

# TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

JULY/AUGUST 2012

## PASTOR'S PONDERINGS:

Dear Members of Trinity,

During my life I have had the opportunity to experience a number of memorable worship experiences that I have remembered long after they took place. One of those worship experiences took place in Brazil when Margie and I were in the process of adopting Joel. Our interpreter took us to his church. The worship service was all in Portuguese and we did not understand any of it. I was feeling totally out of place until they passed around communion. I was surprised that at that moment somehow I felt connected with my fellow worshippers.

Another one of those lasting experience was worshipping at a Black Baptist church in St. Paul my first year at seminary. Margie had picked us some part time secretarial work at the church and we felt since she was working there we should also worship there. There was only one other white person in the congregation beside the two of us. It was a large congregation and there were 500 people worshipping. It was the first time I experienced what being in the minority felt like.

A third service and one that I will never forget was the first time I worshipped at St. Dymas, the prison congregation at Springfield, over ten years ago. Like most people I was scared about what was going to happen. Would I be safe? Would I say something that would tick someone off? Would I feel welcome? I was feeling a lot of uneasiness when the gate of the prison closed behind me and we started to walk to the old Southern State Library that is now being used as the worship space.

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## TRINITY CAMPERS

Members of Trinity Lutheran Church are attending Lutheran Outdoors Camp in record number this year. Here is a list of those registered for camp. Please remember to pray for our campers during their week at camp.

Attended **1-2-3 Camp** at Outlaw Ranch June 24-25 will be Bonnie Luurs & Dasani LaCroix; Jeff & Declain Tveit, Kermit & Judy Swenson and Jack Schoenhard.

Attending **5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Camp** at Outlaw Ranch from June 24-29 will be Tre' Antelope, Sean McManus, Marty Ross, and Danny Selland.

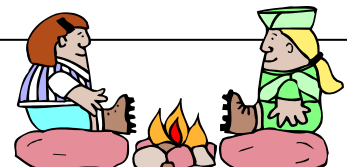
Attending **Grandparent Camp** at Joy Ranch July 1-3 will be Pastor Duane & Margie Neugebauer, Aaron and Cayden.

Attending **Family Camp** at Outlaw Ranch July 15-20 will be Mark, Gina & Andrew Huber and Jenzina McGee

Attending **Family Camp** at Joy Ranch July 22-25 will be Deb & Daniel Selland, Michele Selland & Jaxon McGee

Attending **9-12 Grade Adventure Camp** at Atlantic Mountain Ranch from July 29-August 3 will be Matthew Menzie.

A special thanks to all who helped contribute toward the fund raisers the campers had this past spring. Around \$2,000 was raised and another \$1,000 was donated from Thrivent Choice Dollars which helped reduce the cost of attending camp. As you can see by the list Lutheran Outdoors Camps are not just for Jr. & Sr. High Youth. There are camping opportunities for all the members of Trinity.





## **PRAYER LIST**

Connie Bailey – friend of Larry & Elaine Larson  
 Karl Bodensteiner – friend of Larry & Elaine Larsen  
 Burt Casler – Trinity Member  
 Shirley Feltman – Trinity Member  
 Karla Gould – mother of Noah Gould  
 Della Hines – mother-in-law of Kay Hines  
 Sheila Johnson – friend of Gene Longden  
 Riana Laurens-sister-in-law of Colleen Venter  
 Georgene Laska – daughter of Dorothy Robarge  
 Joshua Neugebauer & Family- Pastors son  
 Gener Longden – Trinity Member  
 Lora Means – relative of Joyce Wevik  
 Gloria Miller – sister of Marcella Jensen  
 Kevin Normile – brother of Mike Normile  
 Danielle Rea – friend of Marcella Jensen  
 Janice Selland – Trinity Member  
 Patty Speckels – friend of Maryalice Larson  
 Richard Tesch – husband of Mary White Bird/Tesch  
 Kim Tyrell – friend of Maryalice Larson  
 Mindy Wahlquist – friend of Maryalice Larson  
 Jade Wilkens – grandson of Jim Wilkens

