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2019 Annual Report

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Agenda

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| I. Welcome and opening litany
Call to order and introduction of parliamentarian
Determination of quorum | Pastor Raabe
VP Barb Anderson |
| II. Year in review and presentation of the 2020 budget
Motion to approve, discussion, vote | Pastor Raabe
VP Barb Anderson |
| III. Introduction of current Council members
Thanksgiving for service: Barb Anderson, George Socha, John Baneck
Election of new Council members | Pastor Raabe
VP Barb Anderson |
| V. Modes of giving to the church | Todd Madaus |
| IV. 10:30 service: Reflection and discussion | VP Barb Anderson |
| V. Closing: Lord's Prayer, Blessing
Adjourn to Fellowship Hall for meal | Pastor Raabe
VP Barb Anderson |

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From Pastor Raabe: BEING CHURCH TOGETHER

Why are we here? It's a question many ask at some point in their lives. What is our purpose on earth? And we may ask: Why is Holy Trinity Lutheran Church here? What is our purpose in Marshall?

The answer to all these is: Jesus Christ. Writing to the young church in Ephesus whose members may have had this same question, the Apostle Paul explains:

It's in Christ that we find out who we are and what we are living for. Long before we first heard of Christ and got our hopes up, he had his eye on us, had designs on us for glorious living, part of the overall purpose he is working out in everything and everyone.

It's in Christ that you, once you heard the truth and believed it (this Message of your salvation), found yourselves home free—signed, sealed, and delivered by the Holy Spirit. This signet from God is the first installment on what's coming, a reminder that we'll get everything God has planned for us, a praise-filled and glorious life.

That's why, when I heard of the solid trust you have in the Master Jesus and your outpouring of love to all the followers of Jesus, I couldn't stop thanking God for you—every time I prayed, I'd think of you and give thanks.

(Ephesians 1:11-16; *The Message*)

I do that as well. I thank God every time I think of you. I thank God for the spirit you bring, for the gifts you share, and for the love God pours into your hearts that overflows into the church and the world. I give thanks for each of you, whether you spend long hours during the week caring for our building and grounds, or working tirelessly on behalf of our various ministries, or bringing your children to Sunday School and Confirmation, or simply showing up for church on Sunday or Wednesday.



Being together in community is good—working side by side, sharing stories, finding strength and hope in those around us. But church is about more than creating community. Church is about hearing God's Word and learning about God's kingdom. Church is about meeting and getting to know the living Christ in our midst. And most of all, church is about following him out into the world. Clothed with Christ, we become disciples at our baptism and never look back.

We are good at a lot of things here at Holy Trinity. We have doers, fixers, quilters, bakers, woodworkers, metalworkers, and electricians. We have teachers and musicians. We have nurses, dieticians, and small business owners. Name pretty much anything that needs to be done around here and there is almost certainly someone who's willing and able to get it done.

To my mind, though, we have yet to find our place in the world. These questions still elude us: Why is Holy Trinity Lutheran Church here? What purpose do we serve in our community?

Let's take our cue from the end of Matthew's Gospel, where Jesus commands his disciples to go and baptize: "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations..." Jesus is talking to the disciples, but he is also talking to us. We are to go out. To make disciples through the example of how we live and how we love. Out there, out in the world.

When you think of it, however, virtually everything we do in the way of ministry happens inside our buildings. We are truly blessed by our spaces: A beautiful building, expansive grounds, ample parking, a large and versatile multi-purpose room, good kitchen facilities, and a warm and lovingly renovated parsonage that (sadly) has yet to catch on. Inside these buildings we have meetings. We put on fundraisers. We host parties. Once a month on the last Friday we mount, at great cost of labor, the Second Harvest Mobile Food Bank.

But we don't go out. Instead, we wait for people to come to us. I wonder if our unofficial motto, "All Are Welcome in This Place," is actually holding us back since it implies we're sitting here waiting for people to come in our front doors.

I believe our youth know how lead us out into the world. Our young people love to serve others. They want to do good in the world. They want to help people. I hear them say it, I read it in their worship reports, I see it in the work they take on.

At this moment, the pastors of Bristol Lutheran, Spring Prairie Lutheran, and I are exploring a joint junior and senior high mission trip to Lorain, Ohio, August 2-8 through Next Step Ministries. Next Step's mission is "to help youth take the next step in their faith while serving Jesus Christ." Staff members we met with last week told us that the youth always come home with an even greater desire to serve their community. (We need chaperones, too.)

