

April 2015

Greetings from your pastor and partner in ministry!!

We start our month in joyous celebration of our risen Lord. I have a sister who loves hearing the words, "Christ has risen!" every year and boldly responds, "He has risen indeed!" These are wonderful words of hope that we tend to forget throughout the year. The worries of life can easily overwhelm us and we quickly lose sight of the joys of life. This isn't how God wants us to live. We are to live confident and secure that God will provide for all our needs in due time. We are to live free from doubt and worries. After all, Christ has risen! Christ conquered sin and death so that we might live free from worry and anxiety.

The spring season is a time for renewal and growth. Just as Jesus rose from the grave, so too does life return from their winter slumbers. Our farmers will be hard at work in the fields planting new crops. Our children will be wrapping up another school year and eagerly anticipating another summer vacation. Trees and flowers will bloom everywhere. There isn't a better time of the year to cry out, "He is risen indeed!"

Not that it was a fruitless winter slumber for our congregation. We added a large screen and projector to the sanctuary that has only enhanced our worship gatherings. We kicked off a home visitation schedule that will enable me to get out and visit with each of you some time this year. Last month and this month we will be highlighting one of our shut-in members, Ada Nolte, through our "Tried-and-True Treasures" program. Again, I invite all of you to write a note of support or encouragement on her poster in the lobby. Also, I invite you to come out and help with the spring cleanup around the church and parsonage. If anything you can come and check out the new playset that my family and I added to the yard at the parsonage.

Let us rejoice in this time of year when the vigor of life returns. We made it through another winter and another Lenten season. Christ is risen...he is risen indeed!!

Many Blessings!!

Pastor Koos

**Pastor's Report**  
**March 2015**

Do you mean to tell me that spring officially kicks off in a couple days? When did winter come through? The last 3 months have felt like spring weather to me. I've said it before but I can't help but reiterate it—my family and I *gladly* welcome this Nebraska weather. We consider these mild temperatures a true blessing.

Of course, we consider our congregation a truer blessing. The ministry has kept me plenty busy in the last 3 weeks since we gathered as a council. The weekly home visitations have gone into full swing and I'm pleased to have been able to make 11 visits with the hospitalized, shut-in, and regular members. I led 3 Sunday worship services including a praise service, 1 chapel service at Good Samaritan, and 1 chapel service at Wilber Care Center. I participated in and co-  
led 6 Lenten services with our Episcopal and Methodist brothers and sisters in Christ. These services have forced our weekly Thursday morning Bible studies to be placed on hold until after Lent. I was able to make it to 1 pastors' text study. I taught 1 parent study group, 2 fifth grade communion classes, and 3 confirmation classes including one in which we made care packages for our military members. I was especially rejuvenated by the "World Day of Prayer" service held at the neighboring Methodist church.

I want to extend my gratitude for allowing me to take advantage of 2 professional enhancements. The 2-day conference on rural ministry in Dubuque, IA gave me some useful wisdom to incorporate in our shared ministry. Also, the wisdom gained from the training on marriage counseling will be put to good use in the months ahead as I walk with a couple preparing to marry this upcoming fall. I am confident both training sessions will prove invaluable. Thank you!

Many blessings,

Pastor Sean Koos

## Trinity Lutheran Church

February 25, 2015

Present: Pastor Koos, Chris Woerner, Brian Nelson, Chuck Holtmeier, Larry Pieper, Darin Mahloch, Randy Wollenburg, Jenn Uher

The meeting was called to order by chairman, Chris Woerner. Pastor led in devotions.

Duane Wollenburg opened meeting with discussion about screen/projector. He thinks we should get a larger screen and the company is willing to provide a larger screen depending on whether the Crete public schools can use the current screen. He said we can get a hidden aluminum frame for an extra \$500 but the council unanimously voted (6-0) to keep solid, black frame. Duane also said he will remount the projector onto a beam overhanging the balcony because of the vibrations.

### *Reports*

Secretary: minutes were motioned to approve by Chuck, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Larry-approved.

Treasurer: \$25,567.90 as of 02/25/15, approved.

Motion to approve continued use of Schultz & Associates for payroll taxes made by Larry, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Darin-approved.

Investment: \$35,809.36 as of 01/28/15, approved.

Pastor's: see included report. Pastor brought up vacation the week of 06/01-06/08, a Rural Ministry conference (03/01-03/03), Prepare/Enrich training (03/10), Festival of Homiletics (05/11-05/15), and summer camp (07/05-07/10) with 1 participant interested (cost=\$390). Will discuss funding camp.

