**Pastor’s Report**

**October 2014**

I’m glad to see the farmers back in the fields harvesting these days after several days of heavy rain. I imagine they’ll have to work at double-time to get their crops harvested before the winter frost settles in. It’ll be a scramble to reap the rewards of their year’s labors and I ask you to continue holding them in prayer.

At times, it has felt like the ministry in the last month was a scramble at double-time. Per the usual monthly ministry, I led 3 Bible studies, 4 confirmation classes (including the service project of picking up trash around town), 2 Youth group classes, 4 worship services, 1 service at the Episcopal Church, 1 service at the Wilber Care Center, made 4 visits on shut-in members, and participated in 3 pastor text studies. But that was only the *usual* monthly ministry! Per the *unusual* monthly ministry, I was blessed with opportunities to baptize 2 children, attend an annual meeting of area pastors at the Tri-County school, lead a Parents Bible study, help with the annual fall clean-up around church and parsonage, get the Praise Choir formed and lead 1 worship service, attend the “Poured Out for the World” conference on worship music and word in Lincoln, get the new church website up and running, and start up a new monthly ministry of leading a service at the Good Samaritan Center in Beatrice. Oh, and I participated in an informal gathering of neighborhood pastors and their families! Phew, what a busy month!

With Thanksgiving around the corner, I can’t help lifting up my praise and thanks this year for being blessed with the opportunity to serve our Trinity community. All the ministry, whether a scramble or not, provides such a joy for me and my family. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

Many blessings,

Pastor Koos