

May 2016

Greetings from your pastor and partner in ministry!!

The rainy month is upon us. I said it in last month's report and I think it bears repeating—let us pray for *moderate* amount of rain this year! I know our farmers can use all they can get to stretch them through the dry summer months. But I suspect even they would agree that a year of moderation would be nice. Last May's rain was enough for a while.

This month is also a month of closures. Both the public and Sunday school years are coming to an end. We will be honoring both our teachers and graduates on the first two Sundays. The Koos household will be among those celebrating with the graduation of our eldest daughter, Tori. She'll start at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis this fall. We are very proud of her high school performance and am confident that she has a bright future ahead. From the sound of it, she's not the only one with good prospects. We will be honoring five other high school seniors in our worship service and hearing about their plans too. Good job, seniors! And thank you, Sunday school teachers, for all your work nurturing the faiths of our young kids throughout the year.

Though the kids are taking a break from their studies, adult learning keeps plugging away through the summer months. We'll be kicking off a new adult study series on transformation and change this month. We will hold these studies on the first Sunday of each month during the learning hour before service. We will be using material from Chip Ingram, the same dynamic evangelist that led us through our study on parenting over the last year. All are invited to participate in the study. We will begin on May 1 and there's enough material to carry us through the next 12 months. I hope to see many of you there!

Our youth aren't the only ones who have to cope with change in this world. Change is all around us, both the young and the old. I am confident Chip will provide useful wisdom. But scripture also provides some useful wisdom as well. We hear Moses speak to the despairing Israelites in the wilderness in Deuteronomy 31:6, "Be strong and bold; have no fear or dread of them, because it is the Lord your God who goes with you; he will not fail you or forsake you." Our Lord God is with us wherever we go in this life. Of this be assured.

Many blessings,

Pastor Koos

Pastor's Report
April 2016

Hey, look at that...rain has finally come upon us! It's been awhile since we've been blessed with a good soaking. Let's pray for moderate rain this year around, eh? Life is returning to somewhat normal after last year's rain/hail incidents. Basements and roofs seem to be slowly getting their necessary repairs completed and the weather has been holding in the temperate range.

Likewise, the ministry around church has been holding relatively steady. Holy Week proved to be especially challenging this year in leading the 4 services along with 2 funerals including one for my own grandmother. Thank you again for allowing me to slip away to be with family and provide words of hope and comfort. I also led 4 other worship services, made 11 visits to members, participated in 4 pastor text studies, led 4 confirmation classes, 1 youth group gathering, and 1 first communion class as well as 2 chapel services at the Wilber Care Center and Good Samaritan Center, and contributed to 5 committee meetings. I prepared 7 fifth graders to receive their first communion on Maundy Thursday. Finally, I led the confirmation kids in an event to help them better understand the struggles of the homeless population. It was called "Box City" and entailed spending a night on the front lawn of the church in boxes and sleeping bags. As usual, the kids were eager to embrace the experience and seemed to appreciate it. It felt good making a good number of visits again. We're struggling to get the Thursday morning Bible studies back up and running after the 6-week hiatus for the Lenten services. Perhaps its structure needs some reworking. Also, we missed our Sunday adult Bible study this month because we needed to plan for new curriculum. The parent study finished back in March. We should be starting in with the new study in May.

All in all, a steady flow of ministry over the last month. I pray it remains this steady as we shift into summer mode over the next month.

Blessings,
Pastor Koos

Treasurer's Report March 31, 2016

Balance as of 2/29/16	\$19,184.82
Income	\$8,231.51
Interest	\$1.24

Pastor's Salary	\$3,420.74
Treasurer's Salary	\$199.75
Secretary Salary	\$353.64
Organist	\$375.00
Custodial Salary	\$510.62
Pension Fund	\$1,357.12
Mileage	\$743.04
Health Insurance	\$210.00
Misc. Water Softener	\$57.00
Water Supplies (Culligan)	\$24.00
Postage & Freight	\$107.78
Office Supplies	\$55.16
Office Equipment	\$150.99
Accountant Fees	\$80.00
Village Utilities Church	\$191.17
Village Utilities Parsonage	\$167.66
Natural Gas Church	\$777.08
Natural Gas Parsonage	\$137.53
Devotional Books	\$150.00
Telephone Church	\$131.05
Telephone Parsonage	\$34.50
Sunday School	\$537.75
Confirmation	\$146.74
Continuing Education Pastor	\$165.00
Church Maintenance	\$79.06
Lawn & Landscape	\$228.57
Repairs to Parsonage	\$130.82
Transfer to Benev. Savings	\$910.00

