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From the Pastor's Desk

Forget Resolutions and Try Commitments!

You know what happens every New Year, right? It's the time we make our list of New Year's resolutions. The definition of a "resolution" is "the act of finding an answer or solution to a problem." Whether we want to admit it or not, most people have a mental list of things they want to accomplish in the upcoming year. Perhaps you want to eat healthier, get more exercise, and save more money in 2019. But be careful. I've read that, on average, only about 45 percent of people make new year's resolutions. Of that number, approximately 9 percent will ever achieve any success.

So, what's the point of even trying? Why bother when you and I already know that on average we'll be successful only 9 percent of the time? As the calendar turns to January, this time let's forget about making resolutions and try making **commitments** that will lead to a lasting change in our lives! Here's what I mean. Resolutions without a strategy are nothing more than a temporary emotional fix. And, without a plan, any action is doomed to fail. For example, how many times have you heard someone say they were going to get in shape and lose weight? By the end of January, the "emotion" has worn off, and before long they are in worse shape than they were before. If we aren't careful, making a resolution can become nothing more than paying "lip service" to changes that we hope to make.

On the other hand, making a commitment demands that we lay out a course of action to reach our desired goal. It's a determination to "stay the course" long after the emotion has died. I've found that writing down my commitments helps me to follow through with them. And so as Christians, what kind of commitments should we be making? As we prepare for another new year, let's make 2019 the best year of your spiritual life. You can do that by...

- 1) **Being in the Word every day.** Just as we eat food for nourishment, God's Word is spiritual nourishment for our souls. A daily feasting of God's Word is a vital element that helps us grow in knowledge and in faith. I can promise you that, at the end of twelve months, you and I will be the same people we are today if we don't commit to being in God's Word daily. Jesus says in Matthew

4:4: "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."

- 2) Going before God in prayer. Prayer is simply having a conversation with God. If we choose to ignore the privilege and opportunity of having a conversation with God, we can leave ourselves open to the attack of the evil one. Think of it like this: A plant can't grow without air and water. How can we expect to grow unless we talk to God in prayer? Philippians 4:6: "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God."
- 3) Reject any sinful patterns. It could be that we've allowed some sinful pattern to take a foothold in our lives. Let's mark the new year with a confession of any known sin and cover it with a humble attitude. God's forgiveness is freely given to all who go before Him. Acts 3:19-20a: "Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out, that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord..."
- 4) Worshipping in God's house. I know, I know—you don't need to go to church to be a Christian. But look at what you receive by going to church! As you gather with other people who love you and who love the Lord, you're able to hear God's Word, be forgiven of your sins, be filled with His Spirit, and receive the Lord's Supper! It's in God's house that you enter into His loving presence! David writes in Psalm 26:8: "O LORD, I love the habitation of your house and the place where your glory dwells."

Commitment requires a decisive plan of action, not empty promises. As a child of the King, facing a new year causes me to contemplate changes I need to make on my own spiritual journey and to turn any empty resolutions into spiritual commitments. I'm going to look at every aspect of my life and make sure my commitment to Jesus is not only "words" but words accompanied with action.

Will you join me?

Happy New Year,
~Pastor Matt

January 2019

January 2019							February 2019						
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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6 Communion Sunday EPIPHANY 8:15am Worship 9:30am SS, Bible Study 10:30am Worship	7	8 1:30pm Quilting	9 10:00am Women's Bible Study	10 7:00pm Board of Outreach 7:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	11	12 8:00am Men's Bible Breakfast
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Dec 30 - Jan 5

Jan 6 - 12

Jan 13 - 19

Jan 20 - 26

Jan 27 - Feb 2



Bethany and I would like to thank everyone who has been praying for Lincoln and our family. We also truly appreciate everyone who has financially supported us by giving through this GoFundMe page. You have no idea how your kindness and generosity has impacted our family. Bill Rutter would be so excited to know how much money has been raised. As we wait to see what God's plans are for Lincoln and all of us, we're excited for Lincoln to know all about the people that are thinking, praying, and supporting him. We are certainly blessed by your love and encouragement.

~Pastor Matt & Bethany



Words of Appreciation

Bill's sister, Eileen, was only six years old when we got married. We both have fond memories of watching her grow into a wonderful Christian woman. We will miss her and are so grateful to be members of Trinity's caring congregation. Thank you for your comforting words and cards.

