# TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

JUNE 2012

# PASTOR'S PONDERINGS:

Dear Members of Trinity,

Different terms are used to describe the church, including the Body of Christ, the Family of God and the Community of Saints. All of the terms remind us of the importance of getting to know the other members of our congregation and supporting them and praying for them in their times of joy and sorrow.

One of the job descriptions for the Deacons is to provide opportunities of fellowship for members of Trinity. Throughout the years they have tried various activities that promoted fellowship. Included have been the annual fish fry, pot-lucks following worship, chili and a movie, caroling and the 4 at 4 groups to name a few.

The Deacons made the decision to try another form of fellowship this summer by sponsoring a coffee hour following worship the first and third Sundays of June, July and August.

Numerous people have mentioned to me and others that they miss the Thrivent Coffee hours that were held the third Sunday of the month. These were discontinued early this year because of the difficulty in getting people to serve. There was also the complaint of having to set up and take down the tables and chairs.

During the summer months the tables and chairs can stay up so the Deacons decided to sponsor the coffee hour in order to promote fellowship among our members. The coffee hours will be pot-luck. So if you feel like bringing something for the coffee hour you are

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# **Trinity Women of the ELCA**

Renew, Respond, Rejoice! was the theme of the Eighth Triennial Gathering of the Women of the ELCA last summer in Spokane, Washington. Renewal has come to Trinity's Women of the ELCA also!

All women of Trinity are invited to a Media Party on June 20, 7-9 p.m., to learn about the new approaches that Women of the ELCA are instituting to attract women ages 18-39. Do you know about Facebook, Pinterest, Daily grace app, or Café? Bring your laptops, tablets, and smart phones to this meeting to observe and participate in these new social media offerings. By virtue of your membership in Trinity Lutheran Church, women are part of the Women of the ELCA organization. So women who have been involved for many years, women who are new to Trinity or to the women's group are encouraged to be part of Trinity's *renewal* process.

A Renewal Team of Pat Blum, Rosemary Mohr, Maria Birch, and Margie Neugebauer have organized this first renewal event. Renewal is happening across the ELCA and the women's groups. Please *respond* so we may all *rejoice* that all women of Trinity are mobilizing to act boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ.



#### WOMEN'S EVENING BIBLE STUDY

The Women's evening bible study group will be meeting on June 26th @ 7:00 p.m. at the home of Margie Neugabauer, 1021 S Courtland. All women are welcome to join.

encouraged to do so. If you don't, that's fine also. The purpose is not to gorge yourself on food but to get to know other members of Trinity and to fellowship with them. Even if no food is brought coffee will be served.

A couple of suggestions -

- 1. If you want to bring something, **keep it simple**. You can purchase a bunch of bananas or a package of grapes. Even if you don't like to bake you can pick up a package of cookies or crackers and some cheese.
- 2. Have coffee with someone you don't know very well. Too often I see people sit down with their closest friends while our newer members are sitting by themselves. Our newer members want to get to know the long time members of Trinity better. Remember one of the reasons for the coffee hour is to fellowship especially with newer members.
- 3. Sharing the meal of Holy Communion leads naturally in to sharing a cup of coffee. There should be a close connect between worship and fellowship. This is the reason the Deacons have picked the first and third Sundays of the month to have a coffee hour. It ties in closely with Holy Communion.

I am looking forward to the coffee hours this summer and hope that many of Trinity members will stay for this opportunity to get to know each other better.

Your Friend in Christ,

Pastor Duane

Fellowship Coffee 1st and 3rd Sundays 10:30 am



# **PRAYER LIST**

Connie Bailey – friend of Larry & Elaine Larson Karl Bodensteiner – friend of Larry & Elaine Larsen Marlys Buum – Trinity Member Karla Gould - mother of Noah Gould Mary Herder – mother of Lynn Peterson Sheila Johnson – friend of Gene Longden Ron Kjonegaard-Trinity member Karen Kraus – friend of Margie Neugebauer Riana Laurens-sister-in-law of Colleen Venter Georgene Laska – daughter of Dorothy Robarge Lora Means – relative of Joyce Wevik Gloria Miller - sister of Marcella Jensen Kevin Normile – brother of Mike Normile Jane Powers – friend of Maria Birch Danielle Rea – friend of Marcella Jensen Denise Ross - friend of Judy Swanson Deb Selland – Trinity Member Janice Selland – Trinity Member Patty Speckels – friend of Maryalice Larson Barry Swanson – by Judy Swanson Richard Tesch – husband of Mary White Bird/Tesch Kim Tyrell – friend of Maryalice Larson Mindy Wahlquist – friend of Maryalice Larson Mildred Wall – Trinity Member 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 Hermina 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 Susan Normile – Trinity Member Mariah Normile – Trinity Member Gunnar Oleson – nephew of Leanne DuVall Jill Schrieber – friend of Dianne Graves Stanley Tybureck – brother of Elaine Larsen