Suggestion box: none

Social: positive feedback from UNL women's basketball event on 02/15. Will discuss scheduling spring golf tournament at next month's meeting.

Property: had a representative from Ratigan Schottler come to see pews and give an estimate on refinishing. Unfortunately because they are veneer, the rep didn't recommend refinishing them. The rep will work up an estimate for re-upholstering them. He said the cost to shorten pews for handicap accessibility is \$250/pew. Suggested possibly using "Amish Glow" or a similar shine on the pews. Got prices for replacing faucets in kitchen, will present to WELCA to discuss. Also noted a cracked pew on the east side of the center aisle that possibly needs to be replaced.

### *Old Business*

DVD players installation in Sunday school rooms: Want installed by 03/10.

Constitution revisions: no update

Retirement plan: Chris and pastor enrolled in plan with Portico. First bill in March will be high to reflect back payments.

*New Business*

Snow Removal/Cancellation Protocol: We need to establish a "prayer chain" system. The goal is to have it in place by semi-annual meeting.

New Funeral Head Usher: Randy Wollenburg replaced Dan Tesar.

New Tablet: We need to shop around for prices on a new Microsoft Surface Pro for running projector.

Praise Service bulletins: We will continue with printed bulletins for praise service until larger screen is installed.

Spring Clean-up: We're thinking of possible dates in the next couple months.

Funeral Memorials: We need a volunteer willing to monitor this during funerals.

Council Meeting Minutes: We were reminded that minutes need to be approved **prior** to printing newsletter.

Motion by Chuck, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Darin to adjourn meeting. Motion carried.

Communion Assistant for March 29<sup>th</sup> is Brian Nelson. The March meeting be March 18<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pastor Koos

**Treasurer's Report  
March 18, 2015**

Balance as of 2/25/15		\$25,567.90
Income		\$5,077.10
Interest		\$1.12
Pastor's Salary	\$3,727.30	
Secretary Salary	\$351.51	
Organist	\$375.00	
Custodial Salary	\$510.62	
Treasurer's Salary	\$193.94	
Mileage	\$849.85	
Health Insurance	\$210.00	
Misc. Water Softener	\$25.00	
Postage & Freight	\$220.00	
Office Equipment	\$150.99	
Village Utilities Church	\$206.95	
Village Utilities Parsonage	\$150.75	
Natural Gas Church	\$1,054.07	
Natural Gas Parsonage	\$168.96	
Miscellaneous	\$471.94	
Devotional Books	\$59.85	
Telephone Church	\$127.39	
Telephone Parsonage	\$34.50	
Confirmation	\$390.00	
Church Maintenance	\$74.01	
Repairs to Parsonage	\$125.55	
Total Expenses:		\$9,478.18
Balance as of 3/18/15		\$21,167.94
Benevolence (Savings Account)		\$10,654.72
Sinking Fund (Savings Account)		\$12,334.45
Property Projects (Amount included in General Fund)		\$14,323.05
Continuing Education (Amount included in General Fund)		\$613.33

# 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: tlc dewitt209@gmail.com



Church Council will meet on Wednesday,  
April 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.

April -- Shalom Circle

# Announcement

Maundy Thursday Communion Service will be Thursday, April 2nd at 7 pm.

Good Friday Service will be Friday, April 3rd at 8 pm.

Easter Sunrise Service will be Sunday, April 5th, at 7:30 am. Followed by an Easter breakfast of pancakes, scrambled eggs, and sausage.

Easter Communion Worship Service will be at 10 am.

Spring Clean work day for the church will be on Saturday, April 11th, at 9 am.

## WORSHIP & ATTENDANCE

3/1/15	85
3/8/15	81
3/15/15	94
3/22/15	96
3/29/15	123

## MARCH OFFERING

Date	General	Benev.	Property
3/1/15	2174.10	100.00	7.00
3/8/15	1089.00		27.00
3/15/15	1753.00	75.00	27.00
3/22/15	4501.00	25.00	7.00