Total Expenses:	\$11,431.77
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Balance as of 3/31/16	\$15,985.80
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Benevolence (Savings Account)	\$19,622.41
Sinking Fund (Savings Account)	\$421.97
Property Projects (Amount included in General Fund)	\$18,177.80
Continuing Education (Amount included in General Fund)	\$0.00

Bank Balance 4/19/16		\$27,183.26
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Trinity Lutheran Church Minutes

March 16, 2016

I. Call to order

Chairperson Brian Nelson called to order the regular meeting of the Trinity Lutheran Church Council on March 16, 2016. Pastor Koos led the group in devotions. Members in attendance were Pastor Koos, Duane Wollenburg, Brian Nelson, Jane Stokebrand, Randy Wollenburg, Lois Wattjes, Adam Wollenburg, and Joel Kaelin.

II. Reports

- a) Secretary's Report: A copy of the previous minutes was presented. It was moved by Duane and seconded by Lois that the minutes be approved. Motion carried.
- b) Treasurer's Report: A copy of the monthly treasurer's report was presented. It was moved by Joel and seconded by Randy that the report be approved.
- c) Investments Report: A balance of \$33,551.01 was reported as of Feb. 26, 2016. Mr. Steve Hovendick reported on our profile with Edward Jones Investment. He recommended to maintain our investment portfolio which is designed to minimize volatility.
- d) Pastor's Report: See included report.
- e) Memorial Report: Balance of Memorial Fund to date is \$19,269.93.
- f) Suggestion Box: None available.
- g) Committee Reports:
 1. Social Committee had no new report.
 2. Worship Committee reported on a request by that committee to retain some palm branches from Palm Sunday to be made into ashes for next year's Ash Wednesday service. Holy week services will include a 7:00 P.M. service on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday service at 8:00 P.M. Easter sunrise service at 7:30 A.M. followed by an Easter breakfast served by the youth group. Easter communion service will follow at 10:00 A.M. The worship committee requested that church council members assist with stripping the altar following the Maundy Thursday service. Members agreed to perform that task.
 3. Parish Education and Youth Group Ministries reported on the Noah group which will be providing the VBS program this summer. VBS will be held on a Monday through Friday schedule from 8:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. A paid position of site coordinator is needing to be filled. Next, there was discussion regarding advertising in the bulletin and News Letter for members to serve as Youth Group Leaders. Finally, it was discussed that the job description for the elected position of Sunday School Superintendent should be updated.
 4. Property Committee suggested exploring the possibility of having the floors in the church professionally waxed prior to the Fiftieth Anniversary Celebration. Action was tabled until the next meeting.

Old Business

- a) Brian will contact Jordan Isaacson with Brotherhood Insurance to confirm action on the insurance coverage changes approved at the December meeting.
- b) Members have been notified of the option to receive the News Letter as an email if they desire. If members do not designate this choice of delivery, they will continue to receive a paper copy by postal service.

- c) There was discussion regarding the purchase of a fax machine to be used in the church office. There was a motion by Randy and a second by Adam to purchase a fax machine. The motion carried.
- d) The church and piano are currently being used by an individual to provide piano lessons. After investigation of insurance issues it was determined that the lesson provider be required to submit a Facilities Use Agreement form to protect Trinity Lutheran Church from any financial liability.
- e) The basement windows for the parsonage have not yet been completed. After discussion it was decided to rebid the project for two functional windows and one egressed window, as well as, two non-opening windows and one egressed window. In addition, bids for construction of basement walls will be let.

III. New Business

- (a) There was discussion of the need for an internet upgrade. This item is tabled for consideration at next month's meeting.
- (b) Following a discussion of the Youth Summer Camp program, there was a motion by Duane and a second by Adam to contribute \$150 per student for summer camp attendance after the student has contributed the initial registration portion of payment. The motion carried. As of this meeting, one student is interested in Summer Camp.
- (c) Pastor Koos will change the format of the Parent Study Group which is held the first Sunday of the month to an Adult Education group.
- (d) Following discussion there was a motion by Adam and a second by Lois to retain some palms from the Palm Sunday service to be used for next year's Ash Wednesday service. The motion carried.
- (e) Following discussion it was decided to investigate the purchase of a piano for use in the balcony area.
- (f) Brian presented a sample of the Fiftieth Year Anniversary pamphlet which was mailed to former pastors, the bishop, and family members of former pastors.
- (g) It was noted that information was received regarding Pastor Kramer's 50th year since ordination. Information will be posted on the bulletin board.

