



Trinity News

March 2020

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POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Wed: Wowsome Wed. & Confirmation
- Wed: Lenten Service
- Wed: Choir Practice
- Mar 1: Church Council Meeting
- Mar 8: Worship Meeting
- Mar 10: Text Study
- Mar 12: Deacon's Meeting
- Mar 22: Education Meeting
- Mar 26: Women's Bible Study
- Mar 29: Sunday Fun Day



from the desk of...

Pastor Lisa

Dear Friends in Christ,

As many of you may know, I'm the child of teachers. My late father taught English, History, Drama, and computers during his career before he had to retire due to his declining health. My mother spent much of her career teaching different sciences like Biology, Chemistry, and a course that helped students who weren't so science-minded to apply scientific principles to daily life. Currently, she is a resource room teacher at Selby Area high school. Even my brother teaches from time to time as an adjunct professor in ethnic studies at MN State—Mankato. And a big part of what I do as your pastor is teaching. Whether it's in confirmation, first communion, or an adult study class—to teach is a part of my call here.

So, if I'm going to be teaching, I need to continue learning! In the ELCA, pastors get two weeks of continuing education time. It's up to us to find programs, courses, or conferences to go to or participate in that serve our interests and can be applied to our service in the parish. I've really struggled the last few years to find continuing education for myself, but now I've found something pretty great and I want to tell you about it.

I was recently accepted into a Doctor of Ministry program which is tailored toward church leaders who are serving full time in parish calls or other full-time ministries. This program is called "Disability and Ministry: Imagining More Faithful and Inclusive Congregational Ministries". It is a three-year program where I will travel for about a week in May and January for intensive coursework at Western Theological Seminary in Holland, Michigan. This covers the two weeks of continuing education time. In between those two weeks, we are asked to read different assignments and do a bit of writing. These I plan to do in my down time at home.

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PRAYER LISTS

Sara Barron – Niece of Deb Selland
Wade Beringer – Friend of Dotty Hieb
Oona Bieberly – Friend of MaryAlice Larson
Paula Bortz – Sister of Mike Selland
Bob Brandis – BIL of Dotty Hieb
Lowell Carlson – Friend of Judy Swanson
Vivian Cleland – TLC member
Lyle & Lorna DeHaai – Friend of Dottie Hieb
Barb Geranen – Family friend of Pastor Lisa
Dwayne Graves – Family of Dianne Graves
Kayleen Haiar – Granddaughter of Charlotte & Loren Geerdes
Sandy Hook – Friend of Mary Brown
Ruth Jibbens – Mother of VaLoy Wilkins
Bette Juhl – Mother of Teena Mosel
Bob Juhl – Father of Teena Mosel
Marcia Kindt – Grandmother to Bryan Kindt & Eryanne Normile
Flora & John Larson – Parents of Dave Larson
Jaxon Larson – Nephew of Neoma Harris
Alan Lulf – Friend of Dianne Graves
Christy Morrow – Friend of Pastor Lisa
Gail Nielsen – Friend of Mary Brown
Jackie Normile – Sister of Mike Normile
Gunner Olesen – Nephew of LeAnn Duvall
Glenn Osborne – Brother of Deb Selland
Denise Plecity – Sister of Deanna Hagan
Travis Powell – Friend of Nancy D.
Dedra Shaw – Friend of Dixie Lloyd
Georgia Simpson – Friend of Gary & Neoma Harris
Dorothy Strande – Mother of Alice Bunker
Ann & Boyd Thiel – Family friend of Dianne Graves
Lynette Van Beber – Sister in law of Kay Hines

To Be Remembered:

Larry Abernathy
Connie Bailey
Leonard Buum
Micah Ellis
Ray Goeden
Jared Houska

Winnie Keller
Amy Kenobbie
Deah Killion
Larry Larsen
Rianna Laurens
Mariah Normile
Clifford Priebe
Sue Robinson
Joel Sprecher
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.

