



Trinity News

March 2017

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POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Wed – WW & Confirmation
- Wed – Choir Practice
- Wed – Lenten Services
- Mar 1 – Ash Wednesday
- Mar 4 – 4-H Club Meeting
- Mar 4 – Christian Motorcycle Luncheon
- Mar 5 – Council Meeting
- Mar 9 – Deacon's Meeting
- Mar 14 – Text Study
- Mar 16 – Men's Bible Study
- Mar 23 – Women's Bible Study
- Mar 26 – Scholarship Brunch



from the desk of...

Pastor Lisa

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we enter into the season of Lent, I find myself drawn to thinking about prayer. Prayer is a part of the focus of our midweek “theme” this year, yes, but it is on my mind and my heart anyway during these forty days. Growing up, I was always told to think of prayer as a conversation with God. In that conversation with God, you could rant and rave when you were angry; you could rejoice and give thanks, etc. What I didn’t think about so much when I was a child was LISTENING in those “conversations with God”. Truth be told, I’m still not great at this listening when I pray. I often find it hard to stop in the midst of my ranting and raving prayers and pause, breathe, and listen to what God might be saying to me, or to look for how God might be acting in my life.

It’s often easier for each of us to say “God...help,help,help! God, where are you anyway?” than it is for us to receive or hear God’s part of the “conversation” in our prayers. Why? Well, sometimes (okay, a lot of the time) God’s not going to thump us on the head or give us a big and obvious sign that is the answer to our prayers. Oftentimes, it’s going to seem like God’s not doing a whole lot and so we are tempted to continue our ranting and raving when life gets hard. The ranting and the raving and the frustrations are just fine to do, and healthy to do at times. But we might just miss the subtle work of the Spirit when we rant and fail to listen in our prayers, too.

In these forty days of Lenten preparation and fasting, I invite and challenge us (myself included) to think more about the ways in which we are praying. Are we conversing with God? Is God our conversation partner? If not, how might we adjust the ways in which we pray, so that God **can** converse with us, comfort us, admonish and support us through whatever life throws our way? How can we

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PRAYER LISTS

Jeannie Anderson – Niece of Mary Brown
Ken Barker – Cousin of Rosemary Mohr
Jim Butler – Friend of Maryalice Larson
Charlotte Cadwell – TLC Member
Bea Carr – Aunt of Kaitlin Fuerstenau
Debi Cleland – Sister in law of Nancy DeBoer
Margaret Demery – Grandma of Kelly Longden
Karen Femrite – Friend of Rosemary Mohr
Kayleen Haiar – Granddaughter of Charlotte & Loren Geerdes
Vickie Hieb – Friend of Maryalice Larson
Julie Hoffman – Friend of Joyce Wevik
Larry Hollmann – Friend of Maryalice Larson
Michael Johnson – Requested by Dave & Maryalice Larson
Bob Juhl – Father of Teena Mosel
Mary Lou Mattioli – Friend of Deb Selland
Larry Nielsen – Friend of Bob & Mary Brown
Jack Normile – Father of Mike Normile
Mike Normile – TLC Member
Gunner Olesen – Member of the community
Glenn Osborne – Brother of Deb Selland
Barry Van Beber – Brother in law of Kay Hines
Lynette Van Beber – Sister in law of Kay Hines
Mark Wilkens – Brother of Jim Wilkens

To Be Remembered:

Connie Bailey
Pat Blum
John Blumeyer
Don Borman
Virginia Broussard
Allen Currey
Ray Goeden
Gene Graves
Emelia Hofwolt
Pam Houghteling
Eugene Kane
Winnie Keller
Amy Kenobbie
Deah Killion

John Koenig
Larry Larsen
Mariah Normile
Rianna Laurens
Clifford Priebe
Mike Renbarger
Jill Schreiber
Joel Sprecher
Kim Tyrell
Cindy Wilkens

Those in service to our country:

We pray for all the men and women in military units who are on active duty, and their families.

Ariel Gould – Sister of Noah Gould

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.



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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.

Church Council meets the first Sunday of the month at 10:30 a.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: Delmar 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. 19: Gene Graves
 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. 30: Jeremy Hines
 Mar. 31: Darrell Miller

ANNIVERSARIES

Mar 20: Dallas & Tammy Thompson



MARCH SERVICE MINISTERS

Date	Host	Lector
Mar. 5	Tounsley	Tounsley
Mar. 12	OPEN	OPEN
Mar. 19	OPEN	OPEN
Mar. 26	OPEN	OPEN

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

Jan 8, 2017

7:30 p.m.

