



# TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

MAY 2013

Dear Members of Trinity;

The Mitchell Daily Republic had an article this week about the proposed new casino in Oacoma being planned by Lower Brule Tribe. The casino has been an item of discussion at the last couple of Chamberlain Area Ministerial meetings. This letter has been signed by some of the ministerial members, including me, and has been forwarded to the federal gaming commission and state officials. Here is the body of the letter.

Dear Sirs:

*We have recently learned of the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe's plans for economic development. We are encouraged at this tribes' initiative in seeking to help themselves and others economically. Their popcorn production which we understand is one of the best in the nation shows that when the tribe does something, they do it well. We were impressed with the plans for development of a travel center, hotel, restaurant, convention center West of Oacoma. We feel these businesses would not only be good for the tribe but also for the Oacoma/Chamberlain community. But we do feel the need to express our opposition to the moving of the tribe's gambling operations to this location West of Oacoma and Chamberlain, South Dakota. We feel responsible to do this because the location would be within the radius of our area churches' ministries. We as members of the group feel that we need to voice our opposition to moving in a gambling operation here. We would ask you to consider these reasons for our opposition:*

*1. Promotion and expansion of gambling sends a message to the youth of our community that is contrary to the work ethic we try to promote and for which our community has had a solid reputation. It promotes the idea that we can get something for nothing, which promotes idleness rather than industriousness and initiative.*

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## NEW WEBSITE

Trinity Lutheran has a new website <http://trinity-live.org>. After April 1st our old site at midstatesd will no longer be available. The new web page has been designed by Ron Luurs, who will take over the task of web master. Ron has put in many hours of time to design the new site. He has done a great job and the site will be more user friendly. The sermons will be posted on the web site and will be much easier to access. If you have information you want on the website let Ron know at [webmaster@trinity-live.org](mailto:webmaster@trinity-live.org). Ron is especially looking for pictures to add to our site, so if you have any e-mail them to him.

## Fair Trade Fair Coming to Trinity

This is an exciting time for Trinity Lutheran Church!

Trinity Women have placed an order of Fair Trade chocolates, coffee, tea and a few other items. Our idea is to have coffee, chocolate and tea on sale every week. While many items are made overseas, we will also have packets of bean soup mix made by women at Women's Bean Project in Denver, CO.

This year 7.5 % of annual handcraft sales and 4% of annual Divine Chocolate (and other food) sales will be donated to Lutheran World Relief to support partners and projects.

You can buy the products we have on-hand, or order items from the Lutheran World Relief Handcraft Project catalog.

For information, contact Maria Birch at 605-680-9429.

**Women's Bible Study** for May will be held on Tuesday, May 21st, at the home of Rosemary Mohr 107 Lizzies Lane at 7:30 p.m. Hostess will be Rosemary and Leader is open. Any questions call 734-4039 and everyone welcome.



## **PRAYER LIST**

Herb Aronson – friend of Dixie Lloyd  
 Connie Bailey – friend of Larry & Elaine Larson  
 Dale Cleland – Nancy DeBoer’s father  
 Ruth Boeke – Rosemary Mohr’s mother  
 Marlene Dawson – friend of Weviks  
 Jane Dewald- friend of Weviks  
 Doris Dux – mother of Cynthia Wall  
 Lane Fawcett – grandson of Pat & Bart Blum  
 Shirley Feltman – Trinity Member  
 Doris Freese – Mother of Myrna Freese  
 Gene Graves – Trinity Member  
 Kayleen Haiar – Trinity Member  
 Fern & Wally Jones – Parents of Laura Gerlach  
 Riana Laurens-sister of Eben Venter  
 Gary Lippold – friend of Shrales  
 Tori Louvre – friend of Walls  
 Melody Munger – friend of Melissa and Sharmel  
 Mike Nepodal – friend of Maria Birch  
 Kevin Normile – brother of Mike Normile  
 Glenn Osborne – brother of Deb Sellend  
 Danielle Rea – friend of Marcella Jensen  
 Mike Renbarger –friend of Dianne Graves  
 Bernadine Rindels – friend of Weviks  
 Kim Tyrell – friend of Maryalice Larson  
 Ray Urban – friend of Lori Tonak  
 Mindy Wahlquist – friend of Maryalice Larson  
 Stuart Wevik – son of Weviks  
 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 Geerde  
 Jim Butler-friend of Maryalice Larson  
 Gail Danhour- sister of Larry Larsen  
 Ray Goeden -  
 Winnie Keeler - requested by Deacons  
 Bridget Kendrick – great niece of Marcella Jensen  
 Deah Killion – Trinity member  
 Mariah Normile – Trinity Member  
 Gunnar Oleson – nephew of Leanne DuVall  
 Krista Osborne, Alexandra Osborne, Antoinette  
 Osborne – nieces of Deb Sellend  
 Jill Schrieber – friend of Dianne Graves  
 Cindy Wilkens – member of Trinity  
 Deb Sellend – member of Trinity  
 Stanley Tybrac – brother of Elaine Larsen

