



Trinity News

January 2016

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POINTS OF INTEREST:

Wed. – Wowsome Wed.
Wed. – Confirmation
Wed. – Choir
Jan 6 – Church Council
Jan 21 – Men's Bible Study
Jan 25-27 – Pastor Lisa at 1st Call Retreat
Jan 26 – Women's Bible Study at Vonnie's
Jan 28 – Women's Bible Study at Trinity
Jan 31 – Annual Meeting
Potluck following Meeting



from the desk of...

Pastor Lisa

Dear Members and Friends of Trinity,

I don't know about anyone else, but I get pretty tired of television commercials around this time of the year. It's that weird time between Christmas and New Year's Day when the majority of those ads seem to focus on how we can "look and feel great!" in the next year. Or how we can turn our lives around by keeping those resolutions with the help of "this, that, and the other" new gadget that can help us lose weight, save money, or somehow make our lives and ourselves better. Now, it's easy to shut the TV off or ignore those commercials—at least it seems easy to do so. But, they still bother me. Can whatever "they're" selling me really make my next year of life any easier? Can they make any of us ANY better...really?

Perusing Facebook the other day got me thinking about those ads too, and the New Year's resolutions many of us will make before the clock strikes mid-

night on January. What I found on Facebook was this—a quote from my ELCA colleague, Pastor Nadia Bolz-Weber: "My yearly reminder: There is no resolution that, if kept, will make me more worthy to be loved."

Simple words. But I think she's right. Resolutions at the New Year can be great! If we stick to them, we can get healthy. We can lose bad habits. And we can resolve to do whatever it is necessary to help us be better people. But...and this is a "but" that I honestly struggle with from time to time...no New Year's resolution I (or any of us!) can strive to keep will make us more worthy to be loved by God or by anyone in our lives. I'm actually going to be talking to the confirmation students about this soon: Grace. God's unmerited love for humanity found in Jesus Christ. Will God love us any more or less if we lose (or don't lose) those 10 pounds we put on this year? Nope! Will God like me

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PRAYER LISTS

Robin Barkins – Friend of Maria Birch
Virginia Broussard – TLC member
Jim Butler – Friend of Maryalice Larson
Barb Carrera – Deb Selland’s cousin
Dayle Chilson – Colleague of Stacey Tveit
Allen Currey – TLC member
Gail Larsen Danhour – Larry Larsen’s sister
Carolyn Davenport – Friend of Maryalice Larson
Family of Bill Falor – Friend of Lori Tonak
Jerry Fees – Friend of Donn & Nancy DeBoer
Kayleen Haiar – Charlotte & Loren Geerdes grand-daughter
Joan Hansen - Aunt of Pastor Lisa
Terry Hines – TLC member
Gwen Hoffer – Friend-in-law of Marlys Buum
Emelia Hofwolt – Deb Selland’s mother
Larry Hollmann – Friend of Maryalice Larson
Gabby Lynch – Friend of Maryalice Larson
Esther Meyers – wife of community member
Gunner Olesen – Member of the community
Dwain Orth – Friend of Deb Selland
Glenn Osborne – Deb Selland’s brother
Roger Roering – Brother-in-law of Lori Tonak
Shannon Shields – Deb Selland
Barry Van Beber – Family of Kay & Terry Hines
Mindy Wahlquist – Requested by Maryalice Larson

To Be Remembered:

Connie Bailey
John Blumeyer
Don Borman
Ray Goeden
Gene Graves
Mike Healy
Pam Houghteling
Marcella Jensen
Winnie Keller
Amy Kenobbie
Deah Killion
John Koenig

Larry Larsen
Buckle James Mattson
Mariah Normile
Rianna Laurens
Clifford Priebe
Mike Renbarger
Jill Schreiber
Kim Tyrell
Cindy Wilkens

Those in service to our country:

We pray for 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.



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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 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.

from the desk of... Pastor Lisa

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any more if I actually can keep the desk in my office organized? Nope! ;) And so on, and so on...

There's a lot of pressure out there for people of all ages to improve upon ourselves. And truly, we can all be better in some way. But whether we stick to those New Year's resolutions or not, God's limitless, unmerited love for us will never change; it will never go away. So, in 2016, just remember this: Be gentle and kind to yourselves and to one another. Nothing you do or fail to do will really truly and honestly change who you are at

the core of your being: God's beloved child.