Present

Dave Larson, Terrold Menzie, Karen Niles, Neoma Harris, Sharmel Olson, Rosemary Mohr, Nancy DeBoer, Cynthia Wall

Absent

Justin Graves, Pat Blum, Lori Tonak, Danny Selland, Dick Feltman

Devotions

The meeting was called to order, Nancy DeBoer led devotions.

Additions to Minutes

No additions were made to the agenda.

Reading of Minutes

Minutes were reviewed with a change made to the email's needing corrections

The minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report

- December income was higher than expenses.
- Checks written for December totaled \$2905.07 with nothing unusual noted.
- There is an electric bill pending.
- Total income for the year saw \$107,604 with expenses at \$106,978.
- The account balanced and all checks have been reconciled.
- The 2017 & 2016 budget reports will go into the annual report.
- Fundraising accounts will place the Lutefisk money into one account. It balanced out.
- A \$1.07 bank charge was not actually charged to the church so the account balanced.
- A motion was made to accept the report by Sharmel and it passed.

Correspondence

- A thank you note to the Men's Bible study for their offering to ELCA Good Gifts.
- Mission support for the last quarter.
- A thank you from Layne Nelson, the director of Lutheran Outdoors, for the donation made for the shore land expansion project.
- A news letter from Lutheran Center in Vermillion.
- Material from World Hunger.
- And various thank you.

Committee Reports

PROPERTY

- Door status – The doors have been ordered and are waiting to be installed when it is warmer.

- If anyone sees something needing fixing, let property know so it can be fixed.
- Lights were flickering in the sanctuary and need to be fixed.

WORSHIP

- Still need to order sample monologues to be reviewed as possible pieces for midweek Lenten worship services.
- Stewardship and Men's Bible Study committee are working on the synod appeal in January and February. Will have one weekend where everyone makes commitments to the campaign and special music that surrounds stewardship will be added to worship during the synod appeal. Nancy has been working on the music.

STEWARDSHIP

- Will be starting next week with the campaign. Synod suggests signing "Listen! God is Calling!" during the appeal time.

EDUCATION

- The Christmas program was on Dec. 14th and it went well.
- 1st and 2nd graders will be recognized in worship this month for completing their milestone ministry. This is the 3rd of 4 Milestone ministries, with the last one being completed in February.
- The kids will sing in February.
- Education committee will meet to plan an adult study for Lent.

Deacons

- The annual meeting potluck was discussed by the Deacons.
- Updated the membership list.
- Sent out cards for various things.
- Discussed the treats that went out after the Christmas program.

Pastor's Report

- December was interrupted by the weather. It cancelled church a couple of times, but on those that occurred the attendance was regular.
- Attended "The Banquet".
- Membership saw a big change in the numbers since the inactive list hadn't been looked at in 5 years, so about 20 to 30 people have been removed from the roles or put on "inactive" status.
- Nominating committee met and 1/2 to 2/3 of the positions have nominees listed in them.
- Pastor Lisa thanked those who will be leaving the council for their hard work.
- Will ask Danny Selland to remain on as the student on the council.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

- A special motion was made by Neoma to give to Roger a gift card in the amount of \$75.00 from the business establishment of Cedar Shore Resort in appreciation for his work of keeping the finances of the Trinity Lutheran Church updated. Seconded by Sharmel. Motion passed.
- Cynthia made a motion that the council recommend the transitional motion to the constitution

be presented to the congregation. Neoma seconded and the motion passed.

- Noisy offering will be going to the after school program at the library for January.
- Rosemary and Sharmel will be offering tellers in January.
- For February, the noisy offering will be going to the Lutheran Disaster response.
- Nancy and Terrold will be taking the offering for February.

Next Meeting

- Wednesday, February 1, 2017 will be the next meeting
- Next month's devotions by Rosemary.
- Dave will no longer be serving as President, as this was his second term.

Adjournment

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer

Trinity Lutheran Church Council Meeting

Feb 1, 2017 – 7:30 p.m.

Present:

Dave Larson, Terrold Menzie, Neoma Harris, Sharmel Olson, Rosemary Mohr, Nancy DeBoer, Dick Feltman, Danny Selland, Karen Niles*

Absent:

Lori Tonak, Justin Graves*, Pat Blum*, Cynthia Wall*

* No longer on council

Devotions:

The meeting was called to order, Rosemary Mohr led devotions.

