

Pastor's Report
May 2015

Here I thought the 4-week cold I suffered through in the month of April was challenge enough...little did I know what was in store for me, my family, and our community this month!! Everyone who suffered and continue to suffer from the flooding remain in my prayers. From the looks of it around town, it appears that most homes have gotten the water out of the basements and have removed all the water damaged goods. There were a few pet casualties but we were blessed to have no one die in the disaster. The waters came in fast and receded fast. What a blessing! If you or someone you know could use help getting their homes back in order, please reach out to me or the church office. There are plenty of people who weren't affected by the storm and are eager to help out.

Despite the flooding taking priority in the last few weeks, our shared ministry kept plugging away. I was able to make 12 visits on the hospitalized, shut-in, and member households, lead 5 worship services, participate in 3 text studies, lead 3 Bible studies, and contribute to 1 committee meeting. I finished off the 1st year of the 2-year confirmation class with 2 final classes. We even had an end-of-year party during the last class session to celebrate. I helped orient a new family to the Lutheran tradition and our congregation with a 3-hour class. We welcomed them during Sunday service and they appreciated becoming a part of our church family. Unfortunately, we lost two people in the last month—Linda Hyberger, daughter of Eleanor Schwan, and longtime member Margaret Nickel. I attended Linda's service at the mortuary in Beatrice and officiated at Margaret's funeral. I was able to get away and attend the Festival of Homiletics in Denver and another quarterly 1st Call Theological Retreat at Camp Carol Joy Holling. Both events gave me a brief reprieve from our disaster recovery, fed my soul, and built necessary collegial support. Thank you for letting me get away. Finally, somewhere in there, I was able to take another art class through the community college. What a busy month!

Please continue praying for each other in the weeks and months ahead. The water may have left but the needs are still very much present. Know that God walks with us in our time of struggle and the ministry stays alive.

Many blessings,
Pastor Koos

Treasurer's Report May 20, 2015

Balance as of 4/15/15		\$22,547.69
Income		\$14,489.53
Interest		\$1.15
Pastor's Salary	\$3,320.74	
Organist	\$300.00	
Custodial Salary	\$510.62	
Payroll Taxes	\$1,639.36	
Treasurer's Salary	\$193.94	
Mileage	\$379.50	
Health Insurance	\$210.00	
Misc. Water Softener	\$25.00	
Bulletins	\$144.90	
Communion Supplies	\$32.00	
Postage & Freight	\$58.88	
Office Supplies	\$230.61	
Office Equipment	\$150.99	
Village Utilities Church	\$171.40	
Village Utilities Parsonage	\$155.20	
Natural Gas Church	\$366.58	
Natural Gas Parsonage	\$77.55	
Miscellaneous	\$3,271.08	
Devotional Books	\$150.00	
Telephone Church	\$130.11	
Telephone Parsonage	\$34.50	
Confirmation	\$173.33	
Church Maintenance	\$144.40	
Transfer to Benev. Savings	\$910.00	
Total Expenses:		\$12,780.69
Balance as of 5/20/15		\$24,257.68
Benevolence (Savings Account)		\$12,885.92
Sinking Fund (Savings Account)		\$420.97
Property Projects (Amount included in General Fund)		\$17,820.80
Continuing Education (Amount included in General Fund)		\$613.33

Trinity Lutheran Church Minutes

April 15, 2015

I. Call to order

Chairman Chris Woerner called to order the regular meeting of the Trinity Lutheran Church Council on April 15, 2015. Pastor led devotions. Members in attendance were Pastor Koos, Chris Woerner, Brian Nelson, Darin Mahloch, Larry Pieper, Jane Stokebrand, and Randy Wollenburg

II. Reports

- a) Secretary's Report: A copy of the previous minutes were presented. It was moved by Darin and seconded by Brian that the minutes be approved. Motion carried
- b) Treasurer's Report: A copy of the monthly report indicates a balance of \$ 22,547.69 as of April 15, 2015. Report was approved
- c) Investment Report: indicates a balance of \$ 36,668.27 as of April 15, 2015
- d) Pastor's Report: See included report. Pastor reported on summer schedules.
- e) Memorial Report indicates a balance of \$15,039.20.
- f) Committee Reports:
 - 1. Social Committee has finalized plans for the Golf Outing to be held at Hidden Acres in the afternoon of June 14th.
 - 2. Worship Committee reported Tri County graduate recognition for May 10th and return to the use of Setting 5 in the worship book.
 - 3. Youth Development is scheduled to hold a swim party to be combined with VBS on July 11th..
 - 4. Property concerns indicate a leaking water heater and a crack in a window in the Fellowship Hall. It was decided to put old shingles, that are currently in storage, on the community garage sale and for Brian to get pricing options for toilet paper dispensers.
- g) Suggestion Box: No entries

III. Old business

- a) Video System: Update includes need for a wireless booster to increase dependability of system. There was a motion by Brian and a second by Darin to pay the bill for the projector when the total is received. Motion carried.
- b) Constitution Update: Attorney Bill Biggs is serving as outreach source to advise Pastor Koos on revisions.
- c) The New Members class has 2 families interested. A welcome service for new members will be held May 17th.
- d) Tablet Update: The new tablet has been purchased and is in use.

