

# TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 2013

Dear Members of Trinity;

Twenty-five years ago the LCA (Lutheran Church in America) and the TALC (The American Lutheran Church) as well as a small group of former LC-MS congregations joined together to form the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America).

Anniversaries are worth celebrating. But the ELCA decided to celebrate our anniversary differently. Our church is encouraging every congregation in the ELCA to celebrate our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary on September 8<sup>th</sup>. Further, every congregation is encouraged to celebrate by doing some community services projects.

This might seem to be a strange way to celebrate but it is an important way to remember our history. The Lutheran church has always been a church that has been socially minded. Our Lutheran church formed a social service agency in South Dakota to care for unwed mothers and unwanted children many years ago. Over the years their services have broaden to provide counseling, elderly care, facilities to help troubled youth, consumer credit counseling, etc. Many states have Lutheran Social Service organizations.

The Lutheran church was on the forefront of education with the starting of colleges and seminaries. One could also mention Lutheran World Relief, Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service, Lutheran Disaster Response and Good Samaritan Society. Numerous hospitals throughout the United States were also started by Lutherans. You get the picture; the Lutheran church has always been concerned about social needs.

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## HOLDING YOUR FAMILY TOGETHER

This past summer I attended a workshop lead by Dr. Rich Melheim dealing with what he calls the FAITH5. FAITH5 is a great way to increase communication in your family and also a way to do family devotions. The FAITH5 are Share, Read, Talk, Pray and Bless. I would like to teach the course to a core group of families that could then become the teachers and promoters of FAITH5 at Trinity. The six session course meets six times, once each week for six weeks, over a meal. Children are encouraged to also attend. I am in need of three or four families, with or without children to volunteer for the training. The commitment would be to attend the six meetings, to try FAITH5 in their homes and be willing to promote and teach FAITH5 if they find it helpful in their own homes. If you are interested in participating please contact Pastor Duane.



Share



Read



Talk



Pray



Bless

## CHURCH CLEANING

If you wish to hire Dakota Milestones to do your church cleaning, the cost is \$20 per week. You may put your contribution for church cleaning in the Sunday offertory. **Please write your name and "Church Cleaning" on the envelope. If paying by check, note "Church Cleaning" in the memo line.** Contact Pat Blum for information, 234-6175 or 730-6175.

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| Sept 1  | Luurs/L. Larsen |
| Sept 8  | Carson/Carlson  |
| Sept 15 | Mosel/Olson     |
| Sept 22 | Gerlach/Gerlach |
| Sept 29 | Godtland/Hall   |
| Oct 6   | Brown/Moran     |

## LAWN MOWING

Please mow the lawn and water the plantings during the week **before** the date listed.

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|---------|-----------------|
| Sept 1  | Mike Trumm      |
| Sept 8  | Dwain Blackwell |
| Sept 15 | Rich Rasmussen  |
| Sept 22 | Kevin Graber    |
| Sept 29 | Mike Normile    |



## **PRAYER LIST**

|                      |                     |
|----------------------|---------------------|
| Connie Bailey        | Marsha Longden      |
| Karen Bertram        | Tori Louvre         |
| Dale Cleland         | Melody Munger       |
| Allan Currey         | Mike Nepodal        |
| Mary Lee Dennison    | Glenn Osborne       |
| Doris Dux            | Clifford Priebe     |
| Shirley Feltman      | Pastor Ron Pulscher |
| Gene Graves          | Mike Renbarger      |
| Kayleen Haiar        | Kim Tyrell          |
| Terry Hines          | Ray Urban           |
| Fern and Wally Jones | Mindy Wahlquist     |
| Ron Kjonegaard       | Jade Wilkins        |
| Riana Laurens        |                     |

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

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

## **TO BE REMEMBERED**

John Blumeyer  
 Don Borman  
 Jim Butler  
 Gail Danhour  
 Ray Goeden  
 Winnie Keller  
 Deah Killion  
 Maria Normile  
 Gunnar Olson  
 Alexandra Osborne  
 Antoinette Osborne  
 Krista Osborne  
 Dorothy Robarge  
 Ed Selland  
 Jill Schreiber  
 Stanley Tybrac  
 Cindy Wilkens

### **Missions of the Church**

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

At Trinity we will be celebrating the anniversary in the following way:

1. We will begin at 9:30 with half of a worship service.
2. Instead of a sermon we will instead fan out into the community to do service projects. Here is a list of some of the projects that have been lined up.
  - Missouri Valley Crisis Center (scrape & paint porch, yard work, sort donated cloths)
  - Deb Selland (replace two sky lights in trailer house)
  - Vern Klocker (clean up back yard)
  - City Parks (litter patrol – done by youth)
 More projects will be added. So come dressed for work. Bring along equipment especially gardening and carpenter items.
3. Between 11:15 & 11:30 we will return to the church for the closing of our Sunday worship.
4. Following worship a meal of casseroles and fresh vegetables will be served.
5. We will conclude our celebration with a “Is It a Vonnie Cake?” anniversary cake and ice cream.

The celebration of our churches anniversary is an opportunity to make a difference in our community. I am looking forward to a huge turnout. It should be a lot of fun. After all, helping others always brings joy to our hearts.

Your Friend in Christ,

Pastor Duane

**HELP WANTED: Part-time secretary, six to ten hours a week, computer skills needed. Send resume to [trinity@midstatesd.net](mailto:trinity@midstatesd.net) or mail to Trinity Lutheran, P.O. Box 148, Chamberlain, SD 57325. For more information, call 605-234-6698.**

## BIRTHDAYS

### SEPTEMBER

Sept. 1: Weston Thompson  
 Sept. 1: Nora Olson  
 Sept. 2: Shane Peterson  
 Sept. 3: David Larson  
 Sept. 3: Ardyce Osterberg  
 Sept. 4: Ragna Godtland  
 Sept. 5: Bill Byre  
 Sept. 5: Grant James Kringen  
 Sept. 7: Robert Schaub  
 Sept. 10: Tanner Hall  
 Sept. 13: Marjean Hope  
 Sept. 13: Annalesia Machado  
 Sept. 15: Jessica Van Der Werff  
 Sept. 15: Riley Thompson  
 Sept. 18: Paula Feltman  
 Sept. 19: Joyce Wevik  
 Sept. 20: Kathy Trumm  
 Sept. 22: Justin Graves  
 Sept. 25: Charlotte Geerdes  
 Sept. 28 Susie Normile



## ANNIVERSARIES

Sept. 2 – Bill & Erin Brown  
 Sept. 4 – Pastor Duane & Margie Neugebauer  
 Sept. 5 – Maynard & Marcella Jensen  
 Sept. 5 – Gary & Neoma Harris  
 Sept. 9 – Gene & Dianne Graves  
 Sept. 10 – Dave & Rosemary Mohr

## CHURCH CHOIR PRACTICE

Do you like to sing? The Trinity Lutheran Church choir is practicing each Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. for one hour. The first performance is Sunday, September 8.

Everyone is welcome!

Contact Rosemary Mohr, Mick Niles or Nancy DeBoer.

## RACIAL JUSTICE WORKSHOP

Today's Dream; Tomorrow's Reality", will be held at Trinity on Saturday, October 5 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

This workshop will be led by Margene Thompson and Mardella Bieber of the South Dakota Women of the ELCA. They have been trained in this workshop by the Women of the ELCA churchwide staff.

Snacks and lunch will be served for a fee of \$15.

Everyone is invited. One need not be a woman, nor Lutheran to attend this event. Invite your friends and neighbors.

This workshop is being sponsored by the Prairie Rivers Women of the ELCA.

This program will help answer that question people ask, "Why anti-racism?" primarily for two reasons: First, some see race matters as a thing of the past because they do not see racism in their day-to-day lives; hence, it must not really exist anymore. Second, the word itself—"anti-racism"—sounds negative to some ears. This program uses an activity called The Level Playing Field to help people make the connection between racism and real life. Hopefully it will make people see that to be anti-(against) racism is a good thing!

Registration is requested in order to plan set-up and lunch.

Please RSVP to Margie Neugebauer at [mandon@midstatesd.net](mailto:mandon@midstatesd.net) by Thursday, October 4.