Bill and Carlynn Gebhardt



Jam Ministries

Although we have changed our name (from Trinity Women) our focus has remained the same – missions and fellowship and outreach with and to our own congregation. Our first event in the new year will be our Goodie Boxes to college students and military families. We will begin collecting eatable goodies and devotional supplies for these in January and send them out in February. If you have any college student or military family members, please let us reach out to them. You can give their names and addresses to Sue Oswald in our church office before February 1st. We will make sure that each of them receives a box from Trinity Lutheran.

Carlynn Gebhardt



MITES

We at Trinity have been blessed with hearing from several young people about what goes into missionary preparation. Mission Central, located in Iowa, is a resource for these new missionaries. It seeks to help with things like learning a new language, a new culture, transportation, medical and housing costs, and certain insurances needed for their mission work. The January Mites mission seeks to support Mission Central with a grant to help with the cost of helping our Lutheran Missionaries.



Sunday School Update

November was a productive time for our Sunday School. We combined with the Adult Bible Study to make individual fruit turkeys and Thanksgiving Trail mix for our home bound members. We made 17 turkeys which were delivered to our members with wishes for a Happy Thanksgiving.

A big thank YOU to all the folks who delivered the turkeys and visited our members who are not able to attend church. Thank you! We have received many thank you cards from these members showing how much they appreciate being remembered.

Cathy DeConinck

Sunday School Christmas Program

Our Sunday School children presented a beautiful play about the Christmas story on December 9th, with our young students playing the parts and our high school students reading the story. We were also joined by our Pre-School students who sang Christmas songs for us. Thanks to everyone who made this happen. After church we had a reception for all the students and enjoyed delicious cookies and juice to celebrate and enjoy some fellowship. Thanks to the children, parents, teachers, and all you members who attended the program.

Cathy DeConinck



Christmas in the Barn

Thank you to all the folks who volunteered to take part in this event. Thank you for doing something new and different. We had a full cast of characters and a full audience that attended the performance. I would also like feedback from everyone about the experience - did you enjoy the experience? Would you like to participate next year? What did you like? What didn't you like? Thanks again for joining us in this new event!

Cathy DeConinck



NEW EMAIL ADDRESS

Trinity is replacing the Juno email address with a new Gmail address. This will happen in January 2019. Our new Gmail address will be TrinityLutheran191@gmail.com. In the next few days, I will be sending out a test email (or two). When you receive this email, I would appreciate it if you would respond back to me so I know you received it from the new address. If you are not currently getting emails from Trinity and would like to, please let me know so I can add your name to our contact lists. Special thank you goes out to Joe Davey for his assistance in this endeavor!

Thanks in advance for your patience! Sue Oswald

Please mark your calendars!
February TRIUNE Deadline is
Thursday, January 17th



Happy New Year from Trinity Christian Pre-School!

Happy New Year from Trinity Christian Preschool!

We hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and a restful time with family and friends.

On December 5th, our students decorated the Christmas tree at McDonald's. The children worked hard making the ornaments and it looked beautiful. We hope you had a chance to stop by and see it. Both of our classes shared their great singing voices and Christmas spirit at our Christmas programs. In fact, they sang so well that Santa and Mrs. Claus came to visit and share in our celebrations. Everyone had a great time and we are so proud of the kids.

On Sunday, December 9th we were blessed to share our gift of Christmas music with the members of Trinity. Our students that were able to join us had a wonderful time singing and what a joy and an honor for us to do that.

When we come back after New Year's, the 4-year-old students will continue learning their letters and numbers along with learning how to write their last names. Our 3-year-old class will start learning their shapes. The preschool staff will be meeting early in January to discuss Open House for the 2019-2020 school year. We will pass along information as it becomes available.

Most importantly, we want to express our heartfelt thanks to the members of Trinity for the very generous donation to our school. We are so grateful for the all the ways you support us and the families that we are so blessed to work with. We would also like to say thank you once again to the Cubitt Family for their love, support and generous memorials made in Ray's honor.

Wishing you happiness, good health and many blessings in 2019.

Jodi Blank, Laurie Butts, Betty Kelley
& Bethany Canaday



Taking Down Christmas Decorations Sunday, January 6th at 11:45AM

A BIG THANK YOU to all who stayed after church on November 25th to help decorate the church. It looks beautiful and helps make our Advent and Christmas celebration even more joyous.

On Sunday, January 6, 2019, the decorations need to be taken down. Please check your calendars! If you are able to stay and help take things down and put them away, your help would be greatly appreciated.

