



# Trinity News

January 2015

## INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

Prayer Lists	2
Church Cleaning	3
Jan. Service Ministers	3
Service Schedule	3
Birthdays & Anniversaries	3
Women of Trinity	4-5
December Council Minutes	6
Deacon's Minutes	9
January Calendar	10

## POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Jan 1 – Treehouse Meeting
- Jan 1 – Cub Scouts
- Jan 7 – Church Council
- Wed – Wowsome Wed.
- Wed – Confirmation
- Wed – Choir
- Jan 13 – TLW Workgroup
- Jan 15 – Deacons Meeting
- Jan 15 – TLW Work Day
- Jan 15 – Men's Bible Study
- Jan 19 – Cub Scouts
- Jan 22 – Womens Bible Study
- Jan 27 – Womens Bible Study



*from the desk of...*

*Pastor Lisa*

Dear Members and Friends of Trinity,

**H**appy New Year! It's hard to believe that it has now been nearly a year that I have been with you as first your interim vicar, and now, pastor. I wanted to start this month's article just by saying "thank you". It is a privilege to serve and share the Gospel of Jesus Christ in and amongst this community of wonderful and dedicated people. Thank you for the ways in which you have helped me settle into Trinity and into Chamberlain, and thank you, especially for letting me into your lives through the ups and downs of the last year. It has been humbling and a blessing to serve with you and for you.

By now, I'm sure a fair number of you know that I tend to think in music. What I mean is that, as I work, sometimes songs or musicals I know of will pop into my head and somehow connect to whatever project I happen to be working on. Well, during this last month or more of looking

ahead to our life together here in 2015, a little ditty called "All God's Creatures" has sprung into my head more than once. In case you don't know it, or need a refresher...here's a chunk of it: "All God creatures got a place in the choir.

*Some sing low, some sing higher.  
Some sing out loud on the telephone wire.  
Some just clap their hands, or paws,  
or anything they've got!"*

Now, lest you think Advent and Christmas have made me a little nutty, here's why this song has been stuck in my head as of late. Every January we have our annual meeting where we elect some new council folks, deacons, and other positions. We also look at the budget for the coming year, and at new ministry opportunities. The annual meeting, and the prospect of being asked to serve on council or with any of our groups, can

*continued on page 7*

## PRAYER LISTS

Ruth Boeke - Rosemary Mohr's mother  
Family of Melvin Boer - Brother to Marj Hope  
Josh Borah-Myrna Freese's great nephew  
Virginia Broussard-TLC member  
Penny Buum-Roger and Marlys Buum's daughter-in-law  
Allan Currey-TLC member  
Gail Larsen Danhour-Larry Larsen's sister  
Marlene & Phillip Dawson- Friend of Weviks  
Kim Dougherty-Charlotte Cadwell's daughter  
Corey Estes-  
Shirley Feltman-Dick Feltman's mother  
Robert Gudenkauf-Friend of Campbells  
Kayleen Haiar- Charlotte & Loren Geerdes' granddaughter  
James Harmon- father of Pam Shroyer  
Mike Healy- friend of Dianne Graves  
Betty Hines-Terry Hines' sister  
Terry Hines-TLC member  
Gwen Hoffer-Friend of Marlys Buum  
Pam Houghteling-Judy and Kermit Swanson's niece  
Leatrice Johnson-Cousin of Dixie & Dick Lloyd  
Ron Kjonegaard-TLC member  
Gabby Lynch- friend of Maryalice Larson  
Lora Means- relative of Joyce & Delmar Wevik  
Jackie Myers-community member  
Susan Normile-TLC member  
Gunner Olesen-community member  
Glenn Osborne-Deb Selland's brother  
Laura Quinn-relative of Maryalice Larson  
Kendyl Rogers-friend of Pastor Lisa  
Ray Urban-friend of Lori Tonak  
Kathy Valnes-community member  
Mindy Wahlquist-requested by Maryalice Larson

### **To Be Remembered:**

Connie Bailey  
Bart Blum  
John Blumeyer  
Don Borman  
Jim Butler

Ray Goeden  
Gene Graves  
Fern and Wally Jones  
Winnie Keller  
Amy Kenobbie  
Deah Killion  
Rianna Laurens  
Larry Larsen  
Buckle James Mattson  
Mariah Normile  
Alexandra Osborne  
Antoinette Osborne  
Benjamin Osborne  
Krista Osborne  
Clifford Priebe  
Mike Renbarger  
Ed Selland  
Jill Schreiber  
Kim Tyrell  
Cindy Wilkens

### **Those in service to our country:**

We pray for Nick Glant and all the men and women in military units who have been called to active duty, and their families.

### **Missions of the Church:**

We pray for Prison Congregations of America, St Dysmas Congregation at Springfield, SD as they continue to do Your work behind prison walls.

