



# Trinity News

March 2015

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## POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Mar 2 – Treehouse Meeting
- Mar 2 – Cub Scouts
- Mar 4 – Church Council
- Wed – Wowsome Wed.
- Wed – Lenten Service
- Wed – Choir
- Mar 12 – Deacons Meeting
- Mar 16 – Cub Scouts
- Mar 19 – Men's Bible Study
- Mar 19 – TLW Work Day
- Mar 24 – Womens Bible Study
- Mar 26 – Womens Bible Study



*from the desk of...*

*Pastor Lisa*

Dear Members and Friends of Trinity Lutheran Church,

To be honest with all of you, I struggled to come up with an idea for my article this month. Then, a morning with a fun few guys sparked some thoughts. Over the last few months, a men's bible study has been meeting early one Thursday a month to talk about various topics and pieces of scripture and how the gospel stories might relate to our everyday lives as Christians. Our time together has actually reminded me of the men in my life, and what their study of the Bible has/had meant to them.

My dad always said he was a "bad Catholic who became a good Lutheran". He didn't attend a lot of bible studies with groups of men, but he did a lot of personal bible study and surrounded himself with other men with whom he could talk about scripture and its meaning for their lives. And just recently, I found out that my grandfather, gruff though he may seem at times, spends quite a bit of his

morning in intentional prayer and study of the bible. Two of the most important men in my lives, even when a group for bible study wasn't available, take and took time to do this. That just makes me proud of them and the influence they've had on me. They didn't have to know tons about the Bible before devoting time to study it. I guess, in hindsight, I wish that my dad especially would have had a group of men to do a bible study with. And it makes me thankful that Trinity now has a budding men's bible study.

Over the last few months, the group's been pretty small, but I'd like to encourage other men to join us as they are able. We meet the third Thursday of the month at 7:30 am, either at the church or at Vonnie's. We've talked about things like Samuel's call from God, the Beatitudes, and most recently, wilderness and Jesus' temptation in the wilderness after his baptism. Regular attend-

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## PRAYER LISTS

Ruth Boeke - Rosemary Mohr's mother  
Virginia Broussard - TLC member  
Allan Curry - TLC member  
Gail Larsen Danhour - Larry Larsen's sister  
Marlene Dawson - Friend of Weviks  
Kim Dougherty - Charlotte Cadwell's daughter  
Corey Estes - Nephew to Maryalice Larson  
Family of Shirley Feltman  
Robert Gudenkauf - Friend of Campbell's  
Kayleen Haiar - Charlotte & Loren Geerdes' grand-daughter  
Mike Healy  
Connie Hickey - Friend of Neoma Harris  
Betty Hines - Terry Hines' sister  
Terry Hines - TLC member  
Gwen Hoffer - Friend of Marlys Buum  
Pam Houghteling - Judy & Kermit Swanson's niece  
Marcella Jensen - TLC member  
Gabby Lynch - Friend of Maryalice Larson  
Susan Normile - TLC member  
Gunner Olesen - Member of the community  
Glenn Osborne - Deb Selland's brother  
Sherry Owens - 2<sup>nd</sup> cousin to Rosemary Mohr  
Laura Quinn - Relative of Maryalice Larson  
Kendyl Rogers - Friend of Pastor Lisa  
Ray Urban - Friend of Lori Tonak  
Kathy Valnes - Member of the community  
Mindy Wahlquist - Requested by Maryalice Larson

### **To Be Remembered:**

Connie Bailey  
John Blumeyer  
Don Borman  
Jim Butler  
Ray Goeden  
Gene Graves

Fern & Wally Jones  
Winnie Keller  
Amy Kenobbie  
Deah Killion  
John Koenig  
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. Dymas 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

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## 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

