

March 2015

Greetings from your pastor and partner in ministry!!

Do you mean to tell me that the spring season is set to start this month? We were just starting to get some good Minnesotan chill/snow in the last few weeks and now I'm being told the seasons are changing...unbelievable!

Equally special is the new screen and projector getting installed and incorporated into our worship services. If you haven't had a chance to come and worship with us recently, you are invited to come and check out the new addition to our sanctuary. We've received strong positive reviews so far and am confident that the addition will only enhance our worship gatherings. Thank you, donor, for the generous gift to our congregation!

I also want to thank the homes that welcomed me for a visit in the last month. I began my weekly visits and enjoyed getting to know some of you better and sharing a bit about myself. Thank you for graciously giving of yourselves and your time. I look forward to meeting the rest of you in the weeks and months ahead. I've placed updated copies of the schedule on the ledge in the lobby and also posted an updated digital copy to the website. Remember, the four days I have listed for your household are optional days. I want to simply gather at your home for a conversation of an hour or so. We can meet any time on those assigned days. For those of you who are uncomfortable meeting with me in your home, I would be open to meeting with you and your household at the church as well. I simply want to make it convenient for you.

We have set out on our Lenten journey and want to be diligent in our walk with Christ this month. To help center me in my walk, I return to the wisdom of 1 Peter 5:6 which states, "Humble yourselves therefore under God's mighty hand, that he may exalt you in due time." We are to walk humbly during these 40 days of reflection. God's mighty hand is at work in each of our lives, guiding and protecting us along our paths. Cling to the hope that God exalts the humble.

Many blessings,

Pastor Koos

**Pastor's Report**  
**February 2015**

We've kicked off our Lenten season and I was pleased to see so many members at our Ash Wednesday service. It showed we are a community that isn't afraid to go into the reflective season. As we welcome the warmer spring days, we can't help but feel like we're dragging through the last days of winter. But it is these cold days that help us reflect on our lives and God's deep and abiding love for us.

I reflect on the ministry we've shared in the last month and am all the more thankful. I started up the home visits this month so I managed to get 12 visits in to the shut-in, hospitalized, and regular members. I met with the youth group once, the parent study group once, and the Bible study group twice. I participated in 4 pastors' text studies I led 8 worship services including 2 praise services, 1 Episcopal service, 1 Wilber Care Center chapel service, 1 Good Samaritan chapel service, the Ash Wednesday service, and 1 Lenten service. I also led 3 confirmation classes and 1 informal meeting with the Worship & Music committee. I began the 5-week class for preparing our 5<sup>th</sup> graders for their 1<sup>st</sup> communion. I officiated at the funeral for Evelyn Yost. It was a delight catching a UNL women's basketball game with a group of members one Sunday afternoon.

Some of you may have seen the art materials in my office. I do like to make paintings when time allows me. To help get me back into it, I took a 3-hr. class at SCC's Lincoln campus one Saturday morning. What a treat! Creating art provides such a joy for me and I'll be sure to take more classes in the spring term. Thank you for letting me get back into it.

Blessings,  
Pastor Koos

# **Trinity Lutheran Church Minutes**

January 28, 2015

## **I. Call to order**

Chairman Chris Woerner called to order the regular meeting of the Trinity Lutheran Church Council on January 28, 2015. Pastor led devotions. Members in attendance were Pastor Koos, Chris Woerner, Brian Nelson, Darin Mahloch, Larry Pieper, Jane Stokebrand, Adam Wollenburg

## **II. Reports**

- a) Secretary's Report: A copy of the previous minutes were presented. It was moved by Jane and seconded by Brian that the minutes be approved.
- b) Treasurer's Report: A copy of the monthly report indicates a balance of \$27,743.16 as of 1/28/15. A motion was made by Darin and seconded by Larry to approve the treasurers report. Motion carried.
- c) Investment Report: indicates a balance of \$35,809.36 as of 1/28/15
- d) Pastor's Report: Pastor Koos has made 10 member visits, 3 Pastor studies, 3 confirmation classes, led 3 Bible studies, 2 youth group sessions, 2 services at the Good Samaritan Chapel, 1 service at Wilber Care Center Chapel, 2 services at the Episcopal Church, 1 Pastor's Meeting at Tri County School, the Annual Meeting, and sponsored a Middle School Gathering to Grand Island.
- e) Suggestion Box had no comments
- f) Committee Assignments are as follows: Social Chris Woerner; Worship Chris Woerner and Adam Wollenburg; Parish Ed/VBS/ Youth Jane Stokebrand; Stewardship/Finance & Budget Chris Woerner and Jen Uher; Property Brian Nelson & Larry Pieper; Memorial Darin Mahloch.

