



Trinity News

March 2016

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POINTS OF INTEREST:

Wed. – Wowsome Wed.
Wed. – Lenten Services
Wed. – Choir
Sunday – Book Study
Mar 1 – Preschool board Meeting
Mar 3 – Council Meeting
Mar 3 – Altar Guild Meeting
Mar 10 – Deacons Meeting
Mar 17 – Men's Bible Study
Mar 24 – Maundy Thursday
Mar 25 – Good Friday
Mar 29 & 31 – Women's Bible Study



from the desk of...

Pastor Lisa

Dear Friends in Christ,

Easter is my absolute favorite holiday of the year. The narrative we share of Christ's resurrection is one that not only guides my faith, but how I view life overall. The chance to begin again; to have new life and the forgiveness of sins through the cross of our Lord. I even love other stories of resurrection, those that hearken back to the gospel narrative. So that is what I want to share with you this month. It is known as "The Rag Man", and I first heard it as a child at camp and in Sunday School. Perhaps it will stick with you too, as we move ever closer to the cross.

(Adapted from: <http://hubpages.com/religion-philosophy/The-Rag-Man-A-New-Perspective-on-the-Easter-Story>)

"Early one Friday morning, I was walking through the streets of the town and I came across a man pulling a cart filled with rags. Although they were but scraps of cloth, they were clean and bright, as was the peddler,

calling out the wares... "Rags!" "Come get your Rags!" Clean, new Rags!" "I'll take your old ones and trade them for new!"

I was very curious to see such a sight - not that I had never witnessed people trying to make a buck on the hard streets, but this fellow seemed so hardy and strong. Certainly, he could find work doing something other than pushing rags? I decided to follow him at a distance to see what he was up to.

At his first stop, he came across a sad woman, crying on the stoop of her apartment building. She held a stained scrap of cloth to her face as the man approached. He stepped over garbage and broken toys and offered the woman a clean handkerchief. As he did so, her tears dried up and her entire face brightened. But as he walked away, the Ragman, began to sob uncontrollably. He wiped his face with the old dirty cloth that he had taken from the sad woman on the porch.

The next person that the Rag-

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PRAYER LISTS

Pastor Andrena Ingram – Friend of Maria Birch
Travis Barthel – 2nd cousin to Rosemary Mohr
Jim Butler – Friend of Maryalice Larson
Dayle Chilson – Colleague of Stacey Tveit
Elizabeth Custis – Friend of Dixie Lloyd
Gail Larsen Danhour – Larry Larsen's sister
Carolyn Davenport – Friend of Maryalice Larson
Kayleen Haiar – Charlotte & Loren Geerdes granddaughter
Joan Hansen - Aunt of Pastor Lisa
Terry Hines – TLC member
Gwen Hoffer – Friend-in-law of Marlys Buum
Larry Hollmann – Friend of Maryalice Larson
Eugene Kane – Friend of Maria Birch
Emma Kowitz – Niece of Dwain & Jean Blackwell
Esther Meyers – wife of community member
Pastor Ed Nesselhuf – Former TLC Pastor
Pastor Loren & Roberta Nielson – Friend of Rosemary Mohr
Mike Normile – TLC Member
Susan Normile – TLC Member
Gunner Olesen – Member of the community
Glenn Osborne – Deb Selland's brother
Shannon Shields – Friend of Deb Selland
Barry Van Beber – Brother in law of Kay & Terry Hines
Mindy Wahlquist – Requested by Maryalice Larson

To Be Remembered:

Connie Bailey
John Blumeyer
Don Borman
Virginia Broussard
Allen Currey
Ray Goeden
Gene Graves
Mike Healy
Emelia Hofwolt
Pam Houghteling
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 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 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. 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. 27: Brandy Healy
 Mar. 28: Alicia Schaub
 Mar. 30: Jeremy Hines
 Mar. 31: Darrell Miller

ANNIVERSARIES

Mar. 20: Dallas & Tammy Thompson



Palm Sunday Brunch

Sunday, March 20th

10:30 a.m.

A free will offering will be taken for the campers fund.

MARCH SERVICE MINISTERS

Date	Host	Lector	Cantor
Mar. 6	Karen & Mick Niles	Mike Normile	OPEN
Mar. 13	Jean & Dwain Blackwell	Lori Tonak	OPEN
Mar. 20	Mary & Bob Brown	Mary & Bob Brown	OPEN
Mar. 27	Marilyn & Jerry Tounsley	Marilyn Tounsley	OPEN

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man came upon was a little girl. Her head was wrapped in a bandage that was dark with blood. As the Ragman approached, she lifted her eyes and asked for a lovely hat to adorn her head. He reached into his bag and pulled out a yellow bonnet that would fit her just perfectly. Before he laid it on her head, he unwound the bandage from the girl's head and placed it around his own. As he did so, a thin stream of blood emerged from his own head and trickled down his cheek. He didn't mind at all as he placed the cheery hat upon the girl's head and went on his way. Happiness crossed her face for the first time in many days, and the Ragman staggered into the street.

