

Greetings from your pastor and partner in ministry!!

There's a slight chill in the air and the leaves are starting to turn...it must be that time of the year again. Fall time!! Perhaps more important, it's harvest time. I've seen the combines starting up in the fields and getting a head-start. I have a brother-in-law who works processing taxes for people between Jan. 31-Apr. 15. It took a couple years for my sister to acclimate to her husband's schedule; 16-18 hour days, 7 days a week, aren't all that uncommon for my brother-in-law to work during this 2.5 month time of year. I hear this is similar for our farming families during the harvest time. Let us keep the hardship of these families particularly in prayer this month.

While the farmers are hard at work in the fields, we'll be hard at work in the church. We'll be kicking off our blended service on the first Sunday which will be led by our new Praise Choir. Also, we will be introducing the congregation to the liturgy of setting 5 in the ELW throughout the month. We will return to the more familiar setting 3 but want to explore the possibility of a different setting. We won't introduce the new setting until the second Sunday because the new blended service will be enough change for the first Sunday. Don't know what a blended service is? It is a service consisting of a mix between traditional and contemporary. In our case, we will be using the traditional setting 3 liturgy but sing more contemporary music than typically found in the hymnal. Some churches will modernize the liturgy but incorporate traditional hymns instead. Please welcome the two changes to our worship service this month.

We should have our church's new website up and running by the time you're reading this. As I've mentioned before, I will be using this platform to share various aspects of our congregational life. You'll be able to access an archive of my sermons and the monthly newsletters, check out a monthly calendar of events, see pictures from events, etc. It's another great way to stay connected to our congregation and I hope you'll take the time to use this resource.

We are blessed to celebrate two major events in the lives of our parishioners this month. First, we will welcome Peyton Ryan Mason to the Christian life with his baptism on Oct. 11. The following morning we will welcome Burke William Hardy to the Christian life with his baptism during service. We will also witness the marriage vows exchanged between Mike Pospisil and Sadye Wollenburg on Oct. 25. All these events will change the lives of the participants. Please keep the Masons, Hardys, Pospisils, and Wollenburgs in your prayers as well as the farming families.

Finally, I ask you to please keep my family and me in your prayers as we try to get a week's vacation in between Oct. 16-Oct. 23. I will prepare another "hymn festival" service for Sun., 10/19. It sounds like the service I prepared for Aug. 24 was well-received by you all so we'll give it another shot. If there are any volunteers willing to serve as readers for this service, please let me know. Thank you for letting us get a little rest and relaxation!

Many blessings,

Pastor Koos

Trinity Lutheran Church September 17th 2014

Present: Pastor Koos, Tim Garrison Doug Damkroger, Chuck Holtmeier, Larry Pieper, Brad Garrison, Jessi Damrow, Jenn Uher. The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Tim Garrison. Pastor lead in devotions.

Reports:

Secretary: Minutes were approved

Treasurer: \$23,036.87 as of 9/17/14, approved

Investments: \$36,339.47 as of 8/29/14

Suggestions Box: none

Social: Tim reported that the tail gate at Tri County went well.

Pastor: Has met with all 7 of the Church committees by September 1st. Has made 6 visits to shut-ins, participated in 3 pastors' text studies, led in 1 service at the Wilber Care Center. Has started up the Youth group who will meet during the education hour before Sunday service on the first 2 Sunday's of each month. Has started the Bible study on Thursday mornings. Pastor will be gone the weekend of October 19th, there will be a Hymn service that Sunday.

Pastor also brought up the dates of some synod youth events in Kearney and Grand Island. He will see what kind of interest there is from the Youth Group and Confirmands.

Old Business:

Summer Cleanup: September 27th at 9:00 a.m. there will be a clean up at the parsonage, getting some plants cleaned up and small projects done.

Emails: The emails that Pastor Koos is doing seems to be a great way for communication with members.

Sound System: We did have to get a new microphone, but should be working now.

WebSite: Should be up and working by the end of the month.

Video System: Tim and Pastor Koos are looking into prices on a Video system for the front of the Church. After talking with Midwest Sound, this is going to be a very pricey project, they will continue looking at different options.

