



# Trinity News

December 2018

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## POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Wed – WW & Confirmation
- Wed – Choir Practice
- Dec 2: Church Council Mtg.
- Dec 4: Treehouse Bd. Mtg.
- Dec 11: Men's Bible Study
- Dec 11: Text Study
- Dec 13: Deacon's Meeting
- Dec 19: Christmas Program
- Dec 20: Treehouse Open House
- Dec 24: Christmas Eve Service with Communion
- Dec 25: Merry Christmas
- Dec 26: NO ACTIVITIES
- Dec 31: New Year's Eve



*from the desk of...*

*Pastor Lisa*

Dear Friends in Christ,

One of my favorite parts of the day when I worked at Ne-SoDak Bible Camp was our nightly devotion time. It was a few minutes to gather with others to share highs and lows of the day, hear a word of scripture, and pray. It's a tradition that we continue, in a way, as we gather for worship during Advent to light a candle each week, pray, and hear about the coming of our Lord. Advent is a particularly good time to try out devotions with whomever you happen to share your life with at home or in your daily life, too. I encourage you to give this devotion activity a try once a week this December as we enter the season of Advent: during a meal, when you have a friend over for coffee, right before bedtime, or whenever you happen to be gathered together with other people. (You are invited to be as creative...or un-creative as you like!)

First, find five candles that you can use as an at-home Advent wreath. Tea lights placed in jars work great, and if you want to go all-out Advent-y, paint the outside of four jars blue or purple, or wrap in thin blue or purple paper. (Random fact of the day: Blue and Purple are the traditional colors of Advent. Historically, Lutherans have used blue for Advent, mainly because Northern Europeans didn't have easy access to purple dye.) Feel free to go wild to create a beautiful centerpiece wreath to have on display in the coming month, or simply set out your candles each time you gather for devotions. You'll also want some sort of box or container to hold the responses and reflections that are shared.

Whenever two or more are gathered, you may use these questions to guide your time together:

- During the week of December 2<sup>nd</sup>: light one candle and share

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## PRAYER LISTS

Wade Beringer – Friend of Dotty Hieb  
Vivian Cleland – TLC member  
Cindy Colburn – Friend of Rosemary Mohr  
Bobby Cournoyer – Friend of Mary Normile  
Michael Currey – Brother of Allen Currey  
Sharla Garret – Friend of Dixie Lloyd  
Kayleen Haiar – Granddaughter of Charlotte & Loren Geerdes  
Mary Hintz – Friend of Rosemary Mohr  
Jared Houska – Friend of Deb Selland  
Cindy Jensen – Friend of Rosemary Mohr  
Bob Juhl – Father of Teena Mosel  
Marcia Kindt – Grandmother to Bryan & Eryanne Kindt  
Jackie Normile – Sister of Mike Normile  
Gunner Olesen – Nephew of LeAnn Duvall  
Wendy Peterson – Friend of Judy Campbell  
Denise Plecity – Sister of Deanna Hagan  
Harry Richardson – Father of Denise Meyerink  
Kane Roberts – Friend of Roger & Judy Campbell  
Clayton Ross – Grandfather of Pastor Lisa  
Deb Selland – TLC member  
Nancy Sprecher – Sister in law of Paula Feltman  
Lyal Stoll – Friend of Dotty Hieb  
Boyd Thiel – Family friend of Dianne Graves  
Barry Van Beber – Brother in law of Kay Hines  
Lynette Van Beber – Sister in law of Kay Hines  
John Wall – Father of Joe Wall  
Delmar Wevik – TLC Member  
Sylvia Wilmott – Friend of Alice Bunker

### **To Be Remembered:**

Connie Bailey  
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 Wopila House 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*

Dec. 1: John Shepherd  
 Dec. 3: Dennis Mohni  
 Dec. 7: Gary Harris  
 Dec. 5: Julie Klages  
 Dec. 13: Gwendolyn Brown  
 Dec. 17: Joe Wall  
 Dec. 18: Julie Menzie  
 Dec. 18: Hope Turgeon  
 Dec. 19: Cynthia Wall  
 Dec. 24: Jake Reimer  
 Dec. 24: Will Haugen  
 Dec. 26: Dasani LaCroix  
 Dec. 29: Gary Goodman



### *ANNIVERSARIES*

Dec 6: Darrell & Cara Miller  
 Dec 27: Donn & Nancy DeBoer  
 Dec 27: Larry & Arlys Abernathy

## DECEMBER SERVICE MINISTERS

Date	Host	Lector	Lawn Care
Dec. 2	5th & 6th Graders	5th & 6th Graders	
Dec. 9	3rd & 4th Graders	3rd & 4th Graders	
Dec. 16	Bunker family	Bunker family	
Dec. 23	OPEN	OPEN	
Dec. 24	OPEN	OPEN	
Dec. 30	OPEN	OPEN	

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with one another: "What has given me hope this week?" Write down or draw what comes to mind, share your reflection with others, and put it in your box (you may all share one paper, or use individual pieces of paper).