In a world that's always wanting to tell us how "we're wrong" in our looks, habits, etc., that reassurance is vital. It can help us to be kinder to ourselves, to shut out the noisy "easy fix" commercials we hear all the time, and to look with hope to the new possibilities and adventures that God will lead us to in 2016. 2016 could be great. It could be tough. But God's love will hold and guide us – always. Thin, not so thin. Clean, messy. Single, married. Punctual, tardy. What-

ever, whatever. Whoever you are, whatever you will become in 2016—you are worthy to be loved. You ARE loved. By grace, through faith, in the One whose love never fails: Jesus Christ.

Here's to a new year of love, kindness, and God's grace: for one, and for all.

In Christ,
Pastor Lisa

JANUARY SERVICE MINISTERS

Date	Host	Lector	Cantor
Jan. 3	Kermit & Judy Swanson	Kermit & Judy Swanson	OPEN
Jan. 10	Sharmel Olson & family	Sharmel Olson & family	OPEN
Jan. 17	Mick & Karen Niles	Mick & Karen Niles	OPEN
Jan. 24	Delmar & Joyce Wevik	Karen Graber	OPEN
Jan. 31	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN

CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

Jan. 1 Kay Hines
Jan. 2 Harry Munkvold
Jan. 6 Mike Trumm
Jan. 7 Marlys Buum
Jan. 7 Kay Kjonsgaard
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. 11 Keith & Ardyce Osterberg
Jan. 8 Terry & Kay Hines



Trinity Lutheran Annual Meeting

Sunday, January 31, 2016
following worship

Potluck to follow meeting.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH OF CHAMBERLAIN SOUTH DAKOTA

BE IT RESOLVED THAT ARTICLE 11.01 WHICH PRESENTLY READS AS FOLLOWS:

OFFICERS AND BOARDS

- C11.01.** *At its annual meeting, the congregation shall elect a Church Council consisting of thirteen members.*
- Twelve of the elected members of the council shall serve for a period of three years each; with approximately one third of the terms expiring annually.*
 - The thirteenth member will be a youth, in grades 9-11, serving a one year term.*
 - No member shall serve more than two consecutive terms.*
 - The pastor shall be an advisory member of the Church Council by virtue of his office, but without a vote.*

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BE AND IS HEREBY AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

OFFICERS AND BOARDS

- C11.01.** *At its annual meeting, the congregation shall elect a Church Council consisting of Seven members.*
- a. *Six of the elected members of the council shall serve for a period of three years each; with terms to be staggered so approximately one third of the terms will expire annually.*
 - b. *The Seventh member will be a youth, in grades 9-11, serving a one year term.*
 - c. *No member shall serve more than two consecutive terms.*
 - d. *The pastor shall be an advisory member of the Church Council by virtue of such office, but without a vote.*

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT ARTICLE 12.01 WHICH PRESENTLY READS AS FOLLOWS;

CHURCH COUNCIL

- C12.01** *The voting membership of the congregation council shall consist of the twelve members and the youth delegate elected by the congregation. A member's place on the Church Council shall be declared vacant if the member ceases to be a voting member of this congregation. Refer to the Part VI-A of the Congregational By-Laws for Membership and Meetings of the Church Council.*

BE AND IT IS HEREBY AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

Chapter 12.

CHURCH COUNCIL

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THIS RESOLUTION BE SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL BY THE MEMBERS OF THE CONGREGATION AT THE ANNUAL MEETING TO BE HELD JANUARY 31 , 2016, AND IF APPROVED THEREAFTER SUBMITTED FOR FINAL RATIFICATION AT THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION TO BE HELD DURING THE YEAR 2017 AND IF SO RATIFIED TO BE EFFECTIVE UPON THE EXPIRATION OF 120 DAYS FOLLOWING RECEIPT OF NOTICE OF SUCH AMENDMENT BY THE SYNOD OFFICE UNLESS INFORMED BY THE SYNOD THAT SUCH AMENDMENT IS IN CONFLICT WITH THE CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA OR THE CONSTITUTION OF THE SOUTH DAKOTA SYNOD OF THE ELCA.

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 2, 2015

Prior to the meeting Bob Hansen from the South Dakota Synod office explained the “Listen! God Is Calling” campaign to council members. Its purpose is to raise funds for educational support for prospective pastors.

PRESENT:

Mary Brown, Judy Campbell, Neoma Harris, Mark Huber, Dave Larson, Rosemary Mohr, Karen Niles, Sharmel Olson, Cynthia Wall and Pastor Lisa.

ABSENT:

Nancy DeBoer, Justin Graves

DEVOTIONS:

- The meeting was called to order by President Dave. Pastor Lisa led devotions.