## SEPTEMBER SERVICE MINISTERS

| DATE    | HOSTS                 | LECTOR | CANTOR |
|---------|-----------------------|--------|--------|
| SEPT 1  | Birch                 | Huber  |        |
| SEPT 8  | Tveits                | Tveits | Tveits |
| SEPT 15 | Weviks                |        |        |
| SEPT 22 | CONFIRMATION STUDENTS |        |        |
| SEPT 29 | Blackwells            |        |        |



**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.

**What does our logo mean?**

Our logo-with the cross, water and a white lily – identifies women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America as children of God; baptized, forgiven, adopted into God’s family, full of grace and hope in eternal life. It is a reminder of the growth, beauty, and vitality that rises out of that life-giving baptismal water. It is also a reminder of the mission of the church to “Go, therefore, make disciples of all nations, baptize them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” (Matthew 28:19)

**South Dakota Synod Women of the ELCA is on-line**

- Facebook:** [tinyurl.com/welcasd](http://tinyurl.com/welcasd)
- Twitter:** [twitter.com/WomenoftheELCASoDak](http://twitter.com/WomenoftheELCASoDak)
- Pinterest:** [pinterest.com/womenelcasd/](http://pinterest.com/womenelcasd/)
- Blog:** [womenoftheelcasd.wordpress.com](http://womenoftheelcasd.wordpress.com)

**South Dakota Synod Hunger Team is on-line**

- Facebook:** [tinyurl.com/hungerteamsd](http://tinyurl.com/hungerteamsd)
- Blog:** [hungerteamsd.wordpress.com/](http://hungerteamsd.wordpress.com/)
- Pinterest:** [pinterest.com/hungerteamsodak/](http://pinterest.com/hungerteamsodak/)

**Trinity Women of the ELCA**

Are you interested in being part of the Trinity Women of the ELCA or the Trinity Women’s Leadership Team?

We would love to have you as part of the organization.

We are the women’s ministry organization of the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America). You will find support on your faith journey, opportunities to serve and make a difference in your community and around the world, a community of women that prays together, Bible study, and the joy of growing in faith and friendship.

Do you have an idea about what we can do? Do you want to help with a current project?

Current projects include: monthly Bible study, collecting school supplies for Chamberlain Elementary School, knitting hats and scarves for Christmas at Sea, making mission quilts for Lutheran World Relief, holding an Advent Brunch, Fair Trade Fair, encouraging women to save their coins and holding a Thankoffering service at which those coins are collected.

Several of our leaders are stepping down at the end of the year.

Please consider the role you could play in helping organize Trinity women to carry out their work.

Please call us, won’t you? Rosemary Mohr, 734-4039; Maria Birch 234-9429 or 680-9429; Margie Neugebauer, 234-0155; Pat Blum, 234-5175 or 730-6175; Marj Hope, 234-6972.

To learn more about the national Women of the ELCA organization, visit <http://www.womenoftheelca.org/>

To learn more about the South Dakota Synod Women of the ELCA see the websites listed in the text box in the column to the left.



## GATHER FOR ACTION AND FAITH – BIBLE STUDY

Trinity women study the Bible with the aid of “Gather for Action and Faith,” a magazine published 11 times a year.

A new series of studies begins in September – “In Good Company: Stories of Biblical Women.”

Company’s coming! Bible study author Kay Ward, a bishop in The Moravian Church, has invited nine women from the Old Testament, several from the New Testament, and a handful of women she knows to stop in for a visit. They will be companions with us each month, long enough for us to get to know them and to also get to know ourselves a bit better. Their stories will draw us into Bible study, worship with the Psalms, and opportunities to tell us our own stories.

Read what the author says about this nine-month Bible study which begins in September. ([http://www.womenoftheelca.org/filebin/pdf/gather2013/MeettheAuthor\\_KayWard.pdf](http://www.womenoftheelca.org/filebin/pdf/gather2013/MeettheAuthor_KayWard.pdf).)

Ward was elected to be bishop in the Moravian Unity in 1998, the first woman to be chosen in its 550 years of history. She has served as a parish pastor, and in 2006 retired as professor and administrator of Moravian Theological Seminary in Bethlehem, PA. Kay has written three collections of essays and lives in a log cabin in central Wisconsin. See more at <http://www.womenoftheelca.org/gather-bible-studies-pages-55.php>

This year our lessons will be lead by Cynthia Wall. All women and high school girls are welcome.

**Fourth Tuesday, September 24 7:30 a.m.** at Is It A Vonnie Cake?. Call Marcella Jensen, 234-0200 for more information.

**Fourth Wednesday, September 25, 7:30 p.m.**, at the home of Rosemary Mohr. Call Rosemary Mohr, 734-4039 for more information.