Visit Our Home Bound . . .

*or give them a call on the phone or send a card.
Above all, remember them in your prayers:*



Jack Dodgson	Marie Feldmann
Robert Schroeder	Marlene Markham
Dorothy Ayers	Fred Maisel
Jerry Conrad	

VOTERS' ASSEMBLY ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, January 27, 2019
following the 10:30AM worship service

POTLUCK LUNCH WILL BE SERVED

The agenda for this meeting will be
the 2018 Annual Report and plans for 2019.

Stewardship Moment

Matara

A man traveling to a far country, called his servants and delivered his goods to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one, to each according to his own ability; and immediately he went on a journey. Then he who had received the five talents went and traded with them, and made another five talents. Likewise he who had received two gained two more also. But he who had received one went and dug in the ground, and hid his lord's money. After a long time the lord of those servants came and settled accounts with them.

“So he who had received five talents came and brought five other talents, saying, ‘Lord, you delivered to me five talents; look, I have gained five more talents besides them.’ His lord said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.’ He also who had received two talents came and said, ‘Lord, you delivered to me two talents; look, I have gained two more talents besides them.’ His lord said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.’

“Then he who had received the one talent came and said, ‘Lord, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you have not sown, and gathering where you have not scattered seed. And I was afraid, and went and hid your talent in the ground. Look, there you have what is yours.’

“But his lord answered and said to him, ‘You wicked and lazy servant, you knew that I reap where I have not sown, and gather where I have not scattered seed. So you ought to have deposited my money with the bankers, and at my coming I would have received back my own with interest. Therefore take the talent from him, and give it to him who has ten talents.

‘For to everyone who has, more will be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who does not have, even what he has will be taken away. And cast the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

“Matara” (mah ta rah) is the Hebrew word for Goal. Do you think these men might have set some goals in order to accomplish all these tasks? I’m guessing, “Yes”. It appears that all the goals were not the same, nor were they all as aggressive. The results however, might be surprising to some in that “The Lord” rewarded the more aggressive servants and actually punished the cautious one.

Goal setting is very much encouraged in this culture today. So watching the athletes, politicians, spiritual and corporate leaders and emulating what they did with the expectation of repeating their success might be a worthy endeavor. However, their success might be the result of deceit and not the result of God’s Blessing and the Rabbis suggest that one should consult the Bible to know if your objectives are good and will lead to “Meaningful Success”.

If we look at Joseph’s life, we see a great example of goal setting. “His Desire,” Joseph wanted to make a difference in the world, he wanted it so bad he even had dreams about it, but when he revealed those dreams to his family they

became distressed and his brothers even became jealous of him to the extent that they set a goal of their own to be rid of him.

“Being a Dreamer” is the beginning stage of “Goal Setting” and the juncture of where you decide that “The Past Does Not Equal The Future” and that you are committed to accomplish something you haven’t ever done. From then on your life is filled with future seeking goals, you obviously didn’t say I will never walk or I will never graduate, but rather with the encouragement of others you accomplished those goals.

“Goal Revelation” can sometimes be a problem as it was with Joseph, when he announced his goals to his brothers they were not receptive to the concept. They didn’t understand his plans and began to hate him for them eventually they were able to put their goal into action and Joseph was on his way to Egypt.

“Picture Your Dream Accomplished” not to be obstructed, Joseph kept his dream in his mind and saw it as already a “Done Deal”. Even when there were efforts to encourage him to compromise his relationship with his Lord and the resulting prison

'Matara' continued

time, God always provided him with the “In Charge” dream that he was looking forward to.

“Have a Plan” when the time was right, Joseph was brought to the “In Charge Man” and because Pharaoh expected him to interpret his dream, Joseph’s window of opportunity was open. God made the interpretation very easy, but what came next was not even asked for. Joseph told Pharaoh that he needed to act on this insight that God had given him or Egypt would starve, but more than that he offered a plan that could be implemented and how it would help to avoid the impending doom.

“Work Your Plan” a wise man sees the outcome of his plan before he takes action. Pharaoh was so impressed with the precision of Joseph’s plan that he put him in charge of it and elevated him to a level higher than any other in Egypt except Pharaoh. Voila, Joseph’s dream comes true.

