

# TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

DECEMBER 2013

Dear Members of Trinity;

The Christmas special have been on TV for a couple of weeks now and the decorations have been up in stores. Commercials that entice our young people to make longer and longer Christmas lists have also been airing. With all the secular bombardment of Christmas, how do we as Christians hold on to the real meaning of Christmas?

I believe one of the best ways to do so is to focus our attention on those who are in need. One of the greatest needs in our world is that of hunger. Most of you know by now of my concern for those who are hungry. Three experiences have been defining moments in my life that had encouraged my concern for the hungry. The first was seeing hungry people in refugee camps along the border of Cambodia and Thailand. The second was visiting hunger projects in Brazil. The third was adopting a son who was malnourished.

For the last three years, the ELCA hunger program has produced meals that help to inform us on how money collected for world hunger is being used. These are intended to be used during Lent but since we have our Wow-Some Wednesday meal it was not possible to do the meals during Lent. But I wanted to use some of the programs before I retired. I was excited that the Deacons decided to sponsor four meals during Advent. I believe Advent is a good time to use the programs addressing world hunger for it is one way to counteract the consumerism that is rampant in our society.

I would encourage you to attend the meals following worship service on the four Sundays in Advent (Dec. 1, 8, 15 & 22). A simple meal will be served and information on the hunger programs in the countries that received the most votes will be used.

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*Merry Christmas*



## DECEMBER EVENTS

- Dec. 1 ELCA World Hunger Meal after worship
- Dec. 7 Advent Brunch at church 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.
- Dec. 8 ELCA World Hunger Meal after worship
- Dec. 11 Women's Bible Study, joint meeting of women's groups for a Bible study and celebration of Christmas, 6:00 p.m.
- Dec. 14 Cook and serve at The Banquet in Sioux Falls
- Dec. 15 First Communion Sunday  
ELCA World Hunger Meal after worship
- Dec. 18 Wowsome Wednesday Christmas Program
- Dec. 21 Saturday Night Potluck after worship
- Dec. 22 ELCA World Hunger Meal after worship  
Pastor Duane's Retirement Reception, 1 – 3 p.m. at church  
Christmas Cantata, 4 p.m., Zion Church
- Dec. 24 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service with Holy Communion, 4:00 & 5:30 p.m.
- Dec. 29 Pastor Duane's Retirement Fifth Sunday Potluck immediately after service
- Dec. 30 Blood Drive
- Dec. 31 Pastor Duane retires

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## TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH SERVICES

**Sunday Worship:** 9:30 a.m. with communion on first and third Sundays, choir sings on second and fourth Sundays

**Saturday Worship:** 5:30 p.m. with communion

**Wowsome Wednesday & Confirmation Class –**

Wednesday, 5:30 meal; 6:00 class, mid-September thru early May.



**PRAYER LIST**

Karen Bertram  
 Charlotte Cadwell  
 Dale Cleland  
 Mary Lee Dennison  
 Doris Dux  
 Shirley Feltman  
 Kayleen Haiar  
 Mike Healy  
 Darlene Hofer  
 Fern and Wally Jones  
 Ron Kjonegaard  
 Larry Larsen  
 Tori Louvre  
 Shania McManus  
 Melody Munger  
 Mike Nepodal  
 Glenn Osborne  
 Clifford Priebe  
 Mike Renbarger  
 Mary Schelle  
 Jim Sunde  
 Kim Tyrell  
 Ray Urban  
 Mindy Wahlquist

A second opportunity to help those who are hungry will be to sign up to serve at the Banquet. I believe this is the twelfth year that Trinity has signed up to help. This has been a positive experience for those who have participated. Again, this is a great project for families to participate in.