2. *This will create social problems with family members who do not know how to control themselves where gambling is concerned and the community will be required to pick up the cost.*

3. *We as pastors, priests and other Christian ministers need ever to ask the question, “What is God calling us to do?” in matters of faith and life. In this issue, it seems to us the corollary to this question is, “How shall we be our brother’s keeper?” We believe the relocation of casino gambling to our community is not an action which we can endorse.*

*We certainly are not against economic development for the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe. We would welcome the travel center, hotel, restaurant, and convention center West of Oacoma. As stated above, we applaud the tribe’s initiative and productive efforts of economic development. We believe they are on the right track except for the gambling. We would look forward to the tribe’s promotion of other development ideas. But we feel we do need to voice our opposition to the gambling portion of this proposal.*

*Thank you for your consideration in this matter.*

The comment has been made that the ministerial alliance is picking on Native Americans and the question was raised as to why we don’t say something about the other gambling establishments run by whites in this area. I would like to respond personally to those charges.

First – The SD Synod of the ELCA and I personally have taken a stand against the proliferation of gambling in South Dakota over the past 30 years. This includes opposing video lottery, sale of lottery tickets including Powerball, and the increase of betting limits in Deadwood.

Second - If the ministerial alliance found out that a new restaurant in Chamberlain would be offering gambling we would also oppose it.

Third - There is not much we can do about the gambling sites that are already in existence either in Chamberlain or on the reservation but we can take a stand against the proliferation of gambling in our area.

I personally believe that gambling is a hindrance to economic development. I also know there are some of you who would disagree with me on this issue. I am always open to dialogue.

Your Friend in Christ,

Pastor Duane

## BIRTHDAYS



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

## ANNIVERSARIES

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

## MAY SERVICE MINISTERS

DATE	HOSTS	LECTOR	CANTOR
MAY 5	Osterbergs	Browns	Browns
MAY 12	Blackwells		
MAY 19			
MAY 26			

## CHURCH CLEANING

The cleaning list and cleaning duties have been updated. . Please take some time to review these. Copies can be found on the bulletin board in the hall or the office. If you have any questions call Pat Blum. Thanks for what you all do to help keep Trinity clean and beautiful.

May 5: Rasmussen/N.Harris  
May 12: Schaub/Solnar  
May 19: Buum/Kjongegaard  
May 26: Schlaffman/D.Selland



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Our Vacation Bible School is set for Sunday, June 9 – Thursday, June 13 at 5:30 – 8:00 pm. Pre K – 6 and their friends are invited. The theme is KINGDOM ROCKS ! If you haven't turned in a registration see Stacey Tveit as soon as possible, so they know how many to plan for.



## Knitting Scarves and Hats

Thank you to everyone who joined in knitting or crocheting scarves and hats during April.

We are encouraging that you continue knitting items for donation to missions. There is a box of yarn in the secretary's office. Take what you need, and add your knitted items in the box.

Thank you for your generosity.  
Trinity Women Leadership Team

**Missions of the Church**

Prison Congregations of America  
St.Dysmas at Springfield, SD

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

We pray for all Adam Larson and all the men and women in 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.



**Quilt Making**

We are putting out a call for people to help make quilts. We are not talking about those fancy quilts that can take a long time to make. The quilts we are talking about are simple quilts, sewn from squares of fabric, and held together with cotton thread.

Lutheran World Relief is calling for 500,000 quilts to be made in 2013. They are asking previous donors to increase their donation by 25%. This is a good time for Trinity Lutheran Church to answer the call.

The women at Kimball Protestant Parish have been making mission quilts for many years. This year they donated 150 quilts to Lutheran World Relief. Those women have a system for making quilts! They have shared two boxes of precut squares put together in packets – all ready to be sewn into a quilt top. The tops are put together, and then set aside to be assembled into quilts in February.

If you can sew a straight line, you can sew a quilt top for Lutheran World Relief. This would be a wonderful project for a beginning seamstress as well as an experienced seamstress!

Kimball women have invited us to join them in February when they assemble the quilts. We will be collecting monies to purchase mission quilt batting, and to pay \$2.50 for each quilt to be shipped.

For more information, or to pick up a quilt top, contact Maria Birch at 605-680-9429.

**Trinity Women Attend Spring Gathering**

On Saturday, April 13, Margie Neugebauer and Maria Birch attended the Prairie Rivers spring gathering at St. John’s Lutheran Church in Dimock.

They were accompanied by Sheryn Ekstrum and Agnes Ekstrum of Kimball.

