



# Trinity News

July 2020

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## POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Jul 9: Deacon's Meeting
- Jul 14: Text Study
- Jul 14: Stewardship Meeting
- Jul 23: Women's Bible Study
- Jul 29: Fish Fry



*from the desk of...*

*Pastor Lisa*

Dear Friends in Christ,

I simply wanted to take this month's newsletter article as a chance to say thank you. Thank you for your continued dedication to our life as a congregation during this difficult season. Thank you for the many ways you show up for one another (and for me!) in the name of Christ and his love for us. I have had moments where I've felt frustrated and discouraged in these last few months because things have had to be different in so many ways that effective ministry feels hard to do. It's in those moments that I see God step in with someone dropping me a note of encouragement, or that I see where God's grace and hope help us make hard decisions for things at church and in our communities.

As we arrive at midsummer, thank you for the flexibility, patience, and understanding that is needed to continue in person and online worship going well (or as well as possible). It is my hope and prayer that everyone finds ways to connect to one another and to Christ in this and all times. Please know that if you are in need of pastoral care, communion outside of worship times because you need to worship from home, that I am here and available. And as I am in all parts of my life—I am adaptable! I do my best to keep us safe by distancing when needed and wearing a face mask. It isn't ideal. It isn't fun. But I see those measures as what I can do as your pastor to continue showing up for you, for God, and to keep everyone as safe as we can while seeing the numbers of COVID-19 rise in the area.

Thank you for being who you are as the body of Christ in such a strange and difficult time. Thank you for being the hands and feet of Christ always. And many thanks to God for our continued six years of ministry together.

In Christ,  
Pastor Lisa



## PRAYER LISTS

Wade Beringer – Friend of Dotty Hieb  
Oona Bieberly – Friend of MaryAlice Larson  
Bob Brandis – Brother-in-Law of Dotty Hieb  
Charlotte Cadwell Family – TLC Member  
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 – Relative 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 Larson – Mother of Dave Larson  
Family of John Larson- Father of Dave Larson  
Jaxon Larson – Nephew of Neoma Harris  
Bill Martin – Friend of Dotty Hieb  
Gail Nielsen – Friend of Mary Brown  
Jackie Normile – Sister of Mike Normile  
Gunner Olesen – Nephew of LeAnn Duvall  
Glenn Osborne – Brother of Deb Seland  
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  
Cal Thybo – Cousin of Neoma Harris

### **To Be Remembered:**

Larry Abernathy  
Connie Bailey  
Leonard Boom  
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*

July 3: Dixie Lloyd  
July 5: Deah Killion  
July 6: Dean Bisbee  
July 10: Dennis Carlson  
July 10: Amanda Longhenry  
July 12: Danika Jo Goodman  
July 15: Neoma Harris  
July 18: Kermit Swanson  
July 20: Jaxon McGee  
July 21: Vivian Cleland  
July 21: Carter Hamiel  
July 21: Tony Moran  
July 22: Rebecca DuVall  
July 26: Alice Bunker

July 26: Cindy Wilkens  
July 29: Conner Graves  
July 29: Nicolas Schaub

### *ANNIVERSARIES*

Jul 9: Jim & LeAnne DuVall  
Jul 11: Loren & Charlotte Geerdes  
Jul 16: Ron & Bonnie Luurs



## JUNE SERVICE MINISTERS

**Date**

**Host**

**Lector**

# Trinity Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes

May 31, 2020 Sunday at 11:00 a.m.

## Present

Pastor Lisa, Rosemary Mohr, Terrold Menzie, Sharmel Olson, Neoma Harris

## Absent

Mike Bunker, Kathi Andersen, Jonah Mosel

## Devotions

The meeting was called to order with Sharmel Olson leading the devotion.

## Additions to agenda

Nothing was added to the agenda.

## Reading of Minutes

The minutes were read. No changes were made. A motion to accept was made by Neoma with Rosemary seconding it. The motion passed.

## Treasurer's Report

- Had a nice increase in income and lower expenses.
- Gen accounts at 17,000. Expenses at \$7000.
- Stewardship used the Tithe.ly app to allow the congregation to make offerings. Any edits to link on website, please let Pastor know.
- Got some new deposit slips. They were placed in Rosemary's mailbox.
- Rosemary motioned to accept the report and Neoma seconded it. Motion carried.

## Correspondence

- None

## Committee Reports

### PROPERTY

- Cleaning will continue when we restart.
- Dick Feltman is still mowing.

### WORSHIP

- Recommendations for reopening and how we can take the necessary precautions for distancing was discussed. We'll need to clean and sanitize. We can possibly have a parking lot service. Fischer Rounds provided the church with precautions for opening and what to be aware of when we do. We will slowly open. Singing may pose a concern as it may spread the virus. Other churches in the community are still not meeting. Others are meeting via signing up to register for a space in the church which limits the numbers to maintain social distancing. It was mentioned that we should consider polling the congregation and see what they would like. Ron will be asked to get this in place by creating a Survey Monkey. Communion is still off the table as it is normally performed. However optional methods were talked about the and the possibility of using dixie cups filled with bread and once eaten, used for wine. Wednesday at 6:30 PM we'll meet to go over these options. The determinations made during this meeting will be set forth how we begin to reopen. They will then go out in a newsletter and sent to the congregation.
- American Island Days has been cancelled.

### STEWARDSHIP

- Will have a meeting on June 9th.
- Will be working on Tithe.ly app and to make it accessible to the congregation to provide a method to make an offering to the church.
- Having "Church on the Street" minister Rebel Hurd preach one Sunday was talked about during their meeting.

