



Trinity News

January 2018

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POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Wed – WW & Confirmation
- Wed – Choir Practice
- Jan 7: Council Meeting
- Jan 9: Text Study
- Jan 11: Deacons Meeting
- Jan 16: Men's Bible Study
- Jan 25: WELCA Bible Study
- Jan 28: Milestone Recognition
- Jan 28: TLC Annual Meeting
- Jan 28: Potluck dinner



from the desk of...

Pastor Lisa

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

A blessed and happy new year to you! This past year seems to have just sped by so quickly! As we head into this new year, please have a look at a special piece that is included in this newsletter for this month. It is a highlight of many of the groups/ministries that are a part of the life of our congregation. These folks have done everything from lead bible studies to doing new service projects to making sure the gifts we receive from God to do our ministry together are wisely used and shared with others.

As you look at the information provided by each ministry, I invite you to consider taking part in them this year. At our annual meeting on January 28th we will be hearing the specifics on these ministries activities in 2017, as well as electing members to lead them. If you feel a nudging of the Spirit, don't be afraid to join in on the fellowship, study, and service these ministries do! As the children song goes "the church is the people!". God has gifted each one of us with different gifts for these and new ministries here at Trinity, so my prayer for us in this new year is that we continue to grow together in mission of, and faith in, the gospel and work of our Lord Jesus Christ.

I'd like to finish my article for this month by saying thank you. It is an amazing thing to see so many people serve in their church out of their love for God and for one another. I am humbled by your faith and trust in the ways that God is working in you and in us all. It is an honor to serve as your pastor. Hard to believe I popped into town four years ago now! I also want to say thank you for all of the trust you put in me to be your pastor, and for the many graces and acts of care you show to me all of the time. You are a special group of disciples, and I thank God daily for you and our ministry together.

In Christ,
Pastor Lisa



PRAYER LISTS

Pat Blum - TLC member
Waneta Bosworth - Cousin of Dixie Lloyd
Gene Carr - Uncle of Kaitlin Longden
Bernie Christiansen - Friend of Dixie Lloyd
Debi Cleland - Sister in law of Nancy DeBoer
Vivian Cleland - TLC member
Bobby Cournoyer - Friend of Mary Normile
Kayleen Haiar - Granddaughter of Charlotte & Loren Geerdes
Kathy Heffernan - Mother of Pastor Lisa
Rochelle Hopkins - Requested by Deb Selland
Bob Juhl - Father of Teena Mosel
Jackie Normile - Sister of Mike Normile
Gunner Olesen - Nephew of LeAnn Duvall
Kane Roberts - Friends of Roger & Judy Campbell
John Schissel - Father of Christy Graves
Marilyn Tounsley - TLC Member
Marian Truman - Mother of Nancy DeBoer
Barry Van Beber - Brother in law of Kay Hines
Lynette Van Beber - Sister in law of Kay Hines
John Wall - Father of Joe Wall

To Be Remembered:

Connie Bailey
John Blumeyer
Don Borman
Ray Goeden
Emelia Hofwolt
Pam Houghteling
Winnie Keller
Amy Kenobbie
Deah Killion
John Koenig
Larry Larsen
Rianna Laurens
Mariah Normile
Glenn Osborne

Clifford Priebe
Mike Renbarger
Sue Robinson
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.

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

Jan. 1: Kay Hines
 Jan. 2: Harry Munkvold
 Jan. 6: Rowen Longhenry
 Jan. 7: Marlys Buom
 Jan. 7: Kay Kjonegaard
 Jan. 13: Keith Osterberg
 Jan. 18: Kellen Meyerink
 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 11: Keith & Ardyce Osterberg



JANUARY SERVICE MINISTERS

| Date | Host | Lector |
|------------|---------------------|--------|
| January 7 | Mike & Alice Bunker | OPEN |
| January 14 | OPEN | OPEN |
| January 21 | OPEN | Brown |
| January 28 | OPEN | OPEN |

TLC Ministries 2018

Are you ready for 2018? Well, all of the different ministries of our congregation sure are, but there's one thing missing: You! As you think about the new year, I invite you to prayerfully consider taking part in the many ministries and leadership roles that are so vital to the life of this place. On this page you'll find a highlight of many of these groups and ministries. These are just some of the ways God can work through each of us at Trinity as we seek to grow in faith and serve others in the name of Christ here and in our communities and world. Where might God be calling you to serve in the new year?