We all know the story doesn’t end here because God had a plan as well and now Joseph is in a position to be part of His plan. That plan was to grow a family into a nation and because of God’s Sovereignty, He was able to interact with Joseph’s plan and put all the players together to accomplish that “Matara”. God knew that Joseph was a man driven by his dream nor would he abandon it, He knew he was of high moral character devoted to the God who had brought him this far, He knew that he was a giving, forgiving and loving person sensitive to the needs of others. When God brought Joseph’s brothers to Pharaoh’s court, Joseph would be the one to greet them and all would go well.

Every one of us sets goals or we certainly ought to, but what do those goals amount to? Are they self-serving or do they serve “The Lord”? God was a big part of Joseph’s plan and the results were positive. As we read at the beginning of this article, no plan or even a conservative plan may yield negative results. So it is, the moral to the story is, “If God is in your plans you will be in His Plans” and all will turn out in the end even if the middle parts are rough and uneasy.

Trinity Lutheran Church Voters Meeting December 9, 2018 Meeting Minutes

There were 43 members in attendance. The proposed 2019 budget was discussed, which included a 3% increase in salaries. The property endowment fund was increased by \$9000 for a total of \$10,000 to provide funding for upkeep of the church facility. The proposed budget is \$222,266 which includes a deficit of \$14,202. Historically, the deficit is not as large as projected and this amount includes the additional \$9000 requested for the property endowment fund.

Motion made to approve the proposed 2019 budget (Tim Bruton, Craig Coon). Motion made to accept the voting members in attendance –approved.

Rod Boatman and Chris Reigle introduced a list of proposed maintenance and improvement items along with cost estimates for these. There was a lengthy discussion of the necessity and priority of the proposed items. As a result, a survey form was provided to the members of the Congregation. The survey form asks the Congregation to prioritize the designated improvements and to make a pledge toward this work. The forms are to be placed in the stewardship box located in the sanctuary entrance before January 1, 2019.

A monetary commitment from the members of Trinity is an essential step before starting any of these projects or for securing a loan for these and will determine when these projects are implemented in the future. Different funding options for these improvements were discussed such as: contributing money specifically for the facility improvements; securing a loan through the Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF); and other options. There are 60 families who currently pledge funds to the church. If each of these families would contribute \$13 more each week, the additional \$9,000 in the budget would be attained to move forward with some of the identified improvements.

Discussions of funding options, priority of projects, and possible paths forward will be discussed at future Congregational meetings.
Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn McMullen
Vice President



January Birthdays

Best Wishes and God's Blessings to the following:

- 4 – Walt Cranmer
- 10 – Ruth Hagmier
- 10 – Elizabeth Hammond
- 10 – Julianne Hammond
- 11 – Taryn Widger
- 12 – Dave Clement
- 14 – Jodi Blank
- 15 – Alicia Diedreck
- 15 – Paula O'Keefe
- 16 – Jager Ritzenthaler
- 17 – Sarah Moffitt
- 17 – Billy Ketelhut
- 18 – Linda Behrens
- 19 – John Gentzke
- 19 – Julie Conrad
- 19 – Ashley Ludolph
- 23 – Tim McMullen
- 28 – Helene Gustafson



January Anniversaries

Congratulations and God's Blessings to:

- 31 – Ken & Lisa Castricone



Thank you Christmas Angels

THANK YOU to all who took an angel from our Angel Tree and bought a gift. Community Lutheran Ministries and Maggie Harris help so many families in the Rochester community. We were "Angels" to 25 individuals this year and brought joy to many this Christmas. It would not have been possible without YOUR support.

Cathy DeConinck



Food Shelf Thanks

The Spencerport Ecumenical Food Shelf extends gratitude and thanks to Trinity Lutheran for their support during 2018. Your generous donation of canned goods, turkeys, and financial gifts have made it possible for our Food Shelf to continue operating. Thank you for allowing us to help those in our own neighborhoods who are in need.

Carlynn Gebhardt and Sandy Hoover



**They set out;
and there,
ahead of them,
went the star
that they had seen
at its rising,
until it stopped
over the place
where the child was.**

Matthew 2:9



Pastor's Office Hours

Pastor Matt will be available
in the church office
Tuesdays and Wednesdays
from 9:00AM – 1:00PM.

Appointments may be made during the
office hours or you may
phone or text Pastor on his
cell phone at 585-730-1183.

Trinity Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes
December 10, 2018

Members present: Kim Rivers, Marilyn McMullen, Lisa Castricone, Tim Bruton, Rodney Boatman, Pastor Matt and Arda Davey,

Meeting opened 7:00 PM with Pastor Matt reading from Advent Booklet "Afraid" from Luke Chapter 1

Minutes: Approved.

