ascheman & Brandon (Laura) Ascheman on the death of their Grandfather, Dale Dahl. He passed away on 12/2.

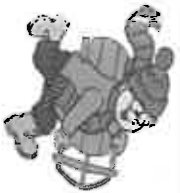


## *Tis the season of giving!*

The ministry at Trinity is made possible by the generous support of its members. Thank you! As we move forward, we encourage our church family to take advantage of the following ways to give:

1. Mail donations to the church office: 700 Nevada Avenue, Benson, MN 56215
2. Drop donations at the church office.
3. Donate online by going to [trinitybenson.org](http://trinitybenson.org) and click on GIVE.

# HAPPY New Year!



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3 8:30-KBMO AM 1290 9:00-Zoom Worship	4	5	6 5:30-Confirmation 7:00-Council meeting	7	8	9 3:00-Baptism
10 8:30-KBMO AM 1290 9:00-Zoom Worship	11	12	13 3:00-ROCK 5:30-Confirmation	14 	15	16
17 8:30-KBMO AM 1290 9:00-Zoom Worship 10:00-Annual Meeting	18 Newsletter Articles due	19	20 5:30-Confirmation	21	22	23 David Tweten & Samantha Dokken Wedding
24 8:30-KBMO AM 1290 9:00-Zoom Worship	25	26 8:30-Volunteers for newsletter	27 5:30-Confirmation	28	29	30
31 8:30-KBMO AM 1290 9:00-Zoom Worship						

# January 2021

## USHERS LIST 2021

### FEBRUARY

\*Tom Hollingsworth 843-2960  
Jerome Lysen 843-2268  
Daren Schuerman 567-2179  
Al Grussing 843-4017  
Jeff Anderson 320-766-0588

### MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES

Matt Moe 843-3604  
Robert Erdman 320-760-0893

### MARCH

\*Bruce Larson 320-760-2807  
Mark Erickson 320-766-6144  
Ben Overlie 320-808-1899  
Brett Hoffman 320-368-2855

### APRIL

\*Robert Hoberg 843-3117  
Chad Carroll 567-2309  
Kelly Aeikens 842-4530  
Marcus Goldenstein  
320-760-0375  
Chaden Carroll 567-2309

### MAY

\*Ron Woitte 320-241-3033  
Steven Petersen 843-2593  
Kurt Flegel 843-2887  
Jason Heinzig 952-797-4339

### JUNE

\*Jason Anderson 368-3114  
Rick Hoffman 843-4413  
Kelly Lindblad 843-4525  
Greg Gunderson 843-4380

### JULY

\*Nathan Pederson 843-3730  
Rod Benjamin 843-3115  
Jeff Reuss 320-808-8196  
Logan Flegel 843-2887

### AUGUST

\*Rob Anderson 843-3348  
Mark Schwarz 320-766-9058  
Ron Lundebrek 320-220\*3039  
Dale Luschen 843-4260

### SEPTEMBER

\* Mike Johnson 843-3027  
Brian McNeill 843-3053  
Roger Lindahl 843-4664  
Chuck Erickson 368-2891

### OCTOBER

\* Bill Hoberg 843-3988  
Craig Lindblad 314-2665  
Mark Grussing 842-4346  
Michael Hadfield 843-4367  
Sam Grussing 842-4346

### NOVEMBER

\*Darrell Davidson 843-3064  
Jerry Goff 843-3256  
Scott Huston 842-6909  
Charles Halvorson 567-2362

### DECEMBER

\* Mick Boone 843-2178  
Brock Duncan 843-4231  
Greg Tweten 843-3020  
Hans Helgense 842-4686  
Taylor Duncan 843-4231

### JANUARY 2022

\* Chad Payne 843-3908  
Pat Kellner 843-4941  
Robert Neuman 843-4557  
David Peterson 843-3419

### SUBSTITUTES

Jason Olson 320-567-2389  
Cory Anderson 320-760-9351  
Adam Kolander 507-840-0274  
Brandon Tweten 320-304-3828

### FUNERAL USHERING

Jerome Lysen 843-2268  
Tom Hollingsworth 843-3385  
Kelly Lindblad 843-4525  
Chad Payne 843-3908  
Darrell Davidson 843-3064  
Ron Woitte 320-241-3033