A final opportunity to help with world hunger is to contribute to the special Christmas offering that will be taken at the Christmas Eve services. The offering will go to God's Global Barnyard project, which helps purchase animals and fish to help hungry people feed themselves. I'm not sure how many animals we can buy. Costs are chickens - \$10, bees - \$20, a pig - \$30, a goat - \$50, a sheep- \$125 and a cow - \$500. Let's try and purchase a cow. If you have children or grandchildren encourage them to set aside a little money so that they can give toward this important project from their own money.

At Christmas we receive the greatest gift of all, the gift of a Savior born in Bethlehem. As a reminder of that gift it is important to emphasize giving rather than getting. One of the ways we can do this is through helping those who are hungry. My pray for you this December is that you will experience the real joy that comes from helping those in need.

Your Friend in Christ,  
 Pastor Duane

**TO BE REMEMBERED**

Connie Bailey  
 John Blumeyer  
 Don Borman  
 Jim Butler  
 Allan Currey  
 Gail Danhour  
 Ray Goeden  
 Gene Graves  
 Winnie Keller  
 Deah Killion  
 Riana Lauens  
 Maria Normile  
 Gunnar Olson  
 Alexandra Osborne  
 Antoinette Osborne  
 Krista Osborne  
 Ed Selland

Jill Schreiber  
 Stanley Tybrac  
 Cindy Wilkens

**THOSE IN SERVICE TO  
 OUR COUNTRY**

We pray for Chuck Hagen and all of the men and women in military units who are called to active duty, and for their families.

**MISSIONS OF THE  
 CHURCH**

Prison Congregations of  
 America  
 St. Dysmas Congregation at  
 Springfield, SD

**Starting with the January issue, newsletters will be delivered by email, unless you do not have email or you request to receive a copy in your church mailbox.**

**Call Maria at 680-9429 or email [trinitysec@midstatesd.net](mailto:trinitysec@midstatesd.net)**

## THE BANQUET

Trinity Lutheran Church and St. James Catholic Church are once again working together to provide lunch at The Banquet on Saturday, December 14.

Be sure to sign up when the clip board is passed at church.

Our December Noisy Offering is for milk money for The Banquet.

Contact Stacey Tveit with questions.

## LUTEFISK SUPPER



Lena said, "Eat up that broccoli, Ole. It'll put color in your cheeks." Ole replied, "Do you really think I want green checks?"

As the planning committee we do want to say a huge thank you to each and every volunteer who joined together to make the lutefisk supper a success!

Feeding 200 hungry people takes lots of teamwork! Each year we feel we receive excellent help from everyone.

This is a wonderful community of Christian fellowship to which we belong. The project made about \$1,300 for us to use for church and mission items.

We have a small amount of lutefisk left in the church freezer. Cost is marked on the bag. Some leftse is also left for \$10 a dozen. Please give the money to Mary Normile.

Lena called the airlines information desk and inquired, "How long does it take to fly from Minneapolis to Fargo?"

"Just a minute," said the busy clerk.

"Vell, said Lena, "If it has to go dat fast, I tink I'll just take da bus."

## LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

**What's Happening?** Super Typhoon Haiyan struck the Philippines on the morning of November 8 as one of the world's most powerful storms on record to make landfall. The Category 5 typhoon made landfall near Leyte Province in Eastern Visayas Region causing massive destruction and loss of life. The storm hit with wind gusts up to 235 mph, nearly 16 inches of rainfall and waves up to 45 feet in some areas. The full extent of damage across the Philippines is still difficult to determine due to disruptions in communications. Access to storm-affected areas is limited as a result of fallen trees, damaged roads and downed power lines and telecommunications. Hundreds of thousands of people are currently displaced, and thousands have died as a result of the storm.

**How is LWR Responding?**-LWR's Philippines staff are now coordinating with our partners to mobilize staff and resources to respond to the most urgent needs.