Adjournment: There was a motion by Adam and a second by Randy to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried. In conclusion of the meeting, Pastor Koos led the group praying the Lord's Prayer.

The next council meeting will be held on April 20th at 8 P.M.

Communion Assistant for March 24th will be Jane Stokebrand and March 27th Brian Nelson

Respectfully submitted,
Secretary, Jane Stokebrand

SERVICE LEADERS FOR MAY

DATE	SCRIPTURE READER	ACOLYTE	GREETERS	COMMUNION SET UP
				COMMUNION ASSISTANT
May 1 st	Arlyn Parde	Carter Holtmeier	Marvin & Lois Zimmerman/ Jack & Kathy Holtmeier	
May 8 th	Lois Wattjes		Marvin & Lois Zimmerman/ Jack & Kathy Holtmeier	
May 15 th	Karen Wollenburg	Jurgen Baker	Marvin & Lois Zimmerman/ Jack & Kathy Holtmeier	
May 22 nd	Derrick Damrow	Morgan Stokebrand	Marvin & Lois Zimmerman/ Jack & Kathy Holtmeier	
May 29 th	Barbara Nelson	Elsie Woerner	Marvin & Lois Zimmerman/ Jack & Kathy Holtmeier	Deb Schwan & Julie Koch

HEAD USHER: Doug Damkroger

USHERS: Jim Essman, Drey Heller, Bob Schwan, Dean Thernes, Kyle Thernes

OUTREACH VISITATION: Service List #4

Current Service Group: Service Group #1 (Leonard & Shirley Saathoff/
Larry & Lois Wattjes)

Look Back and Thank God
 Look Forward and Trust God
 Look Around and Serve God
 Look Within and Invite God



Work day for LWR was Monday April 4th. 5 ladies got a lot accomplished getting ready for the next work day in May. Thanks to all and also those that did work at home.

There is a Bingo box on the table in the Fellowship hall for prizes to be taken to the Wilber Care Center. Your donations would be very much appreciated.



Thanks again so very much for all the cards, letters, visits and etc. sent to Jerry. Your thoughts and prayers are so special to him and also to us, his parents. God's Blessings to all.

Leonard and Shirley

A new adult study is being held during the learning hour on the first Sunday of the month beginning May 1st—Chip Ingram's "Transformed: The Miracle of Life Change."

"Is life change really possible? If we're honest most of us would answer, 'No.' That's because most of us have tried numerous programs that promise big changes, but in reality, deliver very little results. You long for transformation, but don't know where to begin.

"There's good news for you and there is hope! Life change is possible! You were made to grow, to change, and to experience intimacy and adventure.

"In this series, you will learn how life change can happen to you. Join Chip Ingram as he helps you to identify the barriers that have held you back from receiving God's best and then break out of a destructive lifestyle and become the person you've longed to be. This series is designed to help move you from the frustration of failure to the freedom you have in Christ."

A special than you to all Thrivent members that designated their Choice Dollars to Trinity Lutheran Church. This past year we purchased a ladder for janitorial supplies, fleece for the senior blankets, patterns and material for new communion banners, and installation of the handicapped pews. Thanks again for taking your time to contribute to these projects.

We would also like to thank the Shalom Circle for working on the banners and Liz Poessnecker finished this project by quilting and putting them together.

If anyone needs help directing their Choice Dollars an appointment can be made with an Advocate to help with this.