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

Mar. 1: Grady Olson
 Mar. 4: Delmar 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. 23: Rosemary Mohr
 Mar. 24: Marcia Longden
 Mar. 25: Cortney Haugan
 Mar. 25: Presley Houska
 Mar. 25: Matthew Schwenk
 Mar. 25: Michele Selland
 Mar. 27: Joshua Denke

Mar. 28: Alicia Schaub
 Mar. 30: Jeremy Hines
 Mar. 31: Darrell Miller

ANNIVERSARIES

Mar 20: Dallas & Tammy Thompson



MARCH SERVICE MINISTERS

Date	Host	Lector
March 1	Olson Family	Olson Family
March 8	3rd and 4th Graders	3rd and 4th Graders
March 15	Alice and Mike Bunker	Alice and Mike Bunker
March 22	OPEN	Mary Brown
March 29	Jean and Dwain Blackwell	OPEN

Trinity Lutheran Church Council Meeting

February 2, 2020

Call to orders: Sharmel Olson

Devotions by Pastor Lisa

Welcome to new members of council and thank you to outgoing members of council – Thank you to Mianna and Dick for their hard work and sharing their gifts with council and the congregation!

Additions to the agenda: Insurance policy review, confidentiality.

Reading last month's minutes: Motion made by Neoma to amend the minutes, regarding gratuities for 2019. The minutes should have read “a motion was made by Neoma Harris to give Ron Luurs a gratuity for his IT work with the church from Thrivent Choice Dollars, motion failed due to lack of a second”. Motion to amend 2nd by Mike Bunker. Passed.

Treasurer's report: Motion made by Terry & 2nd by Mike to approve report. Motion passed. Questions from Roger Campbell, outgoing treasurer, for council to consider in 2020: Should the \$200 given to noisy offering each month from the lutefisk dinner account be given to the general fund instead? Council said this would have to be put to the congregation, since it was a motion from a previous annual meeting. Should we consider a lower amount given in synod benevolence? Can we reach out to inactive members through guidance by the synod?

Correspondence: Thank you from ELCA World Hunger for the noisy offering; and a thank you from the Abernathy's for the poinsettia plant given at Christmas time.

Property Board: Only project known is repairing the sidewalk next summer.

Worship: Will meet for planning Lent when a committee is formed.

Stewardship: add fundraising to the stewardship committee. Mick Niles and Charlotte Geerdes spoke with Neoma and Denise Meyerink spoke with Rosemary; all are interested being on the fundraising committee or giving ideas for projects.

Education: Milestone recognition at the end of February. Kids are singing 2/9; Camper fundraiser with motorcycle association on 2/29

Deacons: Scholarship brunch, plans to discuss a discrepancy in whose terms ended as of the annual meeting.

Pastor's report: Monthly report. Invitation to speak at camp event in NC in January 2021.

Unfinished business: none.

New business: Insurance policy – motion made by Rosemary & 2nd by Mike not to add extra offers from Fischer Rounds to our policy. Motion passed. Reminder to council about importance of boundaries and confidentiality.

Rosemary resigned the secretary position of the church. We will be asking April Reis if she would like the job. 2nd choice would be Kristi Clark. Motion made by Mike and 2nd by Terry. Motion passed.

Election of officers: President: Sharmel Olson; V President: Neoma Harris; Secretary: Terry Menzie; Kathi Anderson, Jonah Mosel, and Rosemary Mohr are also on the board. Motion made by Neoma and 2nd by Mike. Motion passed. Reminder that Will Haugen was appointed treasurer at the annual meeting.

Midweek Lenten offering: general fund

Installation of council will be March 1st.

Next meeting: March 1st.

March noisy offering: Smile Train.

Attendance: Kathi Anderson, Mike Bunker, Neoma Harris, Jonah Mosel, Rosemary Mohr, Terry Menzie, Sharmel Olson, Pastor Lisa, Mianna Tveit.

