

February 2015

Greetings from your pastor and partner in ministry!!

It's hard to believe we're in the heart of winter with the warm temperatures we've had lately. I've *never* lived anywhere with such a mild winter and I'll gladly take it.

We held our annual meeting last month and elected in new officers. They will begin serving their respective duties this month. Please take the time to thank them and offer a word of encouragement. Though their responsibilities aren't terribly burdensome, the offices do expect a degree of time and commitment. Our new leaders have chosen to meet these expectations and our congregation is grateful for them. Don't forget to also thank our leaders who completed their term of service, especially our council president, Tim Garrison. They did an awesome job in both sustaining and enriching our congregation during their leadership. The new council led by Chris Woerner will no doubt be an equal blessing. Thank you all!

Along with the change in our leadership, we are starting a couple new ministries this month. I handed out two schedules at the annual meeting, one for the "shut-in-of-the-month" ministry and one for the "pastor home visitation" ministry. We will be highlighting Jerry Saathoff for the next couple months and I invite each of you to lift up questions you want to ask him. I will give a brief biography and present some ice-breaking questions. Keep an eye out for the display in the lobby. As for my home visits, I gave a schedule of visits that will get me in most of our member homes by the end of October. There have been a handful of changes made to the schedule so I've placed copies of the new edition in the lobby. Please look over the schedule and try to plan a visit with me on one of the nights in your assigned week. The visit can entail whatever you want: dinner, dessert, coffee/tea, snack, movie...you name it! I just want to get out in the community and get to know each of you better in one-on-one conversations. Why wait until sickness or major life changes to get to know each other better?! Please let me know which date works best for you and your family.

As we set out on a new year of shared ministry with new leaders, let us take comfort in the wisdom of Scripture. Recall that Joshua had the unenviable task of leading the Israelites into the promised land of Canaan upon the death of Moses. Joshua didn't know what lay before him but he maintained strong faith in God's protection. In [Joshua 10:25](#), Joshua says to the Israelites, "Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged. Be strong and courageous. This is what the LORD will do to all the enemies you are going to fight." Let us not be afraid or discouraged but strong and courageous in whatever ministry arises in the year ahead!!

Many blessings,

Pastor Koos

Treasurer's Report January 28, 2015

Balance as of 12/31/14	\$30,447.18
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Income	\$10,218.40
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Interest	\$0.00
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Pastor's Salary	\$1,389.33
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Secretary Salary	\$474.74
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Organist	\$675.00
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Custodial Salary	\$495.76
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Payroll Taxes	\$1,605.86
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Mileage	\$514.05
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Misc. Water Softener	\$25.00
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Office Supplies	\$189.93
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Copies from Copy Machine	\$375.06
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Office Equipment	\$150.99
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Village Utilities Church	\$192.43
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Village Utilities Parsonage	\$158.47
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Natural Gas Church	\$934.80
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Natural Gas Parsonage	\$150.98
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Miscellaneous	\$85.00
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Telephone Church	\$250.08
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Telephone Parsonage	\$34.50
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Sunday School	\$368.40
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Confirmation	\$232.57
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Church Maintenance	\$1,052.87
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Repairs to the Parsonage	\$251.10
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Property Insurance	\$2,405.50
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Transfer to Benev. Savings	\$910.00
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Total Expenses:	\$12,922.42
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Balance as of 1/28/15	\$27,743.16
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Benevolence (Savings Account)	\$9,359.72
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Sinking Fund (Savings Account)	\$12,334.45
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Property Projects (Amount included in General Fund)	\$14,201.05
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Continuing Education (Amount included in General Fund)	\$898.33
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FEBRUARY 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Sunday School meets at 8:45 am Care A Lot meets at 8:45 am Parent Group Study at 8:45 am WORSHIP SERVICE AT 10 AM Baptism WELCA Board meets following service	2 Tie Blankets for LWR 9 a.m. to Noon Weather permitting	3	4 Worship Committee meets at 5:30 pm Confirmation at 6:30 pm	5 Good Samaritan Chapel Service 10:30 am	6	7
8 Sunday School meets at 8:45 am Youth Group meets at 8:45 am PRAISE SERVICE AT 10 AM Youth Dodgeball/pizza Freeman Center in Adams 5-7 pm	9 Hope Circle meets at 9 am Weather permitting	10	11 Confirmation at 6:30 pm	12 Bible Study 10 am	13	14
15 Sunday School meets at 8:45 am Episcopal worship service 9 am PRAISE SERVICE AT 10 AM <i>UNL Women's Basketball game 2 pm</i> <i>Open House for Pastor Ken Kramer's 80th birthday 2 to 5 pm</i>	16 Shalom Circle meets at 7 pm	17	18 Chapel Service at Wilber Care Center 10 am Ash Wednesday Service at 7 pm Church Council meets at 8 pm	19 Bible Study 10 am	20	21
22 Sunday School meets at 8:45 am Youth Group meets at 8:45 am COMMUNION WORSHIP SERVICE AT 10 AM <i>Cake following service celebrating Herb Rhem's birthday</i>	23 Newsletter Articles are Due at 5 pm	24	25 Light supper at 5:30 pm followed by Lenten service Confirmation at 6:30 pm	26 Lenten Devotional at 10 am	27	28

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Colton Placek	2 Mitch McDougall	3 Mallory Chavez Joyce Holtmeier	4 Logan Brown Ashley Schuerman	5 Lisa Nelson	6 Beryl Beerenstrauch Lucy Morrissey	7 Elaine Erdmann
8	9 Katie Rahe	10 Dorothy Mahloch	11	12	13 Jessi Damrow Ken Kramer	14 Amelia Friesen
15 Bryon Beerenstrauch	16 Dan Scherling	17	18	19 Miley Garrison	20 Mariah Miller Gerald Rehm	21 Gary Niemeier
22	23 Sarah Roesler	24 Herb Rehm	25 Darin Muehling	26 Lyle Fink	27	28 Hank Damkroger Kevin Thornburg

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,
February 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.