Advocates: Arlyce Albert 239-0127

Shari Pieper 821-2733;

Roberta Aden 683-4535

**We are looking to fill a volunteer position
Kids Music Director
Please talk with Pastor Koos if you have
questions about the position or would
like to volunteer**

REMEMBER ITEMS FOR THE FOOD PANTRY

MAY 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1 Care-a-lot meets at 8:45 am Sunday School meets at 8:45 am Adult Bible Study at 8:45 am Sunday School teacher appreciation breakfast Praise Choir meets at 9 am PRAISE SERVICE AT 10 A.M. WELCA meeting after service New Member class at 4 pm</p>	<p>2 Tie Blankets for LWR at 9 am</p>	<p>3 Pastor Text Study at 10 am</p>	<p>4 Worship Committee meets at 5:30 pm</p>	<p>5 Bible study at 10 am</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8 <i>Happy Mother's Day</i> Honoring our Graduates WORSHIP SERVICE AT 10 A.M. New Member class at 4 pm</p>	<p>9 Hope Circle at 9 am</p>	<p>10 Pastor Text Study at 10 am</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12 Good Samaritan Chapel Service 10:30 am</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15 WORSHIP SERVICE AT 10 A.M. <i>Welcome new members during the service with reception following</i></p>	<p>16 Shalom Circle meets at 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>17 Pastor Text Study at 10 am</p>	<p>18 Wilber Care Center Chapel Service 10 am Church Council meets at 8 p.m.</p>	<p>19 Bible study at 10 am</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22 WORSHIP SERVICE AT 10 A.M. Golf outing at Hidden Acres 1 pm</p>	<p>23 Newsletter articles are due Praise Choir rehearsal at 5:30 pm</p>	<p>24 Pastor Text Study at 10 am</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26 Bible study at 10 am</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29 COMMUNION SERVICE AT 10 A.M.</p>	<p>30 Praise Choir rehearsal at 5:30 pm</p>	<p>31 Pastor Text Study at 10 am</p>				

May 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 James Kerns Alex Tietjen	3 Johanna Scherling	4 Ada Nolte Cooper Smith Craig Wollenburg	5 Drew Garrison Mark Roesler Jill Strouf Teran Koch	6 Jake McCain	7 Curt Schuerman Adam Sobotka
8 Joshua Muehling	9	10 Marvin Schuerman	11	12 Suzanne Hinzman Doug Schwan	13 Cory Rahe	14 Jerry Saathoff
15	16 Penny Holtmeier Leonard Saathoff Jenell Koch	17	18 Tayden Gronemeyer Becky Kaelin Tanner Baker	19	20	21 Wendy Barnts Shelby Parker Joshua Scherling
22	23	24 Chase Barnts Darcy Pohlman	25 Steve Klostermeier Randy Wollenburg	26 Jackie Placek Angie Baker	27	28 Travis Garrison
29 Brad Garrison Nicole Morrissey	30	31 Lindley Stejskal				

OFFICE HOURS

OFFICE HOURS FOR PASTOR KOOS

Tuesday - Friday - 1pm to 5pm
8pm to 12am
Saturday - 1pm to 5pm

Sean Koos, Pastor
Church Office # 683-3225
Parsonage # 683-2425
Cell Phone #402-806-6878
Email: pastorkoos@gmail.com

OFFICE HOURS FOR SECRETARY

Barb Nelson, Secretary
Monday & Wednesday - 5pm to 6:30pm
Church email: tlcdewitt209@gmail.com



Church Council will meet on Wednesday,
May 18th at 8pm



OUTREACH VISITATION

All members of the Congregation will be asked to remember the home bound and those in need of visitation during your month assigned. Service List Leaders and Circle Chairperson are responsible for contacting facilities to set up visitation dates and/or times for playing bingo or other planned activities.

May -- Service List #4

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, July 10, 2016, marks the date that our church was dedicated 50 years ago.

On Sunday, July 10th, we will have a 50th celebration and would like members, family and friends of all generations to come and participate and celebrate. There will be a pot luck dinner following the service—pork loin will be provided so just bring a complimentary dish. Service Groups 7 & 8 are in charge of the kitchen and serving.

We are looking for pictures, old and new, of the building and church activities. Please turn them into the church office in an envelope with your name on it so that we may get pictures back to their rightful owners. Pictures should be turned in by May 22nd.

Questions? Contact a member of the 50th Celebration committee, which are Pastor Koos, Brian and Barb Nelson, Liz Poessnecker, Harold and Kathy Stokebrand.

