

Aurora-Trinity Lutheran Parishes
Joint Council Meeting Minutes
March 22, 2018

The joint council meeting of the Aurora and Trinity churches was held at Aurora Church on Thursday March 22, 2018 at 6:30pm.

- ❖ Devotions were given by Pastor Stephanie
- ❖ Introductions were given
- ❖ A letter was received from the Trinity Council. At the conclusion of the March 18 special meeting, Trinity church decided to pursue closure. There is no set date for a vote or closure, but they will keep us updated as to developments.
- ❖ Pastor's Report was given
 - What's happened: January bible study, Lent series, Trinity conversations, confirmation kids volunteered at the Clothesline, Continuing Ed at Shalom Hills Farm, and Pastor Stephanie was named co-dean of the Minnesota River Conference.
 - What's coming up: Funeral, Holy week, Easter, Farmer blessing on April 8, Trinity conversations on April 29, and helping with Synod Assembly the first weekend in May.
- ❖ The councils decided to have joint summer worship services again. The services will be at 9am and will start on Sunday June 3 at Trinity and will go through August 26.
 - Aurora: 6/10, 6/24, 7/15, 7/29, 8/12, 8/26
 - Trinity: 6/3, 6/17, 7/1, 7/22, 8/5, 8/19
- ❖ We will try something new this year and have alternative services for Memorial and Labor Day weekends. We will have a Wednesday evening service the Wednesday before Memorial and Labor Day weekends. The Wednesday service will be in place of the Sunday service those weekends. The services will be May 23 and August 29 at 6:30pm.
- ❖ May 13 is the last day of Sunday school. The Aurora kids will sing in church that day.
- ❖ First Communion – there may be one person this year, date TBD. There are no confirmands this year.
- ❖ Graduation Sunday is June 10
- ❖ Vacation Bible School is July 14
- ❖ Service start times will stay the same until the summer joint worship starts. Trinity will switch to 9am and Aurora will be at 10:45am start time in the fall. This will start the Sunday after Labor Day.
- ❖ Joint Picnic will be July 8th
 - Aurora to provide cold beverages and Trinity to provide coffee
 - We need someone to help plan games. Contact Pastor Stephanie if you're interested in helping.
- ❖ Sunday school start date will be determined over the summer.
- ❖ Synod Assembly is May 4-5 in Mankato. Contact Pastor Stephanie or Angie Jensen if you're interested in attending.
- ❖ Next Joint Council meeting is at Trinity on October 17
- ❖ Tentative Joint Budget meeting is December 2.
- ❖ The proceeds from the Lenten coins will go to the Backpack Program in Blooming Prairie.
- ❖ Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully Submitted, Sara Quiggle – Aurora Secretary