Activities that mobilize our youth in this and other ways cannot be the pastor's charge. It must come from you. Who is up for it? Who can see our future reflected in the faces of our children? Who will set things in motion so our children can lead us out?

From this same passage in Ephesians, Paul continues:

But I do more than thank. I ask—ask the God of our Master, Jesus Christ, the God of glory—to make you intelligent and discerning in knowing him personally, your eyes focused and clear, so that you can see exactly what it is he is calling you to do, grasp the immensity of this glorious way of life he has for his followers, oh, the utter extravagance of his work in us who trust him—endless energy, boundless strength!

(Ephesians 1:17-19; *The Message*)

Yours in Christ's hope, Pastor Nancy Raabe

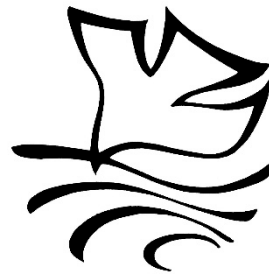
PASTORAL ACTS IN 2019

Weddings

- Amanda Kitelinger and Carl Koch, May 11, 2019
- Megan Rasmussen and Nathan Galston, May 18, 2019
- Barb Anderson and Paul Mohrmann, December 15, 2019

Baptisms

- Lyvia Christine Schimelfenyg, 1/20/2019
- Ava Maribel Castillo, 4/7/2019
- Maellani Jo Estrada, 7/27/2019
- Avalyn Lane Cramblit, 8/11/2019
- Matthew Kevin Dorcus, 8/11/2019
- Kinsley Kay Bollig, 8/18/2019
- Belle Elizabeth Davis, 8/25/2019
- Wesley David Browne, 12/22/2019



Funerals

- Arlene Mae Krall, 9/26/2019
- Karen L. Baumann, 11/16/2019

New members received

Maribel and Alex Davila, Kemerius Comer, Ja'Kayla Ceaser
Nadine, Eric, and Kendra Ford
Kevin, Tabitha, Liam, Emmett, and Colton Ramminger
Gary and Judy Waalkens
Sara, Josh and Cecilia Baysinger
Karen Browne
Barbara Carter
Brittany, Zach, and Hudson Savignac
Angie, Tony, Ian, and Alek Slager
Carrie, Daniel, Elizabeth, and Cheyenne Swenson



Giving to God: A reflection and reminder

This past week the Confirmation class took on a topic that church members generally don't like to hear about—the stewardship of money. They know that everything we have comes from God, and we can't take any of this with us when we die—so that, as Christians, our call on earth is to lovingly return to God *in greater measure* what God has given us. To carry out our mission, we depend entirely on your giving. The mission of Christ's church on earth is to reveal the divine truth of Jesus Christ in Word and Sacrament. Think of giving not as a duty but as your joyful response to that revelation. In November and December some of us made "The Starlight Promise" to God to increase our weekly or monthly giving. If you haven't already, can you make that promise, too?

Pastor Raabe

REPORTS

Council news

- A child protection policy was implemented this year in accordance with the requirements of our insurance policy. As a result, we received \$400 reduction in our annual insurance premium. Copies are available for review by any member.
- Former president Elesa Kinder resigned this Fall, leaving the seat open for the remaining two years of her term. Those interested in filling that (it need not be as President) may speak to a Council member or Pastor Raabe.
- Elesa and Cheri Harwood served as our representatives in 2019 at Synod Assembly in May. We thank them for that commitment. All congregations are required to send two members; one place is still available for this year, in which we are electing a new bishop.
- Letters with enclosed cards were sent in March to those who have not given or attended in the past 3 years, with the reminder that anyone who has not given, attended worship, or received home communion in the current or previous calendar year is considered inactive. The letter received a modest response.

Endowment/Investment Committee

Led by Jack Erb, a group of four meets regularly to monitor our Endowment and Memorial Funds and to oversee investments should those funds become available. Our future depends not only on your offerings to the General and Building Funds, but also on the state of our Endowment and Memorial Funds. The purpose of the endowment is to grow so that the interest generated annually becomes a significant part of our income.

Contributions to the Endowment can include cash, securities, bequests, or proceeds from your IRA, life insurance, trust, or real estate. You may also include the church in your will. Currently we have \$20,206 in a CD at Fortifi Bank through Edward Jones, earning a rate of 2.17%.



The Memorial Fund may include gifts for anniversary or birthday remembrances, in honor of someone, or to commemorate milestone occasions. That fund currently holds \$2,561 at Farmers and Merchants. Please see our endowment brochure in the narthex or speak to Jack if you would like information about either of these funds.