In Christ,

Pastor Lisa

Church Council

The Church Council serves as the leadership board for the church. Members are elected by the congregation each year at the annual meeting. In 2018, the council will be reduced to six adult members, with adult members serving 1, 2, or 3 year terms. After this year, all newly elected members will serve for three years.

In addition to adults who serve on the council, one youth member also serves in leadership with them. The council meets once a month and assumes leadership responsibilities for the church, and assists the pastor with practical matters. Within the council, members either volunteer for or are voted to serve, in leadership positions such as President, Vice President, or Secretary. Members are also active in church committees such as: worship, stewardship, property, education, and others. The church council invites all members of Trinity to be a part of this vital leadership in the congregation.

Deacons

The purpose of the Trinity Lutheran Deacons is to promote and encourage fellowship within Trinity. The nine member Deacon group and Pastor Lisa meet monthly. Deacons are elected to a three year term - with an option for a second term; officers are elected annually. The deacons have some important responsibilities here at church, including:

- Maintaining the prayer and "to be remembered" lists
- Volunteering to provide devotions at monthly meeting and lead the prayers of intercession at church services
- Welcoming new members and visitors
- Sending Thanksgiving, Easter, Christmas, Get Well, Birthday, and Sympathy cards to members of the congregation
- Facilitating Social Activities - Potlucks, Fish Fry, Game and Movie Nights, Scholarship Brunches, graduate recognition and confirmation services, and helping to organize the Fall Kick-off activities.
- Define and assist to the needs of community and TLC members.

All are welcome and encouraged to consider becoming part of the deacons in 2018!

Wowsome Wednesday

Wowsome Wednesday is a wonderful opportunity to help and enrich the faith of our Trinity youth. To bring our children closer to Christ is a chance for each of us to grow closer to God. Volunteering in Wowsome Wednesday is rewarding and enjoyable. There are many ways to volunteer including helping with meals, teaching, being a substitute, lead music and plan activities. Offering benefits organizations such as ELA Good Gifts and milk at the Sioux Falls Banquet. Milestones, skits and programs allow the children to showcase themselves in their learning of Christ.

WELCA: Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

We have a small group of ladies who meet for a bible study on the fourth Thursday of each month at noon. During the year we also collect items to donate to Lutheran World Relief. This past year we collected items for personal care kits for girls, health kits, and school kits. If you would like to start a second bible study group that meets at a different time, you can contact Cynthia Wall. All women of Trinity are a part of WELCA, and are welcome to join in.

Men's Bible Study

The Trinity Lutheran Men's bible study is a small group who meet once a month (third Tuesday) at 7:30 in the morning, so people can go to work following the study. As we studied scripture, we joined in breakfast treats with one another. Our offering for the year was given to the Banquet in Sioux Falls, for the purchase of milk. We invite others to join us in this next year, and pray that you will find it to be interesting, a refreshing start to the day, and a very meaningful experience.

Choir

Trinity's 15 member choir sings on the second and fourth Sundays of the month from September through end of April. We practice on Wednesday nights at 7:00 p.m. We would love to welcome new folks in the new year!

Altar Guild

The Trinity altar guild is responsible for changing the colors of the altar cloths and banners, as well as setting up and cleaning up after Holy Communion. The two busiest times for us during the church year are Lent and Advent. We meet a few times throughout the year to help plan for these special services and weekly worship. We are a hard-working group that helps make our times of worship special every time we gather. If you are an outgoing person who likes the idea of helping with worship in these ways, participation in the altar guild in 2018 would be a great fit for you!

Trinity's Funeral Committee

The funeral committee at Trinity currently consist of 3 members, but more members would be welcome. We meet only on an as needed basis whenever a funeral will be held at Trinity. Duties of our committee include contacting the family to learn their wishes regarding food for after the service, ordering supplies and food as necessary, calling Trinity members to provide food and assistance as needed, setting up and taking down tables and chairs, and general clean-up of the fellowship area and kitchen following the luncheon. Anyone interested in serving on this committee, please contact Pastor Lisa, Arlene Shrake, Judy Swanson, or Mary Brown.

