

# TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

MAY 2012

## **PASTOR'S PONDERINGS:**

Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish you whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen (from ELW page 107)

Dear Members of Trinity,

I finished reading the book "Take This Bread" by Sarah Miles. Sarah tells about her journey from being raised as an atheist to becoming a Christian. One Sunday morning she went into a church and was invited to come and receive Christ body and blood. After her first feast of Christ body she began to struggle with what does it mean to be a part of the body of Christ and especially how do you share Christ body to others. She concluded that one way she could do that was to start a food pantry in the church where she was receiving Christ body. A year after she received her first communion she was baptized and started the food pantry the same week.

Sarah shares the joys and disappointments of feeding the hungry each week. On Friday morning they would set up a bunch of tables around the altar area, fill them with food they received from San Francisco Food Bank. The numbers grew where on most Fridays over 200 people would show up for a grocery bag full of food.

Since adopting our son Joel, who was malnourished when we adopted him, I have been concerned about those who are hungry. I heard again this week the comment made by a Washington politician that the

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## **PRAIRIE RIVERS SPRING GATHERING**

**Women of the ELCA celebrate 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary**

On Saturday, Apr. 14 women of the Prairie Rivers Conference gathered for their spring conference,

"It Only Takes a Spark." Held at First Lutheran Church of Mitchell, the women came together for worship, fellowship, to conduct business and celebrate 25 years as Women of the ELCA.

In his sermon, Bishop Zellmer gave recognition to "all those women who worked tirelessly during the tough times of the 1930s and World War II to keep Lutheran churches going. Many South Dakota Lutheran churches owe their very existence to the hard work of these women."

He went on to applaud the "daughters and granddaughters" of those women for the work they do today on behalf of ELCA churches. "I applaud and recognize you for reaching this milestone of 25 years as Women of the ELCA," said the bishop.

Synodical president Vivian Westgard, told women of the importance of encouraging "our young women to know who we are."

Incoming officers and committee members include Lois Storm and Margene Thompson, co-coordinators; Sharon Scott, treasurer, Vicki Hines, mission growth (justice), Marcella Jenson, scholarship, and Vicki Persson, nominations.

Margie Neugebauer and Maria Birch attended

## **CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES**

Colin Thompson, son of Dallas and Tammy Thompson will be graduating from CHS on May 20.

Colin is the first Chamberlain graduate to sign with a college soccer program. He will be attending Presentation College in Aberdeen, pursuing a BA in Radiology Tech.

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main cause of hunger in the US is because people are lazy. She suggested that if people are hungry they should go get a job.

I get a little angry when I hear such comments. When I served as a pastor in Hatton, ND the ministerial in town ran the food pantry. We kept records on who used the food pantry and every year between two-thirds and three-fourth of the people who used the pantry were under 16 years of age. Does our representative want 8 year olds to drop out of school and go to work when they are hungry? That is what she is implying by her statement.

The other fact that became very clear was that the majority of adults using the food pantry were not lazy freeloaders but rather people who were underemployed. One group was farm laborers who had work in the spring, summer and fall but they were unemployed during the winter months. These men were hard workers but had difficulty finding work in the winter and needed food. The other group of underemployed was women who worked part time because they needed to be home when their children came home from school. Most were working for minimum wages and not earning enough to feed their children, especially during the summer.

As Christians we are command by our Lord to feed the hungry. Three times Jesus told Peter to “feed my sheep” (see John 21:15-17) I believe this command was not only to feed people the Bread of Life which is Jesus but also the bread of life that is need to keep our physically bodies strong.

I am appreciative of all who contribute food items for our local food pantry. I am also appreciative to Maria Birch for organizing community food plots so people can grow some of their own food. All these efforts help to live out what if means to be the body of Christ.

Your Friend in Christ,

Pastor Duane



## **PRAYER LIST**

Connie Bailey – friend of Larry & Elaine Larson  
Karl Bodensteiner – friend of Larry & Elaine Larsen  
Burt Casler – Trinity member  
James DeBates – grandfather of Gary Kringen  
Carrie Dickson – niece of Maryalice Larson  
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  
Patty Speckels – friend of Maryalice Larson  
Richard Tesch – husband of Mary White Bird/Tesch  
Kim Tyrell – 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  
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 – family of John Glaus  
Gene Graves – member of Trinity  
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  
Janice Sellend – Trinity Member  
Jill Schrieber – friend of Dianne Graves

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## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