Parsonage update

In addition to all new landscaping last Fall, a new deck was added out in back this Spring as our parsonage continues to enjoy improvements. A patio set was added and a fire pit donated for the back yard. It is available for use by members for any church-related activity. It is hoped that more Holy Trinity groups will choose to use this wonderful facility. Any member may reserve it and check out a key. It is perfect for small-group meetings or dinners, card games, parties, or youth activities, and includes a "Smart TV" with access online to a vast range of movies and other shows, in addition to a DVD player.

Publicity: Promoting Holy Trinity

Articles and announcements of upcoming special events at Holy Trinity appear in The Courier, our hometown newspaper for Marshall and Waterloo. Often there will be a follow-up article and picture that highlights our special events. In addition, our regular schedule of worship services, classes for ages 3 years through 6th grade on Sunday morning and confirmation classes for 7th and 8th graders on Wednesday is printed in the Church News section of The Courier. Newspaper articles and News Briefs announcements, flyers and banners posted around town, announcements on radio/TV and social media announcements that promote our events are evidence that Holy Trinity is an active member of the Marshall community. Please share if you have other ideas about how to promote Holy Trinity to our members and the community. Information about Holy Trinity and its special community events can be found on our web site, holytrinitymarshall.com, or follow us on Facebook: @holytrinitylutheranchurchwi.

Hospitality at Holy Trinity

The area around the coffee station in the narthex is the place to be on Sunday morning for friendly conversation and a sample of the “Treats to Go” snack that is provided by our members who volunteer to keep us nourished and smiling. Coffee, regular and decaf, is always fresh and hot. Please look for the “Treats to Go” sign-up sheet on the bulletin board and help with providing treats. And, as you mingle around the coffee pot on Sunday morning, you will get to know the names and faces of our church family and maybe meet someone new to Holy Trinity. Those who are regulars around the coffee pot thank our friends who have contributed “Treats to Go.”

Garage and Bake Sale 2019

The very successful Garage and Bake Sale took place on August 15th – 17th. There was the usual grand variety of clothing, household items, tools and furniture that were ready for purchase. A big added attraction in 2019 was a Brat and Hot Dog sale in the church parking lot that took place each day from 11 AM-2 PM under the leadership of Tiffany Chadwick and Larry Legro. Garage sale workers, shoppers and people who spotted the signs advertising the Brat Sale gathered in the parking lot to enjoy the good food, beverages and “sit-down” time to chat with friends. The meal deal even included a homemade chocolate chip cookie. The total profit for the whole event came to \$4,225.54. Of that total amount, the brat sale brought in approximately \$1,100.

In 2020, the Garage Sale is scheduled for Thursday, August 13-Saturday, August 15. We hope to offer the brat and hot dog sale in the church parking lot again and are looking for youth and adults to staff that part of the event. You can start now and set aside items to donate to the garage sale. No room at your house? Sale items can be stored at the parsonage. This summertime event at Holy Trinity has become a tradition in our community. Please consider how you can contribute to making this a worthy, shopper-friendly event that also benefits Holy Trinity in many ways.

Quilts Around the World

Have you appreciated the changing quilt display that brightens the area around our coffee station in the narthex? Most of the quilts that appear there are made by the busy hands of our members and friends who enjoy coming together or sewing at home to construct the quilts that are distributed around the world to people in need by Lutheran World Relief (LWR). Last August there was an impressive display of our completed quilts on the Sunday that the quilts were blessed

before being shipped away in September. Interesting that we completed 49 quilts, just as we did in 2018. You can see our quilt display on our web site, under 'About Us.'

Those who want to participate in the fellowship and joy of this activity can join the group that meets at church on the second Tuesday afternoon each month to tie quilts (it sounds simple and it is), join those that meet at church on the third Saturday each month to cut fabric and sew quilt tops (equipment is furnished), or sew at home. Do you know someone who would like to sew at home? Let us know. Thank you to all of those who have supported this ministry by joining a quilt making group, sewing at home, and donating new and used sheets and large pieces of fabric. Contact our leaders for more information: Linda Baldrige, 608-655-4178 or Laurie Weisensel, 920-478-2734.

WELCA Report for 2019



The Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (WELCA) organization strives to enhance the spiritual life of its members as it commits to projects and activities that benefit Holy Trinity and the broader community.