We also pray for the Young Adult Intentional Community of Rosebud, a mission of the South Dakota Synod.



**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
 902 S. Main, P.O. Box 148  
 Chamberlain, SD 57325  
 605-234-6698

**Pastor Lisa Heffernan**  
**Website:** [trinity-live.org](http://trinity-live.org)

**Email Pastor Lisa:**  
[pastorlisa@trinity-live.org](mailto:pastorlisa@trinity-live.org)

**Secretary's email:**  
[trinitysec@midstatesd.net](mailto:trinitysec@midstatesd.net)

**Webmaster's email:**  
[webmaster@trinity-live.org](mailto:webmaster@trinity-live.org)

## Trinity Service and Religious Education Schedule

**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 late April.

Trinity Lutheran Scholarship Fund Brunch held after each second Sunday service.

Church Council meets the first Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at Church.

Deacons meet the second Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at Church.

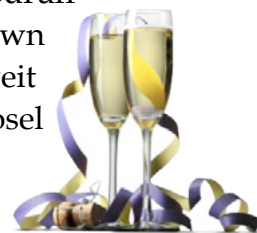
## CELEBRATIONS

### BIRTHDAYS

Jan. 1: Kay Hines  
 Jan. 2: Harry Munkvold  
 Jan. 3: Colleen Venter  
 Jan. 6: Mike Trumm  
 Jan. 7: Marlys Buum  
 Jan. 7: Kay Kjonegaard  
 Jan. 8: Lisa Van Ert  
 Jan. 9: Janae Dougherty  
 Jan. 9: Alexis Schaub

Jan. 10: Christopher White Bird  
 Jan. 11: Michelle Hamiel  
 Jan. 12: Amelia Cheeseman  
 Jan. 13: Keith Osterberg  
 Jan. 20: Caleb Reimer  
 Jan. 20: Mike Bunker  
 Jan. 22: Kayleen Haiar  
 Jan. 24: Sandy Rasmussen  
 Jan. 26: Kelly Longden

Jan. 29: Julie Woodruff  
 Jan. 29: Mary Brown  
 Jan. 30: Stacey Tveit  
 Jan. 31: Teena Mosel



### ANNIVERSARIES

Jan. 8: Terry & Kay Hines  
 Jan. 11: Keith & Ardyce Osterberg

## CHURCH CLEANING

If you wish to hire Dakota Milestones to clean the church during your assigned week, the cost is \$10 per family. 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.

Jan. 4 Shepherd/Shrake  
 Jan. 11 Swanson/Grabner  
 Jan. 18 Swenson/D Thompson  
 Jan. 23 Jensen/Randall

## JANUARY SERVICE MINISTERS

Date	Host	Lector	Cantor
January 4	Swanson	Swanson	Swanson
January 11	Olson	Olson	Choir
January 18	3rd & 4th Graders	3rd & 4th Graders	3rd & 4th Graders
January 25	Wevik	OPEN	Choir

## 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.

## 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

Nancy DeBoer, Mission Ac-  
tion

## MESSAGE FROM CYNTHIA

Trinity Lutheran Women will finish this year 2014 with Gusto. We have completed so many wonderful projects and continue to work on others. Please refer to the TLW Missions Report 2014. I am looking forward to an exciting 2015.

I am thankful for each of the women I have been privileged to more deeply come to know this year through Trinity Lutheran Women. I am thankful for the opportunities to sit and contemplate the message for us in the Bible studies completed. We have sat together tying the quilts and sharing with each other our stories. This has been such a wonderful gift. Thank you.

In 2015 we will continue the ongoing efforts that Women of the ELCA support. The [Women of the ELCA Website](#) is chuck full of resources. We will gather to learn from the Word and share our stories while spending time in the lessons in the [Gather Magazine](#). [The Bold Cafe'](#) offers an opportunity for the women who are not able to meet with us a chance to communicate with others reading and contemplating the articles in the Cafe' through an electronic format. I am interested in [starting a Cafe' group at Trinity](#), anyone interested?

The upcoming year will bring some new and exciting activities. I have made contact with [Feeding South Dakota](#) in Sioux Falls and Pierre, We will schedule an opportunity to assist them in [packing the senior meal](#) and the [back packs for kids](#). Please watch the calendar as I place our group on thier calendar.

We will continue the quilts and care packages that are use by [Lutheran World Relief](#) to ship all

over the world for persons in need. We will continue the [Quilt kits and baby care kits](#). The Elementary School appreciates our gifts and this will also continue in 2015. Thank each of you for your gifts of time, talents and money.

Next year will be exciting, we will start the year with "Come Clean January". During January we will complete 25 [Personal Care Kits](#) with the help of the confirmation class. Attached is the needs list for our success in reaching this goal. We have been given a gift of 25 bath towels for care kits. During Confirmation Class Jan. 28th we are all welcome to help the class put together these care kits and enjoy each other's fellowship and stories while putting our hands to work. Please come.