# APRIL 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Maundy Thursday Communion Worship Service at 7 pm	3 Good Friday Service at 8 pm	4
<b>5 Easter</b> Easter Sunrise Service at 7:30 am Easter Breakfast following service <b>COMMUNION WORSHIP SERVICE AT 10 AM</b>	<b>6</b> Tie Blankets for LWR 9 am to noon Worship and Music Committee meets at 5:30 pm	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Confirmation at 6:30 pm	<b>9</b> Good Samaritan Chapel Service 10:30 am	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Spring clean work day 9 am
<b>12</b> Sunday School at 8:45 am <b>WORSHIP SERVICE AT 10 AM</b> WELCA Board meets following service	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Hope Circle meets at 9 am	<b>15</b> Chapel Service at Wilber Care Center 10 am Confirmation at 6:30 pm Church Council at 8 pm	<b>16</b> Bible Study at 10 am	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> Sunday School at 8:45 am <b>WORSHIP SERVICE AT 10 AM</b>	<b>20</b> <b>Newsletter articles are due</b> Shalom Circle at 7 pm	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Confirmation at 6:30 pm	<b>23</b> Bible Study at 10 am	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> Sunday School at 8:45 am Youth Group host a going away party for McCains 8:45 to 9:45 am <b>COMMUNION WORSHIP SERVICE AT 10 AM</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Confirmation at 6:30 pm	<b>30</b> Bible Study at 10 am		

# April 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 John Chavez Cordell Koch	3	4
5	6 Karen Wollenburg	7 Tim Garrison Kathy Rahe	8 Don Schmidt	9 Tera Stokebrand	10 Jim Essman	11
12 Hannah Holtmeier	13 Kyle Thernes	14 Larry Beerenstrauch Jack Holtmeier Lois Wattjes	15	16	17	18 Beverly Banks Jeremy Placek
19	20	21 Pastor Sean Koos	22	23 Jodi Hicks Shane Parker	24 Kimber Engel	25 Scott Friesen Stacey Paxton Jenn Uher
26	27 Aiden Kaelin Macie Kaelin Marvin Zimmerman	28	29 Larry Pieper	30 Kim McCain		



# Hope

Hope Circle met Tuesday morning, March 10, 2015, at church with 5 members present.

Arlene Scherling also was present. Beryl was hostess.

Annalee opened the meeting.

Several of our members attended the World Day of Prayer last Friday at the Methodist Church.

Jean read a note from the Community Pantry & Emergency Services in Beatrice thanking our circle for the contribution of \$53 in December.

We decided to start meeting regularly on Tuesdays instead of Mondays since Sharon is unable to come on Mondays.

There was no other business to take care of.

Annalee led the Bible Study titled "Suffering and Endurance," based on passages from Job and Romans.

Our next meeting will be on April 14th. Shirley will be our Bible Study leader and Sharon will be hostess.

Jean Placek, Sec./Treas.

*Thank you to all the people listed below who donated an Easter Lily to adorn our church this*



*Easter Sunday.*

*Brian & Barb Nelson*

*Erwin & Beryl Beerentrauch*

*Tim & Pam Garrison*

*Duane & Pat Wollenburg*

*Gerald & Sharon Rehm*

*Beverly Banks*

*Arlene Scherling*

*Troy & Kim McCain*

*Steve & Donna Garrison*

*Wanda Jahnke*

*Roland & Jean Placek*

*Roger & Karen Rahe*

*Larry & Lois Wattjes*

*Pastor Sean & Jo Koos*

*Harold & Kathy Stokebrand*

*WELCA*

# Shalom

Shalom Circle met on March 16.

Members signed Easter Cards for the Shut-ins and Military for our visitation month. Thrivent funds are available.

## NO COMMITTEE REPORTS

Some WELCA notes were given to our circle.

One Prayer Shawl was given this month.

Eunice was our hostess and Bible Study Leader on Chapters 24-26 of the book of Matthew. Connie will be our Bible Study Leader an hostess at our next meeting which will be April 20. Out Bible Study will finish the Chapters 27 and 28 of the Book of Matthew.

Sec/Treas. Pro-Tem

Connie Scherling

*We celebrate the baptisms of the Baker children, Jurgen, Hanin, and Evelyn who were baptized on March 28th. Please offer a word of congratulations to them.*

*Thank you to everyone who brought, made, and served meals and treats at the Lenten Services.*

*On behalf of Trinity Lutheran Church, my family and I want to thank to whomever purchase the video system for the church. It has been a great beneficial for us so thank you again, and God's blessings. Roy & Peggy Scherling*

There are many books from the church library that were never returned. Please check at home and see if you have one. Please check for DVD's also.

Youth Group will be hosting a going-away party for McCains on Sunday, April 26th, 8:45 am to 9:45 am.