# **BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

June 2: Jeric Klages

June 3: Davis Carson

June 5: Peyton Haiar

June 6: Sarah Brown

June 7: Kathryn Brock

June 7: Devin Taylor

June 9: Ralph Shrake

June 9: Burt Casler

June 10: Robin Carlson

June 11: Jaymison Hyatt

June 11: Grace Cheeseman

June 12: Scott Hieb

June 13: Lynn Peterson

June 13: Mike Selland

**June 13: Weston Thompson** 

June 14: Matthew Menzie

June 14: Shelby Meyerink

June 15: Sydney Hall

June 15: Ron Kjonegaard

June 16: Lisa Schlaffman

June 19: Julia Larson

June 20: Deb Selland

June 21: Ashton Menzie

June 23: Dick Lloyd

June 23: Jami Swenson

**June 26: Essence Antelope** 

June 27: Lori Tonak

Jun. 3- Jim & Deah Killion

Jun. 3 - Bart & Pat Blum

Jun. 3 – William & Julie Woodruff

Jun. 4 – David & Sharmel Olson

June 4 – Jeff & Stacev Tveit

June 4, 1966 – Larry and Elaine Larsen

June 9, 2007 - Adam & Katy Brock

Jun. 9 - Kevin & Karen Graber

June 14, 1997 – Justin & Christy Graves

Jun. 28 - Rolf & Marj Hope



## **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.

#### 1 Samuel 12:24

But be sure to fear the LORD and serve him faithfully with all your heart; consider what great things he has done for you.

# SERVICE MINISTERS FOR JUNE

## June 3

Hosts/Lector/Cantor: Tveits Church Cleaning: Godtland/Hall

Lawn Care: Carlson

#### June 10

Hosts/Lector/Cantor: Tonaks

Church Cleaning: Longhenry/Graves/Graves

Lawn Care: Anthony & Sarah Moran

#### **June 17**

Hosts/Lector/Cantor: Normile Church Cleaning: Byre/Bunker Lawn Care: STILL NEEDED

June 24

Hosts: Shrakes Lector: Bob Brown Cantor: Mary Brown

Church Cleaning: Brown-Moran/Heib

Lawn Care: STILL NEEDED



#### TRANSFORMATIONAL MINISTRY 2.0

TM2.0 is the new acronym that is making its way into the ELCA and South Dakota Synod language. TM2.0 is the second phase of a renewal process named Transformational Ministry. 1.0 was the first wave and now we are into the second phase. There is a wave of new spirit and enthusiasm for the ELCA. The mission field is opening up and Trinity is part of the renewal.

The basic question being asked by congregations involved in the Transformational Ministry process is "what is God calling us to do in this time and place?" How do we answer that question? By going back to the Bible (personal transformation) and then engaging in the Three Great Listenings; listening to God, to self, and to the community (Re-rooting in the Community). Where will we end up? Only God knows. This is God's work, not ours.

TM2.0 is a process; but besides Transformational Ministry, congregations may also engage in Natural Church Development, Vibrant Faith, their own strategic planning, or other avenues to discern what God is calling them to do.

How is Trinity being involved? The stewardship training that Pastor Duane, Pat Blum, and Margie Neugebauer attended is part of the transformational ministry resources. The theme of this training was "Giving Ourselves to the Lord". Its focus is reaching the "Uninvolved, Under-involved, and New Members." Trinity Women of the ELCA are also embarking on their current renewal effort. All women of the church are invited to a Media Party on June 20 to learn more about the overall organization of Women of the ELCA and to begin a renewal of the organization by inviting and gathering everyone's interest and opinion. We will also be celebrating the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the launching of Women of the ELCA.

Think of the toys, transformers. The toys begin as cars or big people, but as the design of the initial piece is changed or transformed, the toy becomes a new transformer. So it is with churches, or any other group involved with transformation; the old or original form remains but the design changes and is transformed into something new and relevant to today's world.





