

Trinity Lutheran Church
Transition Board Congregational Communication
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Happy New Year everyone!! God's blessings to all! We hope that everyone had a chance to celebrate the Christmas season with family and friends and are re-energized as we begin 2020 and the start of a new decade. We have much to be excited about! And as Psalm 20:4 tells us..."May He give you the desire of your heart and make all your plans succeed."

Your Transition Board for Trinity Lutheran Church is back to work and making plans! We met on January 6th and although it was a long meeting, it was a productive one. We began sorting through details and prioritizing actions so that we can move toward our goal of officially forming Trinity this spring. Here are some highlights from our meeting...

Actions

- We have hired David van der Woerd with Ross & McBride as our lawyer to support the legal side of this process. David has had much experience with these types of transitions, having worked with other churches over the past decade. He attended our meeting, gave some good counsel, and was impressed by everything we already have in place! But as usual, we still have homework!
- Hosea Mpofo has kindly agreed to act as treasurer for the Transition Board. Thank you Hosea! We value your commitment!
- Our priorities right now are finalizing the constitution and bylaws, and hiring staff.
- In the next few months we will be developing our mission statement and new logo.

Committees

Your church needs you!! All of our working committees are looking for help over the next few months through this transition process with an immediate commitment until June 30th, 2020. Listed below are the committees and Transition Board members working in each area along with their contact information. We would love to hear from you if you have time and experience to offer!

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We are urgently calling for members from Trinity to help with non-rostered staffing. Anyone with experience in hiring, management, or interviewing please contact any member of the Transition Board! We also invite members from Trinity and Grace to be a part of the Property, Social Ministry, and Christian Education teams.

More News

- **Calling all children!** We want all of our families to know that a children's message is prepared for each Sunday, and Sunday School will be available at our worship sites every week.
- **An excellent opportunity for Trinity** to add to our pastoral team has come our way! Our pastors were contacted to see if we would have a placement for an extended internship for Jan Richer, a vicar from Germany. Our pastors have spoken with him at length, and would be glad to have him join our team. The EKD (Evangelical Church in Germany) will pay his salary and we will just need to contribute toward minimal professional expenses while he is here. The TB has approved this one-year internship. We are excited to welcome Jan and his family when they arrive in the summer of 2020!
- **Mark your calendars!!** April 26th will be the Celebration Service for Trinity Lutheran Church. Bishop Michael Pryse will be here, and a reception will follow. Stay tuned for more information!

This is a stage of change and growth for all of us. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to speak with one of our TB members. Our next meeting will be Monday, January 27. We do thank you for your continued patience and understanding as we journey through this transition period. We encourage everyone to "accentuate the positive" because the light at the end of this journey is bright and welcoming! And God is with us all the way!

We wish everyone a safe, healthy, and happy 2020!