You can order a “Gather” magazine at <http://www.womenoftheelca.org/gather-magazine-pages-49.php> or by calling (800) 328-4648.

## KNITTING AND QUILT MAKING

Trinity Women have been knitting hats and scarves to send off to Christmas at Sea. Those items will be blessed on **Sunday, September 8** at the God’s Work Our Hands community services worship service.

This knitting project began several months ago with a gathering of woman using the “Stitches and Scripture” booklet provided by Women of the ELCA.

We studied a Bible lesson read to us as we knitted.

When the four-week lesson and Bible study was finished, the women decided to continue knitting.

The “Stitches and Scripture booklet is found at <http://www.womenoftheelca.org/alphabetical-pages-58.php#T>.

We chose to knit for Christmas at Sea as that is what is recommended in the booklet.

Information about Christmas at Sea and knitting patterns for hats, scarves, vests and socks, and a cloth ditty bag pattern are found at <http://www.seamenschurch.org/christmas-at-sea/>.

We will continue to make quilt tops until February, when we will join with Kimball Protest Parish to assemble and tie quilts.

To learn more about these projects, see Maria Birch, 234-9429 or 680-9429.

## **JUNE 2013 DEACONS MEETING MINUTES**

The Trinity Lutheran Deacons met at 7:30 p.m. on June 13 at the church.

Deacons in attendance included Bonnie Luurs, Lori Tonak, Jean Blackwell, Maria Birch, Joan Trumm, Judy Swanson and Pastor Duane Neugebauer.

The minutes for May were read and approved.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

The annual congregational fish fry will be at the church July 24 at 6:00 p.m. Deacons are responsible for setting up the tables and preparing cold drinks (ice tea and lemonade). Jim Klages and Terry Hines will fry the fish. A clipboard for fish, salads and desserts will be circulated in church two weeks prior to the event. Following the fish fry a joint council and a deacon meeting will be held.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

June 30 will be a potluck after church as it is the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday.

July 14 and 28 are the next dates for the brunches after church.

The visit to the prison in Springfield has been set for August 1. Pastor has extended an invitation to the members of United Church to join us on this visit.

Pie Day at Sanford Long Term Care Center has been scheduled for August 23 at 2:00. The Deacons are responsible for providing 8 pies and 5 workers. Entertainment will be provided by Jack Mueller.

June 27 a group of bikers from Illinois will be Chamberlain. Maria asked for food donations.

A suggestion was made to provide mailboxes for non-members who would be interested in having one.

A suggestion was made to compile a list of Trinity members who are not in the church director.

A list of Wowsome Wednesday parents was requested.

The prayer list was updated. Deacon for June: Judy Swanson.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

The next meeting will be July 24 following the fish fry.

Submitted by Judy Swanson, Secretary

## **JULY 2013 DEACONS MEETING MINUTES**

The July 24, 2013 meeting of the Trinity Lutheran Deacons was held with the church council after the congregational fish fry.

Those in attendance included: Jean Blackwell, Joan Trumm, John Wall, Maria Birch, Judy Swanson, Lori Tonak, Pastor Duane Neugebauer (Kay was there for the fish fry)

The Deacons shared with the council their mission, duties and responsibilities.

The prayer list was updated. Deacon for July: Kay Hines

Correspondence: Thank you cards were sent to Terry and Kay Hines and Jim and Julie Klagas for frying the fish for the fish fry.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

The Deacons did not have a meeting in August. The next meeting will be September 12, 7:00 at the church.

Submitted by Judy Swanson, Secretary

## ALL WHO HUNGER, GATHER GLADLY

This summer Trinity women studied a three-part Bible lesson – All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly.

The three lessons were titled: “Hungry Hearts,” “ Do We Have Enough?” and “All Ate and Were Fed.”

The lessons centered on the text in Matthew, Mark and Luke where Jesus sent out his disciples without any “supplies” to preach and heal. He then invited them to come back and tell what happened.

They did that, and so many people gathered who needed to be fed – and they were through the miracle of the loaves and fishes.

The Bible study concluded with the collection of non-perishable food our local food pantries, and a presentation about the dynamics of hunger in South Dakota and the ELCA’s Evangelical Lutheran Church in America) efforts to fight hunger on a local, state and international basis.