- **Shelter:** LWR will provide shelter repair kits to families whose homes were damaged in the typhoon.
- **Cash programs:** LWR will employ residents of three municipalities in Northern Cebu in short-term work assignments removing debris from public spaces, helping to get cash into the hands of those who need it.
- **Household supplies:** LWR will provide families who have lost their belongings with essential household supplies such as cooking utensils and plates.
- **Quilts and Kits:** LWR is shipping Personal Care Kits, Baby Care Kits, School Kits and Quilts, which will be distributed to more than 26,000 families.
- LWR will provide **high-capacity water filters** to ensure communities have access to safe drinking water.

LWR has already received generous support from the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

**DONATIONS** can be made online at <http://lwr.org/haiyan>. Click on the 'donate now online' button.

**HOW CAN I HELP?** There are several ways you can help respond to the needs of the people in the Philippines:

- Please **pray** for those affected by Super Typhoon Haiyan and for all who are working to respond in the aftermath of the storm.
- **Give to the Philippines Typhoon fund.** Your cash donations help LWR respond quickly to emerging needs on the ground. We accept gifts online and by phone and mail.

**HAVE A GREATER IMPACT.** The Thrivent Financial for Lutherans Foundation will match your gift to LWR — 2 to 1 — up to \$500,000, between now and December 31!

Thank you for your compassion. 100% of gifts to this fund will be used to assist survivors of Typhoon Haiyan.

Or donations may be mailed to: Lutheran World Relief, P.O. Box 17061, Baltimore, MD 21297-1061. Mark your check "Typhoon Haiyan Relief Fund."

## DECEMBER SERVICE MINISTERS

### BIRTHDAYS

#### DECEMBER

**Dec. 1: Kevin Graber**  
**Dec. 1: John Shepherd**  
**Dec. 5: Julie Klages**  
**Dec. 7: Connor Murphy**  
**Dec. 11: Nicholas White Bird**  
**Dec. 12: Scott Dougherty**  
**Dec. 12: Kyle Haiar**  
**Dec. 17: Joe Wall**  
**Dec. 18: Julie Menzie**  
**Dec. 18: Hope Turgeon**  
**Dec. 18: Anthony Machado**  
**Dec. 19: Cynthia Wall**  
**Dec. 19: Emily Wall**  
**Dec. 20: Melissa Plank**  
**Dec. 24: Jake Reimer**  
**Dec. 26: Dasaine LaCroix**  
**Dec. 29: Gary Goodman**

### ANNIVERSARIES

**Dec. 6 – Darrell & Cara Miller**  
**Dec. 27 – Don & Nancy DeBoer**  
**Dec. 27 – Larry & Arlys Abernathy**

### CHRISTMAS CANTATA

*O Holy Night* will be presented on Sunday, December 22 at 4:00 p.m. at Zion Lutheran Church.

The Cantata is under the Direction of Pastor Laurie Kidd.

Refreshments will be served after the performance.

Pastor Duane has a spoken-part in the drama portion of the Cantata.

**Items for the January newsletter are due by December 18.**

**Contact Maria or email [trinitysec@midstatesd.net](mailto:trinitysec@midstatesd.net)**

DATE	HOSTS	LECTOR	CANTOR
DEC. 1	CONFIRMATION STUDENTS		
DEC. 8 Communion	Niles	Niles	Niles
DEC. 15	Shrake	Lori Tonak	
DEC. 22	Maria Birch		
DEC. 29	Tveit	Tveit	Tveit

### CHURCH CLEANING

If you wish to hire Dakota Milestones to clean the church during your assigned week, the cost is \$20 per week. Put your contribution in the Sunday offering. **Please write your name and “Church Cleaning” on the envelope. Note “Church Cleaning” on your check’s memo line.** Contact Pat Blum at 234-6175 or 730-6175.