If Anyone would like  
to usher,  
we could use more help  
please call  
Darrell Davidson 843-3064 or  
Jerome Lyseon 843-2268, cell  
320-368-0599

\*indicates head usher for the  
month

# Narrative Lectionary Bible Readings

## Read This Week: (Dec. 27-Jan. 2)

Sunday, Simeon and Anna, Luke 2:21-38

Monday: Prophecy of Zechariah, Luke 1:67-80

Tuesday: Jesus Grew in Wisdom, Luke 2:39-40

Wednesday: Isaiah Brings an Answer to Hezekiah's Prayer, 2 Kings 19:20-34

Thursday: Purification of a Woman after Childbirth, Leviticus 12:1-8

Friday: The Law Concerning Dedication of Firstborns, Exodus 13:1-16

Saturday: Levites Become Substitutes for Firstborns, Numbers 3:40-51

## Read This Week: (Jan. 3-9)

Sunday, Boy in the Temple, Luke 2:41-52

Monday: Psalm 2:7-8

Tuesday: God's Servant, Isaiah 42:1-9

Wednesday: Laws Concerning Festivals, Exodus 23:10-17

Thursday: Psalm 113

Friday: Psalm 96

Saturday: Psalm 123

## Read This Week: (Jan. 10-16)

Sunday, Jesus' Baptism, Luke 3:1-22

Monday: Genealogy of Jesus, Luke 3:23-38

Tuesday: Jesus is Tempted in the Wilderness, Luke 4:1-13

Wednesday: Comfort, O Comfort My People, Isaiah 40:1-11

Thursday: God Will Restore Jerusalem, Isaiah 52:1-12

Friday: Elijah's Flight, 1 Kings 19:1-9a

Saturday: Elijah and the Still, Small Voice, 1 Kings 19:9b-17

## Read This Week: (Jan. 17-23)

Sunday, Sermon at Nazareth, Luke 4:14-30

Monday: Jesus Casts Out an Unclean Spirit, Luke 4:31-37

Tuesday: Jesus Heals Peter's Mother-in-Law, Luke 4:38-39

Wednesday: Jesus Heals and Casts Out Demons, Luke 4:40-44

Thursday: The Spirit of the Lord, Isaiah 61:1-3

Friday: Elijah Helps a Widow, 1 Kings 17:8-16

Saturday: Elisha Heals Naaman, 2 Kings 5:1-14

## Read This Week: (Jan. 24-30)

Sunday, Fish for People, Luke 5:1-11

Monday: Jesus Cleanses a Leper, Luke 5:12-16

Tuesday: Jesus Heals a Paralytic, Luke 5:17-26

Wednesday: Jesus Calls Levi (Matthew), Luke 5:27-32

Thursday: The Question about Fasting, Luke 5:33-39

Friday: God Does a New Thing, Isaiah 43:14-21

Saturday: God Forgives Sins, Isaiah 43:25-44:5

## Thank you notes

- **Thank you** to Pastor Art for your calls and prayers; also, thank you to the rest of our Trinity family for the cards, prayers, calls and food that was brought in to us during my recent surgery, It was so appreciated. My recovery is going well, although not as fast as I would like it to go! God Bless you all. Irene Heinzig
- **Dear Church family**, Thank you so much for your very generous gift! So far, we're doing ok, but he can use some warmer comfortable clothes-he has lost quite a lot of weight and feels cold so often. We also got him a new recliner with heat and massage! Thank you again. With love & peace to you all. From Merlin & Marjon Simonson
- Tim & I would like to say a very big "**Thank You**" to Pastor Art for all that he has done for our families over the last year and a half. Sincerely Lisa & Tim Slaughter





## Women of Trinity

The co-chairs met in December to prepare the 2021 WELCA booklet. The booklet will be mailed to the women in our congregation this year. Work Unit assignments remain the same for 2021. The November Thankoffering donations will be given to Prairie 5 this year. Thanks to Rose DuHoux for her many years of service as WELCA treasurer. She will be passing on the books to Deb Connolly. Julie Anderson and Janet Hoffman will be the new co-chairs for WELCA in 2021. Chairwomen: Cindy Steffen and Marlene Giese

## Council Minutes from page 2

**Sunshine Shout Out** – Our healthcare workers: Monica Olson, Liane Grussing, Sue Egenes, Holly Kolander, Adam Kolander, Kelly Michaelson, Miriam Lindblad, Kathy Tweten, Alisha Molden, Lindsay Nichols, Laura Ascheman, Kurt Flegel, Ann Aeikens, Janet Hoffman, Brenda Goldenstein, Logan Flegel, Kayla Rogers, Rebecca Girard, Monica Lindblad, and Melissa Brehmer-Hamblin..