MINUTES:

- Minutes were reviewed. Cynthia moved, Mary seconded approval. Motion carried.

TREASURER’S REPORTS:

- Reports were reviewed.
- An envelope for Dakota Milestones church cleaning will be included in the 2016 members’ offering envelopes to help pay for their services. An information letter explaining the addition will be sent to members in December.
- Mary moved, Sharmel seconded approval of the proposed 2016 budget. Motion carried.
- Sharmel moved, Cynthia seconded approval of the treasurer’s reports. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Trinity received a thank you note from Kelly Longden for his seminary tuition.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

EDUCATION:

- “Ask, Thank, Tell” adult study will be held during Lent with books costing approximately \$11 each.
- An update for the Advent intergenerational activity day was given. Several activities are planned for the Dec. 13 event with refreshments being served.

PROPERTY:

- The grate for the parking lot project has been moved for snow removal. It will be used when the parking lot is graded and the storm drain put in next year.
- Dave Larson will draw up a snow removal contract for Garrett George.
- Judy will obtain a final estimate for new doors for the entry and fellowship hall.
- The outside north door, located by the storage closet, will be removed. It is no longer used as an exit and it, as well as the sidelight is deteriorating.

WORSHIP:

- Will meet on Sunday following worship to look at liturgies for the Christmas Eve service.

STEWARDSHIP:

- Neoma’s temple talk was well received by the congregation.

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DEACONS:

- Revised prayer list, distributed Christmas cards and discussed Christmas program. Mary moved, Mark seconded that Thrivent Choice dollars be used to purchase ice cream for the Christmas program reception. Motion carried.

PASTOR'S REPORT:

- Pastor will be on vacation Dec. 25-31, 2015.
- Pastor will attend a First Call Retreat Jan. 25-27 at Joy Ranch.
- There will be no service on Saturday, Dec. 26.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Judy moved, Rosemary seconded to use \$500 from the Lutefisk supper funds as a Christmas gift for Kelly Longden's school expenses. Motion carried.
- Trinity will not participate in the Ventures in Stewardship program at this time.
- Judy moved, Karen seconded to accept the by-law amendment for a change in the number of council members from 12 to six, to be presented at the Jan. 31 annual meeting. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Annual meeting elections will include the following:
 - One, two year council member
 - Three, three year council members
 - One youth council member
 - One, one year deacon member
 - Three deacon members
- Synod assembly delegates for June 3-4 meeting in Watertown.
- Offering envelopes will be given to confirmed students.
- New members will be received Dec. 12 and Dec. 13.
- Pastor will contact members to serve as chairpersons for the "Listen! God Is Calling" campaign.
- The January noisy offering will be donated to ELCA World Hunger.
- Christmas Eve offering will be donated to the women's prison in Pierre.
- Council went into executive session.
- Council came out of executive session.

NEXT MEETING:

- Jan. 6, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.
- Devotions, Mark Huber
- January offering tellers are Mark Huber and Neoma Harris

ADJOURNMENT:

- The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Judy Campbell, Secretary

JANUARY 2016

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 HAPPY NEW YEAR!	2 No Worship Service
3 9:30 a.m.: Worship w/Communion	4	5	6 6:00 p.m.: Confirmation 6:00 p.m.: Choir 7:30 p.m.: Church Council	7	8	9 5:30 p.m. Worship w/Communion
10 9:30 a.m.: Worship 10:30 a.m.: Scholarship Brunch 2:00 p.m. Sanford Service	11	12	13 5:30-7:00 p.m.: Wowsome Wednesday—Confirmation 7:00 p.m.: Choir	14 7:30 p.m.: Deacons Meeting	15	16 5:30 p.m. Worship w/Communion
17 9:30 a.m.: Worship w/Communion	18	19	20 5:30-7:00 p.m.: Wowsome Wednesday—Confirmation 7:00 p.m.: Choir	21 7:30 a.m.: Men's Bible Study at Trinity	22	23 5:30 p.m. Worship w/Communion
24 9:30 a.m.: Worship	25 Pastor Lisa at 1st Call Retreat	26 Pastor Lisa at 1st Call Retreat 7:30 a.m. - Women's Bible Study at Is It a Vonnice Cake?	27 Pastor Lisa at 1st Call Retreat 5:30-7:00 p.m.: Wowsome Wednesday—Confirmation 7:00 p.m.: Choir	28 6:30 p.m.: Women's Bible Study at Trinity.	29	30 5:30 p.m. Worship w/Communion
31 9:30 a.m.: Worship 10:30 a.m.: Annual Meeting Potluck to follow						