Mar. 1 Grady Olson

Mar. 4 Delmer Wevik

Mar. 5 LeAnne DuVall

Mar. 6 Carli Cuka

Mar. 7 Tammy Thompson

Mar. 10 Muriel Carlson

Mar. 10 Declan Tveit

Mar. 14 Nancy DeBoer

Mar. 17 Donn DeBoer

Mar. 17 Gary Kringen

Mar. 19 Gene Graves

Mar. 23 Ashley Peterson

Mar. 23 Rosemary Mohr

Mar. 24 Marcia Longden

Mar. 25 Matthew Schwenk

Mar. 25 Michele Selland

Mar. 26 Virginia Broussard

Mar. 27 Joshua Denke

Mar. 27 Matt Denke

Mar. 27 Brandy Healy

Mar. 28 Alicia Schaub

Mar. 30 Jeremy Hines

Mar. 31 Darrell Miller



### ANNIVERSARIES

Mar. 20 Dallas & Tammy Thompson

## 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.

March 1: Abernathy / Tounsley

March 8: Buum / Kjonegaard

March 15: Schlaffman / D. Selland

March 22: Shepherd / Shrake

March 29: Swanson / Graber

## MARCH SERVICE MINISTERS

Date	Host	Lector	Cantor
March 1	OPEN	M. Hope	OPEN
March 8	Tounsley	Tounsley	Choir
March 15	OPEN	Judy Campbell	Judy Campbell
March 22	Blackwells	Blackwells	Choir
March 29	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN

**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**  
**JANUARY 25, 2015**

President Mark Huber called the meeting to order with a quorum present.

**Review Agenda:** There were no additions to the agenda.

**Minutes of 2014 Meeting:** Lori Tonak moved, Sharmel Olson seconded to accept minutes as read. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** The treasurer's report was reviewed. Del Wevik moved, Larry Larsen seconded to accept the Treasurer's report. Motion carried. Mary Normile presented the special funds report. Jeff Tveit moved, Lori Tonak seconded to accept the report. Motion carried.

**Audit:** Dwain Blackwell submitted the audit report. Rosemary Mohr moved, Sharmel Olson seconded to accept the report. Motion carried.

**Nominating Committee:** Pat Blum submitted the nominating committee report.

- Church Council - 3 year term - Nancy DeBoer, Neoma Harris, and Dave Larson (incumbent) One member needed.
- Church Council - 2 year term - Justin Graves (incumbent)
- Council Youth Representative - One member needed.
- Deacons - 3 year term - Keith Osterberg, Lori Tonak (incumbent) One member needed.
- Deacons - 2 year term - One member needed.
- Nominating Committee - 1 year term - Alice Bunker, Bonnie Randall, and Mick Niles
- Synod Assembly Delegates - Rich and Sandy Rasmussen

Jeff Tveit moved, Larry Larsen seconded to accept nominations and cast a unanimous ballot. Motion carried.

**2015 Budget:** The budget was reviewed. Larry Larsen moved, Del Wevik seconded to accept the budget. Motion carried.

**Appoint new treasurer:** Due to Russ Denke's resignation a church treasurer is needed. Anyone interested in the position should contact Pastor Lisa or President Mark.

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor shared her report and noted her appreciation for member's commitment to make Trinity a great congregation.

**Committee Reports:** Reports were highlighted. Keith Osterberg moved, Justin Graves seconded to accept all reports. Motion carried.

**Unfinished Business:** There was no unfinished business.

**New Business:** Pastor Lisa explained GIFT (Growing In Faith Together). Questions from the floor were answered. Council will act on this at an upcoming meeting.

The meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer. The Deacon's hosted a potluck.

~Judy Campbell, Acting Secretary

# TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2015

**PRESENT** – Mary Brown, Judy Campbell, Nancy DeBoer, Justin Graves, Neoma Harris, Mark Huber, Dave Larson, Rosemary Mohr, Sharmel Olson, Karen Niles, and Pastor Lisa.

**ABSENT** – Cynthia Wall

**DEVOTIONS** – The meeting was called to order by President Mark, Karen led devotions. New and returning council members were welcomed.

**MINUTES** – January minutes were read. Dave moved, Rosemary seconded to accept secretary's report. Motion carried.

## **TREASURER'S REPORTS –**

- Mary Normile gave the treasurer's and fundraising reports. Mary moved, Sharmel seconded to accept the reports. Motion carried.
- Pastor Lisa is in contact with a prospective treasurer.