The women looked at the challenges of feeding a family while working a low-income job.

Feeding South Dakota, a statewide feeding agency, has declared September as hunger action month. They tell us “hunger is a solvable issue if we work together.”

Here are some of the statistics Feeding South Dakota has gathered: 14.6% of individuals in South Dakota live at or below the poverty level, one out of eight people are food insecure, one out of five children are at risk of going hungry; three counties in South Dakota are the poorest in the United States, four South Dakota counties are in the top ten poorest in the United States, eight South Dakota counties are among the nation’s 30 poorest counties, 40% of children receive free and reduced school lunch.

In Chamberlain, over 47% of all students at our elementary school receive free and reduced lunch.

Feeding South Dakota knows that 49% of families they serve are currently working and their average income is \$970 per month.

Trinity women worked on a budgeting exercise for a family of three people using a typical low-income salary of \$8.25 per hour, 40 hours per week.

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|--|----------------------------------|
| Total monthly salary                     | \$1,419                          |
| Monthly deductions                       | <u>125</u>                       |
|  | 1,294                            |
| Rent, including water and sewer          | <u>425</u>                       |
|  | 769                              |
| Electricity                              | <u>100</u>                       |
|  | 669                              |
| Phone                                    |                                  |
| *a smart phone is \$200/landline is \$80 | <u>200</u>                       |
|  | 469                              |
| Child care                               | <u>430</u>                       |
|  | 39                               |
| Gas to go to work, monthly               | <u>300</u>                       |
|  | OH! We are already out of money. |

Notice there is nothing budgeted for food, clothing, school supplies, coats, shoes, winter boots, car payment or repairs, insurance, or anything else. This is the reality of trying to live on a low-income salary.

Low incomes are one of the main reasons people need to visit a food pantry. They are often strapped for cash because of a car break down, absence from work due to illness, or needing to catch up on their utility bills.

Please be as generous as you can. We have two food pantries in town – ROCS pantry at the courthouse is open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.; and the St. James food pantry is open Mondays 10 a.m. to noon.

You can learn more about ELCA World Hunger, which addresses the root causes of hunger and poverty by checking their website. ELCA World Hunger provides relief, development, education and advocacy. They respond to neighbors around the corner and around the work. They have resources to tell the story and give congregations ideas for combating hunger. You will find them at [www.elca.org](http://www.elca.org), click on “Our Faith In Action” and “Responding to the World.”

“Hunger Rumbings” is an ELCA blog that focuses on hunger issues. The latest entry is a post by Ryan Cumming, the new Director of Hunger Education for ELCA World Hunger. You will find the blog at <http://blogs.elca.org/hungerrumbings/>.

Feeding South Dakota is found at <http://www.feedingsouthdakota.org/>. Click on “Hunger Action Month” to find out what we can do during September to address the hunger issues in South Dakota.