New Business:

Chalkboards: Tim asked if Sunday School still used them? There are some classes who do use them, they seem to be making a mess, Jessi will talk to the Sunday School about replacing them with dry erase boards.

Roof Warranty: Will be 10 years from June 14th,, 2014.

Motion by Chuck, 2nd by Larry to Adjourn the meeting, motion carried.
The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

The next meeting will be October 15th, 2014 at 8:00 p.m.
Communion Assistant for September 28th is Larry Pieper.
Jessi Damrow
Secretary

Treasurer's Report September 17, 2014

Balance as of 8/20/14		\$26,621.87
Income		\$7,063.82
Interest		\$2.29
Pastor's Salary	\$2,778.66	
Secretary Wages	\$404.03	
Organist	\$375.00	
Custodial Salary	\$495.76	
Treasurer's Salary	\$193.94	
Mileage	\$273.28	
Health Insurance	\$420.00	
Misc. Water Softener	\$25.00	
Postage & Freight	\$107.88	
Office Supplies	\$297.93	
Office Equipment	\$433.75	
Village Utilities Church	\$455.03	
Village Utilities Parsonage	\$327.88	
Natural Gas Church	\$25.14	
Natural Gas Parsonage	\$34.04	
Miscellaneous	\$340.00	
NE Synod Assembly	\$160.00	
Copyright License	\$196.00	
Telephone Church	\$117.16	
Telephone Parsonage	\$34.50	
Sunday School	\$857.38	
Confirmation	\$213.91	
Continuing Education Pastor	\$120.00	
Worship	\$135.00	
Church Maintenance	\$676.29	
Lawn & Landscape	\$120.00	
Repairs to Parsonage	\$123.55	
Transfer to Benev. Savings	\$910.00	
Total Expenses:		\$10,651.11
Balance as of 9/17/14		\$23,036.87
Benevolence (Savings Account)		\$9,063.21
Sinking Fund (Savings Account)		\$6,501.35
Property Projects (Amount included in General Fund)		\$12,044.05
Continuing Education (Amount included in General Fund)		\$898.33

SERVICE LEADERS FOR OCTOBER

DATE	SCRIPTURE READER	ACOLYTE	GREETERS	COMMUNION SET UP COMMUNION ASSISTANT
October 5 th	Elaine Erdmann	Kynlee Uher	Leonard & Shirley Saathoff/ Richard & Alice Wollenburg	
October 12 th	Barbara Nelson	Madison Kirchoff	Leonard & Shirley Saathoff/ Richard & Alice Wollenburg	
October 19 th	Jane Stokebrand	Hannah Holtmeier	Leonard & Shirley Saathoff/ Richard & Alice Wollenburg	
October 26 th	Tim Garrison	Dominic Smith	Leonard & Shirley Saathoff/ Richard & Alice Wollenburg	Cara Heller & Shari Pieper Chris Woerner

HEAD USHER: Arlyn Parde

USHERS: Celena Chavez, Brian Nelson, Lisa Nelson, Jeremy Placek, Shae Wattjes

OUTREACH VISITATION: Service List #3

If your gift is to encourage others, be encouraging. If it is giving, give generously. If God has given you leadership ability, take the responsibility seriously. And if you have a gift for showing kindness to others, do it gladly.