## **III. Old business**

- a) The Five Year Plan was reviewed with the priority for property being refinishing of the pews and priority from other being increased use of technology including the video system.
- b) There was a request for release of membership by Cheryl Tesar . It was moved by Darin and seconded by Larry Pieper to grant the release. Motion carried.

- c) The Church Constitution must be updated. Pastor Koos is contacting a Mentor Pastor for further advice on this item.

#### **IV. New Business**

- a) Communion Attendants for the coming year were designated. (See Addendum)
- b) A motion was made by Larry and seconded by Brian to purchase an additional over the ear microphone for back up purposes. Motion carried.
- c) There was a discussion regarding a request to pay mileage for organists. Following discussion no action was taken. Organist reimbursement will remain as is.
- d) The motion was made, seconded, and carried that Trinity Lutheran pay the fee of \$270 for Pastor Koos to attend the Festival of Homolytics in May of this year.

#### **V. Adjournment**

There was a motion by Darin and a second by Brian to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried. The next meeting is scheduled for February 25. In conclusion, Pastor led the group in The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary, Jane Stokebrand

# MARCH 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> Sunday School meets at 8:45 am Care A Lot meets at 8:45 am Parent Group Study at 8:45 am <b>PRAISE SERVICE AT 10 AM</b> WELCA Board meets following service 5th grade communion class 4 pm	<b>2</b> Tie Blankets for LWR 9 am to Noon Worship and music committee meets at 5:30 pm	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Light supper at 5:30 pm followed by Lenten service Confirmation at 6:30 pm	<b>5</b> Lenten Service at 10 am	<b>6</b> World Day of Prayer at 10 a.m. at United Methodist Church	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> Sunday School meets at 8:45 am Youth Group meets at 8:45 am <b>Worship Service at 10 am</b> 5th grade communion class 4 pm	<b>9</b> Hope Circle meets at 9 am	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Light supper at 5:30 pm followed by Lenten service Confirmation at 6:30 pm 3rd service project military care packages	<b>12</b> Lenten Service at 10 am Good Samaritan Chapel Service 10:30 am	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> Sunday School meets at 8:45 am Episcopal worship service 9 am <b>Worship Service at 10 am</b> 5th grade communion class 4 pm	<b>16</b> Shalom Circle meets at 7 pm	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Chapel Service at Wilber Care Center 10 am Light supper at 5:30 pm followed by Lenten service Confirmation at 6:30 pm Church Council meets 8 pm	<b>19</b> Lenten Service at 10 am	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> Sunday School at 8:45 am Communion Class at 8:45 am Worship Service at 10 am 5th grade communion class 4 pm	<b>23</b> <b>Newsletter articles are due</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Light supper at 5:30 pm followed by Lenten service Confirmation at 6:30 pm	<b>26</b> Lenten Service at 10 am	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29 Palm Sunday</b> Sunday School meets at 8:45 am Youth Group meets at 8:45 am <b>COMMUNION WORSHIP SERVICE AT 10 AM</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>				

# March 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Eleanor Schwan	2	3 Johanna Koos Sonja Workman	4 Macoy Wollenburg	5 Bonnie Schuerman	6	7
8	9	10 Janice Dunn	11 Peggy Scherling	12 Tracy Karl Ron Hinzman Aimee Wollenburg	13	14 Lana Hager Jeff Hatcliff Axley Strouf Chelsea Tietjen
15	16 Arlyce Albert	17 Kirk Holtmeier	18 Christine Roesler	19	20 Marjorie Badman	21
22 Carson Bagwell Richard Wollenburg	23	24 Fred Koch	25 Tom Koch Krayten Uher	26	27 Steve Bergmeier Janelle Pieper	28 Kenzi Scherling Zach Schuerman Jackie Stejskal
29 Jayne Pieper	30 Roy Scherling	31				

# 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  
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## OFFICE HOURS FOR SECRETARY

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



Church Council will meet on Wednesday,  
March 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.