Thank you God for using our hands for your work during 2014. Bless TLW as we do your work in 2015.

Cynthia Wall

[Personal Care Kits Instructions](#).



Tips & Tricks video about assembling Baby Care Kits

# BIBLE STUDY – FALL 2014

## Transforming Life and Faith

by Carol Schersten LaHurd

A new life partner, a new child, a new job, a new home: most of us recognize how our lives are changed by these experiences. In **Transforming Life and Faith** we will consider how our lives and our faith journeys are transformed by the events we experience and the people we meet. In both the Old Testament and New Testament, and especially in Acts of the Apostles, we will read about people who have life-changing experiences: Paul on the road to Damascus, Moses in the wilderness of

Midian, Lydia praying by a river in Macedonia, an Ethiopian man traveling from Jerusalem to Gaza. We will watch them turn to and with God as their minds, hearts, and daily lives are altered. And we will reflect on the ways we, too, have been and will be transformed and called by God to serve God's mission in the world.

### Theme verse

“. . . be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God – what is good and acceptable and perfect.”  
Romans 12:2b



### About the Author

Carol Schersten LaHurd is a lifelong teacher: Red Cross swimming lessons, high school English, parish education, and, for the past 30 years, biblical studies, Islam, and interfaith relations in colleges, seminaries, the church, and the wider community. After earning degrees from Augustana College (Illinois) and the University of Chicago, she received a Ph.D. in New Testament from the University of Pittsburgh and Pittsburgh Theological Seminary.

Carol has published many scholarly articles and book chapters on biblical and interfaith topics and has experience in inter-religious and ecumenical relations. With her family she has lived in Damascus, Syria, and Sana'a, Yemen, where she taught and did research on women in Islam.

She is author of "Luke's Vision: The People of God," the 1998 Bible study for *Lutheran Woman Today* (now *Gather*). From 2006-2010 she was coordinator of the Middle East peace-making campaign of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Currently she teaches part-time at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago and is an educational outreach consultant for the seminary's Center for Christian-Muslim Engagement for Peace and Justice.

For her own personal transformations, LaHurd credits close reading of the Bible, a lifetime in a dozen Lutheran congregations, a host of inspiring students and teachers, travel and living abroad, friends of all religions and no religion, her extended family, and especially her husband, Ryan LaHurd, son, Jeremy, and his wife, Maria, daughter, Kristin, and grandchildren Adila and Tecún.



# TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL

DECEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup> 7:30 PM

Present: Rosemary M., Karen N., Cynthia W., Mark H., Pat B., Justin G., Russ D.(via phone)

Absent: Gary C, Conner G, Judy C, Bob and Mary B.

Guests: Pastor Lisa,

Devotion: Pastor Lisa

Agenda additions: Increase pastor compensation.

Minutes of November meeting read, approved

Treasurer's Report: Justin/Rosemary, approved

Addition to agenda: Pastor's compensation, Gratuity, auditor for final report, budget review with Russ before 12/15 or after 1/1

Pastor's Report: Submitted, read, approved

- Request vacation 12/26-1/1, need pulpit fill. Approved

Correspondence: Bread for the World, University Lutheran Center.

Education:

- "Giving to God" Book review to begin 2nd week in January.
- Wow Some - Change curriculum after Christmas.

Property: No report.

Stewardship: Must meet for preparation of budget.

Worship: Advent schedule.

Deacons:

- Idea referred to them to form Church work groups rather than clip boards
- Christmas cards

Unfinished Business:

- GIFT program - discuss in January.
- 60th Anniversary - talk about it in the spring

New Business:

Discussed positions needed for next year: 4 deacons, 7 council, 3 assembly, 3 committee

- Deacon – 3 individuals for 3 yr term
- Deacon – 1 individual for a 2 yr term
- Council – 4 individuals for 3 yr term
- Council – 1 individual for 2 yr term
- Council – 1 individual for a 1 yr term
- Council – 1 youth member
- Assembly – 2 adults, 1 youth
- Nomination committee – 3 persons
- Annual Meeting – Jan 25th – all reports are due by Dec 20th.

[Continued on Page 7](#)

[Continued from Page 6](#)

Christmas Eve Service Offering: Missouri Valley Crisis Center - For children only

Gifts of Thanks:

- Ron Luurs (Website maintainance) 100
- Rosemary Mohr (pianist) 125
- Charlotte (pianist) 75
- Deb Schaub (pianist) 75
- Stacey Tveit (pianist) 125
- Kathy Valnes (pianist) 75

Pastor's Compensation: Increase total by \$400.00.