## Electronic Recycling/Data Shredding Event!

The Beatrice Holy Cross Confirmation Class will be hosting an Electronics Recycling Event Saturday, April 11th from 10am to 1pm.

This is a great opportunity to get rid of all those old electronic devices (computers, printers, cell phones, etc) taking up space! Dropping off items is FREE (Free Will Donations Accepted and 100% to Confirmation Camp) and open to the public if you do not need any items shredded. **NO MONITORS OR TELEVISIONS**

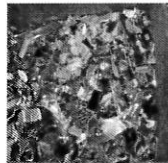
**Saturday,  
April 11th  
10am to 1pm**

Location:

Holy Cross Lutheran Church  
1918 Garfield  
Beatrice, NE 68310


If you have sensitive data on your devices, a mobile shredding trailer will be onsite to shred all devices at a discounted rate of \$10 per item that day with half donated back to Confirmation Class!

Questions about the event or the shredding service can be directed to Data Destruction, LLC @ [www.datadestructionllc.com](http://www.datadestructionllc.com) or Jeremy @ (402)297.9578



*Members of our 5th grade communion class with their families will celebrate the class member's first communion on Maundy Thursday, April 2nd at 7 pm*

*Kanin Baker  
Logan Brown  
Mallory Chavez  
Brevin Damrow  
Morgan Stokebrand*



Lincoln Lutheran Choir will be performing:

*"All Breathing Life, Sing and Praise the Lord"*

Dr. Janene Sheldon | Conductor  
David Schack | Organists  
C. Richard Morris

<i>Sunday, Apr. 19, 2015 @ 3 pm</i>	<i>Sunday, Apr. 26, 2015 @ 3 pm</i>
St. Matthew Lutheran Church 300 S. 2nd St Cedar Bluffs, NE	Grace Lutheran Church 2225 Washington St Lincoln, NE

A free-will offering will be taken.  
[www.LincolnLutheranChoir.org](http://www.LincolnLutheranChoir.org)  
Supplemental funding provided by  
Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, Lancaster County Chapter

Parish Ed would like to introduce a new addition to our classrooms. Thank you to a generous donation to our program from a memorial, there are TV's with built in DVD players hanging on the classroom walls. Nope, we won't be adding cable so we can watch Sponge Bob on Sundays but we can watch fun and educational church related programs. Thanks to Nate M. for his help getting the TV's prepped and to Brian and Barb N. for hanging them in the classrooms. Any questions about using the TV's please contact Darcy Baker.

# SERVICE LEADERS FOR APRIL

DATE	SCRIPTURE READER	ACOLYTE	GREETERS	COMMUNION SET UP
				COMMUNION ASSISTANT
April 2 <sup>nd</sup> Maundy Thursday	Bev Plihal	Drey Heller	Dan & Connie Scherling/ Arlene Scherling	Cindy Wollenburg & Jessi Damrow
April 3 <sup>rd</sup> Good Friday	Mike Holtmeier	Zach Kuhn	Dan & Connie Scherling / Arlene Scherling	
April 17 <sup>th</sup> Easter	Arlyn Parde	Alyssa Brown	Dan & Connie Scherling / Arlene Scherling	Jessi Damrow & Karen (Mike) Rahe
April 12 <sup>th</sup>	Liz Poessnecker	Mallory Chavez	Dan & Connie Scherling / Arlene Scherling	
April 19 <sup>th</sup>	Karen Wollenburg	Turner Faxon	Dan & Connie Scherling / Arlene Scherling	
April 26 <sup>th</sup>	Derrick Damrow	Maddox Smith	Dan & Connie Scherling / Arlene Scherling	Karen (Mike) Rahe & Sonja Workman

**HEAD USHER:** Troy McCain

**USHERS:** Cody McCain, Trevor Kropp, Kyle Wollenburg, Kyle Thernes, Sam Kirchoff

**OUTREACH VISITATION:** Shalom Circle

The Lord is with  
me!

## *Keep in your Prayers*

### SERVICEMEN

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Beatrice, Ne 68310

Jerry Saathoff  
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Adams, NE 68301

Ada Nolte  
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DeWitt, NE 68341

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

Elaine Erdmann  
2211 Sunset Dr. Apt. #112  
Beatrice, NE 68310



### **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

Kristi Rahe

Gerald Rehm

Dean Thernes

Kelly Smith

Helen Burger

Mary Garrison

Kenny Hager