



# Trinity News

August 2019

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## POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Aug. 2: WELCA Board Meeting
- Aug. 3: WELCA Leadership Training event
- Aug. 5 - 11: Pastor Lisa at Churchwide Assembly
- Aug. 8: Deacon's Meeting
- Aug. 10: NO Worship
- Aug. 17: NO Worship
- Aug. 18: Worship in the Park
- Aug. 18: Overnight Group
- Aug. 20: Text Study



*from the desk of...*

*Pastor Lisa*

Dear Friends in Christ,

It was the Saturday before my last week of seventh grade, and my friend Ben called to tell me that our classmate Tyler had died the night before. He wasn't sick, he didn't get into an accident. No, he died by suicide. The whole week felt like a blur as it happened, but I remember almost every detail clearly now. Sitting with friends and crying together, being angry at Tyler, the kids who had bullied him, and even at God for what had happened. I remember being in a packed church at the end of the following week, with my good friend Leti sitting on the floor, leaning against my arm as she cried. A high school student singing Green Day's "Time of Your Life". I remember simply not understanding why or how this could have happened, even though suicide was an all too common thing in my middle school and high school in the late 1990's and early 2000's.

Those images are burned into my mind even twenty years later. This week, they come back to me as our community has lost one of our own young people to suicide. I'm certain there is confusion and anger in the midst of much sadness and grief. And for many of you here at Trinity, I'm sure it brings to your minds the death of former Trinity Pastor, Kevin Kline. I see the pain when his name comes up, and I know the grief lingers as do many questions about what he may have been going through. Suicide is something that touches each one of us, and it can be so hard to talk about.

So, I won't pretend that I alone have the right words for how to wade through Cole's death, amidst each of our connections to him or his family, with you. But I do offer this: I have no doubt in my mind and in my heart that God's love has been and will always be with him. Paul's letter to the Romans assures us of this: *"For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things*



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## PRAYER LISTS

Larry Abernathy - TLC member  
Laura Bergeleen - Granddaughter of Marilyn Tounsley  
Wade Beringer - Friend of Dotty Hieb  
Oona Bieberly - Friend of MaryAlice Larson  
Lowell Carlson - Friend of Judy Swanson  
Vivian Cleland - TLC member  
Bobby Cournoyer - Friend of Mary Normile  
Michael Currey - Brother of Allen Currey  
Dwayne Graves - Family of Dianne Graves  
Kayleen Haiar - Granddaughter of Charlotte & Loren Geerdes  
Sandy Hook - Friend of Mary Brown  
Bette Juhl - Mother of Teena Mosel  
Bob Juhl - Father of Teena Mosel  
Marcia Kindt - Grandmother to Bryan Kindt & Eryanne Normile  
Alan Lulf - Friend of Dianne Graves  
Christy Morrow - Acquaintance of Pr Lisa  
Jackie Normile - Sister of Mike Normile  
Gunner Olesen - Nephew of LeAnn Duvall  
Wendy Peterson - Friend of Judy Campbell  
Denise Plecity - Sister of Deanna Hagan  
Kane Roberts - Friend of Roger & Judy Campbell  
Dedra Shaw - Friend of Dixie Lloyd  
Georgia Simpson - Friend of Gary & Neoma Harris  
Joel Sprecher - Brother of Paula Feltman  
Boyd Thiel - Family friend of Dianne Graves  
Lynette Van Beber - Sister in law of Kay Hines  
John Wall - Father of Joe Wall

### **To Be Remembered:**

Connie Bailey  
Leonard Buum  
Ray Goeden  
Jared Houska  
Winnie Keller

Amy Kenobbie  
Deah Killion  
Larry Larsen  
Rianna Laurens  
Mariah Normile  
Clifford Priebe  
Sue Robinson  
Cindy Wilkens

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

Chuck Hagan  
Krista Osborne

### **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*

Aug. 2: Larry Abernathy  
 Aug. 2: Mick Niles  
 Aug. 3: Jennifer Reimer  
 Aug. 6: Karen Niles  
 Aug. 7: Loren Geerdes  
 Aug. 7: Kellie Peterson  
 Aug. 8: Brock Sundall  
 Aug. 9: Ron Luurs  
 Aug. 9: Remington Rossow  
 Aug. 9: Jeff Tveit  
 Aug. 13: Jason Handel  
 Aug. 13: Daniel Selland  
 Aug. 15: Landon Hall  
 Aug. 16: Sierra Thompson  
 Aug. 17: Bonnie Luurs

Aug. 17: Michael Schlaffman  
 Aug. 19: Nicholas Reimer  
 Aug. 20: Jean Blackwell  
 Aug. 23: Dianne Graves  
 Aug. 25: Allen Currey  
 Aug. 25: Eryanne Normile  
 Aug. 25: Jim Wilkens  
 Aug. 29: David Olson  
 Aug. 30: Noah Gould  
 Aug. 31: Stephen Menzie  
 Aug. 31: Logan Meyerink

### *ANNIVERSARIES*

Aug 1: Dean & Debbie Bisbee  
 Aug 20: Dwain & Jean Blackwell  
 Aug 29: Bob & Mary Brown



## AUGUST SERVICE MINISTERS

Date	Host	Lector	Lawn Care
Aug. 4	Normile family	Normile Family	Gailen Meyerink
Aug. 11	Rosemary Mohr & Chloe Clark	Stacey Tveit	Open
Aug. 18	American Island Days service	American Island Days	Gary Goodman
Aug. 25	Open	Open	Open

## **BY THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT,**

### **The Reverend Constanze Hagmaier**

Has been called to serve as the fourth Bishop of the South Dakota Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

The public is invited to attend a celebratory installation service with Holy Communion held on:

**Saturday, September 7, 2019 @ 1:30 PM (Doors open at 12:30 PM)**

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church  
5500 East 57th Street  
Sioux Falls, SD

A public reception to follow at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church.

