



Trinity News

May 2020

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POINTS OF INTEREST:

- May 3: Council Meeting
- May 6: Stewardship Meeting
- May 12: Men's Bible Study
- May 12: Text Study
- May 14: Deacons Meeting
- May 25: Memorial Day
- May 28: Women's Bible Study



A message from our Church Council

Dear Friends in Christ,

Thank you! Your church council and Pastor Lisa want to offer our thanks to everyone for your continued, faithful participation in the life of our congregation as our world, nation, state, and communities continue to be impacted by COVID-19. We grieve not being able to worship together these last several weeks, but we give thanks to God for the opportunities we have been given to worship through online and social media sources. It is our hope and prayer that we are all feeling connected by our faith, even when circumstances prevent us from being together.

The council met this past Sunday to discuss how to thoughtfully and prayerfully move forward with worship for the rest of May. We did not take the discussion or decision lightly but took into consideration what is best for the most vulnerable among us, as well as what has been recommended by the state, synod and the decisions of our ecumenical partners. That being said, we will not be meeting for in-person worship for the rest of May. It has been recommended by the synod leadership that we wait to do so. The Catholic diocese in Sioux Falls and the conference for the United Church of Christ have made similar recommendations for their South Dakota parishes, too. The church council will be evaluating information from the CDC and the state regarding numbers of COVID-19 cases in our area this month and will meet again on May 31st.

Even though church life is looking a whole lot different in this season, ministry continues – and we thank God for that! We as council also wish to offer our thanks for your continued giving and offerings. In unprecedented situations like these, that support is so important and appreciated. This week the stewardship and fundraising committee will be looking at ways we can give offering online, in addition to sending your envelopes through the mail or dropping them off to First Dakota’s mail drop or at the church.

We know that not gathering for worship is very hard. We too miss being together but feel this is the best choice for the time being. We

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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 Wilkens
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
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

May 1: Melissa Hall
 May 2: Roger Campbell
 May 2: Hayden Handel
 May 2: Denise Meyerink
 May 3: Mariah Normile
 May 4: Lorri Swenson
 May 4: Dallas Thompson
 May 5: Aaryn Schaub
 May 7: Bob Brown
 May 7: Judy Peterson
 May 7: Nicholas Wall
 May 10: Terry Menzie
 May 11: Gavin Graves
 May 12: Brad Carson
 May 13: Richard Menzie
 May 17: Arlys Abernathy

May 17: Sharmel Olson
 May 19: Noah Bury
 May 19: Bucklee Mattson
 May 19: Marlene Munkvold
 May 21: Roger Buum
 May 21: Cassi Swenson
 May 24: Mark Huber
 May 24: Bonnie Randall
 May 26: Kami Byre
 May 26: Chris Longhenry
 May 27: Luke Baker
 May 28: Tre' Antelope
 May 28: Chloe Mosel
 May 28: Derek Thompson
 May 29: Allayna Brown
 May 30: Nicholas Schaub

ANNIVERSARIES

May 10: Ralph & Arlene Shrake
 May 21: Roger and Marlys Buum
 May 27: Mike & Lisa Schlaffman
 May 27: Terry & Julie Menzie
 May 29: Mike & Alice Bunker



MAY SERVICE MINISTERS

Date	Host	Lector

Trinity Lutheran Church Council Meeting
April 2, 2020
6:30 p.m.

Call to Order: Sharmel Olson

Devotions: Kathi Anderson

Additions to the Agenda: New member request & Thrivent Choice Dollars

Reading last month's minutes: Motion made by Rosemary Mohr & 2nd by Kathi Anderson. Motion approved.

Correspondence: None

Treasurer's report: Reviewed. Motion made by Kathi Anderson & Mike Bunker. Motion approved.

Offering options during pandemic restrictions: Promote more online giving; options people can use the drive up at the bank to drop off their envelopes, put through the night drop. There are 2 apps folks can use too. Vanco and Tithe.ly.

Council voted to have Will look into the SBA-PPP program to help cover wages and utilities. Program can be forgiven after months. Synod encouraging congregations to look into this program. Motion made by Mike Bunker/Rosemary Mohr to move forward with the PPP – motion approved.

Transfer of \$184 from Thrivent Dollars to general acct. (Lent supplies).

Property Board: everything is on hold.

Worship: All upcoming services will be recorded until further notice. Stacey Tveit will be recording some music.

Stewardship/Fundraising: Everything is on hold. Hope to conduct a meeting over Zoom.

Education: Graduate recognition – on hold
VBS – on hold
Confirmation – hoping to hold a retreat for a wrap-up meeting.
Wowsome is finished for the year.
Camp fundraisers—on hold

Deacons: Game day is postponed
Easter cards have been sent out.
Prayer list updated.

Pastor's report: See report.
Lots of good conversations with members during these weeks of restrictions due to pandemic.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: Zoom – cost \$15 a month. Motion made by Kathi Anderson & Mike Bunker to pay with Thrivent Choice Dollars. Motion approved.

Offering teller procedure – one person is enough for now.

Midstate Communications – Sharmel, Will & Pastor Lisa to be put on contract.

May noisy offering – TLC scholarship fundraising

April offering teller: Sharmel Olson

Next meeting: May 3, 2020

Devotions: Sharmel Olson

Members in attendance: Kathi Anderson, Mike Bunker, Rosemary Mohr, Sharmel Olson, Will Haugen, and Pastor Lisa.

Absent: Terry Menzie, Neoma Harris, & Jonah Mosel.

from the desk of... Pastor Lisa

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want—and are called by God-- to be good stewards and neighbors to one another always, and especially in a health crisis. Online worship will continue, and Pastor Lisa will work with bible studies and other groups so they can be connected for their gatherings and meetings. She will continue to have office hours and be available for pastoral care, virtual and phone visits, and for any emergencies that may arise.

On a happy note, the council has a project for the congregation that can bring us together in a neat way. You may have seen on social media that some churches are taking pictures of their congregation members and placing them on “their” pews, so the pastor can still “see” everyone as they preach. We thought this was a neat idea for us to try! So we invite you to take a picture of you/

your household and email or text it to the church (trinity@midstatesd.net or 605-228-6088). Once we have several gathered, we will place them in the sanctuary for worship this month. We hope you all can take part, because your faces are missed in this place, and it adds to the ways we can continue to be church together now.

If you have any questions about our plans for worship and church life this month, please do not hesitate to reach out to a member of the council or Pastor Lisa.

God's peace be with you.

Trinity Lutheran Council

May

2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 9:30 Worship 11:00 Council Mtg	4	5	6 6:00 Stewardship Mtg	7	8	9
10 9:30 Worship	11	12 9:15 Men's Bible Study 2:00 Text Study	13	14 5:30 Deacons	15	16
17 9:30 Worship	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 9:30 Worship	25 Memorial Day	26	27	28 4:15 Women's Bible Study	29	30
31 9:30 Worship						