February -- Service List #6

Announcement

Ash Wednesday communion worship service will be held on
Wednesday, February 18th, at 7 pm.

We will be having Lenten devotional services on
Wednesday evenings and Thursday mornings. The
Wednesday service will be preceded by a light supper at
5:30 pm; the Thursday morning service will be held at
10 am and will be followed by coffee and treats. There is a
sign-up sheet in the entry way for serving at these
services.

Recordings of our worship services
have been posted on Youtube and
linked to our website along with the
sermon

WORSHIP & ATTENDANCE

1/4/15	77
1/11/15	134
1/18/15	75
1/25/15	114

JANUARY OFFERING

Date	General	Benev.	Property
1/4/15	4886.00	125.00	7.00
1/11/15	1971.15	25.00	27.00
1/18/15	1525.25	25.00	27.00
1/25/15	1758.00	25.00	17.00

SERVICE LEADERS FOR FEBRUARY

DATE	SCRIPTURE READER	ACOLYTE	GREETERS	COMMUNION SET UP COMMUNION ASSISTANT
February 1 st	Mike Holtmeier	Alyssa Brown	Eugene & Karen Wollenburg/ Alan & Janice Dunn	
February 8 th	Arlyn Parde	Logan Brown	Eugene & Karen Wollenburg/ Alan & Janice Dunn	
February 15 th	Lois Wattjes	Morgan Stokebrand	Eugene & Karen Wollenburg/ Alan & Janice Dunn	
February 18 th Ash Wednesday	Karen Wollenburg	Hannah Holtmeier	Eugene & Karen Wollenburg/ Alan & Janice Dunn	Amy Stokebrand & Jane Stokebrand
February 22 nd	Derrick Damrow	Kynlee Uher	Eugene & Karen Wollenburg/ Alan & Janice Dunn	Jane Stokebrand & Pat Wollenburg

HEAD USHER: Doug Damkroger

USHERS: Jim Essman, Rick Mangus, Shelby Parker, Shane Parker, Chris Woerner

OUTREACH VISITATION: Service List #6

Before the mountains were brought
forth, or ever thou hadst formed the
earth and the world, even from
everlasting to everlasting, thou art
God.

DeWitt Bloodmoblie is coming February 16, 2015 at the DeWitt Community Center from noon to 6 p.m. Watch the bulletin for more details..... Please contact Pam Garrison if you know that you'd like to donate to get your appointment set up early!

Attention Thrivent Policy Holders: If you have not already allocated your Choice Dollars for 2014 to Trinity Lutheran Church, please call their toll free number 1-800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" or log on to "thrivent.com/thriventchoice". You have through March 31, 2015 to do this. These Choice Dollars are like rewards earned on your eligible accounts and if not designated by your choice, they stay at Thrivent Financial to be distributed as they wish.

These Choice Dollars contribute to the Farmers Market, Fleece blankets for seniors, Teresa Wollenburg Park Memorial, youth group, microphone for Pastor and things within our local church.

Thank you to all members for taking the time to do this designation as it helps Trinity Lutheran!

Trinity Lutheran Advocates
Arlyce Albert 402-683-5675
Shari Pieper 402-821-2733
Roberta Aden 402-683-4535

High school youth dodgeball event which will be held in Freeman Center in Adams on February 8th, from 5 to 7 pm.

***REMEMBER ITEMS FOR THE FOOD
PANTRY***

All are welcome to an open house on Sunday, February 15th, celebrating retired Pastor Ken Kramer's 80th birthday. This event is hosted by his family and will be held in the fellowship hall from 2 to 5 pm. No gifts please.

Everyone is invited to have cake and fellowship to celebrate Herb Rehm's 90th birthday following the worship service on Sunday, February 22nd. This event is hosted by his family.

UNL Women's Basketball game at 2 pm on February 15th. There is a sign-up sheet in the church entry way. Adult tickets are \$4 and children \$2. We will meet at church at noon.

CHURCH COUNCIL 2015

CHAIRMAN	CHRIS WOERNER
VICE CHAIRMAN	BRIAN NELSON
SECRETARY	JANE STOKEBRAND
COUNCIL MEMBERS	CHUCK HOLTMEIER
	LARRY PIEPER
	DARIN MAHLOCH
	ADAM WOLLENBURG
	RANDY WOLLENBURG

OTHER ELECTED OFFICIALS

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT

KELLY SMITH

ASSISTANT SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT

NATE MORRISSEY
AMBER KOCH

AUDITING COMMITTEE

CARA HELLER
TINA HOLTMEIER

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

DERRICK DAMROW
PAM GARRISON
ARLYCE ALBERT
MIKE HOLTMEIER

NEBRASKA SYNOD ASSEMBLY DELEGATE

ARLYCE ALBERT
MARVIN SCHUERMAN

Keep in your Prayers

SERVICEMEN

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611 N. Main
Wilber, NE 68465

Evelyn Yost
Heritage Care Center
909 17th Street
Fairbury, NE 68352



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:

Roger Rahe

Elaine Erdmann

Gary Wollenburg

Gerald Rehm

Melvin and Lois Joyce and family. Melvin's mother, Ruth Joyce passed away.