



Trinity News

April 2020

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POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Apr 2: Council Meeting
- Apr 7: Text Study
- Apr 23: Women's Bible Study
- TBD: Men's Bible Study

A message from our Church Council

Dear Friends in Christ,

“The church is not a building. The church is not a steeple. The church is not a resting place; the church is a people”. A familiar Sunday School tune for most of us, right? Well, over the last few weeks churches everywhere are learning just how true the words to that song from Sunday School are. The church, the body of Christ, is scattered. Many, including us here at Trinity are worshipping from home via our TV or internet connections. Our meetings and studies are happening/ will happen over Zoom or Skype. Pastoral care comes by phone, text message, or video chat. We are doing and being the church outside of our building while doing our best to keep ourselves and one another healthy in this time of pandemic.

What this means for us is that ministry continues! Praise be to God that we can still hear the Word proclaimed, pray, and worship together in these unique ways for now. Thank you to everyone who has helped our ministry continue. At our council meeting this past Thursday night, we were encouraged by the ways God is still moving and working in our congregation. The council also came to the decision that, for at least the month of April, we will not gather for worship and other activities in person – as per the CDC’s, State Health Department’s, and synod leadership’s urging. We will continue to worship online each week and continue to seek out ways to meet pastoral care needs and conduct meetings.

The council also had to discuss what this time of worshipping and being apart has meant for our congregation’s ability to keep up with our finances. It has been wonderful and encouraging to see offerings come in during these last few weeks! Unfortunately, we are still falling quite short of our



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PRAYER LISTS

Wade Beringer – Friend of Dotty Hieb
Oona Bieberly – Friend of MaryAlice Larson
Bob Brandis – Brother-in-Law of Dotty Hieb
Lowell Carlson – Friend of Judy Swanson
Vivian Cleland – TLC member
Lyle & Lorna DeHaai – Friend of Dotty Hieb
Larry Dux – Brother of Cynthia Wall
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 of Bryan Kindt & Eryanne Normile
Flora & John Larson – Parents of Dave Larson
Jaxon Larson – Nephew of Neoma Harris
Family of Pastor Ray McKechnie – Friend of Pastor Lisa
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 DeBoer
Dedra Shaw – Friend of Dixie Lloyd
Georgia Simpson – Friend of Gary & Neoma Harris
Joel Sprecher – Brother of Paula Feltman
Ann & Boyd Thiel – Family friends of Dianne Graves

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
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

Apr. 1: Bryan Bunker
Apr. 1: Lena Peterson
Apr. 6: Arlene Shrake
Apr. 7: Riel Moran
Apr. 7: Soren Moran
Apr. 7: Michael Schaub
Apr. 9: Jonah Mosel
Apr. 10: Philip Carlson
Apr. 11: William Brown
Apr. 12: Charlotte Cadwell
Apr. 14: Leonard Buom
Apr. 15: Sharon Nelson
Apr. 15: Travis Thompson
Apr. 17: Sutton Hamiel
Apr. 20: Marilyn Tounsley

Apr. 23: William Woodruff
Apr. 23: Dave Mohr
Apr. 25: Gia Houska
Apr. 25: Jenzina Huber
Apr. 27: Brad Rasmussen
Apr. 30: Katelyn Hines

ANNIVERSARIES

Apr 4: Chris & Melissa Hall
Apr 29: Joe & Cynthia Wall



APRIL SERVICE MINISTERS

Date	Host	Lector
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Trinity Lutheran Church Council Meeting

March 1, 2020 Sunday at 10:30 a.m.

Present: Rosemary Mohr, Terrold Menzie, Sharmel Olson, Kathi Andersen, Jonah Mosel, Mike Bunker

Absent: Neoma Harris

Devotions: The meeting was called to order, Pastor Lisa led the devotion.

Additions to agenda: Pastor Lisa added Thrivent Choice Dollars.

Reading of Minutes: The minutes were read and a motion was made to accept them by Mike Bunker and Jonah Mosel seconding them. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report:

1. The books balanced. It was suggested to remove some of the accounts that are no longer needed like Tree House.

Terrold made the motion to accept the report with Mike seconding it. The motion passed.

Endowment Fund Gift:

1. Memorial money was given by the family of Matt D. in the amount of \$5,500 earlier this week. The family asked that the money be put in the endowment, and that earnings go to campers in a scholarship fund or camper fund annually.

Correspondence:

1. Missouri River Crisis Center gave a thank you for our noisy offering
2. Dakota Counseling Institute and mailings from past noisy offerings were part of the correspondences.

Committee Reports:

PROPERTY:

- Nothing to report.

WORSHIP

- A couple of really good meetings have contributed good ideas for Lent and upcoming events
- Ash Wednesday went well with around 60 in attendance
- Will meet next Sunday following worship.

STEWARDSHIP

- Committee members are being determined and a meeting is pending.

EDUCATION

- Haven't met yet this year.
- Received a little over \$600 from the Christian Motorcycle fundraiser for campers.
- Around 6 kids are going to various camps during the year
- Last milestone is this month.

Deacons:

- Game day/night on last Sunday of March.
- April noisy offering suggested to go to the scholarship fund instead of have a scholarship brunch.

- Will be having meetings on Sunday as well.

