

Pastor's Report
April 2015

So this is what a Nebraskan spring is like, eh? My family and I received colds during Holy Week and my chest congestion and cough have yet to let up!! Yikes! All those farmers kicking up everything in the fields is new to my bodily constitution. I pray I'll have acclimated by the end of the season.

Not that a nagging sickness can keep this pastor from meeting all the demands of the ministry here at Trinity! We made it through our first shared Easter celebration and I'm quite pleased with how smoothly it went. We even managed to give 1st communion to five 5th graders on Maundy Thursday following a 5-week class. Including the 4 Easter weekend services, I managed to lead 7 worship services in the last month. I also led services for our Episcopalian neighbors and the Good Samaritan Center in Beatrice, not to mention a couple Lenten services. We were unable to hold our parent study group this month since it fell on Easter Sunday and we were wrapped up with congregational breakfast. The Lenten services had put our weekly Thursday Bible studies on hold and we should be getting to them this week. I did teach 3 confirmation classes, 1 youth group, and participated in 3 text studies. I was able to make 13 visits on our shut-in, hospitalized, and member households. Finally, we gathered for 1 committee meeting.

We'll be shifting into summer mode around the church in the next month. Formal Sunday school classes will be coming to an end but I'll try to gather the kids for informal classes through the 3-month summer break. Shifting gears does *not* mean checking out! Please keep your church community in mind as you make plans.

Blessings,

Pastor Koos

May 2015

Greetings from your pastor and partner in ministry!!

As the Sunday school and confirmation classes wind down before the 4-month summer break, I got to thinking about the overall shift in tempo of our congregational life. Families with children will get consumed with sports in no time. Many of us will try to squeeze our vacations in while the weather is good. Work schedules will fluctuate to accommodate these changes in the daily and weekly routines. There will be a great temptation to check out of church life altogether during the months ahead. I ask you NOT to give in to the temptation! Your involvement in our church is crucial to its strength. We need you to stay connected but more importantly we *want* you to poke your head in the church doors every once in a while.

Though our kids are checking out of their classes, the ministries will remain alive and vibrant through the summer months. We'll *still* be kicking off worship services each month with a praise service so keep showing up for practice, praise choir members. We'll *still* be gathering on the first Sunday of each month for our parent study group and every Thursday morning for our Bible studies, adult learners. We've developed a good momentum to help get us through the months ahead until the kids return to classrooms.

Not that we want to dismiss the kids from our church life! I also did some thinking on how to entice them back into church. We're going to try something a little different with our Vacation Bible School. Rather than the typical 3-day run during the 1st week of July, we're going to space VBS out over the 4 months. We invite the children to come during the usual learning hour before Sunday service on the fourth Sunday of each month (05/24, 06/28, 07/26, & 08/23) for games and activities. The kids will offer a performance during service following their gatherings. It WON'T be Sunday school...it'll be summer *fun* spread out through the summer break! Let's give it a try and see if the kids like it. We can always come back to the typical 3-day run next summer.

Also, please keep in mind the Memorial Day weekend cookout/potluck that my family and I will be hosting on Sunday, 05/24 at the parsonage. We will be setting up games and activities all over the yard for kids to participate in. All members are invited to share in some outdoor food and fellowship at our place. Please bring your lawn chairs and/or blankets though.

Finally, we're losing a good family this month that has played a special part in our shared ministry—the McCain family. Troy and Kim graciously led our youth group for several years, a role that is not an easy task. Just ask any parent of a teenager!! Their humble and generous service will be greatly missed and I invite you all to wish them well as they set out on their next adventure. Thank you!

And thank you, parents, for your help in making it a special year for Sunday school and confirmation!