Trinity Lutheran Church Council Meeting

Dec 3, 2017 – 10:30 a.m.

Present

Lori Tonak, Rosemary Mohr, Terrold Menzie, Dick Feltman, Sharmel Olson, Neoma Harris, Danny Selland, Dave Larson

Absent

Nancy DeBoer

Devotions

The meeting was called to order by president Sharmel Olson, Rosemary led devotions

Additions to agenda

No additions to the agenda were made.

Reading of Minutes

The minutes were read and a motion was made to accept them by Neoma with Dick seconding them. The motion passed.

Guest Speaker: Jeff Tveit

- The committee was briefed on the endowment progress. It is in the moderate allocation fund which has been doing well gaining 8%. Discussion topics covered included:
- Where should interests be placed in so that it can continue to gain. It was recommended to put it in a place that is more diversified.
- This money is to be used according to the endowment fund guidelines.
- The amounts of the accumulated interest from the endowments are provided quarterly to the church. This is the amount that can be used as per the guidelines.
- There is approximately \$6400.00 of interest currently available.
- The principle is \$62,550.00
- The primary task of the endowment committee will be to look at what missions at what projects that the church would like to fund that go along within the guidelines. Along with that, to determine what types of investment accounts to place it in to have it grow. Members of the committee are to be taken from the Stewardship committee. These are spelled out in the guidelines.

The endowment committee should meet at least quarterly and report to the church committee.

A motion to place the roughly \$6400.00 of interest into a more stable fund was made by Neoma and seconded by Dick. Dave amended this motion to move it to place some of it into the stable account and some of it to a more diversified account. It was seconded by Lori. The amendment passed. The amended motion also passed.

The last part of this is who should be on the account. It was recommended that the four officers of the council be placed on this account. This recommendation was motioned by Dave, seconded by Dick. It passed.

Treasurer's Report

- Income was slightly less than expenses.
- Nothing unusual occurred during the month.
- The Lutefisk supper made up most of the income for the month. Some of the expenses haven't showed up for the banquet. We made about the same amount as years' past from the fundraiser.
- The 2018 budget was modified some to reflect the changes that will happen due to having new employees added to the church, including paid musicians, janitorial staff, etc. Rosemary motioned to accept the 2018 budget and seconded by Dick. Motion passed.
- A \$200.00 gratuity for musicians and computer support was motioned and passed.

Correspondence

- Got an invitation for Kenna Schaub's baptism and baby shower
- Information about summer camp.
- Draft letter on the social statement from churchwide on women's justice.

Committee Reports

PROPERTY

- A breaker was flipped and will be checked.
- The mic is making a muffling sound. Keith will look at it. It might need to be replaced.

WORSHIP

- Working on advent and Christmas.
- Christmas Eve worship will be at 5:30.
- Altar Guild is looking for new help.

STEWARDSHIP

- Time and talent sheet will be sent out for getting people to get on the new upcoming council.
- In the Jan newsletter, having a highlights section of all of the major ministries of the congregation placed in it and an invitation for members to join.

EDUCATION

- December 20th will be the Christmas program.
- First communion is next Sunday where 5 will be participating.
- The first communion class made 12 loaves of bread to share at first communion worship.

Deacons

- Updated the prayer list.
- Service project of collecting products for Riverview assisted living which will be done December 14.
- Will be taking Poinsettias to some of the congregation members.
- Sending out the Christmas Cards.
- Will be finishing up the Christmas program treats.
- Meal cards were provided to some members who have recently had health issues.

Pastor's Report

- Had first communion classes go on.
- Milestone ministries
- A baptism is scheduled for next week.
- New member conversations.
- Have an unusual amount of people coming down with illnesses this time of year. These are leading to some very good pastoral care conversations.
- The continuing ed has been postponed until next semester or spring due to the student visa of the coordinator of the program not being continued. So other continuing ed opportunities will be sought out.
- Will be attending the Dakota Milestones bible study.

Unfinished Business

- At the annual meeting everyone will be off the council and new members will draw straws to determine how long they will serve. The By-Laws will have to be changed to reflect this reduction in council members.

