



Trinity News

April 2018

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POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Wed – WW & Confirmation
- Wed – Choir Practice
- Apr 8: Council Meeting
- Apr 10: Text Study
- Apr 10: Piano Recital
- Apr 12: Deacons Meeting
- Apr 13: 4-H Meeting
- Apr 17: Men's Bible Study
- Apr 19: Girl Scout Night
- Apr 26: WELCA Bible Study



from the desk of...

Pastor Lisa

Dear Friends in Christ,

With Easter being on April 1st, I thought I would share a short story for my article this month. I have used "The Three Trees" in a children's sermon before, but it seems just as appropriate for all of us now as we celebrate the life, ministry, death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. So here is, "The Three Trees": (source: <http://www.word4life.com/threetrees.html>)

In Christ,

Pastor Lisa

"Once upon a mountain top, three little trees stood and dreamed of what they wanted to become when they grew up. The first little tree looked up at the stars and said: " I want to hold treasure. I want to be covered with gold and filled with precious stones. I'll be the most beautiful treasure chest in the world!" The second little tree looked out at the small stream trickling by on its way to the ocean. " I want to be traveling mighty waters and carrying powerful kings. I'll be the strongest ship in the world! The third little tree looked down into the valley below where busy men and women worked in a busy town. I don't want to leave the mountain top at all. I want to grow so tall that when people stop to look at me they'll raise their eyes to heaven and think of God. I will be the tallest tree in the world.

Years, passed. The rain came, the sun shone, and the little trees grew tall. One day three wood cutters climbed the mountain. The first wood cutter looked at the first tree and said, "This tree is beautiful. It is perfect for me." With a swoop of his shining ax, the first tree fell. "Now I shall make a beautiful chest, I shall hold wonderful treasure!" the first tree said.

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PRAYER LISTS

Roger Burfeindt – Community member
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
Dennis Houska – Brother of Dixie Lloyd
Cindy Jensen – Friend of Rosemary Mohr
Bob Juhl – Father of Teena Mosel
LeVern Larson – Father of Neoma Harris
Wendy Newman – Cousin of Rosemary Mohr
Jackie Normile – Sister of Mike Normile
Gunner Olesen – Nephew of LeAnn Duvall
Kane Roberts – Friend of Roger & Judy Campbell
Dedra Shaw – Friend of Dixie Lloyd
Nancy Sprecher – Sister in law of Paula Feltman
Jerry Tounsley – TLC Member
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
Rochelle Hopkins
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. Dymas 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

Apr. 1: Bryan Bunker
 Apr. 1: Lena Peterson
 Apr. 6: Arlene Shrake
 Apr. 7: Riel Moran
 Apr. 7: Soren Moran
 Apr. 9: Jonah Mosel
 Apr. 10: Philip Carlson
 Apr. 12: Charlotte Cadwell
 Apr. 15: Sharon Nelson
 Apr. 15: Travis Thompson
 Apr. 23: William Woodruff
 Apr. 23: Dave Mohr
 Apr. 25: Jenzina Huber
 Apr. 30: Katelyn Hines



ANNIVERSARIES

Apr 4: Chris & Melissa Hall
 Apr 8: Gary & Carol Kringen
 Apr 29: Joe & Cynthia Wall

APRIL SERVICE MINISTERS

Date	Host	Lector
April 1	Dick & Paula Feltman	Browns
April 8	3rd & 4th Graders	3rd & 4th Graders
April 15	Olson Family	Olson Family
April 22	Mike & Alice Bunker	OPEN
April 29	Dwain & Jean Blackwell	OPEN

TLC Deacons Meeting Minutes

Thurs. March 8, 2018 @ 7:00 pm

Present: Erica Sundall, Cortney Haugen, Karen Niles, Kay Kjonegaard, Judy Swanson, Dotty Hieb, Deb Selland, and Pastor Lisa

Absent: Dave Larson and Alice Bunker

Devotions: Karen Niles

Approval of prior meeting minutes from Feb 11, 2018: Approved by Karen Niles, Seconded by Cortney Haugen, approved.