HungerActionMonth.org













September is Hunger Action Month

# 30 Ways in 30 Days

Together We Can Solve Hunger™



FeedingSouthDakota.org

| Sunday  | Monday  | Tuesday  | Wednesday  | Thursday  | Friday  | Saturday  |
|---|---|--|--|---|---|---|
| <p>1 Post this calendar on the fridge at your home and office.</p>                 | <p>2 Take the Hunger Action Month <a href="#">Pledge</a>.</p>   | <p>3 Print <a href="#">coloring pages</a> to share &amp; enter our coloring contest.</p>   | <p>4 <b>Wheat Wednesday!</b> Bring bread, pasta, cereal, or crackers to your local pantry.</p>  | <p>5 <b>GO ORANGE FOR HUNGER!</b> Wear orange and "Go Orange" digitally.</p>  | <p>6 <b>Facebook Friday!</b> Share <a href="#">our page</a> with your friends. Our goal is 3,000 "Likes" by the end of September!</p>  | <p>7 Increase awareness! Shop for your weekly groceries using only half the budget you would normally spend.</p>                          |
| <p>8 <b>Grandparents Day!</b> Honor your Grandparents by supporting a charity that helps seniors in need.</p>   | <p>9 <a href="#">Tweet</a> with us this month by using the hashtag #HungerAction and #HungerActionSD</p>  | <p>10 Plan a Food Drive—We'll help! <a href="#">Food Drive Tool Kit</a></p>  | <p>11 With your family or friends, observe a moment of silence for 9/11 &amp; for Americans going hungry.</p>  | <p>12 <b>Tomato Thursday!</b> Donate spaghetti sauce, soup, or other products to your local pantry.</p>  | <p>13 <b>Facebook Friday!</b> Change your profile picture or cover photo to support of Hunger Action Month.</p>                        | <p>14 Subscribe! Sign up to receive our <a href="#">newsletter</a>.</p>   |
| <p>15 Try to provide 3 healthy meals on the average food stamp budget of only \$3 per day.</p>  | <p>16 <b>Mac &amp; Cheese Monday!</b> Bring boxes of Mac &amp; Cheese to the pantry.</p>  | <p>17 Arrange to take a tour of one of our Feeding South Dakota facilities.</p>                | <p>18 View poverty statistics for your county at <a href="#">Map the Meal Gap</a>.</p>         | <p>19 Gather personal care items for a local shelter. Contact them to see which items are needed.</p>   | <p>20 <b>Facebook Friday!</b> Post and tweet a photo with you holding a paper plate with a message of hunger on it.</p>              | <p>21 Gather your family &amp; friends to watch <a href="#">Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs</a> &amp; discuss the impact of hunger.</p> |
| <p>22 Watch <a href="#">videos</a> about Feeding South Dakota and Feeding America on YouTube</p>  | <p>23 Sign up to volunteer at the pantry! Help us sort the product that comes in from food drives.</p>  | <p>24 <b>Tuna Tuesday!</b> Donate canned tuna or boxed Tuna Helper to your local pantry.</p>  | <p>25 Learn about the many <a href="#">programs</a> at Feeding South Dakota, including the <a href="#">BackPack Program</a> and <a href="#">Mobile Food Pantry</a>.</p>            | <p>26 <a href="#">Share a recipe</a> for a meal that feeds a family of four and costs less than \$10!</p>   | <p>27 <b>Facebook Friday!</b> Donate your status to share <a href="#">statistics or videos on hunger</a>.</p>                        | <p>28 <b>Fall Cleaning!</b> Go through your cupboards &amp; donate extra canned &amp; boxed food items to your local food pantry.</p>     |
| <p>29 Set an empty plate at your table to remember those at risk of hunger.</p>  | <p>30 Coloring contest winners announced on our <a href="#">Facebook page!!!</a></p>  |  |  |   |   |   |



## Trinity Lutheran Church Council - Wednesday, July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2013

**Present** ~ Council members Pat Blum, Bob Brown, Mary Brown, Judy Campbell, Rosemary Mohr, Karen Niles, Jeff Tveit, and Joe Wall. Deacon members Maria Birch, Jean Blackwell, Judy Swanson, Lori Tonak, Joan Trumm, and John Wall. Pastor Duane and Sharmel Olson.

**Absent** ~ Council members Mark Huber, Gary Kringen, Dave Larson, Denise Meyerink, and Matthew Menzie. Deacon members Noah Gould, Kay Hines, and Bonnie Luurs.

**Devotions** ~ The meeting was called to order by Vice President Joe Wall who also led devotions.

**Minutes of last meeting** ~ These were not available.

**Treasurer's Reports** ~ Russ Denke both the regular and fundraising account reports. There were no outstanding bills, but over \$5,000 is needed to pay bills by the end of July.

- Motion by Pat, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob to accept the treasurer's report and use savings to pay any outstanding July bills. Motion carried.
- Motion by Mary, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rosemary to switch from our present credit card to the First Dakota rewards card. Motion carried.

**Education**~ The committee reported on Wowsome Wednesday changes for the fall

### Property~

- Gary has the posts and BC Lumber has the materials to complete AC Barricade.
- Motions by Rosemary, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Judy to replacing the cedar trees on the west side of the church sign with grass, motion carried.
- The gravel area of the parking lot is washing into the park. Various solutions were discussed. Bob will check on bids, a special council meeting may be called for this purpose.

### Stewardship~

- The Mission Investment Fund value is \$11,271.43. This is money left from the sale of the parsonage in the late 70's. It can be renewed at 0.9%. Motions by Bob, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pat to redeem this and place it in the building fund if it is needed for building, structure or parking lots use. Motion carried.