### **PUBLIC RSVP (OPENING AUGUST 1)**

No tickets are required for this event, however space is limited. Please RSVP for planning purposes.

### **LIVESTREAM & SOCIAL MEDIA**

Can't make it to the installation? The South Dakota Synod will be livestreaming the event online. Watch for a link to follow.

Use #SDBishop to join the conversation on Twitter, Instagram, and Facebook.

## **Intentional Giving Information**

Life is full and fast, especially this time of year, and God is calling you to live your faith wherever you go! When you're not able to be a part of worship, you can continue to practice generosity and intentional giving through your offering to our congregation and the missions we support. Here are some of the ways we've found that will make electronic giving simple and possible:

- 1: You can use the bill pay services from your bank. Most banks offer this service for customers who do on-line banking. Just call your bank to set this up! A check will be sent to the church through this service.
- 2: Automatic transfer. First Dakota has given us the forms for this option. If you are interested, please pick up a form at the church.

Questions? Talk to the folks at First Dakota Bank or one of our other local banks!

**Trinity Lutheran Church**  
**Church Council Meeting**  
July 28, 2019

Call to order Sharmel Olson

**Devotions:** Mianna Tveit

**Additions to the agenda:**

**Reading last month's minutes:** Approved - Neoma/Mianna

**Treasurer's report:** Approved - Neoma/Mianna

- Cost of: Flooring - \$17,776.73 (Paid)
  - (Budgeted amt \$20,000 for floor)
  - Painting - \$2800.00 + \$596.52 (Paid)
- Monies given from recent congregational special giving will help to rebuild our building fund, and cover miscellaneous costs for these and future projects. (Example: sound absorbers for fellowship hall)

**Correspondence:** General mailers

**Property Board:**

- Outside lights - Replaced fellowship hall outside lights and will match the front door ones
- Sound absorbers - Starting with banners
- Roofing - on the list
- Sidewalk - on the list
- Painting - Bathrooms & door the week of 8/5
- Sheds - on the list

**Stewardship:**

- Suggested material from the synod

**Worship:**

- Kick off meeting - on hold
- American Island Days 8/18

**Education:**

- New Women's Study - led by Kristi Clark after school starts, will be seeking interest
- Wowsome Wednesday start date - Sept 11th
- 3<sup>rd</sup> grade bibles - 2 bibles
- Kickoff date - Sept 8<sup>th</sup> potential Cedar Shore/American Creek
- Confirmation start date - Sept 4<sup>th</sup>
- Camps - approx. 11 campers this year -more fundraising happening year round for 2020 camps

Deacons:

- Fish Fry – final arrangements
- Membership list - reviewed
- Prayer list - reviewed
- August scholarship brunch – end of month

**Pastor's report:** (see report)

- State synodical conference leaders training 8/2 - 8/3, here at our church
- 8/5 thru 8/11 gone to churchwide assembly
- 8/13 & 8/14 in office, gone rest of week for planned vacation days
- Ask to guest preach 9/29 in Langford for mission Sunday. Pastor Ramona Hayes from Langford Parish will preach here

**Unfinished business:**

- Church music solutions - on hold
- Safe for church- on hold

**New Business:**

- 9/7 Bishop Constanze Hagmaier installation at Gloria Dei - Sioux Falls.
- Automatic deposit for giving - explanation - to be put in newsletter.
- God's work. Our Hands Sunday - 9/8 official date; on hold
- New secretary - Kristi Clark - announcement in bulletin & newsletter
- July noisy offering: Lutheran Disaster Response
- July offering teller: Terry Menzie
- August noisy offering: Missouri Valley Crisis Ctr approved: Neoma/Mianna
- August offering teller: Sharmel
- Sept noisy offering: Lutheran Outdoors
- Sept offering teller: Rosemary

Lord's prayer & adjournment

Next meeting: 9/15

Devotions: Sharmel

Neoma, Mianna, Sharmel, Rosemary, Pastor Lisa

We welcome Kristi Clark as our new secretary. She can be reached at [trinitysec@mid-statesd.net](mailto:trinitysec@mid-statesd.net) or 605-222-6619. We are excited to have her with us! If you need to have an announcement put in our worship bulletins, please email them to her by noon on Wednesdays.