Additions to Minutes:

Pastor Lisa made an addition to the agenda to include the Prairie Rivers conference gathering prison march to be added under new business.

Reading of Minutes :

Minutes were reviewed and a motion from Nancy, seconded by Neoma was made to accept them.

The minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report:

- Month ended up really quite good with income surpassing expenses.
- Office support included a check to the IRS.
- Had a normal month as for checks written.
- All accounts stayed the same except the fundraising account which was a little bit down due to 3 checks written. Noisy offering, and Thrivent, and another.
- Two questions were asked at the annual meeting.
 - In the utilities budget, there was an increase in the budgeted amount but the summary stated no change. Why the increase? There was a 5% increase in water and fuel with a \$1,600.00 utility bill for January 2017. The budgeted amount was greater than expenses overall.
 - Why did the benevolence to the synod go down? We budgeted \$250.00 to them every month which was less than what we originally planned so the new budget reflected this change.

Correspondence:

- A packet from LWBR was received.
- Most of the mail has just been circular mailers that goes to churches.

Committee Reports:

PROPERTY

- Door status – The doors are at the lumber yards and Dan Dykes is going to look at the job and give an estimate. He hasn't done it yet.
- Jason Clark will also provide an estimate as he has looked at it.
- Sheet from Dakota Milestones representing a list of jobs they perform while cleaning. If we want to add items to the list, we have to take things off since they only have a very brief time frame to clean.

WORSHIP

- Need to figure a time to meet so they can figure out a plan for lent. Will plan a time after Sunday's worship so any new members will also get to determine time to meet.

STEWARDSHIP

- Will meet on Sunday after worship to look ahead to Commitment Sunday.
- Commitment Sunday is 12th and a question was asked whether statements of intent forms should be placed in the bulletin so they can bring them back. Consensus was a yes.

EDUCATION

- After the new group gets formed they will meet.
- Kids are moving along smoothly.
- Kids will sing on Victory Sunday 19th.
- Some group of kids are ahead of others but they will catch up by the end.

Deacons:

- They discussed the annual meeting potluck.
- Two of the members to have an event called FFAF, Fun, fellowship, and food. Will play games and eat. It will occur on Feb 26.

Pastor's Report:

- January was a good month for preparations for the annual meeting.
- Lots of good stuff for the synod appeal happened.
- Will be meeting with Mark and Mary to discuss youth fund raisers.
- Will meet with Pastor Arlyn from Lyman County Parish to discuss a confirmation retreat for the late spring.
- A family will bring their newest baby in for baptism on March 5th.

Unfinished Business:

- Have complied with all the requirements for the insurance except the policy dealing with sexual misconduct guide. Needs to be done by Mar 1st. Teachers and those dealing with kids have to go through the process.

New Business:

- Conference gathering get together is Mar 19 at 2:00 at First Lutheran church in Mitchell.
- Meeting for January was held on Sunday and it went well. Proposal for the first Sunday of the month was made to have it right after church. Motion was made by Rosemary to change it to this and Nancy seconded it. Motion passed.

- Noisy offering suggestion was to go to National Coalition Against Domestic Violence.
- Lent offering suggestion to go to Always Being Made New. They help raise up leaders of a church with disabilities.
- Offering tellers are Terrold and Nancy.
- March Devotions will be done by Neoma.
- The sound system has a problem with one of the microphones and knob #2 on the console doesn't always light up.
- Sign up for committees, Devotions, and tellers was done. The following is the breakdown.

<u>Month</u>	<u>Devotions</u>	<u>Offering Tellers</u>
February	Rosemary	Terrold and Nancy
March	Dick	TBD
April	Terrold	Neoma and Rosemary
May	Sharmel	Sharmel and Nancy
June	Neoma	Terrold and TBD
July	No meeting	TBD
August	Terrold	Sharmel and Rosemary
September	Nancy	Neoma and TBD
October	Sharmel	Terrold and Nancy
November	Nancy	Dick and TBD
December	Rosemary	TBD
January		Sharmel and Rosemary

- Dick motioned and Neoma seconded the officer choices for the board as follows: Sharmel was nominated for president, Dave as vice president, Roger to stay on as treasurer, and Terrold to continue as the secretary. Each was voted in.

Next Meeting:

- Wednesday, March 5th, 2017 will be the next meeting.
- Next month's devotions by Dick.