## **TO BE REMEMBERED**

Lori Miller Boeding – Dwain Miller’s Daughter  
 John Blumeyer-brother-in-law of Charlotte Geerdes  
 Don Borman-cousin of Charlotte Geerdes  
 Aleigha Buum – gr granddaughter of Buum’s  
 Jim Butler-friend of Maryalice Larson  
 Gail Danhour- sister of Larry Larsen  
 Ron Feltman – member of Trinity  
 Ray Goeden -  
 Winnie Keeler - requested by Deacons  
 Bridget Kendrick – great niece of Marcella Jensen  
 Deah Killion – Trinity member  
 Ron Kjonegaard – Trinity member  
 Susan Normile – Trinity Member  
 Mariah Normile – Trinity Member  
 Gunnar Oleson – nephew of Leanne DuVall  
 Denise Ross – friend of Judy Swanson  
 Deb Selland – Trinity member  
 Jill Schrieber – friend of Dianne Graves  
 Barry Swanson – by Judy Swanson  
 Stanley Tybureck – brother of Elaine Larsen

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But what I experienced was totally unexpected. I heard some of the most joyful singing in my life. I still remember the men singing the hymn “Alabare” (#791 in With One Voice) I also remember the piano player, whose piano playing was a real gift from God and added so much to the worship. I remember all the men who played a part in the worship service, including preparing the altar for communion, ushering, reading, providing special music, etc. Finally I remember the warm welcome we received and the many men who came and thanked us for coming and worshipping with them.

There will be an opportunity for Trinity members to participate in the worship service at St. Dysmas on Thursday, July 26<sup>th</sup>. It’s a long evening since we have to leave by 3:45 or before. The worship service last over 2½ hours and it is midnight before we get back to Chamberlain. But it is an experience you will not forget for a long time. If you are interested you will need to fill out the “DOC Access Approval Form” by the night of the fish fry (July 18<sup>th</sup>). A background check needs to be done on everyone who wants to enter the prison. You will need to have a photo ID the day we go and you cannot wear shorts or any revealing top or you will be denied entrance. Finally you have to be at least 18 years of age. If you meet those requirements you can join the other members of Trinity at a worship service you will remember for a long time.

Your Friend in Christ,

Pastor Duane

Prayer list cont.

### **Missions of the Church**

Prison Congregations of America  
 St.Dysmas at Springfield, SD

### **Those in Service to the U.S.**

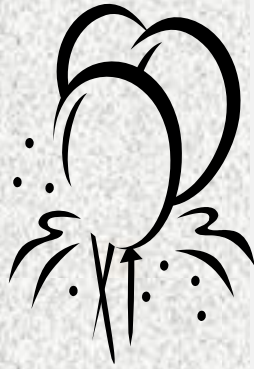
We pray for all the military units that have been called to active duty overseas and their families. We also pray for all who have been wounded in service to our country.

**FYI – Bulletin Deadlines – Wednesday morning each week.**  
**Newsletter Deadlines – Wednesday morning of the last full week of each month. Thank You.**

## BIRTHDAYS

### JULY

July 3: Dixie Lloyd  
July 3: Adam Brock  
July 5: Deah Killion  
July 6: Dean Bisbee  
July 10: Dennis Carlson  
July 10: Amanda Longhenry  
July 12: Shelly Haiar  
July 12: Danika Jo Goodman  
July 15: Neoma Harris  
July 16: Eben Venter  
July 18: Kermit Swanson  
July 20: Jaxon McGee  
July 21: Vivian Cleland  
July 22: Rebecca DuVall  
July 23: Shirley Feltman  
July 26: Alice Bunker  
July 29: Connor Graves  
July 31: Cynthia Solnar



### AUGUST

Aug. 2: Larry Abernathy  
Aug. 2: Mick Niles  
Aug. 3: Jennifer Reimer (Bisbee)  
Aug. 6: Karen Niles  
Aug. 7: Loren Geerdes  
Aug. 7: Kellie Peterson  
Aug. 9: Ron Luurs  
Aug. 9: Remmington Rossow  
Aug. 9: Jeff Tveit  
Aug. 9: Krisi Mohr  
Aug. 13: Daniel Selland  
Aug. 13: Jason Handel  
Aug. 15: Landon Hall  
Aug. 16: Sierra Thompson  
Aug. 17: Bonnie Luurs  
Aug. 17: Michael Schlaffman  
Aug. 20: Jean Blackwell  
Aug. 22: Preston Normile  
Aug. 23: Dianne Graves  
Aug. 25: Rilee Miller  
Aug. 25: Jim Wilkens  
Aug. 27: Ben Turgeon  
Aug. 28: Judy Maloney  
Aug. 30: Noah Gould  
Aug. 31: Stephen Menzie  
Aug. 31: James Normile