Pastor’s Report:

- A lot of Lent prep has taken place.
- Some long-term pastoral care will be upcoming soon.
- Prairie Rivers Conference will be hosting the Spring Theological Conference this April 14-16 at the Resort and at Trinity. Ma’s Kitchen will be providing breakfast.
- In finding continuing education, Pastor Lisa has been accepted into the doctor of ministry program at Western Theological Seminary. Her priorities with the congregation will not change, but will have to go to the seminary for a week of classes 2x/year.

Unfinished Business:

- April has decided to take the position of secretary.

New Business:

- A new member request has been made by Becky Johnson. After her letter to council was read, the motion was made to accept her request by Rosemary and seconded by Kathi. It passed.
- Dwain and Jean want to give \$253 Thrivent Choice dollars to the building fund, which will be given soon.
- Devotion and Offering tellers are being assigned and the current list appears below.
- The March noisy offering will be going to Smile Train.
- April noisy offering suggestion is to go to the Scholarship fund.

Monthly Devotion and Offering Teller schedule

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>DEVOTIONS</u>	<u>OFFERING TELLERS</u>
April	Kathi	Kathi
May	Sharmel	Sharmel
June	TBD	TBD
July	Terrold	Terrold
August	Sharmel	Sharmel
September	Mike	Mike
October	Terrold	Terrold
November	TBD	TBD
December	TBD	TBD
January	Jonah	Rosemary
February	TBD	Rosemary
March	TBD	TBD

Next Meeting:

Thursday, April 2, 2020 at 6:30 PM will be the next meeting.

Adjournment:

The meeting was closed with the Lord’s Prayer

TLC DEACON MEETING MINUTES

March 12, 2020 @ 5:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Dianne Graves, Karen Niles, Jen Reimer, Dotty Hieb, Deb Selland, Erica Sundall, and Pastor Lisa

ABSENT: Dave Larson, Cortney Haugen, and Alice Bunker

DEVOTIONS: Karen Niles

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES: Motion by Karen Niles, seconded by Dianne Graves

TREASURER'S REPORT: Dianne Graves No change to balance of scholarship fund, \$2,842.95

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Deacon List Sign up for 2020: A few months left to fill
2. St. Dysmas Visit: Fri April 3/Paperwork due by Weds 3/18. Pastor Lisa will send out notices

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Funday Sunday Discussion: Sunday March 29 2020 3-5 PM, Bulletin inserts/ Cortney to do postcards. Deacons to donate food items/provide 1 doz cookies or bars. Door prizes- Dianne Graves and Deb Selland
2. Gift Bags/Easter tree for Riverview residents:
 - a. Display information and set up Easter. egg pattern on tree. Put up on the 22nd. Dotty purchased Easter baskets/ towel set. Bulletin notice
 - b. 2 Gift bag filling/distribution: Maundy Thursday to fill baskets at 530 pm
3. Easter Card/Holy Week Schedule: Send by 3/24. Dotty will send an email when labels and cards are ready
4. Deacon meeting Date/Time Change Discussion- Tabled
5. Upcoming scholarship Brunch
 - a. TBD - None
6. Standing Items
 - a. Pastor Lisa Updates/Comments:
 - i) Chuck Hagan update- to be home in early June.
 - ii) Potential new members of the congregation
 - b. Prayer List: Updated by Dotty/Erica
 - c. Community Activities/Needs/Meal Gift Certificates- None
 - d. Reminder to review Membership List - Plan to update at meeting
 - e. Events of Month/Months Ahead: a Assist in Palm Sunday: None needed, campers and families will serve. b May Graduate Recognition: Carnations needed ,Pastor Lisa to contact families.

f. April Deacon - Erica Sundall

g. Next Meeting - April 9 2020 Or TBD

CLOSING: Lord's Prayer

Submitted by Deb Selland
Secretary



from the desk of... Pastor Lisa

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normal budget and are running the risk of not being able to meet our financial needs or obligations within a month and a half.

That's a hard thing to say when we know so many others are also struggling financially during these times. But we as a council wanted to be transparent about our situation and encourage you all to continue giving as you are able. In our meeting we discussed a few ways to do that this month, or as long as it is needed. First, you can always mail your offering to the church, or drop it off when Pastor Lisa or our secretary April are in their offices. First Dakota has also given us clearance to have individuals place their offering envelopes in their night drop box. ACH forms are also available at the church. The council is also looking into different apps for online giving.

We trust that God will help us through this time, as God has before in all kinds of circumstances and situations that have been tough. It is the council's hope that these means God has given us to be the church now – worshiping, learning, fellowshiping, serving, and giving online and otherwise (it's still a learning and growing curve!) – can unite us in heart and spirit. We, your church council, pray for each and every one of you. And we thank God for all you bring to our life together. Be well. Be safe. Remember you are God's beloved children, and we hope we can gather together and worship our Lord together soon.

In Christ,

Trinity Lutheran Church council

April

2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 6:30 Council Mtg	3	4
5 Palm Sunday 9:30 Worship	6	7 2:00 Text Study	8	9 Maundy Thursday 5:30 Deacons	10 Good Friday	11
12 Easter Sunday 9:30 Worship	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 9:30 Worship	20	21	22	23 4:15 Women's Bible Study	24	25
26 9:30 Worship	27	28	29	30		