### **Old Business:**

-Committee update on People-in-the-Pews Plan. The committee recommended no in-person worship from November 22 to December 7. Becky made a motion via email to all council members for Zoom only worship November 22 through December 7 with a second by Jodee. Motion carried by e-mail vote on November 17. Motion by Laura to have Zoom only services through January 3, 2021 with a second by Becky. Motion carried.

-Members/Organizations who may need assistance. None known.

-COVID filters for church furnaces. Discussion on Respicaire Ion Plasma System. One unit would be installed on each furnace at church. Each unit is \$200. The filters not only kill COVID but also allergens, hay fever, pollens, etc. Motion by Becky to purchase the units with the money from the general fund with a second by Toni. Jason

A. asked about testimonials on the product. None known. Jodee said the informational sheet shows that it has a five-year limited warranty. Motion carried.

-Request from Green Lake Lutheran Ministries for a donation. Toni made a motion that we allocate \$500 for them in January after the annual meeting with a second by Becky. Motion carried.

-Request from Southwestern MN Synod for Gifts of Grace. It will be brought up at the Finance and Stewardship meeting for their 2021 budget discussion.

### **New Business:**

-Merlin Simonson, expenses incurred from cancer treatments. Motion by Toni to give \$200 to Merlin Simonson from Community Outreach Local Fund with a second by Diane. Motion carried.

-Christmas present ideas for Team Promise families. There are nine families. Diane made a motion that \$100 be given to each family from Benson Bucks or individual Benson businesses to be taken out of the Team Promise account with a second by Adam. Motion carried.

-Adjustment to Pastor Art's housing allowance. Per the IRS, Pastor Art's housing allowance needs to be designated every December. In 2020, the amount was \$28,500. Pastor Art is requesting it be raised to \$29,000 for 2021. Motion by

Becky to increase the housing to \$29,000 for 2021 with second by Laura. Motion carried.

-Annual meeting – Hybrid, In-Person, or Online only. Discussion. This will be tabled for a final decision at our January council meeting.

-Pay Shelly Mikkelson \$200 monthly for her musical contribution until church is resumed with no restrictions. Motion by Becky to start in November to pay Shelly \$200 a month with a second by Toni. Motion carried.

**Informational:** Nominating Committee members are Craig Lindblad, Alonah Kellner, and Pat Hagen. Auditing Committee are Janet Hoffman, Kathy Johnson, and Steve Sanders.

**Announcements:** January Newsletter articles are due on December 14. Email agenda items to Becky by December 27. Our next council meeting is January 6, 2021 at 7 pm. Committee reports for the year are due December 28. Our annual meeting is Sunday, January 17, 2021 at 10 am.

**Adjourned** by President Brian at 8:28 pm.

**Closed with the Lord's Prayer.**

*Respectfully Submitted,*

*Rebecca Woitte, Council Secretary*

## ROCK (Reaching Our Community Kids)

4-6 grade Youth Group

We are having a terrific year in ROCK and are so thankful we have had a few meetings in-person! In December, we were treated to a pizza party, played some fun Christmas games and talked about our Christmas traditions. We studied the background of the song Silent Night and discussed the pictures the phrases describe. Hoping we can be together in January. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, January 13, in-person or on Zoom. Call Mariene Giese at 320-226-7372, if you need a ride.

## January Birthdays

- 3 Jaden Michaelson
- 3 Kim Schuerman
- 4 Aleah Egenes
- 4 James Razink
- 4 Jeremy Schauer
- 4 Barb Schluter
- 6 Mick Boone
- 6 Kayla Unke
- 8 Lynn Lundebrek
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Sending you a little ray of sunshine to let you know we're thinking of you. We want to thank you for all of your hard work and support during this difficult time. Your humility, kindness and strength is greatly appreciated. Thank you for being our community's guiding light in the face of this pandemic.

~Team Trinity~



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