Dec. 1 Byre/Bunker  
 Dec. 8 Tveit/ V. Broussard/J. Handel  
 Dec. 15 Mohr/Brock  
 Dec. 22 D. Larson/Klages  
 Dec. 29 Lloyd, Birch

### SOUTH DAKOTA SYNOD, ELCA

**Website:** <http://www.sdsynod.org/>

**Facebook:** [https://www.facebook.com/sdsynod?ref=br\\_tf](https://www.facebook.com/sdsynod?ref=br_tf)

**Twitter:**

<https://twitter.com/search?q=south%20dakota%20synod%20elca&src=typd>

**Pinterest:** <http://www.pinterest.com/kashamaria/elca-south-dakota-synod-evangelical-lutheran-church/>

### SOUTH DAKOTA SYNOD NETWORK TO END HUNGER

Lead by Pastor Erika Lehman, St. John’s Church, Dimock

**Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/pages/South-Dakota-Synod-Network-to-End-Hunger/142085502531013>

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

**Pinterest:** <http://www.pinterest.com/hungerteamsodak/>

### ELCA

**Website:** <http://www.elca.org/>

**Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/Lutherans>

**Twitter:** <https://twitter.com/elca>

**Living Lutheran:** <http://www.livinglutheran.com/>

**The Lutheran:** <http://www.thelutheran.org/template/index.cfm>

**Lutheran World Relief:** <http://lwr.org/>

**Prayer Venture:** <http://www.elca.org/What-We-Believe/Prayer-Center/Prayer-Ventures.aspx>

**OUR MISSION AND PURPOSE:**

*As a community of women created in the image of God, called to discipleship in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves to grow in faith, affirm our gifts, support one another in our callings, engage in ministry and action, and promote healing and wholeness in the church, the society, and the world.*

**ADVENT, A SEASON FOR ALL GENERATIONS**

Trinity Women are holding an Advent Brunch on Saturday, December 7, from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

The program will include readings on Advent and the Biblical Advent participants, Advent hymns, a crossword puzzle on Biblical women, a PowerPoint, "Aging Gracefully, Growing Spiritually," and a Litany for Bold Women.

Of course, food will be a part of the morning also. We have two service projects this year. The first is to collect mittens and gloves for the children in the public school system.

The second is to collect items for baby care kits for Lutheran World Relief. They have put out a call to replenish items sent out to victims of Typhoon Haiyan. See *Trinity Women Answering Call* for a list of the needed items.

Invite your daughters and mothers and community friends; this will be a special day.

**TRINITY WOMEN OF THE ELCA LEADERSHIP TEAM**

Cynthia Wall, President, 234-6957  
 Maria Birch, Vice-President, 234-9429 or 680-9429

Rosemary Mohr, Treasurer, 734-4039

Pat Blum, 234-6175 or 730-6175  
 Nancy DeBoer, 234-6159

To join the Leadership Team, please call us.

**TRINITY WOMEN ANSWERING CALL FROM LUTERHAN WORLD RELIEF**

Lutheran World Relief is putting out a call for items to replace those sent to help victims of Hurricane Haiyan in the Philippines.

The Trinity Women Leadership Team is putting forth a call to all Trinity Women to help with this effort.

**Please bring the following new items with you to the Advent Brunch on December 7, and/or Bible Study on December 11:** flannel or cotton receiving blanket, hand towel, size 6 – 24 months cotton, light weight t-shirt; long sleeve sleeping gown; socks; and jacket, sweater or sweatshirt.

Cynthia Wall has acquired the other items we need to make Baby Care Kits.

Trinity Women will gather on **Thursday, December 19** from noon to 8 p.m. to tie mission quilts.

We start with lunch and then tie quilts. Stay as long as you can. Please join us as we work to answer this call. All women in the community are invited to join us in these efforts.

For more information, visit: <http://lwr.org/getinvolved/babycarekits> or <http://lwr.org/>

Contact Cynthia Wall or Maria Birch.

**WELCA NEWSLETTER**

ANYONE can receive a copy of the *South Dakota Synodical Women of the ELCA* newsletter by e-mail at no charge.

Please send your name and e-mail address to [Lmbirk@itctel.com](mailto:Lmbirk@itctel.com).