## **CORRESPONDENCE –**

- A youth group from Dresser, Wisconsin, who has stayed at Trinity before, has asked to stay in July for an overnight.
- Pastor received a packet of flyers from ELCA which she will sort to utilize what is relevant for Trinity.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

### **EDUCATION –**

- Devotion and Lenten schedule given to Wowsome Wednesday families and congregation members.

### **PROPERTY –**

- Dave moved, Karen seconded, building funds be used to pay for chancel modifications. Motion carried.
- Mary reported that Bob Brown will contact Paul Godtland to talk to Greg Powell regarding the parking lot issue.
- Hymn racks will be placed on front pews.
- Judy moved, Sharmel seconded, thank you notes be sent to Bob Brown, Donn DeBoer, and Keith Osterberg for chancel modifications. Motion carried.
- Judy moved, Dave seconded, that Nancy and Neoma work with Chamberlain Building Supply to select carpet for chancel. They will select samples and determine complete cost of project which will be presented to the congregation for final selection. Motion carried.

### **WORSHIP –**

- Layne Larson, Exec. Director of Lutherans Outdoors will be preaching at midweek services and doing activities with Wowsome Wednesday kids on February 25.

### **STEWARDSHIP –**

- Dave moved, Mary seconded that Pastor talk to church groups for interest in temple talks to the congregation. Findings will be presented at March meeting.

**DEACONS –**

- Updated prayer list.
- Discussed movie night for annual meeting potluck.
- Cookie reception to replace gifts for children's Christmas program.

**PASTOR'S REPORT –**

- Researching adult class materials for use later this year.
- Dave will fill in for Pastor the weekend of February 28<sup>th</sup>.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- Sexual misconduct insurance coverage tabled till March meeting.
- Background checks for teachers will be requested from the school district.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Election of new officers –**

- Mary nominated, Neoma seconded, Dave Larson - President
- Rosemary nominated, Karen seconded, Mary Brown - Vice President
- Rosemary nominated, Karen seconded, Judy Campbell - Secretary
- Neoma moved, Justin seconded to cast a unanimous ballot. Motion carried.
- Mary moved, Rosemary seconded \$17.02 be taken from general fund and added to \$82.98 noisy offering to equal \$100.00 for purchase of a goat for Motion carried.
- Mary moved, Mark seconded that Trinity donate \$600.00 to Kelly Longden to begin his semi-nary candidacy. Motion carried. Additional Trinity obligations tabled till April meeting.
- Rosemary moved, Karen seconded, March noisy offering to go to Muscular Dystrophy Association of South Dakota. Motion carried.
- Rosemary moved, Mark seconded, the Lenten offering go to Pueblo de Dios church in Sioux Falls. Motion carried.

**NEXT MEETING –**

March 4, 2015, following Lenten service.

Devotions, Judy. Offering tellers, Judy and Justin.

**ADJOURNMENT –**

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

~Judy Campbell, Secretary



# SCHOLARSHIP COFFEE

## ~A BRIEF HISTORY~

What is the Scholarship Coffee that has been announced recently on Sundays? Have you noticed it on the church calendar? The deacons have determined we may need to inform new members, and remind other members, about the scholarship coffee.

Scholarship Coffee Sundays were started by Thrivent members to raise money for scholarships for Thrivent high school seniors that were going on to post-secondary education. Over the years, this program changed to any high school senior that was a member, or their parent was a member, of the Trinity parish would get a small scholarship to help them on their journey of higher education.

Trinity quit hosting these coffee hours a few years ago as funding was adequate for the number of high school students in the church. Those dollars have now dwindled but the deacons feel

the project should continue.

Coffee hours have been held one Sunday a month this past year to help generate income for this worthwhile cause. Anyone can sign up to bring treats-muffins, purchased rolls, fruit, whatever the little heart desires-but not something that will take hours to prepare (unless you want to). The coffee hour serves a two-fold purpose: 1) Fellowship with others; 2) Raise some money for the worthy cause of supporting our youth.



Now, as Paul Harvey would say, for the rest of the story. In the month of March, there will be a coffee time after Lenten services, so the deacons have decided to forego the scholarship coffee hour during Lent. Instead, there will be a designated box in the back of the church on Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup> to collect scholarship donations. Scholarship coffee hour will return at a later date.