WORSHIP & ATTENDANCE

3/27/16	45	Sunrise service
3/27/16	193	
4/3/16	88	
4/10/16	84	
4/17/16	79	
4/24/16	269	

APRIL OFFERING

Date	General	Benev.	Property
3/24/16	593.00	.00	.00
3/27/16	484.75	.00	.00
3/27/16	1509.51	25.00	.00
4/3/16	1886.00	125.00	.00
4/10/16	2335.00	25.00	.00
4/17/16	1276.75	25.00	.00
4/24/16	2974.00	10.00	.00

Hope

Hope circle

April 11, 2016

Hope circle met at church on April 11, 2016, with 7 members present. Sharon was hostess. Shirley opened the meeting with a note written by mother Teresa about giving love to others. Jean gave a Treasurer Report. Shirley reported on the last WELCA meeting. She stated they are considering having rolls and coffee on the morning of the bake sale for the 4th of July activities. There was also some discussion about the 50th anniversary of our church. Shirley said that 5 women worked last Monday putting together material for tops, etc. for quilts, so we may be able to tie quilts in May. Shirley stated she worked on lap robes during the winter. The quilt auction to Carol Joy Holling will be held July 30th this year. Also, there were around 200 lbs. of food taken to the food pantries. Spring Gathering will be held at Fairbury's American Lutheran Church on April 23rd. Our circle is assigned for outreach in April, and Shirley reminded us to try to call, send cards or visit our homebound and nursing home members. Shirley wanted to thank everyone who remembered Jerry Saathoff with cards, etc. These were greatly appreciated! In June we will play bingo at the Wilber Care Center. There is a box in the kitchen for Treats for that. Sharon had a question as to whether we can still donate used greeting cards. Shirley stated there is a box in the cloak room to put these cards in. Shirley led the Bible study entitled "Keep On Keeping On," based on Phillipians 4:4-23. We closed with the Lord's Prayer. Our next meeting will be held at Mary Garrison's home on May 9th. Mary will be hostess and will lead the Bible study.

Jean Placek

Sec./Treas.

Shalom

Shalom Circle met on April 18 with 8 members present. We assembled Layette Kits and also cleaned the Children's worship bags.

There was only a report from Mission Action. We will serve "Warren's Table" on August 23rd this year.

Karen gave the WELCA reports to the circle and Liz reported on the banners that were made and also gave an idea for a Funeral Banner for the future meeting.'

Shirlie gave the HYMN STUDY on "Borning Cry" by John Ylvisaker and also "Precious Lord Take My Hand" "Borning Cry" was sung by the circle members. Shirlie also served as hostess.

Prayer concerns were given

Our next meeting will be May 16 with Karen leading the HYMN STUDY and Jan Dunn serving as our hostess.

Sec/Trea.

Shirlie Wollenburg.

Shalom Circle has assembled 95 layette kits for LWR. We could possibly assemble around 25 more with leftover items, but we did run out of baby blankets/receiving blankets and sleepers, to complete them. In the next few months if you are out to garage sales or cleaning out closets, please consider these items to donate. A tub will be in the coat room to collect them. Thanks.

**Portals of Prayer
Devotional Books are
located at the back of the
church. Please help
yourself to a copy.**

May God give strength and guidance to our newly confirmed students

Alyssa Brown
Turner Faxon
Drew Garrison
Drey Heller
Hannah Holtmeier
Madison Kirchoff
Zachary Kuhn
Jordan Muehling
Dominic Smith
Maddox Smith
Krayten Uher
Kynlee Uher



2016 Golf Outing

Sunday, May 22 @ 1:00 p.m.

Hidden Acres Golf Course

Beatrice, NE

\$40/person which includes cart and 9 holes

(\$20 will go towards Backpack Program at TriCounty Schools)

Keep in your Prayers

SERVICEMEN

SSG – Brock Johnson
4305 N. 60th
Lincoln, NE 68507

Darin Bartlett, Mary Garrison Son.
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Bartlett_Riley@yahoo.com

Matt and Meighen Friesen
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Additional Prayer requests for

Please continue to keep these
members in your prayers:

Analee Schuerman
Priscilla Rene

Jerry Saathoff
Gold Crest Care Center
200 Levi Lane
Adams, NE 68301

Ada Nolte
Haven Manor
730 Larkspur Dr. Apt.#16
Hickman, NE 68372

Anna Wollenburg
Wilber Care Center
611 N. Main
Wilber, NE 68465

Elaine Erdmann
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Beatrice, NE 68310

George Scherling
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DeWitt, NE 68341

Eileen Damkroger
RR2 Box 43
DeWitt, NE 68341

Janice Buhr
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Beatrice, NE 68310

Our Tried and True Treasure
for April through June is
Anna Wollenburg.