# IT'S HERE!!!

The new webpage for Trinity Lutheran Church is up and running. There is still some work to be done this summer. Check it out. If you have any thoughts or suggestions be sure to let us know.

www.midstatesd.net/~trinitywebpage/

#### UPCOMING SOUTH DAKOTA SYNOD ACTIVITIES

**June 2**, Grand Opening, Joy Ranch, near Watertown, 1pm to dusk.

June 8-9, South Dakota Synod Assembly, Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Sioux Falls.

June 15-16, WELCA Synodical Convention, Lutheran Memorial Church, Pierre.

June 22-23, Glocal Mission Gathering, Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Sioux Falls.

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 Deacon's Meeting- May 10, 2012 at 6:30 PM

Deacons present were: Pastor Duane, Maria Birch, Kay Hines, John Wall, Sharmel Olsen, Lori Tonak, Judy Swanson, Noah Gould, and Joan Trumm.

Devotions were given by Kay.

Minutes - Minutes for April were read and approved.

#### Items of Business:

- 1. Prison congregation visit: Pastor Duane reported that the date reserved for a visit will be Wednesday, July 26<sup>th</sup>.
- 2. Judy is working on updating a list of deacons' responsibilities.
- 3. The date for the Fish Fry in July was set for the 18<sup>th</sup>.
- 4. The updated membership directories were handed out.
- 5. We need to purchase a new guest book for the sanctuary as the current one is full. Pastor Duane passed around some cards other churches had sent to Margie after she had visited their services as an example of what we could consider doing as a way to contact visitors after they attend here.
- 6.Pastor Duane came up with some "homework" for the deacons-he would like for the deacons to get acquainted with the people in their areas by setting up a visit with one of them per month. A sheet was provided to give some questions to be answered.
- 7. The pie outreach to the nursing home on Thursday, May 31st was discussed-at least 10 pies are needed and possibilities for a short program were also bandied about. A sign up sheet will be passed around to drum up enough pies next Sunday.
- 8.We will be having after service potluck/coffee hours on the first and third Sundays of the month during the summer. It will be up to individual folks to decide what they would like to bring for the time of fellowship.
- 9. The Prayer List was updated.

Next meeting's date is to be June 14 at 7:00 PM (Possibly, I think...)

The meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Joan Trumm - Deacon's Recorder

# Trinity Lutheran Church Council Wednesday, May 2, 2012

**Present** ~ Bob Brown, Pat Blum, Rolf Hope, Mark Huber, Karen Niles, Deb Schaub, Jeff Tveit, and Pastor Duane, guests Margie Neugebauer & Maria Birch

Absent ~ Shelly Goodman, Gary Kringen, Dave Larson, Matthew Menzie, and Joe Wall

**Devotions** ~ The meeting was called to order by President Pat.

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

**Treasurers Report** ~ Checking account balance is \$5,193. Russ will make sure Marcella receives the information on automatic givers. Motion moved by Bob, seconded by Deb to approve the report, motion carried.

## **Committee Reports:**

#### **Education:**

Work continues on updating the church sign.

#### **Property**:

Work continues on updating the church sign.

#### **Stewardship:**

Pastor, Margie & Pat attended a Stewardship meeting in Pierre. The focus of the meeting was building relationships between the church and the uninvolved, the under involved and new church members.

### Worship:

- ➤ Deb and Margie shared a survey form for the congregation to fill out concerning the desire for special music. This will be placed in mailboxes and emailed to members to be returned by the end of May.
- > The council extended a thank you to Mick Niles for recruiting worship leaders and hosts the past two years. We will return to passing clipboards.

#### **Deacons:**

- > A potluck was held on Sunday.
- > The annual fish fry will be July 18th.
- ➤ The annual visit to the Springfield visit will be July 26th.

## Pastor's Report Highlights: The April report was given.

- Pastor questions the continuance of the Easter Sunrise service.
- ➤ He assisted with a Seder Meal presentation at the Long Term Care center on Maundy Thursday.
- Six weddings are on the schedule for this summer.
- ➤ June 10<sup>th</sup> will be a vacation Sunday.

## **Unfinished Business** ~

- The plan for the landscaping the church corner was discussed and the approved.
- The new church website was launched today. Much positive feedback was given.
- Margie shared a review and update of the church's strategic plan.

#### **New Business ~**

- Maria shared information with the council concerning the community garden plot.
- Motion by Deb, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Karen for May Noisy offering to go towards the Community Garden Plots.
- Next week Pastor will attend a Boundaries workshop in Rapid City.

#### **Next Meeting**

June 6, 2012 at 7:30 PM. Joe has devotions.

#### Adjourn

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Jeff Tveit, Secretary