Old Business:

1. Deacon Signup: Sheet passed around for leading prayers and doing devotions at meeting
2. Transition of Scholarship Account to First Dakota: Progress being made: Cynthia needs to write a check to church/ First Dakota

New Business:

1. Upcoming Scholarship Brunch Discussion-Noisy Offering for March. Brunch to be held Sun April 15th, order rolls from Ma's Kitchen, serve fruit, Coffee/Juice. Dotty will use an Action Card. Set up 1/2 hr before church.
2. Update/Status March Family Game/Fun Day: March 18 2018, setup at 2:00 pm.
 - BBQ-Dotty Hieb
 - Hamb buns-Judy Swanson
 - Chips-Deb Selland
 - Fruit-Alice Bunker
 - Cookies/Bars-Deacons
 - Refreshments- Coffee/Milk/Juice
 - Door Prizes:
 - Child- McD gift card/Video pass
 - Teen-Taco John's gift card/Video pass
 - Adult-Check with Lori Tonak or movie pkg
3. Scholarship Application and Process:
 - Criteria discussed: -Member of TLC, -Going on to schooling after graduation, -Scholarship Amount of \$250.00
4. Deacon Membership List Update: 3 changes
5. Easter Cards/Insert: Mail by the 15th
6. Standing Items:
 - Pastor Lisa Updates and Comments
 - Church member - Sympathy card

- Prayer List: updated by Dotty/Cortney
- Community Activities/Needs
 - Ongoing Agenda Item
 - Groups discussed

Next Meeting: Thurs April 12 2018 @ 7pm

Deacon - April: Alice Bunker

Closing: Lord's Prayer

Submitted by Deb Selland, Secretary

from the desk of... Pastor Lisa

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The second wood cutter looked at the second tree and said, "This tree is strong. It's perfect for me." With a swoop of his shining ax, the second tree fell. "Now I shall sail mighty waters!" thought the second tree. "I shall be a strong ship for mighty kings!"

The third tree felt her heart sink when the last wood cutter looked her way. She stood straight and tall and pointed bravely to heaven. But the wood cutter never even looked up. "Any kind of tree will do for me." He muttered. With a swoop of his shining ax, the third tree fell.

The first tree rejoiced when the wood cutter brought her to a carpenter's shop. But the carpenter fashioned the tree into a feed box for animals. The once beautiful tree was not covered with gold, or treasure. She was coated with saw dust and filled with hay for hungry farm animals. The second tree smiled when the wood cutter took her to a shipyard, but no mighty sailing ship was made that day. Instead the once strong tree was hammered and awed into a simple fishing boat. She was too small and too weak to sail to an ocean, or even a river, instead she was taken to a little lake. The third tree was confused when the wood cutter cut her into strong beams and left her in a lumberyard. "What happened?" The once tall tree wondered. "All I ever wanted was to stay on the mountain top and point to God..."

Many days and nights passed. The three trees nearly forgot their dreams. But one night, gold-

en starlight poured over the first tree as a young woman placed her newborn baby in the feed box. "I wish I could make a cradle for him." Her husband whispered. The mother squeezed his hand and smiled as the starlight shone on the smooth and sturdy wood. "This manger is beautiful." She said. And suddenly the first tree knew he was holding the greatest treasure in the world.

One evening a tired traveler and his friends crowded into the old fishing boat. The traveler fell asleep as the second tree quietly sailed out into the lake. Soon a thundering and a thrashing storm arose. The little tree shuddered. She knew she did not have the strength to carry so many passengers safely through the wind and the rain. The tired man awoke. He stood up, stretched out his hand, and said, "Peace." The storm stopped as quickly as it had begun. And suddenly the second tree knew he was carrying the king of heaven and earth.

One Friday morning, the third tree was startled when her beams were yanked from the forgotten wood pile. She flinched as she was carried through an angry jeering crowd. She shuddered when soldiers nailed a man's hand to her. She felt ugly and harsh and cruel. But on Sunday morning, when the sun rose, and the earth trembled with joy beneath her, the third tree knew that God's love had changed everything. It had made the third tree strong. And every time people thought of the third tree, they would think of God. That was better than being the tallest tree in the world."

APRIL 2018

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Happy Easter! 9:30 a.m.: Worship w/Communion	2	3	4 5:30 p.m.: Wowsome Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Choir	5	6	7 5:30 pm Worship w/Communion
8 9:30 a.m.: Worship 10:30 a.m.: Church Council Meeting	9	10 2:00 p.m.: Text Study 6:30-8:30 p.m. Piano recital	11 5:30 p.m.: Wowsome Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Choir	12 7:00 p.m. Deacons Meeting	13 5:00-8:00 p.m. 4-H Meeting	14 5:30 pm Worship w/Communion
15 9:30 a.m.: Worship w/Communion	16	17 7:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study	18 5:30 p.m.: Wowsome Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Choir	19 5:00-7:00 p.m. Girl Scout Night	20	21 5:30 p.m. Worship
22 9:30 a.m.: Worship	23	24	25 5:30 p.m.: Wowsome Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Choir	26 12:00 p.m.: Women's Bible Study	27	28 5:30 p.m. Worship w/Communion
29 9:30 a.m.: Worship	30					