## EDUCATION

- Wowsome Wednesday is done.
- No bible camp is planned for the summer with UCC.
- May need to get masks and gloves for classes once they begin.
- Bible studies group is meeting over Zoom.
- Mark's study group may not be meeting anymore. Not enough response.

## DEACONS

- July 29th is the planned date for the fish fry. Will keep this in flux as plans may change due to COVID.
- June 21 is the tentative date for graduate recognition.

## **Pastor's Report**

- Working through the effects COVID is having on providing services to the public by providing alternative methods to see people.
- Charlotte's graveside service went well but the lack of a funeral at church was missed by those who attended. She was a long-time member and it was suggested that the church try to have a memorial service later in the year. Trying to find ways to adapt to the virus situation and still have some sense of normalcy.
- Zoom is great but poses some technical difficulties at times.
- The church will slowly get back to normal.
- Having good pastoral care conversations with people interested in returning to a church community after having been away for a time.

## **Unfinished Business**

- There was no unfinished business.

## **New Business**

- New member request - The request of a family to join the church that was made at the last meeting has been placed on hold as the family have not been in touch since request.
- Charlotte's Piano - She had an old piano that the family would like to donate it to the church. Where to place it? It could be placed in the Fellowship Hall and used for dinners and meetings. Neoma motions and Terrold seconds the motion to accept the piano and have it placed in the Fellowship Hall.
- Noisy offering for June - If we have services it is to go to the church scholarship fund.
- Mianna will be having her graduation reception in the Fellowship Hall and things will need to be cleaned and moved. Others may use of the hall so we should have some guidance in place for its use.
- Items for the newsletter will be sent to Ron today, with the exception of Pastor's article. She'll add it later with and it will deal with the options of reopening and how it will be done.

## **Monthly Devotion and Offering Teller schedule**

<u>Month</u>	<u>Devotions</u>	<u>Offering Tellers</u>
April	Kathi	Kathi
May	Sharmel	Sharmel
June	Sharmel	Neoma
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**

- Sunday, July 8, 2020 at 7:00 PM will be the next meeting.

## **Adjournment**

- Rosemary made the motion to adjourn with Terrold seconding. The motion passed.
- The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer

## From the Bishop's Desk

"He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God." (Micah 6:8)

These are the prophet Micah's words to his contemporaries, and these are Micah's words to us as well as it speaks into our daily life as people of God living in uncertain times. Many of you have reached out to me with a deep concern about the storms of life encircling us, they are manifold from the ongoing uncertainty of agriculture, to the threats of COVID-19, to the unrest that fills our life. The call of the prophet Micah continues to lead us, dear Church until the day, Christ will return. And so, we went to work, trusting that God's in the midst of all of this, leading us into the future he has prepared for us.

During our fall "Listen, Learn and Care" events in all seven conferences of our synod we learned that you seek your synod staff to be a resource to

you, that you are deeply concerned about the polarization in our nation and that you seek to live out your faith boldly. We have listened to you and offer you a synod-wide opportunity to create a space where various voices are heard, where justice and love for mercy guide the conversation as we journey together humbly with God. The "SD Synod Justice Table" will begin a conversation around topics of diversity, justice, and reconciliation. This conversation will invite partners around the table that are of very different walks of life and bring various experiences to the table. This group will model what it means to "holy wrestle" with the tough issues and how we live our faith boldly in times such as these heading Micah's call.

Welcome to the table, SD Synod.

Bishop Constanze

#JourneyingTogetherinChrist



## In Times of Conflict

*Rev. Jonathan Steiner*

Ephesians 2:14-16

For [Christ] is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it.

In the middle of all this tension and conflict, it can be easy to demonize those we disagree with. When we say things like, "those are evil people," we lose sight of who God knows us to be: broken people. Every one of us has flaws, sins that we know and even ones that we are blind to. God forgives each of us, out of the grace that is the gift from Christ. We are called to love our neighbors, to call out injustice, and to work so that everyone has a place at the table. But we must do so in the pursuit of peace, rather than trying to win. Jesus breaks down our hostility, and brings us peace.

## **Subscribe to the Synod News:**

A good way to stay informed and updated is to subscribe to the Synod news. This can be done by visiting <https://sdsynod.org/> and inserting your email address into the box at the bottom of the home screen where it says "sign-up for Synod news" and hit the yellow subscribe button. We will keep you informed as postponed events get rescheduled as well as continue to share reliable information and resources regarding COVID-19 and how our ministries are moving forward amidst these times.

### **TLC's Annual Fish Fry and Congregational Funday**

This year, TLC's Annual Fish Fry will be held in combination with our previously cancelled congregational Funday. Plans are in the works and we anticipate this event being held on Wednesday, July 29th. Funday activities will begin late afternoon and Fish Fry dinner starting at 6 PM. More details to be coming.

Activities for Funday will include inside and outside games, puzzles, books, coloring, cards – everyone is welcome to bring their favorite game to share.

Dinner menu includes Fish, salads, chips, desserts and even Hot Dogs for the non-fish folks. This year the Deacons will use Thrivent Action Cards to offset the expenses of the event – so no clipboard sign-up sheet! Come join in for the fun and fellowship.

The Deacons will review CDC recommendations and follow social distancing guidelines as well as possible and will monitor the COVID-19 outbreak regularly. If there are any changes, we will keep you posted.

# July

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
9:30 Worship 5	6	7	8	5:30 Deacons Mtg 9	10	11
9:30 Worship 12	13	2:00 Text Study 6:00 Stewardship Mtg 14	15	16	17	18
9:30 Worship 19	20	21	22	4:15 Women's Bible Study 23	24	25
9:30 Worship 26	27	28	6:00 Fish Fry 29	30	31	