Romans 12:8 NLT

OCTOBER 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>No Youth Group on 9/12/14 Pastor Koos will be doing worship service at the Episcopal Church at 9 am.</p>			<p>1 Confirmation meets at 6:30 pm</p>	<p>2 Bible Study with Pastor Koos at 10am</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 "Poured Out for the World" conference</p>
<p>5 Sunday School meets 8:45 am Adult choir meets at 8:45 am Youth Group meets at 8:45 am WORSHIP SERVICE AT 10 AM WELCA Board following service</p>	<p>6 Tie Blankets for LWR 9 am to Noon.</p>	<p>7 <i>Area Pastor's</i> <i>Bible Study</i> Worship Com- mittee meets at 6:30 pm</p>	<p>8 Confirmation meets at 6:30 pm (service project #1 environ- mental)</p>	<p>9 Chapel Service at Good Samari- tan Beatrice at 10am</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11 Baptism at 4 pm</p>
<p>12 Sunday School meets 8:45 am Adult choir meets at 8:45 am WORSHIP SERVICE AT 10 AM Baptism during service <i>DeWitt Fireman's Soup Dinner 11</i> <i>am Community Center</i></p>	<p>13 Hope Circle meets at 9 am at Shirley's House</p>	<p>14 <i>Area Pastor's</i> <i>Bible Study</i></p>	<p>15 Worship Service at Wilber Care Cen- ter 10 am Confirmation meets at 6:30 pm Church Council meets at 8 pm</p>	<p>16 Pastor Koos gone</p>	<p>17 Pastor Koos gone</p>	<p>18 Pastor Koos gone</p>
<p>19 Sunday School meets 8:45 am Adult choir meets at 8:45 am WORSHIP SERVICE AT 10 AM Praise Choir meets following service (Hymn Festival, Pastor Koos gone)</p>	<p>20 Shalom Circle meets at 7 pm Newsletter articles are due Pastor Koos gone</p>	<p>21 <i>Area Pastor's</i> <i>Bible Study</i> Pastor Koos gone</p>	<p>22 Confirmation meets at 6:30 pm</p>	<p>23 Bible Study with Pastor Koos at 10am</p>	<p>24 Pospisil Wed- ding rehearsal at 5 pm</p>	<p>25 Pospisil Wed- ding 4 pm</p>
<p>26 Wear Red—Reformation Sunday School meets 8:45 am Adult choir meets at 8:45 am Community Worship Service with Soap Creek Potluck following the service</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28 Area Pastor's Bible Study</p>	<p>29 Confirmation meets at 6:30 pm</p>	<p>30 Bible Study with Pastor Koos at 10am</p>	<p>31 Happy Halloween</p>	

OFFICE HOURS

OFFICE HOURS FOR PASTOR KOOS

Tuesday - 1pm to 5pm
Wednesday & Thursday - 8:30am to 5pm
Friday & Saturday - 8:30am to Noon

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, October 15th 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.

October -- Service List #3

The church email has changed. It is now tlcdewitt209@gmail.com.

We will be having a Community Worship service on Reformation Sunday, October 26th, with St. Paul's Lutheran Church (Soap Creek). The church service will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church. There will be more details to follow. We encourage everyone to wear red on Reformation Sunday. The offering for this Sunday will be going to the Sam Kirchoff family.

Come check out the Praise Choir. We will be meeting following the service on the third and fourth Sundays of each month. The praise choir will help lead the congregation at the blended service which will be on the first Sunday of each month. Bring your voices!

WORSHIP & ATTENDANCE

8/31/14	105
9/7/14	166
9/14/14	99
9/21/14	110

AUGUST OFFERING

Date	General	Benev.	Property
8/31/14	2066.00		22.00
9/7/14	3109.00	100.00	27.00
9/14/14	2436.00		17.00
9/21/14	3401.52	100.00	22.00

October 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
			8	Amy Bowman	Colleen Mentel	Chris Woerner
5	6	7	14	15	16	17
Mike Bergmeier	Shirlie Wollenburg			Dale Friesen Eugene Wollenburg	Deb Johnson Jayden Thomsen Carson Rahe Eldon Stokebrand	
12	13	14	15	22	23	24
				Pam Garrison		Jackson Kirchoff Tricia Schuerman McKenzie Smith
19	20	21	22	29	30	31
		Anna Wollenburg		Bryson Beerenstrauch Rylan Beerenstrauch Bryce Wollenburg Alexis Johnson	Brevin Damrow Galen Plihal	
26	27	28	29			
Harold Malchow	Janice Buhr Braxton Karl	Paula Pieper Duane Wollenburg				



Hope Circle

September 8, 2014

Hope Circle met Monday, September 8, 2014, at church with 6 members present. Mary Garrison also was present. Annalee was hostess.

Our Bible Study was titled "Transformation and Conversion", based on Acts 7:58-8:3 and 9:1-31. Sharon was our Bible Study Leader.

Shirley stated that from her sale of the denim lap robes she made \$50. This was sent to Carol Jo Holling. She also delivered lap robes to various places and received a thank you note from the Fairbury Heritage Care Center for the ones she had delivered there.