*Fellowship Coffee*  
*1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays*  
*10:30 am*



## SERVICE MINISTERS FOR JUNE

### July 1

Hosts: Blackwells  
Lector/Cantor: Margie Neugebauer  
Church Cleaning: Hines/Hope  
Lawn Care: STILL NEEDED

### July 8

Hosts: Mike & Joan Trumm  
Lector: Joan Trumm  
Church Cleaning: Mohr/Kjonegaard  
Lawn Care: Rich Rasmussen

### July 15

Hosts: Maria Bircht  
Lector/Cantor: STILL NEEDED  
Church Cleaning: Larsen/Larson  
Lawn Care: STILL NEEDED

### July 22

Hosts: STILL NEEDED  
Lector/Cantor: Stacey Tveit  
Church Cleaning: Lloyd  
Lawn Care: Kermit Swanson

### July 29

Hosts/Cantor: STILL NEEDED  
Lector: Mark Huber  
Church Cleaning: Menzie/Osterberg  
Lawn Care: STILL NEEDED



## Media Party and 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

The *Media Party* and 25th anniversary celebration recently held by Trinity Women was a time to embrace one's talents and strengths, to remember the accomplishments of the past, and to look forward with joy and anticipation into the future.

*Finding Your Bold*, published by the ELCA, helped women to define their resources and strengths. What began as a personal assessment became a community-building tool as women with like-strengths gathered in groups.

A celebration calls for cake and ice cream. The women reminisced about 25 years of activities as they enjoyed slices of marble cake accompanied by scoops of fudge swirl ice cream.

When the laptops and smart phones came out, the women learned about Trinity Women's role in the development of social media sites for the South Dakota Synod.

These sites have thrust Trinity Women and the synod into a leadership role when it comes to using social media sites and online resources.

Women were able to look at facebook, pinterest and twitter sites, as well as a blog.

The event wrapped up with a survey, and a commitment to a series of events and programs.

A newsletter especially developed to highlight online and social media resources will be helpful to women unable to attend the evening's activities.

To access the material used during the Media Party, use the links provided in the *Media Party Materials* post to the Women of the ELCA South Dakota Synod blog found at: <http://womenoftheelcasd.wordpress.com>.

Future articles about this transformation of Women of the ELCA will include glimpses into the past and a closer look at what the future holds.

For more information, contact a member of the Leadership Team: Pat Blum, Rosemary Mohr, Margie Neugebauer and Maria Birch.

### Trinity Women Survey

A nine-question survey is being conducted by Trinity Women. A link to the online survey is found in the Women of the ELCA South Dakota Synod blog post *Media Party Materials* found at <http://womenoftheelcasd.wordpress.com/>. A paper copy of the survey is available on the usher's table.

Completing the survey will help Trinity Women develop programming for the coming year, and give a better idea of how we can communicate with one another.

## ANNIVERSARIES

### JULY

**Jul. 9 - Jim & LeAnne  
DuVall**

**Jul. 11- Loren &  
Charlotte Geerdes**

**Jul. 16 – Ron & Bonnie  
Luurs**

### AUGUST

**Aug. 1 – Dean & Debbie  
Bisbee**

**Aug. 10- John & Mildred  
Wall**

**Aug. 20 – Dwain & Jean  
Blackwell**

**Aug. 29 – Bob & Mary  
Brown**

## We are on the Web!

**Women of the ELCA** has a brand new webpage: <http://www.womenoftheelca.org/>.

To learn more about online and social media resources for **Women of the ELCA South Dakota Synod** visit these pages. Be sure to LIKE the facebook pages.

**Facebook page:** <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Women-of-the-ELCA-South-Dakota-Synod/380032715367147>

**Pinterest page:** <http://pinterest.com/womenelcasd/>

**Blog:** <http://womenoftheelcasd.wordpress.com/>

**Women of the ELCA, Trinity Church** is also found on facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Women-of-the-ELCA-Trinity-Church-Chamberlain-SD/114161045388877>

Links to other online resources are found at the Women of the ELCA South Dakota Synod blog.