# Deacon Meeting Minutes

Thurs July 11, 2019 @ 5:30 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Erica Sundall, Alice Bunker, Dave Larson, Deb Selland, Dianne Graves, Karen Niles, and Pastor Lisa

**ABSENT:** Cortney Haugen, Dotty Hieb, and Judy Swanson

**DEVOTIONS:** Erica Sundall

**Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes of June 13, 2019:** Motion by Dianne Graves, seconded by Karen Niles

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Scholarship Fund – \$ 2,414.95

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Gift for Rosemary (leaving secretary position): Gift Cards, Flowers, Thank You Card. Will be presented on Sun. July 21<sup>st</sup>. Dianne will arrange getting these gifts.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Fish Fry: Wed. July 24<sup>th</sup>
  - a. Sign - up Sheet Status: Need people to prepare and fry fish. Dave will contact some of the men who have helped in the past. A few more food items needed.
  - b. To Do List: Deacons commented on what they will be bringing and doing for the fish fry. Set up time is 4:30 p.m.
2. August Scholarship Brunch: Details at Aug meeting
3. Standing items
  - a. Pastor Lisa Updates/Comments: Membership List Updates, 3 Deacons had changes to their lists.
  - b. Prayer List: Erica Updated
  - c. Community Activities/Needs/Meal Gift Certificates: None
  - d. Reminder to Review Membership List
  - e. Events of Month/Months Ahead:
    - Fish Fry on Wednesday July 24<sup>th</sup>
    - August Brunch Date Discussed - Aug 25th
  - f. August Deacon - Dave Larson
  - g. Next Meeting - Thurs August 8, 2019 @ 5:30 P.M.

**CLOSING:** Lord's Prayer

Submitted by Deb Selland, Secretary

## The American Island Days 6<sup>th</sup> annual Community Church Service

The American Island Days 6<sup>th</sup> annual Community Church Service will be held Sunday, August 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. at the American Creek Park. Please join in celebration with many of our community churches. The Chamberlain Area Ministerial Association has planned the service. Offering will go to the Chamberlain Ministerial Association. A Thrivent Action Team will provide rolls, juice and coffee following the service. In case of inclement weather the service will be held at UCC. All singers are invited to join the Community Gospel Choir directed by Karol Jo Hendrickson. Practice will be Sunday morning, August 18<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m. at UCC. For more information contact your pastor or the Thrivent Financial office, phone number 234-0382.

*from the desk of... Pastor Lisa*

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*present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.*" (Romans 8:38-39). And in one of his Table Talks, our own Martin Luther wrote that he didn't believe in condemnation for those who die by suicide. He acknowledged the pain and reality of outside factors that can play a part in a suicide. Suicide is not a part of God's intentions for God's children, but I don't believe it is something that is a barrier between God and humanity either. God's love and forgiveness are bigger than any difficulty, any pain or death we come face to face with. Of this I am certain.

As the pastoral leader of this faith community, I also offer this: No matter what the situation might be, or who the people involved are, we may never fully understand why suicide happens. Many of us will never know the hard things another person is trying to deal with alone or simply hiding from others. Yet, even though we can't understand the "why's", we can offer support to friends, family, even strangers who are struggling with the depression, anxiety, or grief that may lead to thoughts of suicide. We can look to God for hope and the promise that nothing we ever go through can keep God's love and mercy away from us. We can look to God for peace in the midst of things we cannot understand.

I pray for peace for Cole's family and friends this week, and in the hard times that are yet to come. I pray for each person who has lost a loved one to suicide, or who has thought of suicide themselves. I offer the love and peace from Christ that sits with us in the darkest of times, giving hope and a way forward. If you find yourself or someone you know struggling right now, know that I am here to listen, to offer resources beyond the scope of what I can assist with pastorally, and to remind you of your value as one of God's beloved children. There is hope. There is life after hurt, pain, and loss. Be that source of light for others in the name of Christ. Seek out others if you're hurting. Never forget, you are loved.

**National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 1-800-273-8255 or [suicidepreventionlifeline.org](http://suicidepreventionlifeline.org)**

In Christ,

Pastor Lisa



# AUGUST 2019

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 4:00 p.m.: WELCA Board Meeting	<b>3</b> 9:00 a.m.: WELCA Leadership training event  5:30 p.m.: Worship w/Communion
<b>4</b> 9:30 a.m.: Worship w/Communion	<b>5</b> Pastor Lisa at Churchwide Assembly	<b>6</b> Pastor Lisa at Churchwide Assembly	<b>7</b> Pastor Lisa at Churchwide Assembly	<b>8</b> Pastor Lisa at Churchwide Assembly  7:00 p.m. Deacons Meeting	<b>9</b> Pastor Lisa at Churchwide Assembly	<b>10</b> Pastor Lisa at Churchwide Assembly  5:30 p.m.: <b>NO Worship Service</b>
<b>11</b> Pastor Lisa at Churchwide Assembly  9:30 a.m.: Worship	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 5:30 p.m.: <b>NO Worship Service</b>
<b>18</b> 9:30 a.m.: Worship in the Park  <b>Overnight Group</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 2:00 p.m. Text Study	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 5:30 p.m. Worship w/Communion
<b>25</b> 9:30 a.m.: Worship with Communion	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 5:30 p.m. Worship w/Communion