Adjournment:

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer

DEACONS MINUTES

Meeting: Feb 9 2017 @ 7:00 pm

Deacons Present: Kay Hines, Keith Osterberg, Dotty Hieb, Deb Selland, Judy Swanson, Kay Kjonegaard, Marilyn Tounsley, and Pastor Lisa

Absent : Lori Tonak and Alice Bunker

Devotions were read by Pastor Lisa

Minutes: Jan 12 minutes were read by Pastor Lisa with a motion made by Deb Selland to accept the minutes as read, seconded by Kay Hines.

An updated copy of the Deacons list was distributed.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Game Night Feb 26 4 to 7 pm: Pastor Lisa is sending reminder emails about event and putting a weekly announcement in church bulletin.
Meal: BBQ's Chips Veg/FruitTray ---ALL Donated by Dotty
Milk--Donated by Deb
Deacons--Donate cookies bars cupcakes
Plan for 40 to attend
 - a. Postcards for game night to be sent out by next Wednesday. Lori has the postcards, and Dotty will email her about getting them to the deacons to send out. There was some discussion of also giving out a flier, which Marilyn offered to design and print. If the fliers are needed, Deb will come at 3pm on Sat to help put flyers in deacons' mailboxes to send out to the people on their lists. It was also suggested that Sharmel be given a flyer to send home with the Wowsome Wednesday students.
 - b. Door Prizes:
2 Child(boy/girl)--stuffed animal (purchased by Deb)
2 Teen--Movie/Video tickets with a popcorn gift bag from theatre, donated/purchased by Dotty and Deb,
1 Adult-Tastefully Simple Items will be donated by Lori
 - c. Set Up: Deb will come at 1pm to start BBQ's (This decision was made due to the fact that Dotty will be gone that weekend). Table set-up at 3:00 pm on Sunday.
2. Annual Meeting Potluck Review: The potluck went well, with a little under 40 in attendance.
3. Scholarship Brunch : March 26th after worship. We have one senior this year, and another student who started school in January. Judy will use a Thrivent Action Team card to purchase some of the food. Will plan details of the brunch the next meeting.
4. Discussed cards that needed to be sent to various members.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Prayer List Discussion: Pastor Lisa had received an email from Lori stating concerns about the prayer list: length, and the deacons would like to see the list at the meetings, so they can be more aware of the needs of the people on their lists. The prayer list will be brought to the March meeting, and the deacons will discuss and edit it. REMINDER - List needs to be typed for the following Sunday
2. Sign up to do prayers in Sunday worship
 - Dates to be filled are the 19th/26th of Feb: Alice--the 19th, Keith--the 26th
3. OTHER NEW BUSINESS:
 - Elections:
 - Pres. – Dotty Hieb (Serves 1 yr)
 - Vice-Pres. – Tabled until March meeting
 - Secretary – Deb Selland
4. Pastor Lisa Comments/Report: Pastor Lisa asked if Deacons would share with newly elected Deacons our duties/responsibilities.

Closing: Lord's Prayer

Submitted by Secretary,

Deb Selland

from the desk of... Pastor Lisa

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be better listeners and seekers of God's work among us?

I don't know that I have any answers to those questions, because they're ruminating in my being too, and will be over these forty days. But, one thing I do know is this: Whether we are in the dark days of Lent, or the joyous days of Easter, our God is listening to our prayers. And God is ready to speak to us, if we might just pause for a moment in our prayers to listen.

I invite you to explore "The Prayers of the Passion" with myself, a different biblical figure each week, and an everyday person just like us during our midweek Lenten services each Wednesday night at 7:15 p.m. What might God be saying to you about your life, prayer, and the Passion of our Lord through the stories they will tell?

In Christ,

Pastor Lisa

MARCH 2017

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 5:30-7:00 p.m.: Wowsome Wednesday—Confirmation 7:15 p.m.: Ash Wednesday Service w/Communion 7:45 p.m. Choir	2	3	4 10 a.m.: 4H Meeting 12:00: Christian Motorcycle Luncheon 5:30 pm Worship w/Communion
5 9:30 a.m.: Worship 10:30 a.m.: Church Council Meeting	6	7	8 5:30-7:00 p.m.: Wowsome Wednesday—Confirmation 7:15 p.m.: Lenten Service 7:45 p.m. Choir	9 7:00 p.m.: Deacons Meeting	10	11 5:30 pm Worship w/Communion
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