Many blessings,

Pastor Koos

Treasurer's Report April 15, 2015

Balance as of 3/18/15	\$21,167.94
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Income	\$13,376.53
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Interest	\$1.21
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Pastor's Salary	\$3,320.74
Secretary Salary	\$351.51
Organist	\$450.00
Custodial Salary	\$510.62
Treasurer's Salary	\$193.94
Mileage	\$248.40
Health Insurance	\$210.00
Misc. Water Softener	\$25.00
Baptism Supplies	\$118.60
Postage & Freight	\$91.15
Office Equipment	\$740.33
Copies from Copy Machine	\$318.73
Village Utilities Church	\$206.87
Village Utilities Parsonage	\$152.36
Natural Gas Church	\$699.32
Natural Gas Parsonage	\$127.35
Miscellaneous	\$2,320.56
Devotional Books	\$135.00
Telephone Church	\$136.83
Telephone Parsonage	\$34.50
Church Maintenance	\$696.18
Transfer to Benev. Savings	\$910.00

Total Expenses:	\$11,997.99
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Balance as of 4/15/15	\$22,547.69
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Benevolence (Savings Account)	\$11,775.92
Sinking Fund (Savings Account)	\$12,335.97
Property Projects (Amount included in General Fund)	\$14,391.05
Continuing Education (Amount included in General Fund)	\$613.33

Trinity Lutheran Church Minutes

March 18, 2015

I. Call to order

Vice Chairman Brian Nelson called to order the regular meeting of the Trinity Lutheran Church Council on March 18, 2015. Pastor led devotions. Members in attendance were Pastor Koos, Chris Woerner, Brian Nelson, Darin Mahloch, Larry Pieper, Jane Stokebrand, Adam Wollenburg, Chuck Holtmeier, and Randy Wollenburg

II. Reports

- a) Secretary's Report: A copy of the previous minutes were presented. It was moved by Larry and seconded by Chuck that the minutes be approved. Motion carried
- b) Treasurer's Report: A copy of the monthly report indicates a balance of \$ 21,167.94 as of March 18, 2015. Report was approved
- c) Investment Report: indicates a balance of \$ 36,675.70 as of March 17, 2015
- d) Pastor's Report: See included report. Pastor reported on the Rural Ministry Conference as well as Marriage Counseling Training session
- e) Memorial Report indicates a balance of \$15,038.05.
- f) Committee Report: Social committee will be meeting to finalize plans for the upcoming Golf Tournament to be held at Hidden Acres.
- g) Suggestion Box: No entries.

III. Old business

- a) Video System: No update.
- b) DVD Players: Have been installed.
- c) Constitution Update: Rev. Timothy Bernard is working with Pastor Koos to assist Trinity Lutheran Church through this process.
- d) Funeral Ushers: Randall Wollenburg will be in charge of this duty and he will be notified when there is an upcoming funeral.
- e) Tablet Update: Options for the purchase of technology to extend the accessibility of the overhead screen were discussed. Following discussion a motion was made by Chuck and seconded by Adan to purchase a Microsoft Surface Pro 2 tablet. Motion carried. Investigation to continue to determine the most economical source for purchase.

IV. New Business

- a) Bible School Account/ Sunday School Account: These two accounts will remain as separate accounts to be managed by the Parish Ed/ VBS/ Youth Committee.

- b) Steve Hovendick gave a presentation regarding the investment plan that Trinity Lutheran has with the Edward Jones Company. The goal of Trinity Lutheran is to maintain a portfolio that is a growth focused plan with diversified investments.
- c) Brian Nelson presented information on the need for two new faucets in the kitchen. There was a motion by Larry and a second by Darin that Brian purchase the two faucets for a price of approximately \$350 with installation to be completed by the seller.

Adjournment: There was a motion by Darin and a second by Adam to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried. The next meeting is scheduled for April 15th @ 8:00.

Lord's Prayer: In conclusion of the meeting, Pastor led the group in The Lord's Prayer.

Communion Assistants:

March 29th Brian Nelson, April 2nd (Maundy Thursday) Jane Stokebrand, April 5th (Easter) Adam Wollenburg.