WELCA meets the second Tuesday of the month in the Fellowship Hall at 1:00 PM and is open to all women of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. Fellowship is enjoyed throughout the afternoon that starts with dessert provided by our hostess of the month and is followed by the Bible Study led by Pastor Raabe. The business portion of our meeting is usually last. During the year, we vary the routine by starting our meetings with a potluck lunch in February and December and a summer potluck picnic. In April, it's "out for lunch" when we gather at a local restaurant for a mostly social meeting. Please join us at one of our meetings and consider becoming a member.

Our WELCA organization can finance the things listed here with funds from its treasury. Contributions to WELCA's treasury come as a "thank you" for serving funeral luncheons, as memorial money that is specifically designated to WELCA, and as donations.

WELCA supports Holy Trinity in these on-going ways:

1. Provides baptismal napkins for all baptisms.
2. Sews quilts that are distributed around the world by Lutheran World Relief (LWR).
3. Purchases supplies for school kits that are distributed to children around the world by Lutheran World Relief. Provided supplies for 15 school kits in 2019. Our members also sewed some of the backpacks that hold the school supplies.
4. Provides treat bags for all children who participate in and attend the Sunday School Christmas Programs.
5. Sends money at Christmas time to Lutheran Social Services for their youth projects.
6. Brings friendship and the Christmas spirit to members and friends in the form of a visit and gift.
7. Plans and serves funeral luncheons and other luncheon requests.
8. Contributes money to the Memorial Fund when a member of our congregation dies.
9. Pays the local newspaper, The Courier, to print the schedule of our Sunday and Wednesday worship services, Sunday school classes, confirmation classes and other regularly scheduled events in the news section, "Waterloo/Marshall Area Churches."
10. Purchases, by the case, Bibles that are given to the confirmation students. Purchases, as needed, youth Bibles that are used in our Sunday school classes.

In addition to these items, WELCA purchased and arranged for the delivery of the Christmas tree that graced our sanctuary during the Christmas season. Our narthex also took on a beautiful and festive look thanks to the efforts of WELCA members and other church helpers.

Current Officers: Marilyn Osterlie, President; Linda Baldrige, Secretary; Darlene Raisbeck, Treasurer; Jean Juedes, Sunshine; Marilyn Osterlie & Linda Baldrige, Kitchen Chairpersons. Contact Marilyn Osterlie, 655-4930, if you would like to know more about WELCA or pick up our program booklet from the church literature rack near the office door.

The reports on pages 5 and 6 submitted by Linda Baldrige

Sunday School

Sunday school at Holy Trinity begins in the sanctuary at the start of the 9:00 am service; following the children's message, students leave for their classes. In each class children receive an age-appropriate full-color four-page leaflet devoted to a specific Bible story each week, with games and activities inside, and a sheet geared to the lesson to take home and do during the week with family members. Older children also read directly from the Bible and the younger children have the stories read to them. Music and play are big parts of our program.

We give thanks for our superb and dedicated teachers: Jackie Russell and Susy Pawl, Pre-K and K; Kathy Deneen, 1st and 2nd grades; Gary and Judy Waalkens, 3rd and 4th grades; and Kim Erb, 5th and 6th grades and First Communion preparation. First Communion Sunday is April 26 at the 10:30 service. Abundant thanks to Sunday School Superintendent Laurie Weisensel for keeping everything going smoothly and for sharing her gifts for music and drama.

A highlight for 2019 was the Christmas programs during the 10:30 services on Dec. 8 and 15. The younger ones were all happy and enjoyed themselves, despite nerves on the part of a few. Many were excited to share at school what they did. They seemed to respond well to the encouragement and idea of being in a play - it's all how you sell it! ☺ And the congregation enjoyed the colorful costumes, pageantry and staging as the older children told the Christmas story. Many thanks to our teachers for their fine and skillful preparation.

Attendance for first grade and up has been low this year, to the point where teachers have no students on given Sundays for lesson material they have prepared. We would like to remind parents that socialization is a big part of the Sunday School experience, in which children learn and play together in a loving, Christ-centered way. If your children do not attend regularly, we warmly encourage you to bring them more often so they can form and sustain friendships that can carry through their lives.