After checking in, having some coffee and a muffin, and buying items from the South Dakota Hunger Team Fair Trade Chocolate and Coffee table, we settled in for a sing-a-long and a gospel lesson presented by Pastor Erika Lehmann, new pastor at St. John’s Lutheran Church.

Our morning keynote speaker was Pastor Lauren Stanley, Priest-in-charge at Rosebud Mission West. The Love Offering of bedding and candles was taken on her behalf. In addition, she will receive over \$500 donated by the various women’s groups in the conference.

Pastor Lauren talked to us about the young adult intentional community located in Mission. The community is a joint effort of the Episcopal Diocese of South Dakota and the South Dakota Synod of the ELCA.

The young adult community is participating in the Taize Pine Ridge event over Memorial Day weekend in Red Shirt. For more information see: [http://www.taize.fr/en\\_article14640.html](http://www.taize.fr/en_article14640.html).

Young adults ages 18-35 are encouraged to register for three-days of prayer and workshops.

Officers were elected during the afternoon business meeting and reports were given.

New business included the Prairie River Conference agreeing to conduct an antiracism workshop for anyone to attend. For more information, contact Margie Neugebauer at 605-234-0115, or Maria Birch at 605-680-9429.

Pastor Erika blessed the donations for Pastor Lauren. We loaded them in her vehicle, and all headed home.

**South Dakota Synod Women of the ELCA is on-line**

**Facebook:** [tinyurl.com/welcascad](http://tinyurl.com/welcascad)

**Twitter:** [twitter.com/WomenoftheELCAsoDak](http://twitter.com/WomenoftheELCAsoDak)

**Pinterest:** [pinterest.com/womenelcascad/](http://pinterest.com/womenelcascad/)

**Blog:** [womenoftheelcascad.wordpress.com](http://womenoftheelcascad.wordpress.com)

**South Dakota Synod Hunger Team is on-line**

**Facebook:** [tinyurl.com/hungerteamsd](http://tinyurl.com/hungerteamsd)

**Blog:** [hungerteamsd.wordpress.com/](http://hungerteamsd.wordpress.com/)

**Pinterest:** [pinterest.com/hungerteamsodak/](http://pinterest.com/hungerteamsodak/)

## Chamberlain Community Garden

Things are changing at the Community Garden! We are so happy to announce that Modern Woodmen of America has donated \$500 for garden supplies, and the Barger Foundation has awarded \$4,000 for a deer fence.

This summer the community garden is offering a six-week Kid's Garden training program for students in kindergarten through sixth grade. Watch local papers for more information.

The city of Chamberlain is accepting applications for a plot at the garden - \$20 for a 10-foot by 25-foot plot. In addition, we are asking for help in developing perennial gardens – an orchard, perennial flower gardens, and a bed of asparagus, strawberries and raspberries.

Do you have garden implements or seeds you can donate? Can you work at the garden, helping to plant the perennials, helping with the kids garden or taking care of a community plot?

If you would like to make a donation, or can help, contact Maria Birch at 605-680-9429.

## **April Church Council Meeting Minutes**

The Trinity Lutheran Church Council was held on Wednesday April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2013 at 7:30.

**Present:** were Mark Huber, Pat Blum, Jeff Tviet, Bob Brown, Dave Larson, Rosemary Mohr, Denise Myerink, Karen Niles, Mary Brown, Judy Campbell, Gary Kringen, Pastor Duane, and Maria Birch

**The treasurer's report was given by Russ**

**Committee reports:**

**Education Committee:** Looking to meet to make some changes to the Wow-Some Wednesday Program, the final date has been set for the vacation bible school with UCC it is set for June 9<sup>th</sup> -13<sup>th</sup>

**Property Committee:** 27 florescent light bulbs were purchased; the barricade around the ac units needs to be prepared Gary Kringen will look into some resin based boards and report back next meeting

**Stewardship Committee** The idea of leasing spaces for garage sales was discussed

**Worship Committee:** Sarah resigned from playing piano for the Saturday evening services a search for a replacement has begun

**Pastor gave his report along with the deacons' report.**

**Unfinished Business:** Jeff Tviet and Pat Blum will write a new Treehouse contract, discussion was held on church cleaning money and fundraising money in the offering plate, and that only one sheet and deposit slip will be used for the offering tellers

**New Business:** Vonnie will be retiring from the church secretary position at the end of April, The position will be opened to the church members first then to public. Gary Kringen moved to pay \$50 for a webinar to be hosted by the South Dakota Synod, Mary Brown Seconded the motion, motion passed. Jeff Tviet moved to form a special committee to research a building project to be composed of any congregation member to be appointed by President Mark Huber at the next meeting with a letter of interest given to Mark. Seconded by Rosemary Mohr motion passed. Jeff Tviet moved that the noisy offering for April be used for Jordan Willard's summer mission trip, seconded by Dave Larson motion passed. The next meeting will be May 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:30. Meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.