Respectfully submitted,
Secretary, Jane Stokebrand

MAY 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 Care-a-lot meets at 8:45 am Parent Study Group at 8:45 am Sunday School meets at 8:45 a.m. Sunday School teacher appreciation breakfast Praise Choir meets at 9 am WORSHIP SERVICE AT 10 A.M. WELCA meeting after service New Member class at 4 pm	4 Tie Blankets for LWR at 9 a.m. Hope Circle meets at 9 a.m.	5	6 Worship Committee meets at 5:30 p.m.	7 Bible study at 10 am	8	9
10 Happy Mother's Day Honoring our Graduates WORSHIP SERVICE AT 10 A.M. New Member Class at 4 pm	11 Hope Circle at 9 am	12	13	14 Good Samaritan Chapel Service 10:30 am	15	16
17 PRAISE SERVICE AT 10 A.M. <i>Welcome new members during the service with reception following</i>	18 Shalom Circle meets at 7:00 p.m.	19	20 Wilber Care Center Chapel Service 10 am Church Council meets at 8 p.m.	21 Bible study at 10 am	22	23
24 WORSHIP SERVICE AT 10 A.M. Memorial Day Potluck BBQ at the Koos' Home 5 pm. Bring your lawn chairs.	25 Newsletter articles are due	26	27	28 Bible study at 10 am	29	30
31 COMMUNION WORSHIP SERVICE AT 10 A.M.						

May 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Alex Tietjen
3 Johanna Scherling	4 Ada Nolte Cooper Smith Craig Wollenburg	5 Drew Garrison Mark Roesler Jill Strouf	6 Jake McCain	7 Curt Schuerman Adam Sobotka	8 Joshua Muehling	9
10 Marvin Schuerman	11	12 Suzanne Hinzman	13 Cory Rahe	14 Jerry Saathoff	15	16 Penny Holtmeier Leonard Saathoff Jenell Koch
17	18 Tayden Gronemeyer Becky Kaelin	19	20	21 Wendy Barnits Shelby Parker Joshua Scherling	22	23
24 Chase Barnits Darcy Pohlman	25 Steve Klostermeier Randy Wollenburg	26 Jackie Placek	27	28 Travis Garrison	29 Brad Garrison	30
31 Lindley Stejskal						

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,
May 20th 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.

May -- Service List #8

Announcement

A new member class will begin April 26th and run May 3rd and May 10th too. The class times will be 4 to 5 pm. If you know of someone interested in joining, please have them contact Pastor Koos.

First quarter contribution statements are available in your church mailbox at the back of the church.

Margaret Nickel is our Tried-and-True Treasure for May/June.

WORSHIP & ATTENDANCE

4/2/15	88
4/3/15	54
4/5/15	63
4/5/15	?
4/19/15	96
4/26/15	124

APRIL OFFERING

Date	General	Benev.	Property
3/29/15	2383.00	25.00	27.00
4/2/15	370.00		
4/5/15	582.00		
4/5/15	3274.53	125.00	17.00
4/12/15	2198.00	35.00	17.00
4/19/15	2076.50		17.00
4/26/15	2250.00	50.00	17.00

Hope

Hope Circle

April 14, 2015

Hope Circle met Tuesday morning, April 14, 2015, at church with 5 members present. Arlene Scherling was also present. Jean was hostess.

Shirley opened the meeting. Jean read the Treasurer's Report.

Shirley read an article entitled "Do You Believe in Miracles" from her Auxiliary magazine.

Shirley stated Mary Garrison is still having some problems and may not be able to give the lesson in May or be hostess. If not, we will still have circle and will have potluck. Shirley reminded us to pray for the families in our church and community who are having severe health problems.

Next Sunday, April 19, there will be a fundraiser at DeWitt Community Center for the Summer Ball Association. Also, the Community Club is planning a dinner on Mother's Day. Friday and Saturday, May 2nd and 3rd, there will be garage sales, not only in DeWitt, but in surrounding towns.

Jim Ulrich's birthday is on April 26th, and we should all send him a card.

Shirley led the Bible study entitled "Inspired By The Risen Lord," based on passages from John, Luke, and Acts.

Our next meeting will be on May 11th.

Jean Placek

Sec./Treas.

Shalom

Shalom Circle met on April 20

Discussion was made on the care of the library. It will be brought before the newsletter and also the bulletin if someone wishes to take care of it.

CIRCLE MEMBERS--Please bring 1-2 small new or slightly used toys for the

Church Nursery. The ones there are getting worn out. Our circle will be cleaning the room and sorting things next meeting.

WELCA NEWS items were brought up to date to the circle

Thrivent "Choice Dollars" were discussed

Our circle will have visitation in July. and Aug 25 we will again be serving the "Warren's Table" in Beatrice.

