

trinity NEWS

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a time for updating— a new logo

Updating things is part of life, whether it be an updated wardrobe, a new coat of paint in that living room, or newer more efficient technology. For an organization, this includes how it presents itself and its ministry. An important piece is the logo that helps project identity to the world outside.

Our current logo is around twenty years old and the council decided about a year ago that it would be a good idea to update it.

The next question, how do we do that?

We could hire a professional to offer us some suggestions. Or, we could see if people in the congregation

might want to submit some ideas. We decided to start with the second option, seeing if anybody might want to submit a new design.

So, we would love to have your submissions for a new church logo. If you have a design, please work it up and turn it into the office by Sunday, February 2. Once we have our submissions, the council will consider the options and see how to proceed.

We look forward to seeing the various artists in the congregation and what they submit. If you have any questions, please talk to Pastor Ben.

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LOGO
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**Turn in your
logo submission by February 2.**

church events

- January 12 —
Communion &
Fellowship Lunch

Starting again the week
of January 6.

- Tuesday Nights 7 pm
Coffee Break Bible
Study
- Wednesday Mornings
9:45 am Coffee Break
Bible Study & Kids'
Story Hour
- Wednesday Nights 7 pm
"The Well" Bible/
Sermon Study
(Please note: we
will not meet until
Jan. 15)

council report

Council met on December 12

- **Sound/AV System Upgrade**

A training was held for sound/av volunteers. We will also be getting a location organized for ease of checking out the hearing assistance devices.

- **Building & Grounds**

The earthquake cracks on the main level have now been fixed.

The church office was updated with paint and décor. The council approved the updating of the Council Room, which will include new furniture.

The Design Team continues to meet and discuss matters related to updating the church's look. Most of the focus has been on the main level at this point.

- **Church Council Officers**

New officers elected are, President, Pastor Ben; Vice-President, Ron Veltkamp; Clerk, Ben DeVries; Treasurer, Charlotte Long; Chair of Deacons, Jan DeYong.

- **Ministries Budget update**

We praise God for our financial health as a church. God continues to bless us with generous giving. As of the end of November, these are the numbers.

Income: YTD Budget - \$184,708
YTD Actual - \$219,931

Expense: YTD Budget - \$221,564
YTD Actual - \$221,144

The actual income includes \$30,000 from an estate gift and the actual expense includes the purchase of the new sound/projection system that was not originally budgeted.

In January, we will provide a fuller year-end summary of our financial health.

christmas joy

On the Friday before Christmas, about 40 of us braved the frigid cold and set out to spread holiday cheer. We each took our spot upon the decorated hayride trailer, huddling close for warmth, and sang until our jaws and toes began to freeze.

We moved through the Airport Heights neighborhood singing and passing out candy canes to all brave enough to come out of their

doors to listen. We truly made a joyful noise!



On arriving back at church, our reward awaited us: a nice fire in the fireplace, hot cocoa and cider, and more Christmas treats than we could muster to come close to finishing. Needless to say, the kids were plenty sugared up at the end to stay up late into the night.

Thanks to all who came, all who brought the tasty treats, and especially to Mike and Karen Lindeen for getting the festive trailer ready and for leading us through the neighborhood on that chilly night.

Merry Christmas!

o christmas tree

The Christmas tree in the Fireside Room is a representation of the history of Trinity. If you look at the decorations closely, you'll see a name and a date.



The date marks when that person or family first came to Trinity. In 1998, a fire destroyed the tree and most of the decorations, but one decoration survived, which is pictured to the left. If you're newer to Trinity and haven't put up a decoration with your name and date, bring one in and we'll make sure it is included next year.

