



# Trinity News

May 2021

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## POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Wed: Wowsome Wed. & Confirmation
- May 3: Council Meeting
- May 4: Deacon's Meeting
- May 9: Mother's Day
- May 18: Mens Bible Study
- May 23: Pastor's last Sunday
- May 27: Women's Bible Study
- May 28: Pastor's last day in the office
- May 31: Memorial Day



*from the desk of...*

*Pastor Lisa*

Dear friends in Christ,

Where to begin? This is my last newsletter article that I am writing to you as your pastor. Since I announced my resignation and future position with ELCA Disability Ministries, I have experienced nothing but your support and care. Thank you for that. I also want to thank you for the life and ministry we have been able to experience together since I first came to serve as an "interim with possibility of call" in January of 2014. This community did something that many congregations are too perhaps scared or unsure of: entrusting the spiritual care of yourselves to a leader who has a disability. You trusted in the movement and calling of the Spirit and the gifts I hoped I could bring with me as your pastor. It began an important season, not only in my life and discernment of where God's call would lead, but in your lives too! It would be foolish to say everything always went perfectly, or that we or I always knew how to best live and serve Christ together. Instead, I will say that I am thankful for the grace of God that brought us through any and all things that were difficult or frustrating. I am thankful that I can reflect on our time together with joy and thanksgiving for who God has shaped us into during this season of life and discipleship.

Soon, this season will end, and new transitions will start to take place. I want to reiterate what I said in my letter to the congregation that went out last month: Your council, your congregational leaders, are hardworking and faithful people. As they work with you and the synod on your next steps, please keep them in your prayers. They along with you have a big task in discerning who God might be sending your way next to serve as your pastor. I pray it is a fruitful and good experience for everyone.

For my part of this time...things are still somewhat up in

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## PRAYER LISTS

Wade Beringer – Friend of Dotty Hieb  
Terry Bisbee – Brother of Dean Bisbee  
Lowell Carlson – Friend of Judy Swanson  
Vivian Cleland – TLC member  
Audrey Doty – Sister of Arlene Shrake  
Lyle & Lorna DeHaai – Friend of Dotty Hieb  
Dwayne Graves – Nephew of Dianne Graves  
Gordon Graves – Brother-in-law of Dianne Graves  
Kayleen Haiar – Granddaughter of Charlotte & Loren Geerdes  
Sandy Hook – Friend of Mary Brown  
Bob Huber – Uncle of Mark Huber  
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  
Jackie Normile – Sister of Mike Normile  
Gunner Olesen – Nephew of LeAnn Duvall  
Denise Plecity – Sister of Deanna Muellenberg  
Travis Powell – Friend of Nancy DeBoer  
Mike Selland – TLC member  
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  
Glenn Osborne  
Clifford Priebe  
Sue Robinson  
Cindy Wilkens

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

#### **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 Church on the Street, which serves those who are without homes in the Sioux Falls area.



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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: Aaryne 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
May 2	5th & 6th Grade	5th & 6th Grade
May 9	Normile Family	
May 16	Alice Bunker	Mary Brown
May 23	Kathi Anderson	
May 30		

# Trinity Lutheran Church Council Meeting

March 7, 2021 Sunday at 10:30 a.m.

## **Present:**

Terrold Menzie, Sharmel Olson, Mark Huber, Mike Bunker, Dick Feltman, Kathi Anderson

## **Absent:**

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## **Devotions:**

The meeting was called to order, Mark led the devotions.

## **Additions to agenda:**

New COVID recommendations guidance and how they may affect services will be added to the Worship section.

## **Reading of Minutes:**

The minutes were reviewed. Mike made the motion to accept them, and Mark provided the second. The motion carried.

## **Treasurer's Report:**

- The utilities bill was dramatically higher. The cold month contributed to this. Otherwise, we are in decent spot as far as the budget is concerned. It was later noted that two bills were sent in the month of March – also contributing to the higher amount paid for utilities.
- Terrold made the motion to approve the report and Mike seconded it and the motion passed.

## **Correspondence:**

- There have been updated recommendations for COVID and those will be discussed in new business and how they will change services.

## **Committee Reports:**

### PROPERTY

- The front sidewalk replacement obtained a bid from B2 Construction and a proposal from the committee was requested to use money from the endowment to pay for the replacement of the sidewalk. The bid came in around \$6,000.00. The committee proposed either all of it to be paid by the endowment, which saw no use last year, or to use \$3,200.00 from Thrivent and \$2,800 from the Endowment. The suggestion from the council was to use Thrivent to pay for 80% of the bid and the rest from the Endowment.

### WORSHIP

- Easter Holy Week saw great attendance.
- Had first communion with 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade. Around 50 attended that.
- Good Friday had great participation from the readers.

- We got a letter from the Synod on recommendations for COVID. A recommendation to make mask wearing optional was proposed and to open the pews so that all may be used. Taking the numbers of COVID cases in the county into account, the low numbers would allow the changes to take place. Dick made the motion for the changes to take place and Mike seconded it. The motion passed.
- The last meeting with the WW and confirmation kids will be on May 5<sup>th</sup>.