May 1: Melissa Hall  
May 2: Roger K. Campbell  
May 2: Maynard Jensen  
May 2: Denise Meyerink  
May 2: Hayden Handel  
May 3: Mariah Normile  
May 4: Lorri Swenson  
May 4: Dallas Thompson  
May 6: Elizabeth Van Ert  
May 6: Emilia Van Ert  
May 7: Judy Peterson  
May 7: Nicholas Wall  
May 7: Bob Brown  
May 11: Gavin Graves  
May 12: Brad Carson  
May 13: Richard Menzie  
May 15: Lynette Gerlach  
May 15: Karen Moore  
May 17: Arlys Abernathy  
May 17: Sharmel Olson  
May 19: Marlene Munkvold  
May 19: Noah Bury  
May 20: Elizabeth Woodruff  
May 21: Roger Buum  
May 21: Cassi Swenson  
May 21: Joan Trumm  
May 23: Laura Gerlach  
May 24: Mark Huber  
May 26: Kami Byre  
May 27: Marcella Jensen  
May 27: Luke Baker  
May 28: Derek Thompson  
May 28: Tre Antelope  
May 29: Allayna Brown  
May 31: Shania McManus



May 1 – Ron & Kay Kjonggaard  
May 2, 1981 – Mike & Joan Trumm  
May 10 – Ralph & Arlene Shrake  
May 21 – Roger and Marlys Buum  
May 27, 2006 – Mike & Lisa Schlaffman  
May 27 – Terry & Julie Menzie  
May 29 – Mike & Alice Bunker

Bary Swanson – friend of Judy Swanson  
Stanley Tybureck – brother of Elaine Larsen  
Mildred Wall – Trinity Member

### Missions of the Church

Prison Congregations of America  
St. Dismas 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.  
Robert Stickney – friend of Trinity  
Eric Gould – brother of Noah Gould  
Members of the 200<sup>th</sup> Engineering Company of the SD National Guard

## SERVICE MINISTERS FOR MAY

### May 6

Hosts: Del and Joyce Wevik  
Lector/Cantor: Emily Wall  
Church Cleaning: DeBoer/Killion  
Lawn Care: Bob Brown

### May 13

Hosts: Mike and Joan Trumm  
Lector/Cantor: Margie Neugebauer  
Church Cleaning: DuVall/Denke  
Lawn Care: Mike Trumm

### May 20

Hosts: Kermit and Judy Swanson  
Lector/Cantor: Karen Graber  
Church Cleaning: Gerlach/Gerlach/D. Feltman  
Lawn Care: Keith Osterberg

### May 27

Hosts: Robert and Deb Schaub  
Lector/Cantor: Mike Normile  
Church Cleaning: Geerdes/Haiar  
Lawn Care: Still Needed





## BAKE SALE FOR JOY RANCH

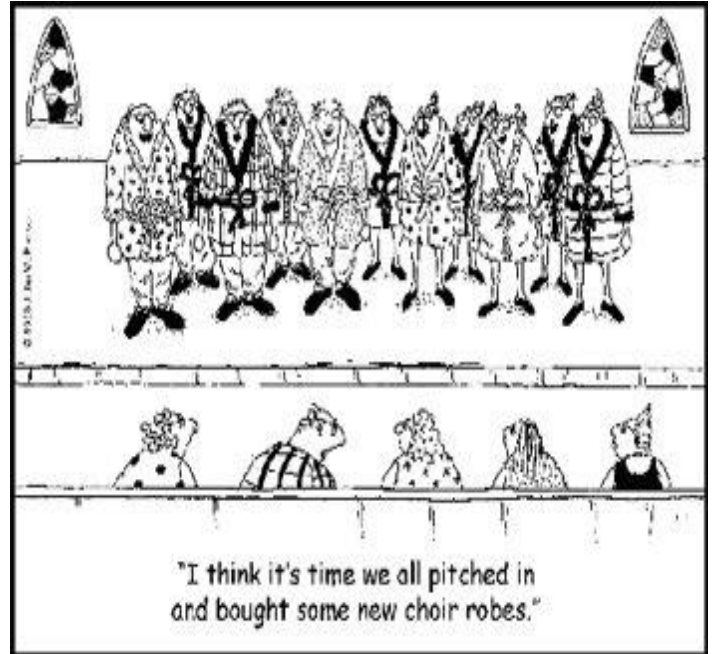
The SD Women of the ELCA are encouraging all congregations in SD to have a bake sale on May 5th in order to help raise money that will go toward the purchase items for the kitchen at our new camp, Joy Ranch at Watertown. Trinity will be having a "no bake" bake sale. Instead of making something, bring a picture or receipt of the item you might have provided. A table will be provided for your "no bake" items that you are contributing to the bake sale. A cake pan will be available for your money donations, which will be sent to Joy Ranch Kitchen Fund.



Her children rise up and call her blessed; Her husband also, and he praises her.

Proverbs 31:28

*Happy Mother's Day!*



## SOME THINGS TO MAKE NOTE OF

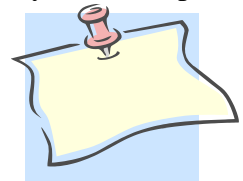
The last day of Wowsome Wednesday will be May 2, 2012. You are welcome to come hear the kids sing some of their songs at 7pm followed by ice cream.