March -- Service List #7

# Announcement

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.

Fifth grade communion classes will be held  
March 1st, March 8th, March 15th and  
March 22nd at 4 pm.

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

## WORSHIP & ATTENDANCE

2/8/15	136
2/15/15	98
2/18/15	58
2/22/15	115

## JANUARY OFFERING

Date	General	Benev.	Property
2/8/15	2626.26	150.00	27.00
2/15/15	1386.00	35.00	17.00
2/18/15	226.50		
2/22/15	4354.81	25.00	17.00

# ***SERVICE LEADERS FOR MARCH***

<b>DATE</b>	<b>SCRIPTURE READER</b>	<b>ACOLYTE</b>	<b>GREETERS</b>	<b>COMMUNION SET UP</b> <b>COMMUNION ASSISTANT</b>
March 1 <sup>st</sup>	Derrick Damrow	Brevin Damrow	Duane & Pat Wollenburg/ Galen & Bev Plihal	
March 8 <sup>th</sup>	Jane Stokebrand	Krayten Uher	Duane & Pat Wollenburg/ Galen & Bev Plihal	
March 15 <sup>th</sup>	Tim Garrison	Dominic Smith	Duane & Pat Wollenburg/ Galen & Bev Plihal	
March 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Liz Poesnecker	Maddox Smith	Duane & Pat Wollenburg/ Galen & Bev Plihal	
March 29 <sup>th</sup> Palm Sunday	Doug Stokebrand	Drew Garrison	Duane & Pat Wollenburg/ Galen & Bev Plihal	<u>Pat Wollenburg &amp; Cindy Wollenburg</u>

**HEAD USHER:** Chuck Holtmeier

**USHERS:** Sloane Holtmeier, Kirk Holtmeier, Darin Mahloch, Bryce Simpson, Matt Strouf

**OUTREACH VISITATION:** Service List #7

The Lord will be a refuge for his  
people.

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





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](http://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

A soup dinner fund-raiser is being held for the Tri County Legion baseball teams. The event will be held Sunday, March 8th, at the Plymouth Community Center from 11 am to 1 pm. Tri County legion Baseball Organization, Inc. is sponsoring the event. Donations for this project can be sent to Jeff Reynolds, PO Box 274, Plymouth, NE 68424. Donations to TCLBO, Inc. are tax deductible and greatly appreciated.

A Singspiration will be held at Christ Lutheran Church in Pickrell on March 8th at 7 pm. Area choirs and music groups will perform. Freewill offering designated to Nebraks Lutheran Campus Ministry—SCC Beatrice. Supplemental funds from Thrivent Financial are pending.

Shalom Circle met at the church on February 16

Mission Action report was that our Circle will serve Warren's Table in Beatrice on August 25. No other reports.

Karen reported that World Day Of Prayer will be March 6 at 10:00 a.m. at the Methodist Church. The WELCA Constitution will have to be revised. The faucet in the kitchen needs repair work done.

OLD BUSINESS: The VALENTINE BIRTHDAY Gift card was sent to our friend at Mosaic

NEW BUSINESS: Lent will begin with ASH WEDNESDAY service at 7:00 p.m

on February 18 with communion.

Our prayer concerns were given

Shirlie served as hostess and we viewed Chapters 21 thru 23 of the book of Matthew.

Our next meeting will be March 16 with Eunice serving as hostess and leading the Bible Study (Chapters 24-26)

Meeting adjourned.

Secretary/Treasurer

Shirlie Wollenburg.

Kyler Scott Placek was baptized February 8th. Parents are Jeremy and Jackie Placek.

Hope Circle will meet Monday, March 9th at 9 am at church. Bible Study leader is Sharon Rehm and Hostess is Beryl Beerenstrauch.

The July celebration planning meeting will be held at the DeWitt Community Center on March 8th at 4 pm.

World Day of Prayer service will be held at the United Methodist Church on March 6th, at 10 am.

## ***Keep in your Prayers***

### **SERVICEMEN**

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611 N. Main  
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### **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

Otto Wollenburg

Gary Wollenburg

Gerald Rehm

Elaine Erdmann