#### STEWARDSHIP

- The committee is reforming, as membership has changed a bit.
- The Ramsey classes was proposed to be changed to occur in the fall. There is still the availability for \$100.00 of the fee to be paid for, for each couple participating.

#### EDUCATION

- Will be finishing up on May 5<sup>th</sup>.
- Grandparents Camp will be attended by a family.

#### Deacons:

- Working on the gift basket for frontline workers.
- Will be meeting on Thursday to complete this.

#### Pastor's Report:

- Focus was Holy Week and had a lot of activities which included Easter, Lent and bible studies.
- Was invited to record a Webinar.
- The In-Person week for her doctoral program will take place from May 10<sup>th</sup> to the 16<sup>th</sup>. Will be at the meeting and gone for that week. Jeff will be filling in.

#### Unfinished Business

- There was no unfinished business.

#### New Business:

- Neoma Harris and Joe Wall will be going to Synod assembly (virtual this year) and will need to register online.
- April Noisy offering is going to the Scholarship Fund.
- One TLC will be recognized during the May 2<sup>nd</sup> service.
- The May Noisy offering was motioned to be sent to Missouri Valley Women's Crisis Center by Terrold and was seconded by Dick. It carried.
- Pastor Lisa has accepted a new position as the coordinator for ELCA Disability Ministries and will be resigning from her position as the pastor at Trinity, with her last day in the church office being May 28<sup>th</sup>, with taking remaining vacation time for 2021 through June 15<sup>th</sup> to pack and move. She submitted her resignation to the council and a motion was made by Dick to accept it with Mike seconding it. The motion regretfully passed.

## Monthly Devotion and Offering Teller schedule

<u>Month</u>	<u>Devotions</u>	<u>Offering Tellers</u>
March	Sharmel	Sharmel
April	Mark	Mark
May	Kathi	Kathi
June	Dick	TBD
July	Terrold	Terrold
August	TBD	TBD
September	Kathi	Kathi
October	Sharmel	Sharmel
November	Mark	Mark
December	Terrold	Terrold
January	TBD	TBD
February	TBD	TBD

### **Next Meeting:**

- Monday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 at 7:30 PM will be the next meeting.

### **Adjournment:**

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

# Trinity Lutheran Church Deacons Meeting

April 15, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.

Present: Dotty Hieb, Dianne Graves, Alice Bunker, Courtney Haugen, Erica Sundall, Julie Menzie and Pastor Lisa.

The meeting was opened by President Dotty Hieb.

Devotions were given by Alice Bunker.

The minutes from the last meeting were read and approved with a small change by Alice Bunker with a second by Alice Bunker.

The Treasurer's report was given by Courtney Haugen – a balance of \$3,013.69 in the Scholarship Fund.

## Old Business:

Graduate Recognition will be held on the first Sunday in May, May 2. We have one high school graduate. Alice Bunker will pick up a card and boutonniere.

The Deacons will hold their next meeting on May 4 when members will assist in readying the treats for the Essential Worker Project. Refreshments will be served. The treats will be distributed on May 5.

Those groups receiving pizza will be done on separated dates.

Pastor Lisa discussed her letter to the congregation stating her resignation and new plans for her future. All Deacons present wished her well in her future endeavors. She will be gone from the office from the 10<sup>th</sup> to the 16<sup>th</sup> for continuing education. Her last day in the office will be May 28.

The Prayer List was updated. Upcoming events were briefly discussed.

The next meeting will be May 4.

The meeting ended with the Lord's Prayer

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the air. I will begin my position with the ELCA on June 1<sup>st</sup>, with my last Sunday with you being May 23<sup>rd</sup>. I may be in the community for a bit as I look for a part time or interim parish call, but the relationships will need to be different. I both want and need to give you space to start fresh, and to begin moving ahead. I will always care for this congregation, but with a different heart and mindset. No longer pastor here, but always a friend in Christ. I will let folks know where I will be headed in time, but I will be unable to visit pastorally after May 28<sup>th</sup>.

My hope for the coming weeks is that we can get together safely in person or virtually for last pastoral visits and times of fellowship. I have

to be gone one of these weeks for class, but I will absolutely be open and available for times of care, prayer, and maybe a bit of coffee or lunch otherwise. My hope is to end this season of ministry well, as one of my former seminary professor put it, so that you may start well with a new pastor in time and so that I may see what God is up to amongst whoever I am called to serve and start well with them.

Thank you, again, for all that you are as the body of Christ here at Trinity. Trusting in the love and grace of God, I hold you in prayer – always.

Peace,

Pastor Lisa

# May

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 9:30 Worship w/Communion <i>Graduate Recognition</i>	3 Council Mtg – 7:30 p.m.	4 Deacons Meeting – 5:30 p.m.	5 5th and 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade WW, Confirmation – 6:00 pm	6	7	8
9 9:30 Worship <i>Mother's Day</i>	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 9:30 Worship	17	18 Men's bible study - 6:30 p.m.	19	20	21	22
23 9:30 Worship w/Communion <i>Pastor's Last Sunday</i>	24	25		27 Women's Bible Study – 10:00 a.m.	28 <i>Pastor's Last Day In the office</i>	29
30 9:30 Worship	31 <b>Memorial Day</b>					