Next meeting: Jan. 7th 7:30 pm

Closed with Lord's Prayer



*from the desk of... Pastor Lisa*

**continued from page 1**

be daunting. It can even be frustrating, especially if you're already feeling burned out. But council, deacons, TLW, choir, altar guild, education, worship, property, stewardship committees, Wow-some Wednesday, etc. (I hope I'm remembering everyone!!) – they do so much to help make Trinity the great place and congregation it is and will continue to be, that I hope that those who have served with them know what a great gift their service is to all of us.

If you'll pardon the corny connection I'm making here – the committees, groups, and council, *all* of us are like that choir of woodland and prairie critters. We each have our place and our part to play and God's given us each gifts for serving in this congregation somehow. And God will get any and all of us through the meetings that will seem endless, the disagreements that will happen, and move us into times of fellowship, joy, and thanksgiving for the work of the Holy Spirit in and through us. We need people (God's creatures), to

make beautiful melodies in this ministry. So I ask that many of you will prayerfully consider serving in whatever ways you can in the next year. And to encourage others to, as well! New people bring new and different energy, which is great! There's too much giftedness in this place that no one should miss out on the gifts you can bring to our congregation.

Let us also remember those who currently serve on council and on all of our committees and groups, and give thanks for them! They've done great ministry, and can help others who will come to serve on them see what gifts are most needed to maintain and expand on everything that is good in these ministries. Thank you again, TLC, for what a great and faithful group of disciples you are. Let us move ahead well into a blessed 2015!

In Christ,  
Pastor Lisa





# TRINITY LUTHERAN DEACON'S MEETING MINUTES

The Deacon's monthly meeting was held on December 11<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM.

Members present included: Pastor Lisa, Judy Swanson, Joyce Wevik, Lori Tonak, Bonnie Luurs, Jean Blackwell, Mike Trumm and Joan Trumm. Absent: Maria Birch and Dianne Graves.

Minutes of the previous meeting November 13<sup>th</sup> were read and accepted.

Devotions were given by Lori Tonak.

Judy Swanson called the meeting to order.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

Scholarship 2nd Sunday Coffee: First one in November went well with about \$295 donated. Next coffee will be held on December 14<sup>th</sup>.

Christmas cards will be sent out by December 19<sup>th</sup> to provide holiday announcements and greetings to the congregation.

Wowsome Wednesday Christmas program will be held on December 17<sup>th</sup>. Lori will order 60 popcorn balls for the Christmas program. Mike and Joan Trumm agreed to be there to distribute them to the children and teachers.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Deacon Area Member Lists: Lists will be revised after the January elections by alphabet versus geographic area of residence with corrections and updated lists.

Deacon Elections: There was discussion that there will be four deacon vacancies with three - 3 year terms and one - 2 year term open next year. Lori Tonak agreed to run as an incumbent for her area.

Area deacons were requested to send out cards to congratulate John Wall on his marriage and to express our sympathy to Marj Hope on the loss of her brother.

Prayer list was updated.

Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Next meeting is scheduled for 7 PM on January 8<sup>th</sup> at the church.

Deacon of the month for January - Lori Tonak

Michael Trumm, Deacon Secretary

# JANUARY, 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 <b>HAPPY NEW YEAR!</b>	2	3 5:30 p.m. Worship w/ Communion
4 9:30 a.m. Worship w/ Communion	5 5:30 p.m. Treehouse mtg  Evening: Cub Scouts	6	7 5:30 WW Meal 6:00-7:00 Wowsome Wed & Confirmation 7:00 p.m. Choir 7:30 p.m. Council	8 Noon- Chamberlain Area Ministerial Meeting	9	10 5:30 p.m. Worship w/ Communion
11 9:30 a.m. Worship & Brunch <b>Book Study after worship</b>  2:00 p.m. Sanford Worship Service	12	13 1:30 p.m. Text Study  6:15 p.m. TLW workgroup	14 5:30 WW Meal 6:00-7:00 Wowsome Wed & Confirmation  7:00 p.m. Choir	15 7:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study- Vonnies  12:00-5:00 TLW work day  7:00 p.m. Deacons Meeting	16	17 5:30 p.m. Worship w/ Communion
18 9:30 a.m. Worship w/Communion <b>Book Study after worship</b>	19  Evening: Cub Scouts	20	21 5:30 WW Meal 6:00-7:00 Wowsome Wed & Confirmation 7:00 p.m. Choir	22 6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study – Fellowship Hall	23	24 5:30 p.m. Worship w/ Communion
25 9:30 a.m. Worship <b>ANNUAL MTG after worship, Potluck to follow</b>	26	27 7:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study – Vonnies  PRCP mtg in Huron	28 5:30 WW Meal 6:00-7:00 Wowsome Wed & Confirmation 7:00 p.m. Choir	29	30	31 5:30 p.m. Worship w/ Communion