By this time, the sun had moved to a high point in the sky and the Ragman looked up and grew worried. He started to move more quickly and with a greater purpose.

Eventually, he came to a man leaning against a telephone pole. "Can I offer you clean clothes for work?" the Ragman offered. The other man sneered and laughed. "How can I work, when I have

only one arm?", and he lifted his jacket away, showing the empty right sleeve. The Ragman simply said, lets exchange coats. The Ragman removed his jacket and with it came his right arm. He handed it to the man at the telephone pole, who gladly put it on and walked away whole and happy. The Ragman kept going, this time, a bit more slowly.

He moved through the streets, crying, bleeding, pulling his cart with one arm, and stumbling along. He was in such a hurry; I could hardly keep up with him! Eventually, he reached a garbage pit. The Ragman climbed to the top of the landfill and laid out a large blanket. He fluffed up his jacket and laid his exhausted head on the top. The Ragman laid down, closed his eyes, covered himself with a blanket, and died. Oh, how shocking and terrible! I was not expecting this at all. I slunk away to my bedroom and cried myself to sleep. I had come to love the Ragman, and yet, he had seemingly died alone.

I was so distraught that I slept all the way through Friday night and Saturday too. All of a sud-

den, I was awakened on Sunday morning by a bright light! This amazingly hard, pure, shocking light came streaming into my room that day, I could hardly open my eyes. When I did, I had to blink several times. Yet, still I did not believe what I saw. There, standing before me was the Ragman! The only sign of his suffering the days before was a small scar on his forehead. Other than that, he was entirely intact!

I could not believe it, and was filled with shame. I lowered my eyes and my head and hesitantly approached the Ragman. Stripping myself of all my clothes, I stood before him, naked. "Please," I implored him, "Dress me." The Ragman turned and chose one of the many shining cloths next to him. The entire room was filled with His glory! He dressed me, then, my Lord, that day.

With new rags, I am a wonder beside Him - the Ragman - the Christ!"

In Christ,

Pastor Lisa

Trinity Lutheran Church Council

Wednesday, February 3, 2016

Present

Pat Blum, Nancy DeBoer, Dick Feltman, Neoma Harris, Dave Larson, Terry Menzie, Rosemary Mohr, Karen Niles, Sharmel Olson, Danny Selland, Lori Tonak and Cynthia Wall

Absent

Justin Graves

Devotions

President Dave called the meeting to order, Rosemary Mohr led devotions.

Minutes

Minutes were reviewed. Rosemary moved and Neoma seconded approval. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Reports were reviewed. Their approval was tabled until the March meeting.

Correspondence

- Pastor Lisa posted a required document on labor laws.
- A thank you was received from Pueblo de Dios for last year's Lenten offering.
- Lutheran Seminary sent a thank you for money given to Kelly Longden on behalf of the congregation.
- A card was received from the Church of Hope for the Christmas Eve offering.

Committee Reports

Property

- Double door replacement: Judy Campbell and Mary Brown would like to see this project through even though they are no longer on the council. Sharmel made a motion to rescind the prior motion about going with Orth Construction on the doors. Nancy seconded. Motion carried. We will request a bid from Mueller Lumber in Mitchell.
- Mary and Judy would also like to see the Memorial Corner project through. The council agreed and thanked them for the work on both projects.

Worship

- Ash Wednesday is just one week away. Altar Guild meets tomorrow to make plans.

Stewardship

- The stewardship workshop originally planned for meeting in Chamberlain has been canceled.
- Neoma will contact Paula about an Alter Guild temple talk.

Education

- On February 20 the church youth will again be serving lunch to the Christian Motorcycle Association as a fundraiser to attend church camps.
- Lori has offered a Tastefully Simple meal making night as another fundraiser.

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Deacons

- They are planning a movie and chili night. A free will offering for the scholarship fund will be taken that night, too. Cynthia mentioned that there needs to be \$500 in the scholarship account to be exempt from bank fees.

Pastor's Report

- Pastor's report was reviewed.
- A motion by Dick and second by Karen was made for reimbursing Pastor Lisa for mileage to MN as she meets a car pool going to IA for continuing ed. Also reimbursement for hotel in IA.

Unfinished Business

- Mick Niles and Mark Huber from the men's bible study will take on the congregational representative for the "Listen! God is Calling" fundraiser.

New Business

Election of Officers

- Rosemary moved and Lori seconded to nominate Dave for President. Motion carried.
- Dick moved and Lori seconded the nomination of Neoma as Vice President. Motion carried.
- Cynthia moved and Lori seconded the nomination of Terry as Secretary. Motion carried.
- Installation of the Council will be Sunday, February 21.
- Sign-ups for devotions, committees and tellers were passed around.