Mark your calendars for the following opportunities to aid the 20+ adults and children attending Lutheran Outdoors Camps this summer:

Sunday, May 13 - Lori Tonak with Tastefully Simple will have breakfast items for you to sample after church. You will be able to purchase these yummy items, along with some other company favorites. Of course, you can also order anything from the catalog. :)

June 1-2 - We will be participating in the City-Wide Rummage sales. Stay tuned for how you can help out.

Late May to June 9 - Campers will be conducting a Schwan's Food fundraising event. Items will be presold/preordered and then you may pick them up at the church on Saturday morning, June 9. You will also have the opportunity to order at church services. More information will follow in mid May.



## UPCOMING SOUTH DAKOTA SYNOD ACTIVITIES



**June 2**, Grand Opening, Joy Ranch, near Watertown, 1 – 4 p.m.

**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.

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### **Trinity Lutheran Church**

#### **Deacon's Meeting- April 12, 2012 at 7:00 PM**

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

Devotions were given by Pastor Duane

Minutes - Minutes for March were read and approved.

New Business:

1. New Member Sunday: There are not enough people joining, so we will hold off until the fall.
2. The next fifth Sunday brunch potluck will be held on Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup> after church at 10:30 AM-it will be a brunch potluck.
3. Prison congregation visit: Pastor Duane reported that the dates available for a visit and it was decided to choose July 26<sup>th</sup> as the first choice and August 2<sup>nd</sup> as the second choice.
4. Did an overview of two separate lists of deacons' responsibilities. Judy offered to combine the two
5. The date for the Fish Fry in July was set for the 18<sup>th</sup>.
6. Sympathy cards are in the cupboard in the old kitchen and are available for deacons to use as needed.
7. Updates for the church directory will be made up on an as needed basis-lists of new church council members, new deacons, new members, and people who have moved. This can be done as a list on a piece of paper as well as an update on the church's web site or Facebook page.
8. There was a discussion about the deacons hosting fellowship coffees after services in the summer, perhaps on the Sundays when communion is done (the first and third Sundays of the month). A sign up sheet will be passed around in May.
8. The Prayer List was updated.

Next meeting's date is to be May 10 at 7:00 PM

The meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Trumm - Deacon's Recorder

## Trinity Lutheran Church Council Wednesday, April 4, 2012

**Present** ~ Bob Brown, Pat Blum, Rolf Hope, Mark Huber, Gary Kringen, Dave Larson, Matthew Menzie, Karen Niles, Deb Schaub, Jeff Tveit, Joe Wall, and Pastor Duane,

**Absent** ~ Shelly Goodman

**Devotions** ~ The meeting was called to order by Vice President Mark. Bob led devotions. President Pat took over following committee meetings.

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

**Treasurers Report** ~ Checking account balance is \$985.64. There are no outstanding bills. Motion moved by Gary, seconded by Karen to approve the report, motion carried.

### **Committee Reports:**

#### **Education:**

- The committee is working with the property committee to update the church sign to reflect the change in the Christian Education program.

#### **Property:**

- Working with the Education committee on the church sign
- Working to fix the front door handles.

#### **Stewardship:**

- Synod stewardship committees are taking place and various members plan to attend.

#### **Worship:**

- The committee has created a job description for the music coordinator. Much discussion took place around this. The committee is creating a survey for the congregation

**Deacons:** A potluck will be held the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of April. New members will be admitted in April 15<sup>th</sup>.

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

- Pastor did the funeral for Pearl Swanson, UCC member.
- The adult Bible Study of *Fearless* has taken place led by Margie.
- Lent had been busy.
- Pastor helped serve the campers Christian Motorcycle group meal.
- Pastor Duane and Margie & Maria Birch attended the Prairie Rivers Conference. Pastor said a renewed sense of energy is evident in our Synod.

### **Unfinished Business ~**

- Pat, Jeff & Deb will be on the committee to create landscaped corner in honor of Charlotte.
- Vonnie continues to work on updating the church website.
- The offering teller list was signed up for the next 6 months on a monthly basis.
- Chris Wrich from A & B Business Products in Mitchell met with the council to answer questions concerning the new printer/scanner/copier/fax machine. The cost of \$1,376.94 will be paid from Thrivent Choice Dollars. The machine will be installed in the next day or two.
- After a brief discussion it was felt insurance coverage for the directors and officers was unnecessary.

### **New Business ~**

- Motion by Dave, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mark to give \$1,000 from the Thrivent Choice Dollars to the camper fund. Motion carried.
- Each council member is to come to the next meeting with ideas of a replacement for the open council position.

### **Next Meeting**

May 2, 2012 at 7:30 PM. Joe has devotions.

### **Adjourn**

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Jeff Tveit, Secretary