Kathy gave us the address for Jim Ulrich, who will be a special friend for our Circle, and we plan to send him letters and cards in the future.

We will tie blankets next Monday, September 15th, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00.

Shirley reported that a lot of work was done last week assembling and packing kits for Lutheran World Relief. Eight people participated in doing this.

The church is planning to have a special offering on Reformation Sunday, and our Circle will also try to have some blankets ready at that time to give to the family.

Our next meeting will be on October 13th at Shirley Saathoff's home. Kathy will have the lesson and Shirly will be hostess.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

REMEMBER ITEMS FOR THE FOOD PANTRY



DeWitt Fireman Soup Dinner will be held on Sunday, October 12, 2014, at the Dewitt Community Center from 11 am to 1 pm. People of the community are asked to bring desserts. They may be dropped off at the community center in the morning.

Creamed Chicken and Biscuit dinner at the DeWitt United Methodist Church will be held on Sunday, October 19th, 11 am to 12:30 pm. Free will offering will go to missions.

Thank you to those who donated cookies to the bloodmobile. They were greatly appreciated. Our mobile was a good success collected 46 units. Thanks for Trinity's continued support.

Pam Garrison

Need a ride?

At Trinity Lutheran Church, our Outreach Committee provides a means of transportation for all who are in need and desire to come to worship in God's House. Please request it at least twenty-four (24) hours in advance. Our contact information:

Jan Dunn (402-683-4010)

Bev Plihal (402-683-6475)

Kathy Stokebrand (402-683-5625)

Cheryl Tesar (402-683-5385)

To add your name and phone number to the list of drivers, get in touch with a Committee member.

Thanks!

7 workers tied blankets for LWR on Monday, September 15th, 18 blankets were tied. Thank you! Thank you!

Keep in your Prayers

SERVICEMEN

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

Matthew Friesen
1342 ViaDwight
Ramona, CA 92065

Margaret Nickel
Good Samaritan
401 S. 22nd St
Beatrice, Ne 68310

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

Ada Nolte
109 N Quince
DeWitt, NE 68341

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



Additional Prayer requests for

Please keep the following families in your prayers as they mourn the passing of family members.

Please continue to keep these members in your prayers:

Alan Dunn – through with treatments and wants to thank everyone for their thoughts and prayers.

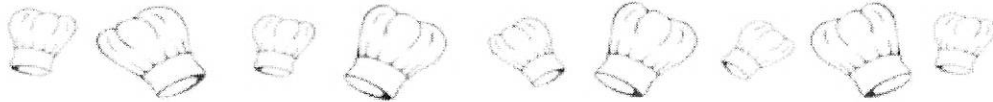
Grant Jaynes (Marvin & Lois Zimmerman's grandson)

Darin Bartlett, Mary Garrison
Son. His address is:
Darin Bartlett
PSC2 Box 10723
APO, AE 09012

His email is:
Bartlett_Riley@yahoo.com



(Community Church Chili Cook-Off)



An **EXPLOSIVE** good time!

September 14, 2014

Dear Community Church Members:

The Clatonia Salem United Methodist Church is sponsoring The Community Church Chili Cook-off which is a call to area churches to gather together *igniting* a celebration of our faith community through fellowship, friendship, and best chili bragging rights. Join us for a *blow-out* of family fun, food and entertainment which will also *fire-up* support for your own congregation projects.

Hopefully you received our Save the Date letter and have already sparked some interest in your congregation! This year's event is taking place on Sunday, November 9, 2014, 5:00 pm, at the Clatonia Community Center. This is a fundraising event that will feature a chili cook-off, a silent auction, live entertainment, and a Kidz Korner.