Submitted by Susy Pawl, Laurie Weisensel and Pastor Raabe

Confirmation Ministry

Pastor Raabe leads a lively group of 10 this year, evenly divided between 7th and 8th grades. Attendance has been perfect (accounting for excused absences). Thank you, parents! The two-year program focuses on the Bible in one year and on Luther's Small Catechism in the other. We are currently in the latter year. A new addition to the program is student workbooks assembled by Pastor Raabe with help from Grace Lutheran Church in Cambridge. On the first Wednesday of each

month we are in the workbook to explore a given topic in the life of the church: October was Vocation, November was Worship, December was Fellowship and January was Stewardship. Workbook topics coming up are service and discipleship, with special sessions during Lent on prayer, forgiveness, and the sacraments. The classes are all led in a question-answer format that sparks lots of lively discussion. Students are required to complete a certain number of worship reports and service points each term.

It has been a joy to see these young people eagerly taking on roles in our worship life. Confirmation Sunday is May 3 at the 10:30 service. [Please note change of date from what was originally announced.] We begin again in the Fall on September 16.

A Night in Bethlehem, December 18, 2019

The Confirmation class starred in this delightful re-creation of the night of Jesus' birth. Conceived and produced by Kathy Deneen, some 70 people were on hand to experience the sights, smells, sounds and tastes of life in the town of Bethlehem, complete with authentic games, food, and the re-enactment of the birth of the Christ child. We even had Jasper the donkey, beautifully decked out, standing patiently in the doorway to the church for photos and lots of hugs.



Property Committee 2019

2019 saw a few major projects, a few medium projects, and many small projects.

A GFI outlet at the coffee pot area was replaced. Outside kitchen window overhang was re-built downward into the soil and re-insulated to help prevent pipes from freezing in the kitchen. Now there is no overhang that wind can blow under to freeze pipes. One kitchen stove burner receptacle was melted and replaced, and the other stove has a burner that is not working but will be looked at in detail at a future date.

The grease trap located inside the maintenance closet was solid, leading to a sewer backup by the dishwasher unit during a Second Harvest day. A septic company from Cottage Grove came a week later and emptied it and fixed the problem that caused the backup. An oak piece of woodwork near the western part of the fellowship hall was finally glued and nailed back where it belongs.

A new metal folding chair cart was donated and holds 32 chairs if stacked properly. This will assist in keeping chairs from being stacked in the cubby holes and along the walls of the hall, and allows faster transport to the narthex for Second Harvest setup and takedown. The entrance overhang was power-washed and the wood trim scraped and painted on our last 50+ degree day in October.

Some landscaping was done outside, a dead evergreen removed and replaced with a tiny young one. New banner posts were placed and cemented in the ground (where the former metal posts were). New hooks and boat cleats were added to help tying banner signs on it. The signs best

suited to it we decided would be approximately 9 feet by 3 feet, the spacing and heights are exactly the same as the former metal fence posts previously there.

Indoor and outdoor outlets were tested for power. It appears those on the east side of our building mostly work (have power) and the western side of the building are mostly not working.

Two slowly leaking toilets in the church and one at the parsonage were repaired. The parsonage garage door became shifted off its track; the cables were disconnected until the rod with a missing bolt was found to be part of the reason the door dropped askew. After several days of working on the problem the missing bolt was replaced, and it now works well. The first-story parsonage gutters were recently cleaned.

For the organ, two new mid-range speakers were replaced above the altar (new grill covers with special white cloth which does not block sound were fabricated), along with the mid-range speakers. The back speakers above the entrance to the sanctuary were repaired with new mid-range speakers and new bass woofers. This work was generously sponsored by a member.



Thanks to Dave Kiersten we now have service maintenance for our 6 furnaces and 6 A/C units (5 sets at church and 1 set at parsonage). The Labyrinth was kept mowed. Yellow lines were repainted onto the parking lot, and there is enough paint left over to do it again one or two more times. Some bushes were trimmed as they were blocking the sidewalks for Second Harvest carts when the clients exited.

Submitted by Larry Legro

Women's Bible Study

The Women's Bible Study is comprised of a group of women who meet every other week at the parsonage, 224 Howard St. We will continue meeting every other Monday in 2020. In February we are meeting on February 3 and 17th and in March on the 2nd, 16th, and the 30th. We start at 6:30 and finish the discussion by 7:30. We are currently reading Lysa TerKeurst's book "It's Not Supposed to Be This Way," finding unexpected strength when disappointments leave you shattered and life doesn't turn out as you expected. The reading is easy and the discussion most enjoyable. If you would like to join please feel free to stop down on the nights listed above. If you wish for more information just email kimmari.erb@gmail.com



Submitted by Kim Erb

COMMUNITY

Second Harvest Mobile Food Bank

A monthly summary of volunteers shows that the average participation of volunteers is around 45. This includes student volunteers from the school who are usually members of FFA with their instructor and average around 15. Scouts and their leaders volunteer two to three times yearly. Marshall Methodist church members average 10 to 15 people monthly and provide and serve food to participants and also help as needed in other areas. Members of Saint Paul's in Waterloo also volunteer, as do Second Harvest employees and other community members. New volunteers are always welcome.