*from the desk of... Pastor Lisa*

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ees--Mick, Mark, and Rolf-- all said that they've enjoyed the bible studies, but appreciate even more the fellowship and getting to know one another better as life stories are shared amongst us in relation to our studies.

It's a good group that meets, and we'd like any guys in the church to come and check us out sometime! Having a community where you can talk about the Bi-

ble and daily life as a Christian is, I feel, really important. It builds relationships and you get to explore parts of our tradition that we maybe don't get to during our worship times. We've had a fun time doing all of that, and I can see really good potential for this men's bible study.

The men in my life did and do some great things in their own devotional life, and I think this

study is a great chance for our Trinity guys to build from what they might be doing on their own and move it to a bigger scale. Come join us sometime-- all are welcome!

In Christ,  
Pastor Lisa

# DEACON'S MEETING

FEBRUARY 13, 2015

The meeting was called to order by President, Judy Swanson. She welcomed the new Deacons – Kay Hines and Keith Osterberg. She also thanked Mike and Joan Trumm and Maria Birch for their time and service as Deacons.

Devotions were given by Jean and Bonnie.

Old business was discussed:

A thank you has been sent to the Kimball Popcorn Factory for the popcorn balls given out at the Christmas Program. It has been decided by the Deacons and discussed with Stacey Tveit that the Deacons will serve treats such as ice cream and cookies after the program instead of giving each child a gift.

The annual meeting potluck was successful.

The Scholarship Brunch held on February 8 brought in \$46.00. Added to what we have in the bank (\$520.00) which gives us a balance of \$566.00. We will need \$500.00 for the two senior scholarships this year.

New business was discussed.

The Scholarship Brunches were discussed as new business. After much discussion, it was moved by Keith and seconded by Jean to try putting out a container (graduation hat) after church for donations. This could include those who don't attend the brunches and would still like to contribute. It would also have an explanation in the bulletin, an article in the newsletter (written by Lori Tonak) and be announced by Pastor that Sunday. We would like to try this as another option but not totally do away with the brunches as the fellowship is important also.

The Deacon list is being updated and hopefully we will have it soon for sending out Easter cards. It will be in alphabetical form

The Chili/Movie night was discussed – Sunday, March 15 was decided on for the date, 5:30 p.m. We will send around a sign-up sheet for the food. Two movies were mentioned that could be shown: "42" and "Courageous". Either we will have several people making a batch of chili or we will make it at the church. No decision was made at this time. We will discuss more about the movie night at our next meeting.

Election of officers was held with the following being elected – President – Jean Blackwell, Vice President – Judy Swanson, Secretary – Dianne Graves

The prayer list was updated.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Cake and coffee was served by Judy Swanson following the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dianne Graves, Secretary



# MARCH, 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:30 a.m. Worship w/ Communion	2 5:30 p.m. Treehouse Mtg.  Cub Scouts	3	4 5:30 WW Meal 6:00 WW Class 7:10 p.m. Lenten Service 8:00 p.m. Council	5 12:00 Chamberlain Area Ministerial Meeting 4:45 p.m. Altar Guild meeting	6	7 5:30 p.m. Worship w/ Communion
8 9:30 a.m. Worship w/ Communion  2:00 p.m. Sanford Worship Service	9	10	11 5:30 WW Meal 6:00 WW Class 7:10 p.m. Lenten Service 7:45 p.m. Choir	12 7:00 p.m. Deacons Meeting	13	14 5:30 p.m. Worship w/ Communion
15 9:30 a.m. Worship w/Communion	16 Cub Scouts	17	18 5:30 WW Meal 6:00 WW Class 7:10 p.m. Lenten Service 7:45 p.m. Choir	19 7:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study at Church  12:00-5:00 TLW work day	20	21 5:30 p.m. Worship w/ Communion
22 9:30 a.m. Worship	23	24 7:30 a.m. Women's Bible study @ Vonnie's	25 5:30 WW Meal 6:00 WW Class 7:10 p.m. Lenten Service 7:45 p.m. Choir	26 6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study – Fellowship Hall	27	28 5:30 p.m. Worship
29 9:30 a.m. Worship	30	31				