The newsletter arrives in PDF format.

You can also find this newsletter on the internet at <http://www.sdsynod.org>.

At the top of the page, position your cursor on 'Congregations & Organizations', then click on WELCA on the drop down menu. Select SD Synod WELCA newsletter.

**BIBLE STUDY**

**Session 4: Miriam - Protection and Peace**

As people of faith, we need to look out for those who are the least able to care for themselves. We can show God's love in the way we treat those who are vulnerable.



**Theme verses:** "When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him." Exodus 2:3-

**The morning and evening Bible Study groups will gather at 6:00 p.m. on December 11 at Cynthia Wall's home to have a Bible Study, put together Child Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief, and have a Christmas potluck. See Trinity Women Answering Call for a list of what to bring for the kits.**

Contact Marcella Jensen, 234-0200 or Rosemary Mohr, 734-4039.

Our study leader is Cynthia Wall.

**TRINITY CHURCH COOKBOOKS**

The cookbooks have arrived. See Rosemary Mohr to purchase a copy.

## **TRINITY LUTHERAN DEACONS**

The Trinity Lutheran Deacons held their monthly meeting November 14, 2013 at the church.

Deacons present included: Kay Hines, Joan Trumm, Maria Birch, Jean Blackwell, Judy Swanson and Pastor Duane.

Devotions were read by Judy Swanson.

The minutes of the month of October were read and approved.

### **Old Business**

Judy reported that she had sent the first box of “goodies” to Chuck Hagen on October 21, 2013.

Another box will be prepared and will be sent on November 12, 2013.

Pastor reported that a class for new members would be held on November 20. November 24 will be “new member” Sunday. A pizza party for the new members will follow the morning church service. Kay will send invitation to prospective members.

Maria gave an up-date on the Advent meals. The meals will be held immediately following the worship service on December 1, 8, 15, 22.

The congregation is being given an opportunity to vote on the countries that will be represented at the meals. The ELCA World Hunger will provide the recipes for the four countries that will be featured each Sunday. The purpose of the meals is to promote “World Hunger Awareness.”

The Community Thanksgiving Service will be held the evening of November 24, 2013, at St. James Catholic Church. Pastor Duane is preaching the sermon. Trinity has been asked to provide five pies.

The Women’s Thankoffering Sunday will be November 24.

### **New Business**

A discussion was held on the treats that will be distributed at the Wowsome Wednesday Christmas Program.

Judy suggested that we send a Thanksgiving card to Emalee Larson who is studying in Germany this school year. A card will be available at the Saturday night service (November 16) and the Sunday morning service (November 17) for the congregation to sign.

Maria presented information on Pastor Duane’s retirement parties.

The prayer list was reviewed and up-dated.

The meeting closed with the Lord’s prayer.

Deacon for November is Judy Swanson. The December 12<sup>th</sup> meeting will be at 6:30 p.m.

Judy Swanson, Deacon Secretary

**Trinity Lutheran Church Council - Wednesday, November 6<sup>th</sup> 2013**

**Present** ~Mark Huber, Pat Blum, Bob Brown, Rosemary Mohr, Denise Meyerink, Judy Campbell, Karen Niles, Russ Denke, Jeff Tveit Mary Brown, Pastor Duane, Gary Kringen Matt Menzie, Dave Larson

**Absent** ~Joe Wall

**Devotions** ~ The meeting was called to order by President Mark Huber. Matt Menzie lead devotions.

**Minutes of last meeting** ~ Minutes were read Pat moved to accept, Judy seconded the motion, Motion Carried

**Treasurer's Reports** ~ Russ Denke gave the treasurers report, no fundraising report was available, Jeff moved to accept the report Karen seconded the motion, motion carried.

**Education**~ The committee reported that the Christmas program will be on Wednesday Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm.

**Property**~ Discussion was held on the continuing work to be done with the parking lot Bob Brown was handling this matter.