- During the week of December 9<sup>th</sup>: light two candles and share with one another: "Where have I found peace this week?" Write down or draw what comes to mind, share your reflection with others, and put it in your box.
- During the week of December 16<sup>th</sup>: light three candles and share with one another: "What has given me joy this week?" Write down or draw what comes to mind, share your reflection with others, and put it in your box.
- On Christmas Eve day: light all four candles and share with one another: "Where have I found love this week?" Write down or draw what comes to mind, share your reflection with others, and put it in your box.
- Then, on Christmas Eve night, Christmas day, or really any of the 12 days of Christmas (before Epiphany starts on January 6), light all five of the candles, share a favorite Christmas memory with one another, and read through all the hope, peace, joy, and love that was shared over the season of Advent.

May God's blessings abound for you this Advent as we await the birth of our Savior, and live in hope of the resurrection.

In Christ,

Pastor Lisa



The Deacon group will be setting up an Angel Tree for this upcoming Christmas Season. The Angel Tree will be set up in church entrance December 1 - December 19<sup>th</sup>. The tree will have ornaments with gift requests for Pathfinders, Missouri Valley Women's Crisis Center and the residents of Riverview Assisted Living Center.

Please pick an ornament and return the wrapped gift or gift bag to the church, with the ornament list attached, by December 19<sup>th</sup>.

If you would rather give a monetary donation, please route it to Pastor Lisa or one of the deacons.

# Trinity Lutheran Church Council Meeting

*November 4, 2018 Sunday at 10:30 a.m.*

**Present:** Rosemary Mohr, Terrold Menzie, Sharmel Olson, Mike Bunker, Dick Feltman, Neoma Harris, Mianna Tveit

**Absent:** None.

**Devotions:** The meeting was called to order, Terrold Menzie led the devotion.

**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.

## **Endowment Fund Update**

\$2,577.00 left in the endowment fund available to use. How and what the endowment could be spent on was discussed. Also, if the total limited bond maturity fund goes below 2500.00 then we get a service charge in December unless the total of all the mutual funds is above \$50,000.00, then there is no charge. We have used some of the available endowment for a property project.

## **Treasurer's Report**

- Nothing unusual occurred financially for the month.
- The income surpassed the expenses.
- All of the accounts balanced.
- The check from the insurance for the roof repair was deposited.
- The new proposed budget for next year was discussed. Changes for next year would include the Treehouse rent be put back to \$500 a month, Seminarian support should stay at \$1200.00, but will be set as seed money for kids going to camp, and to retain the \$1000.00 in the budget to cover the deductible for the roof repair.
- The actual expenses were compared to the budgeted amounts for each account item and for some they are close but other are off. Overall though the budgeted amounts are higher than the actual costs.
- Terrold made the motion to accept the report and Mianna seconded. The motion passed.

## **Correspondence**

- Nothing from correspondence.

## **Committee Reports**

### PROPERTY

- The plug in at the front of the sanctuary does not work.
- The hookup for the sound in number 2 made a crackling noise when last used.
- Dick made the motion to have it remodeled and Sharmel seconded it. Motion passed.

### WORSHIP

- Advent will be here soon so will begin to discuss it with the committee.

### STEWARDSHIP

- Would like to have a Deacon assigned to new members to mentor them into the life of the church.

- Neighbors in Solidarity is a program that assists in the development of newer mission congregations. It was suggested that the director provide information on this program and possibly from individuals in those missions in order to consider if some of the endowment could be directed towards this program.

**EDUCATION**

- The next Milestone recognition is next Sunday with the 5 and 6 graders on the Ten Commandments.
- Will start planning the Christmas program.

**Deacons**

- Updated the prayer list.
- Sent out Thanksgiving greeting cards to families and persons on their list.

**Pastor’s Report**

- Confirmation was a major highlight, as was Pastor’s appreciation day.
- Disabilities Ministries would like an interview from the pastor and will try get out here for that.
- Had a number of hospital visits with some long-term pastoral care issues arising.

**Unfinished Business**

- The wireless router was discussed and a motion was made to obtain one for \$300.00 or less with choice dollars by Neoma and seconded by Dick. It passed.
- The microphone still needs to be looked at.
- Two people are becoming new members of the church on November 17<sup>th</sup> at a Saturday evening service.