RULES

- There will be a maximum of 16 teams (1 each from local surrounding churches of all denominations).
- Each team can have a maximum of 4 people.
- Each booth is supplied with 1 table and 4 chairs.
- Each booth will be supplied with sample cups, sample spoons and napkins.
- Each team can have a "theme" to their booth including decorations and costumes. This may assist in winning votes for "People's Choice".
- Each team will have prepared at least one roaster full of their favorite recipe.
- It is encouraged that each recipe be an original of the team's. The recipe should have a name.
- Each team will provide a copy of their recipe on 8 1/2" x 11" paper, with the title of the entry and the name of the cook/team. This should be displayed at the team's booth and next to the team's voting jar so people can see the ingredients in the soup in case they have allergies/sensitivities.
- Each team will take all appropriate precautions in cleanliness and preparation for serving their entry to the public.
- Each team will bring their own means to keep and serve their chili at the proper temperature.
- Wear a hat of some type while serving chili. The more creative the better!
- Bring hot chili at 4:00 – 4:30 pm for set up prior to guests arriving.
- All teams are responsible for cleaning up their area when finished.
- Each team will have a small poster for their booth where they can write the project their proceeds will go to. Feel free to make your own sign if you prefer.
- Teams are encouraged to promote the event to their congregation, asking members to attend and vote for their team. **Each team will retain 50% of the funds placed in their booth's vote bucket.** This means that if by the end of the event, your booth's jar has \$500; your church would retain \$250.

- This year we will have pre-selected 3 community members to participate in the judging which will be a blind tasting:
 - Winner for each of the following categories receives a \$20 prize.
 - Best Beef Chili
 - Best Chicken or Pork Chili
 - Best "Other" Chili
- Overall winner is "People's Choice" where votes are paid in cash placed in jar at each contestant's table.
 - Each team will get to keep 50% of the funds in their jar. The rest goes to Salem UMC for expenses.
 - The People's Choice award will receive a traveling trophy and bragging rights for a year. Last year, St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church won The People's Choice Award.

As mentioned in my previous letter, we are doing the Silent Auction differently this year. How we will do the Silent Auction this year, is that each church is welcome to donate at least 5, no more than 10 items, to the silent auction. Any proceeds you make on your church's items, your church will receive 100% back. So if your 10 items bring in \$500, all of that would go back to your church. We are asking that all items for the Silent Auction items be present at the Clatonia Community Center by 4:00 pm on November 9th in order to get everything set up by 5:00 pm. The Next Generation will be at the Community Center by 2:00 pm that day setting up so items can be dropped off between 2-4pm. Items can also be brought to us early if that makes it easier. For questions regarding the Silent Auction or to set up an earlier time to get us your items, please contact Amy or Earl Latshaw at (402) 683-2083, or email at latshaws@hughes.net.

As you can see, our goal this year is to not only provide an evening of fun and fellowship between local churches, but also financially benefit each church more as well. Last year we had a great turn out but we feel that this year, now that people know more about the event, and with the help of your congregation promoting the event, we can make this an even more successful year, benefiting each church more financially for their fundraising needs.

If your church is interested in participating, please fill out the enclosed Entrance Form and send it back by October 15, 2014. There is no cost to enter. Feel free to fill out the enclosed flier and post it in your church as a way to promote the event to your congregation. If you have any questions, please contact Kili Krauter, Chili Cook-off Chairman, at (402) 821-7321 or email me at jkkrauter@windstream.net.

Thank you,

Kili Krauter
 Chili Cook-off Chairman
 Lila Bottolfsen, Pastor
 Salem United Methodist Church

Forms available on church bulletin board

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- Blood Pressure
- Finger-stick blood draw to measure
- Cholesterol
- Glucose
- Triglycerides

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VASCULAR SCREENING ULTRASOUND TESTS

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- Stroke
 - Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm
 - Peripheral Arterial Disease

COST
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\$140 Members of the community for both screenings

Your Life Line Screening Event:

Where: Tri County Public Schools Gym

When: Wednesday - October 8



To register go to: lifelinescreening.com/ehawellness

For more information, contact screenings@ehawellness.org

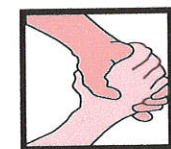
LIFECHAIN 2014

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5th 2:00pm
Hwy 77 North from 6th & Court

LifeChain is an annual one-hour event in over 1,500 cities nationwide. This peaceful, prayerful, non-confrontational gathering is intended simply as a show of solidarity, before God and men, of those willing to stand and be counted in defense of the unborn... the most defenseless of us all. All are invited to join in an inter-denominational hour of prayer on behalf of "the least of these".



We Need **YOU!**



Next Sunday
2:00 pm