Respectfully submitted by Rosemary Mohr

TLC DEACON MEETING MINUTES

Thurs Feb 6, 2020 @ 5:30 pm

PRESENT: Dotty Hieb, Dianne Graves, Cortney Haugen, Deb Selland, Erica Sundall, Dave Larson, and Pastor Lisa

ABSENT: Alice Bunker and Karen Niles

Welcome to our new deacon: Jen Reimer

DEVOTIONS: Dianne Graves

APPROVAL of PRIOR MEETING MINUTES of Jan 9, 2020: Approved by Dave Larson, seconded by Dianne Graves. Motion Carried

TREASURER'S REPORT: Dianne Graves, Balance of \$ 2,842.95 in the scholarship fund.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Deacon monthly prayer list – Sign up for 2020. Sheet passed around, explained to new member
2. Scholarship Brunch of 1/19/2020: Comments: Went well ,Lots of good help. Sausage was a hit.
3. St. Dysmas Visit: Pastor Lisa shared 4 dates. April 3rd was chosen as the date we will worship at Springfield. Paperwork (background check) to be turned in 2 weeks before.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Welcome New Member Jen Reimer. Glad to have Erica serving a 2nd term.
2. Funday Sunday Discussion: (Date Events Food etc). Sunday March 29 ,2020. Bulletin Info. Deviled Eggs and Veggie tray were suggested. Less desserts
3. Gift Bags for Riverview Residents: 7 but may have 1 more by next mtg (Distribution Date etc). Easter Egg Tree. Suggestion of: Hygiene items, Kleenexes, Pump Hand soap/sanitizer Snack items/pop or tea. Idea mentioned for Wowsome or Confirmation class do as a project.
4. Term Discussion: Pastor Lisa found a discrepancy between last annual meeting minutes and deacons record of terms. Uncertain if Deb was elected to a 1 or 2 year term. Deacons decided that her term will be up in 2021.
5. Election of Officers: Decision to keep present Officers. Motion by Dave Larson, seconded by Cortney Haugen. All in Favor – Motion Carried
6. Standing Items:
 - a. Pastor Lisa Updates/Comments
 - Dysmas Info shared earlier
 - Mailboxes to be set up for Council president, deacon president, and treasurer
 - b. Prayer List: Updated by Rosemary
 - c. Community Activities/Needs/ Meal Gift Certificates: None at this time
 - d. Reminder to Review Membership List: Give updates at next meeting. Jen to be given her list.
 - e. Events of Month/Months Ahead:

- a. March Scholarship Brunch?
 - b. Seniors need to fill out an application for scholarship, which is \$250.00
 - c. Request Noisy Offering for April
 - d. Easter Cards/ Schedule Distribution (Easter 4/12). Mail by end of March
- f. March Deacon - Karen Niles
- g. Next Meeting: Thurs March 12 @ 5:30 pm

Discussion if changing meeting day to a Sun is tabled for next month's meeting
 CLOSING -- Lord's Prayer

Submitted by Deb Selland
 Secretary

from the desk of... Pastor Lisa

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Now, you've probably got some questions. What does this mean? It means this: My first commitment is to be your pastor. I'm not going anywhere! This is simply a part of my formation as your pastor. Like all continuing education would be. Many of my colleagues have been doing similar work, and I have seen great things come out of their congregations from their studies.

This opportunity has also helped me pray and think about how this coursework links up with the ministry God has us doing here together. My hope is that this program will make me a better pastor. One who is more attuned to the spiritual needs of our youth who may have behavioral or learning disorders, our adults with varying disabilities, and the aging members among us who may no longer be physically able to

worship with us. My prayer is that this opens doors for all of us, as we figure out how to be church as the needs of all of our people change. My big, big prayer? That our community can see us doing life and ministry together, and that they can know that truly ALL are welcome here in the name of Jesus Christ.

Please, if you have questions, come and talk to me. As I said, I'm excited for this opportunity. I'm excited to grow in who God has made me to be, and in who God is calling me to be as **your pastor**.

In Christ,

Pastor Lisa

March

2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:30 Worship w/Comm 10:30 Council Mtg	2	3	4 5:30 WW/Confirmation 7:15 Lenten Service 8:00 Choir	5	6	7
8 9:30 Worship 10:30 Worship Mtg	9	10 2:00 Text Study	11 5:30 WW/Confirmation 7:15 Lenten Service 8:00 Choir	12 5:30 Deacons	13	14
15 9:30 Worship w/Comm	16	17	18 5:30 WW/Confirmation 7:15 Lenten Service 8:00 Choir	19	20	21
22 8:30 Education Mtg 9:30 Worship	23	24	25 5:30 WW/Confirmation 7:15 Lenten Service 8:00 Choir	26 4:15 Women's Bible Study	27	28
29 9:30 Worship 3:00 Sunday Fun Day	30	31				