## UPCOMING SOUTH DAKOTA SYNOD ACTIVITIES

**July 16**, Golf with the Bishop, Westward Ho Country Club, Sioux Falls.

**July 18**, NeSoDak, Waubay, 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary gathering, Bishop David Zellmer preaching.

**Aug. 11**, Outlaw Ranch benefit concert with Brule, Rapid City.

**Aug. 25**, Quilt auction benefit, Joy Ranch, near Watertown.

Information on these events available on line at: <http://www.sdsynod.org/>

Persons interested in carpooling to any of these events, contact Maria Birch at 605-680-9429.

**Trinity Lutheran Church Council**  
**Wednesday, June 6, 2012**

**Present** ~ Pat Blum, Rolf Hope, Matthew Menzie, Karen Niles, Jeff Tveit, Joe Wall, and Pastor Duane, guests Margie Neugebauer & Maria Birch

**Absent** ~ Bob Brown, Mark Huber, Shelly Goodman, Gary Kringen, Dave Larson, and Deb Schaub

**Devotions** ~ The meeting was called to order by President Pat. She introduced Judy Campbell as the new council member.

**Minutes of last meeting** ~ Minutes of the May meeting were read. Motion by Rolf, seconded by Joe to approved, motion carried.

**Treasurers Report** ~ Checking account balance is \$4,496. Motion by Jeff, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rolf for Russ and Mary Normile to set up a separate bank account to handle the special fundraiser, mission, and Thrivent Choice monies. Mary would provide these reports to the council. Motion carried. Motion moved by Joe, seconded by Rolf to approve the report, motion carried.

**Committee Reports:**

**Education:**

- Work continues on updating the church sign.
- VBS has been going well this week. Stacey Tveit is coordinating VBS with Janeen Story from UCC. Approximately 20 of TLC children are participating. A number of TLC members are assisting the classes and providing donated items.

**Property:**

- Work continues on updating the church sign.
- Matthew will coordinate the repair of one of the kitchen tables and getting rid of some seedlings growing on the north side of the church.
- Work continues with the insurance company on the hail damage to the church.

**Stewardship:**

- Cleaning out the old financial boxes is now completed.

**Worship:**

- 26 surveys were returned for the music position. These were compiled and reviewed.
- Motion by Jeff, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Karen to use August to collect the congregations top 20 hymns/songs. The countdown will be revealed 2 per week September through November. Motion carried. Jeff volunteered to coordinate the project.

**Deacons:**

- The deacons will begin visiting 1 family each month to know each other better and share their faith stories.
- The annual fish fry will be July 18th.
- The annual visit to the Springfield visit will be July 26th.

**Pastor's Report Highlights:** The May report was given.

- Pastor participated with the National Day of Prayer service at St. James.
- He performed a committal service for David Lorenzen and the funeral for Ruby Wiczorek.
- He presented at the Hospice Chaplains Gathering in Sioux Falls.
- Many good comments were heard on our pie/entertainment at the Long Term Care Center.

**Unfinished Business ~**

- Two plum and a weeping crabapple tree were planted on the corner. The flowers have also been planted. Former member, Dina Brandt, sent a donation for the project. It will continue to evolve.
- The new church website is almost complete.
- Motion by Jeff, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joe to appoint Judy Campbell to replace the vacant council position. Motion carried.
- The council reviewed the instructions for counting the church offering. Council members need to make sure they read and follow the directions.

**New Business ~**

- Motion by Judy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rolf for June's noisy offering to go to the Spirit in the Desert Retreat Center in Arizona and July's noisy offering to go to St. Dymas congregation at Springfield. Motion carried.
- Motion by Karen, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joe for the Wowsome Wednesday students to be in charge of replacing the church nativity set.
- Motion by Rolf, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joe to give Pastor the weekend of July 21-22 off for the purpose of attending the 125<sup>th</sup> celebration of his former congregation the Viking Church in Maddock, ND. This will not be a vacation Sunday. Motion carried.

**Next Meeting**

July 18, 2012 following the Deacon fish fry. Deb has devotions.

**Adjourn**

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Jeff Tveit, Secretary