**New Business**

- The annual meeting date is set for January 27, 2019. Reports will be due January 13<sup>th</sup>.
- Three deacons and two council members will need to be replaced for next year along with the youth member.
- New Christmas decorations for the church was purchased by members of the bible study group. This totaled \$222.00. Of this amount, \$72.00 is being asked from the church to go towards this purchase. Dick made the motion to provide this from Choice dollars and Terrold seconded it. It passed.

Monthly Devotion and Offering Teller schedule

<u>Month</u>	<u>Devotions</u>	<u>Offering Tellers</u>
December	Neoma	Rosemary
January	TBD	Sharmel

**Next Meeting**

- December noisy offering will go to Lutherans Outdoors.
- Sunday, December 2, 2018 at 10:30 will be the next meeting.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was closed with the Lord’s Prayer

# TLC DEACON MEETING MINUTES

Thurs Nov 14, 2018 @ 7pm

**Present:** Dotty Hieb, Deb Selland, Alice Bunker, Judy Swanson, Erica Sundall, Karen Niles, Cortney Haugen, and Pastor Lisa

**Absent:** Dave Larson Kay Kjonegaard

**Devotions:** Cortney Haugen - Laughter

**Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes of October 11, 2018:** Alice Bunker, seconded by Karen Niles

Treasurer's Report: Scholarship Fund Account \$2,306.32

## OLD BUSINESS

1. Scholarship Brunch Report: \$153 raised, 3 graduates this year, have remaining \$ on a Thrivent card
2. Thanksgiving Card Distribution: Mail week of 11/12, Suggestion was made to touch base with members in your area to update contact information

## NEW BUSINESS

1. Mentoring New Members: Pastor Lisa led a discussion with the Stewardship Committee about ways to help new members of TLC become involved in the life of the church. Names would be given to deacons who would mentor them for about a year – inviting them to different church events, etc. Follow-up on recent new members was mentioned.
2. Deacon Term List: Three Deacons term are up in Jan 2019, will be looking for a 4<sup>th</sup> to take the spot of a deacon who has needed to step down.
3. Treats for Wowsome Wednesday Christmas Program:
  - a. Weds December 19 @ 7pm
  - b. Planning - food, set up, etc: Ice cream bars 2 doz cookies or bars, choc milk/coffee with set up @ 6:30 pm
4. Annual meeting Potluck: Jan 27, Deacons will set up and make coffee
5. Standing Items :
  - a. Pastor Lisa Updates/Comments: Thank you for sending Thanksgiving cards this year.
  - b. Prayer List: Updated by Dotty and Cortney
  - c. Community Activities/Needs/Meal Gift Certificates: Discussion about concerns/needs, Crisis Center Pathfinders, Riverview residents angel tree. Will meet on Nov 28th after Wowsome Weds to decorate a tree with paper ornaments with needs of these groups. Tree donated by Alice or Judy. Set up in the entryway. Info put in bulletin/newsletter
  - d. Events of month and months ahead: Christmas and Deacons for 2019
  - e. Next Meeting: Thurs Dec 13 2018 @ 7pm
  - f. Other: None

CLOSING: LORD'S PRAYER

Submitted by Deb Selland, Secretary

# DECEMBER 2018

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						<b>1</b> 5:30 p.m.: Worship w/Communion
<b>2</b> 9:30 a.m.: Worship  10:30 a.m. Church Council Meeting	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 5:30 p.m.: Treehouse Board Meeting	<b>5</b> 5:30 p.m. Wowsome Wednesday - Confirmation  7:00 p.m. Choir	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 5:30 p.m.: Worship w/Communion
<b>9</b> 9:30 a.m.: Worship w/Communion	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 9:15 a.m. Men's Bible Study  2:00 p.m.: Text Study	<b>12</b> 5:30 p.m. Wowsome Wednesday - Confirmation  7:00 p.m. Choir	<b>13</b> 7:00 p.m. Deacons Meeting	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 5:30 p.m. Worship w/Communion
<b>16</b> 9:30 a.m.: Worship w/Communion	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 5:30 p.m. Wowsome Wednesday - Confirmation  7:00 p.m. Christmas Program	<b>20</b> 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. Treehouse Open House	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 5:30 p.m. Worship w/Communion
<b>23</b> 9:30 a.m.: Worship	<b>24</b> 5:30 p.m. Christmas Eve service w/Communion	<b>25</b> 	<b>26</b> NO ACTIVITIES	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 5:30 p.m. Worship
<b>30</b> 9:30 a.m.: Worship	<b>31</b> New Years Eve					