Ministerial donation request

- Rosemary moved and Pat seconded to donate \$150 from Thrivent Funds to the Chamberlain Ministerial Association. Motion carried.

March Offerings

- Noisy offering: Lutherans Outdoors
- Lenten offering: Cynthia moved and Dick seconded that the Lenten offering go half to Chick Coop Church of Wisconsin and half to Kelly Longden. Motion carried.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be THURSDAY, March 4 at 7.30 p.m.

March offering tellers: Sharmel and Terry

March devotions: Nancy

Adjournment

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer

Neoma Harris, Secretary Pro-tem

Deacons Meeting Minutes

February 11, 2016

The Deacons met on Thursday, February 11, 2016. Members present were outgoing president, Jean Blackwell, Lori Tonak, Joyce Wevik, Keith Osterberg, Dianne Graves, Kay Hines, Pastor Lisa, and new members: Alice Bunker, Dottie Steckelberg, and Mick Niles.

The minutes of the last meeting were and approved.

Before we addressed any business items, Jean Blackwell thanked outgoing members Judy Swanson and Bonnie Luurs for their service. She also thanked all the deacons who stepped up to help her out when she was housebound due to surgery. She welcomed the new deacons to our group: Alice Bunker, Dottie Steckelberg, Mick Niles and Deb Selland. Joyce Wevik along with all the deacons thanked Jean for her service to our group.

Old Business was discussed:

The next scholarship brunch/basket was discussed. As of this date the balance in the Scholarship Fund is \$949.00. There will be 3 graduates this year with each student receiving \$250.00 for furthering their education. A possible concern was discussed by Lori Tonak. She said it was discussed at the Council Meeting that the Scholarship Fund bank account that contains our funds needs to maintain a minimum of \$500.00 balance. If we do not collect enough donations, we may have a problem by May. Discussion was held with suggestions to move these funds to another type of account. Lori will check on this at the next council meeting or with Cynthia Wall as she was the one to mention this at the last council meeting. After other discussion it was decided to pass the scholarship donation basket at the family night as March is pretty busy to schedule a brunch.

Cards were sent to Gene Graves and to the Mike Bunker family.

Discussion was held on the Annual Meeting Potluck. Those in attendance said the food was great and that ice cream was served. Deacons that were there were thankful for everyone who pitched in to help with clean up.

New Business was discussed:

Officers were elected: Lori Tonak and Joyce Wevik will share President position and Dianne Graves will remain as Secretary.

The monthly deacon list for 2016 was set up with Deacons signing up for reading prayers and leading devotions for the month they signed up for.

The Family Movie Night will be held on March 6 at 5:30 p.m. at the church. Chili and all the fixings will be served. Keith Osterberg volunteered to make the chili and a sign up sheet will be passed around for the fixings. The movie that will be shown is "McFarland".

The prayer list was updated.

Easter cards were discussed. They have been ordered. After they are received and distributed to the Deacons, they should have them in the mail by March 11. Easter is March 27 this year.

Dianne Graves stated she has received the Thrivent credit card she applied for and this can help purchase the supplies for the Scholarship Brunch in April.

The meeting ended with all reciting the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne Graves, Secretary

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Preschool Board Meeting	2 6:00 p.m.: Confirmation 7:15 p.m.: Mid-week Service 8:00 p.m.: Choir	3 4:45 p.m. Altar Guild 7:30 p.m. Chruch Council	4	5 5:30 p.m.Worship w/Communion
6 9:30 a.m.: Worship w/Communion 10:30 a.m. Book Study 5:30 p.m. Chili/Movie Night	7	8	9 5:30 p.m.: Wowsome Wednesday 7:15 p.m. Mid-week Service 8:00 p.m.: Choir	10 7:00 p.m.: Deacons Meeting	11	12 5:30 p.m.Worship w/Communion
13 9:30 a.m.: Worship 10:30 a.m.: Book Study 2:00 p.m. Conference gathering in Mitchell	14	15	16 5:30 p.m.: Wowsome Wednesday 7:15 p.m. Lenten Service 8:00 p.m.: Choir	17 7:30 p.m.: Men's Bible Study at Trinity.	18	19 5:30 p.m. Worship w/Communion
20 Palm Sunday 9:30 a.m.: Worship w/Communion 10:30 a.m.: Palm Sunday Brunch	21	22	23 No Wowsome Wednesday No Choir	24 7:00 p.m.: Maundy Thursday	25 12:00 p.m. Community Good Friday Service at Trinity. 7:00 p.m. Good Friday Service	26 5:30 p.m. Worship w/Communion
27 Easter 9:30 a.m.: Worship	28 Pastor Gone	29 Pastor Gone 7:30 a.m. - Women's Bible Study at Is It a Vonnice Cake?	30 Pastor Gone 5:30 p.m.: Wowsome Wednesday 7:00 p.m.: Choir	31 Pastor Gone 6:30 p.m. - Women's Bible Study at Trinity.	Pastor Gone Pastor returns	