### Worship~

- Motion by Judy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Karen for pastor to take August 18<sup>th</sup> for his 4<sup>th</sup> vacation Sunday, Motion carried.
- Rosemary, Mick Niles & Nancy DE Boer will meet August 1<sup>st</sup> to set up the church music program.

### Deacons~

- The council and the deacons met jointly to share missions and concerns.
- It was discussed how to handle the deacons' report once pastor is retired.
- Tonight's fish fry had around 70 in attendance, one of the largest turnouts.
- Communion Sunday coffee/brunch hours are going well.
- New member Sunday is being planned.

### Pastor's Report Highlights~

- Highlights from the continuing education workshop "Holding Your Family Together" 5 simple steps were shared. Pastor is planning this for a fall workshop here.

### Unfinished Business ~

- The new Tree house contract was presented. Motion by Jeff, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Karen to adopt this contract. Motion carried.
- A church usage contract was presented. Motion by Jeff, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rosemary to adopt this contract. Motion carried.
- The secretary position was discussed. Pastor will put an ad in the papers mid-August. Motion by Mary, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jeff to increase the position to 3 mornings a week, motion carried, Bob voted no.

**New Business** ~ There was no other new business.

### Next Meeting

- September 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM. Dave has devotions. Mark & Joe are the offering tellers.

### Adjourn

-The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Jeff Tveit, Substituting Secretary

# SEPTEMBER 2013

| SUNDAY  | MONDAY                       | TUESDAY  | WEDNESDAY  | THURSDAY  | FRIDAY    | SATURDAY   |
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| <b>1</b><br>9:30 am Worship<br>w/Communion<br>2:30 pm Service at Sanford<br>Long Term Care  | <b>2</b><br><b>LABOR DAY</b> | <b>3</b><br>6:30 pm - Choir Practice   | <b>4</b><br>5:30 pm - Parent meeting<br>& registration for<br>Wowsome Wednesday<br><br>7:30 pm - Church Council  | <b>5</b><br>noon - Chamberlain Area<br>Ministerial Association at<br>Chamberlain High<br>School | <b>6</b>  | <b>7</b><br>5:30 pm - Worship<br>w/Communion               |
| <b>8</b><br>9:30 am Worship with Choir<br>Performance<br>25th Anniv. ELCA - "GOD'S<br>WORK, OUR HANDS",<br>worship, community<br>service, lunch.  | <b>9</b>                     | <b>10</b><br>6:30 pm - Choir Practice  | <b>11</b><br>5:30 pm - Meal for<br>Wowsome Wed &<br>Confirmation Class<br>6:00 pm - WW &<br>Confirmtn  | <b>12</b><br>7:30 - Deacons   | <b>13</b> | <b>14</b><br>5:30 pm - Worship<br>w/Communion              |
| <b>15</b><br>9:30 am Worship<br>w/Communion   | <b>16</b>                    | <b>17</b><br>6:30 pm - Choir Practice  | <b>18</b><br>5:30 pm - Meal for<br>Wowsome Wed &<br>Confirmation Class<br>6:00 pm - WW &<br>Confirmtn  | <b>19</b>   | <b>20</b> | <b>21</b><br>5:30 - Worship<br>w/Communion<br>6:30 Potluck |
| <b>22</b><br>9:30 am Worship<br><br><div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px auto;">             Pastor Duane at Fall Theological Conference in Pierre, Sept. 22 - 24.           </div> | <b>23</b>                    | <b>24</b><br>7:30 a.m. - Women's Bible<br>Study at Is It A Vonnie<br>Cake?<br>6:30 pm - Choir Practice                               | <b>25</b><br>5:30 pm - Meal for<br>Wowsome Wed &<br>Confirmation Class<br>6:00 - WW & Confirmtn<br>7:30 p.m. - Women's<br>Bible Study, Fellowship Hall | <b>26</b>   | <b>27</b> | <b>28</b><br>5:30 - Worship<br>w/Communion                 |
| <b>29</b><br>9:30 am Worship<br>Deacons Fifth Sunday<br>Potluck right after service   | <b>30</b>                    | <b>Bulletin Announcements</b> are due Thursday by 2 p.m.<br><b>Newsletter Items for October</b> are due by <b>Sept. 25 at 2 p.m.</b> |  |   |           |  |