New Business

- Kathi Anderson would like to join the congregation. Aaryn Schaub and her son Nicolas would also like to join the congregation. A motion was made to accept them and passed.
- The insurance policy will be renewed after Rich looks at it. The motion to accept the policy conditioned upon Rich's review.
- Kelly will not be continuing his candidacy process for Word and Sacrament (pastoral) ministry. He is still in school and has a year left, with the goal of getting a master's in theology with a focus in youth and family ministry. He feels a strong call to serve in ministry, but feels it is taking a different shape at this time. A motion was made to continue our support for his schooling.
- A motion was made to have offering tellers made up of one council member and one congregational member perform the offering count once the new council is formed. The motion passed.

| <u>Month</u> | <u>Devotions</u> | <u>Offering Tellers</u> |
|--------------|------------------|---|
| January | Lori | Sharmel and Rosemary |
| February | TBD | TBD (Will consist of 1 council member and 1 congregation member.) |

Next Meeting

- Sunday, January 7, 2018 will be the next meeting
- Noisy offering will go to getting gas cards for congregational members going to appointments.
- Next month's devotions by Lori.

Adjournment

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer

Trinity Lutheran Deacons Meeting Minutes

Thurs, Dec 14, 2017

PRESENT: Judy Swanson, Keith Osterberg, Lori Tonak, Kay Kjonegaard, Alice Bunker, Kay Hines, Deb Selland, and Pastor Lisa

ABSENT: Marilyn Tounsley and Dotty Hieb

DEVOTIONS: Deb Selland

PRIOR MEETING MINUTES: Approved by Kay Hines, seconded by Keith Osterberg

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Scholarship Account Update: Account is currently at Wells Fargo. Once a treasurer is named from the Deacons, that person will be on the account. Pastor Lisa will take this info to the council, and see if the account can be moved to First Dakota.
2. Gifting to Assisted Living: Gift Bags will be filled after the meeting. Hand towels/washcloths and Personal Hygiene items will be given.
3. Two Deacons will drop the gift bags off Sat afternoon.
4. Christmas Program Treats: On 12/20 two dozen cookies or bars. Chocolate Milk provided by Kay Hines. Coffee will be set up by Lori Tonak. Servers/Set up @ 6:30 p.m.
5. Christmas Cards: To be mailed between 12/10 and 12/13
6. Poinsettia Delivery Status: A few extra were added to be delivered to congregation members

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Upcoming Scholarship Brunch: Discussion tabled until January meeting.
2. February/March Family Game/Fun Night: Discussion tabled until January meeting
3. Deacon Signup for Jan/Feb 2018: Alice -7th, Keith - 14th, Feb on hold
4. Upcoming Deacon Terms: Keith Osterberg, Kay Hines, and Lori Tonak's terms end after the annual meeting. A two-year term may need to be filled.
5. Annual Meeting Potluck: Jan 28th after worship, Deacons to set up, the council will also be asked to help with this.
6. Pastor Lisa Updates/Comments: Sympathy cards to be sent out
7. Prayer List: Updated by Lori and Judy
8. Community Activities/Needs Ongoing Agenda Items: Tabled/On Hold


Next Meeting - Thurs Jan 11, 2018

CLOSING: LORD'S PRAYER

Submitted by Deb Selland, Secretary

JANUARY 2018

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| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|--|---|--|---|---|-----------|---|
| | 1  | 2 | 3 5:30 p.m.: Wowesome Wednesday - Confirmation 7:00 p.m. Choir | 4 | 5 | 6 5:30 pm Worship w/Communion |
| 7 9:30 a.m.: Worship w/Communion 10:30 a.m.: Church Council Meeting | 8 | 9 2:00 p.m.: Text Study | 10 5:30 p.m.: Wowesome Wednesday - Confirmation 7:00 p.m. Choir | 11 7:00 p.m. Deacons Meeting | 12 | 13 5:30 pm Worship w/Communion |
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| 28 9:30 a.m.: Worship Milestone recognition 10:30 a.m. Annual Meeting & Potluck | 29 | 30 | 31 5:30 p.m.: Wowesome Wednesday - Confirmation 7:00 p.m. Choir | | | |