Prayer Concerns were given.

Connie served as hostess and Bible Study leader, concluding the Gospel of Matthew

On May 18, Arlyce will lead our new Bible Study on Revelations and will also serve as hostess.

Sec/Trea.

Shirlie Wollenburg



4 Ladies tied 8 blankets for LWR. Thanks so much to each of you. We need help in binding them. If any questions contact Shirley at 402-683-3120.

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.

If anyone is interested in taking care of the library please talk to Amy Stokebrand, WELCA President.



Mother's Day is just around the corner so why not stay in DeWitt and support the Community Club by have a Windsor loin dinner at the DeWitt Community Center from 11 am to 1 pm. Cost is \$12.50 per person and there is a kids menu. Call 402-239-8437 for reservations. Money raised will help pay for the July celebration. Full menu can be seen on the church bulletin board.



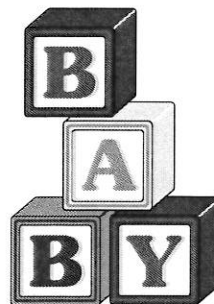
We celebrated the baptism of Emma Kaye Wollenburg. She is the daughter of Kyle & Natalie Wollenburg.



The Sunday school teachers are invited to a teacher appreciation breakfast during Sunday school on May 3rd. Care-A-Lot will be held and the younger children will have a group lesson.



There will be a Memorial Day potluck BBQ at Pastor Koos' house on Sunday, May 24th, at 5 pm. The congregation is invited. There will be games, fun, and fellowship, and let's not forget the food. Bring your lawn chairs.



Congratulations to Josh and Kayla McDougall on the birth of their son, Owen Mitchell.

Keep in your Prayers

SERVICEMEN

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

Matthew Friesen
2770 Daniel Ave
San Diego, CA 92111

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

His email is:
Bartlett_Riley@yahoo.com



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

Gary Wollenburg

Kristi Rahe

Gerald Rehm

Kelly Smith

Helen Burger

Arlin Schuerman

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

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

Please keep in your prayers
Eleanor Schwan who mourns the
passing of her daughter, Linda
Hyberger.

Also keep in your prayers the
family of James Edward Ulrich
who passed away on April 22nd.

SERVICE LEADERS FOR MAY

DATE	SCRIPTURE READER	ACOLYTE	GREETERS	COMMUNION SET UP
				COMMUNION ASSISTANT
May 3 rd	Barbara Nelson	Jordan Muehling	Eldon & Jane Stokebrand/ Gordon & Linda Schuerman	
May 10 th	Jane Stokebrand	Brevin Damrow	Eldon & Jane Stokebrand/ Gordon & Linda Schuerman	
May 17 th	Tim Garrison	Zach Kuhn	Eldon & Jane Stokebrand/ Gordon & Linda Schuerman	
May 24 th	Liz Poessnecker	Drey Heller	Eldon & Jane Stokebrand/ Gordon & Linda Schuerman	
May 31 st	Bev Plihal	Morgan Stokebrand	Eldon & Jane Stokebrand/ Gordon & Linda Schuerman	<u>Sonja Workman & Penny Holtmeier</u>

HEAD USHER: Brian Stokebrand

USHERS: Bob Schwan, Derrick Damrow, Josh McDougall, Jesse Gronemeyer,
Mitch McDougall

OUTREACH VISITATION: Service List #8

*The Lord Almighty is his
name.*

Hidden Acres Golf Course
Sunday June 14th, 2015
Check in by 12:30 p.m.
1:00 p.m. start time
Meal Following

Trinity Lutheran Church DeWitt will be
hosting a 9-hole, 4-man Scramble Golf
Tournament, Sunday June 14th 2015.
Cost is \$40 per person which includes
9 holes of golf, cart rental and a meal.
The proceeds from this will be going
to local Back-Pack Program.

Registration of your team is needed by
June 10th. Tournament Contact is:
Tim Garrison 402-683-4630.

COME OUT AND HAVE
SOME FUN
TEST YOUR PATIENCE
WITH A GAME OF GOLF !!



9-hole 4 man Scramble Golf Tournament



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There will be some
team prizes and hole
prizes awarded.