Treasurer Report: C. Reigle

	Budget	Actually Spent	Diff (Budg. vs Act)	Amount Collected	Difference
Sept.	\$17,338.67	\$13,803.09	\$3,535.58	\$17,438.91	\$3,635.82
Oct.	\$17,338.67	\$14,725.25	\$2,613.42	\$18,006.19	\$3,280.94
Ytd.	\$173,386.70	\$156,656.03	\$51,407.97	\$157,074.44	\$418.41

No Report

Financial Report: L. Castricone

No Report

Bd. Of Christian Outreach: K Rivers

Need more volunteers for the Christmas in the Barn on December 21st

Elders Report: T Bruton

Gary Bauch compiled the evaluations he received from Council and Elder members. Pastor's performances were average and above.

Improvement is needed by the congregation to become more involved and consistent in weekly worship and communion.

During Pastor's vacation Gary filled in not only for services but also calling on those who needed help, A Big Thanks to Gary and Pastor Ball.

Bd. of Education: C. DeConinck

Sunday School program on December 9th was well attended. Pre-School students participated.

Trustees: R Boatman:

At the November 13th Church Maintenance Team Meeting updated costs for maintenance and improvements were discussed.

It was determined to have some survey or commitment form for the congregation to express their level of support for the proposed maintenance and improvement items

Chris Reigle and Mitch Frey have repaired the Heating Wires that were hanging down from Church roof, many thanks and it was a big savings

On December 11th the toilets in the downstairs bathrooms will be replaced and Grab Bars installed as well as the upstairs men's room toilet.

Pastor: M Canaday

Memorial service for Bill Rutter on December 2nd and Charlotte Wasserbauer on December 8th

Kelsey Wilson will be married at Trinity December 15th

Advent services being held Wednesday night.

December 23 Zachary Rittler will be baptized. (Bruton's Grandson)

Pastor thanks us for providing the time he was able to take visiting Bethany's and His family.

Old Business:

No date for sledding

Sunday School program not on same date as Voters Meeting,

New Business:

Pastor's evaluation

Next meeting January 14th Note: time 6:30PM

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM with Lord's Prayer

SERVING SCHEDULE JANUARY 2019

Please check your dates carefully and arrange for a substitute if you cannot serve when scheduled.

	January 6 8:15 & 10:30AM Communion Worship Service	January 13 8:15 & 10:30AM Worship Service	January 20 8:15 & 10:30AM Communion Worship Service	January 27 8:15AM Worship Service 10:30AM Praise Service
ACOLYTES 8:15AM 10:30AM	Laura Reigle Alex Ingham	Nick Frey	Ali Reigle Ryan Nordstrom	Alex Ingham
USHERS 8:15AM	Mitch Frey Nick Frey Chris Reigle	Mitch Frey Nick Frey Chris Reigle	Mitch Frey Nick Frey Chris Reigle	Mitch Frey Nick Frey Chris Reigle
USHERS 10:30AM	John Gentzke Tim McMullen Brian Miller	John Gentzke Tim McMullen Brian Miller	John Gentzke Tim McMullen Brian Miller	John Gentzke Tim McMullen Brian Miller
LECTORS 8:15AM 10:30AM	Sally Steele Brian Miller	Chrissy Hammond Craig Coon	Dave Clement Phil Blank	Joe Davey Kelsey Garrett
ELDERS 8:15AM 10:30AM	Chris Reigle Tim & Eileen Bruton		Chris Reigle Tim & Eileen Bruton	
COUNTERS	Craig Coon Mitch Frey	Cathy DeConinck Tim Bruton	Ruth Hagmier Tim McMullen	Kim Rivers Craig Coon
CHILDREN'S CHURCH 10:30AM	Sigrun Miller	Cathy DeConinck	Ariana Zimmer	Marilyn McMullen
ALTAR GUILD	Marilyn McMullen & Ann Funk			
GREETERS 8:15AM 10:30AM	Dave/Doris Clement Bill/Cathy Crow	Chris/Betsey Reigle Ron/Bev Lillie	Craig Coon Ann Funk	Bob DeVantier Carole Newsome
FELLOWSHIP HOUR	Chrissy Hammond	Sigrun Miller & Erika Hofmann	Sue Oswald	Ellie Graupman

WORSHIP SCHEDULE 8:15 AM & 10:30 AM SUNDAY SERVICES





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