**Stewardship**~ Pat Blum gave a report on the activities planned for stewardship month. Gary Kringen gave the endowment fund distribution recommendation: '\$200 to Woyatan Mission in Rapid City, SD \$200 to Pueblo de Dios Mission Sioux Falls, SD \$400 to St. Dymass Mission at the state penitentiary, \$800 to Lutheran Outdoors, \$250 to buy bibles, \$550 to youth campers, \$150 to the Chamberlain Area Ministerial Assc., \$1450 to special building projects.' Jeff moved to accept the recommendations and distribute the money as recommended. Dave seconded the motion, motion passed.

**Worship**~ Temporary pianists have been used to fill in on Saturday services

**Deacons**~ Pastor gave the deacons report.

**Pastor's Report Highlights**~ Pastor gave his report. New member Sunday will be November 24<sup>th</sup> Rosemary moved that we accept the new members: Jerry and Marilyn Tounsley, Terry Menzie, Chris Longhenry Jennifer, Katia, and Kale Gibeau, Jimmy Jones. Dave Larson seconded motion passed .

**Unfinished Business** ~

- The message on the answering machine needs to be updated Jeff would handle that.
- A final church usage contract was presented. Motion by Judy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave to adopt this contract. Motion carried.

**New Business** ~

- November noisy offering will go to the milk fund at the banquet motion by Gary 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rosemary motion passed
- South Dakota Ranchers Relief fund will pass around an offering tray on Sunday.
- Discussion was held on the intern pastor process Mark Huber said he will call Susan Marone.

**Next Meeting**

- December 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM. Pat has devotions. Pat and Gary are the offering tellers.

**Adjourn**

-The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Gary Kringen, Secretary

# DECEMBER 2013

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1</b> 9:30 am Worship  ELCA WORLD HUNGER MEAL right after worship  <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;">PASTOR ON VACATION</div>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 4:14 - First Communion Class 6:30 - Choir Practice	<b>4</b> 5:30 - Meal for Wowsome Wed & Confirmation Class 6:00 - WW & Confirmtn  7:30 Church Council	<b>5</b> noon - Chamberlain Area Ministerial Association at Pukwana Free Church	<b>5</b>	<b>7</b> 9:30 - 11:30 - ADVENT BRUNCH 11:30 - Church Council meets w/Susan Marone 5:30 pm Worship w/Communion
<b>8</b> 9:30 am Worship w/Communion ELCA WORLD HUNGER MEAL right after worship	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 6:30 - Choir Practice	<b>11</b> 5:30 - Meal for Wowsome Wed & Confirmation Class 6:00 - WW & Confirmtn 6:00 - Women's Bible Study (joint meeting of morning & evening)	<b>12</b> 7:00 - Deacons	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 5:30 Worship w/Communion
<b>15</b> 9:30 am Worship Choir performance ELCA WORLD HUNGER MEAL right after worship 2:30 pm Service at Sanford Long Term Care	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 6:30 - Choir Practice	<b>18</b> 5:30 - Meal for Wowsome Wed & Confirmation Class 6:00 - WW & Confirmtn 7:00 - Wowsome Wed. CHRISTMAS PROGRAM	<b>19</b> noon - 5 p.m. - Tie Mission Quilts	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 5:30 Worship w/Communion 6:30 Potluck
<b>22</b> 9:30 am Worship ELCA WORLD HUNGER MEAL right after worship 1 - 3 pm - COMMUNITY RETIREMENT RECEPTION 4 pm - CANTATA at Zion Church	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 4:00 & 5:30 - Candlelight Service with Holy Communion	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 5:30 Worship w/Communion
<b>29</b> 9:30 am Worship w/Communion RETIREMENT MEAL & FIFTH SUNDAY POTLUCK	<b>30</b> Blood Drive	<b>31</b>		Bulletin announcements are due by 2 p.m. on Thursday  Newsletter items for January are due by Dec. 18 at 2 p.m.		