Volunteers sign in by the front office door and receive a name tag before they are assigned to their work areas. When the semi-trailer of pallets from Second Harvest arrives at around 12:30, 2 to 3 volunteers unload the truck and move all the food into the fellowship hall. Volunteers already signed-in work in the fellowship hall organizing areas for distribution. A person is stationed by the church main entrance starting at 1:00 pm to sign in participants when they arrive. A team of volunteers from the Methodist Church in Marshall prepares a full meal each month, which is served to participants cafeteria -style starting around 1:30 pm.

The official Second Harvest food distribution begins in the fellowship hall at 2:00 pm. There is someone to register people as they arrive, taking only the number in their family and their ZIP code. Most volunteers work in fellowship hall organizing and distributing the food and assisting participants with the shopping. Our younger volunteers are particularly good at helping guests take the food to their cars and bringing back the shopping carts.

The greatest area of need is in the setup of the narthex prior to distribution, and in the cleanup at the end of the distribution time. Not everyone at Holy Trinity is aware of this wonderful service we provide to people in need who live in the area. It is an outstanding opportunity to get to know members of our community, and also a great chance for parents to work alongside their older children or grandchildren if school is not in session on a given distribution day.

Submitted by Carol Johnson-Hohol

Thanksgiving Eve

A Thanksgiving Eve community service was held here on November 27 and drew well over 100 members and friends from six congregations from Marshall and Waterloo to worship, sing, and share festive desserts. Pastors involved were Heidi Loomis of the Methodist churches in Marshall and Waterloo, Fr. Jorge Miramontes from Holy Family in Marshall and Waterloo, Robert Kosky from St. Paul's ELCA in Waterloo, and Pastor Raabe. Thanks to WELCA members for hosting the lavish dessert banquet. A sizable choir sang, and the plate offering of \$300 was sent to the Marshall-Waterloo Clergy Emergency Assistance Fund, from which the clergy may draw for emergency needs in their communities.

COUNCIL CANDIDATE BIOS

Gary Waalkens

I worked most of my life as a cook. The last seven and a half years of my working life I was a custodian at a nursing home. I attended Grace Lutheran Church in Three Lakes WI. for thirteen years. While there I held the following offices: Secretary of Voters' Assembly, Trustee, Elder, and Sunday School Superintendent, and VBS Superintendent. I was also a Sunday School Teacher. I did ushering duties and I aided the Pastor with Communion. *Gary and his wife Judy teach our 3rd/4th grade Sunday School class.*



Carol Woldt

I have lived in the Marshall area for all of my married life. I have three children and six grandchildren. For 33 years I worked at Goodyear Tire and Rubber in Sun Prairie. I was baptized at Liberty Lutheran Church, Deerfield and confirmed at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Sun Prairie. I joined Holy Trinity in the mid-'70s. I have taught Sunday School here, served on council several times and helped on committees and recently attended Bible study groups. I feel a strong bond to Holy Trinity as it has been in my life for so many years. It is my desire to help our church continue to succeed and grow.

Stephanie Woodley

We have lived in Marshall for over 20 years. I am married to Ed and have two grown daughters, Natasha, 30 and Nicole, 27, and two grandchildren: Hayden, 3, and Ellie, 1. We have been members of Trinity Lutheran Church with both of my daughters being confirmed at Trinity. I am recently retired after 40 years as a Clinical Dietitian. I am looking forward to be more involved in the church.

If there are no nominations from the floor, these three are elected to start new three-year terms. We also have one vacant seat to fill out the remaining two years of that term. If you are interested, please speak to Pastor Raabe.

DATES TO WATCH IN 2020

February 26 – Ash Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.

March 29, 11:30 am – 2 pm: 4th annual Spaghetti Dinner

April 9, Maundy Thursday at 7 p.m.

April 10, Good Friday at 7 p.m.

April 12 – Easter Sunday, including all-church brunch and Easter egg hunt

April 26 – First Communion Sunday

May 3 – Confirmation Sunday

May 17 – Last day of Sunday School

May 24 – Begin summer schedule

August 13-15 – Garage and Bake Sale

September 13 – Rally Sunday