IV. New Business

- a) Pastor extended an invitation for all members to attend a Memorial Day Weekend cookout at the parsonage to be held Sunday evening. Main dish provided by Pastor's family with side dishes requested by those attending.
- b) Summer Sunday School was discussed. Pastor proposed a monthly Sunday School group class for all grades.
- c) There was a motion by Randy and seconded by Darin to get price quotes for a new water heater (discussed above)

Adjournment: There was a motion by Larry and a second by Randy to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried.

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

Notes: Next meeting May 20th at 8:00

Communion assistant: April 26th Larry Pieper, May 31st Chuck Holtmeier

Respectfully submitted,
Secretary, Jane Stokebrand

JUNE 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Pastor Koos will be on vacation June 1 through June 7.	1	2	3	4	5 Hope Circle meets at Wilber Care Center at 2:30 pm	6
7 HYMN FEST AT 10 A.M. WELCA Board meets following the service	8 Praise Choir practice at 5:30 pm	9	10 Worship Committee meets at 5:30 p.m.	11 Good Samaritan Chapel Service at 10:30 am	12	13
14 WORSHIP SERVICE AT 10 A.M.	15 Praise Choir practice at 5:30 pm Shalom Circle meets at 7 p.m.	16	17 Wilber Care Center Chapel Service 10 am Church Council meets at 8 p.m.	18 Bible Study 10 am	19	20
21 PRAISE SERVICE AT 10 A.M.	22 Newsletter articles are due	23	24	25 Bible Study 10 am	26	27
28 VBS at 8:30 am COMMUNION WORSHIP SERVICE AT 10 A.M.	29	30				

June 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Brent Rahe	2 Tori Koos Bonnie Schuerman (BJ)	3	4	5 Keyton Reck Leah Thomsen	6 Kenni Woerner
7	8 Dee Schuerman	9 Cara Heller	10 Sloane Holtmeier Brian Schmidt	11 Denise Miller Linda Schuerman	12	13 Susan Miller
14 Brock Johnson Gordon Schuerman	15 Delva Smith	16	17 Joel Kaelin	18 Steve Garrison Chad Pohlman	19	20
21 Bev Plihal	22 Brandon Johnson	23 Karen Schmidt	24 Carson Hicks, Roger Rahe, Dennis Rahe, Cale Simpson, Larry Wattjes	25 Drey Heller Matt Sobotka	26	27 Lyle Dunn Wanda Jahnke
28 Eunice Mahloch	29 Matt Uher	30 Judy Hatcliff Easton Thomsen Monroe Thomsen				

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
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ATTENTION: Persons using the kitchen -- Please take garage outside to the dumpster when finished. Ants move in Real Fast. Not very good for the Next Function to take care of.

OFFICE HOURS FOR SECRETARY

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



Church Council will meet on Wednesday,
June 17th at 8pm

WORSHIP & ATTENDANCE

5/3/15	81
5/10/15	64
5/17/15	98
5/24/15	96

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.

June -- Hope Circle

MAY OFFERING

Date	General	Benev.	Property
5/3/15	3763.25	125.00	17.00
5/10/15	758.00	25.00	7.00
5/17/15	2412.00		3371.75

SERVICE LEADERS FOR JUNE

DATE	SCRIPTURE READER	ACOLYTE	GREETERS	COMMUNION SET UP
				COMMUNION ASSISTANT
June 7 th	Mike Holtmeier	Dominic Smith	Jack & Kathy Holtmeier/ Marvin & Lois Zimmerman	
June 14 th	Arlyn Parde	Krayten Uher	Jack & Kathy Holtmeier / Marvin & Lois Zimmerman	
June 21 st	Lois Wattjes	Logan Brown	Jack & Kathy Holtmeier / Marvin & Lois Zimmerman	
June 28 th	Karen Wollenburg	Brevin Damrow	Jack & Kathy Holtmeier / Marvin & Lois Zimmerman	Penny Holtmeier & Christa Holtmeier

HEAD USHER: Steve Garrison

USHERS: Mike Rahe, Roy Scherling, Joel Kaelin, Mike Bergmeier, Travis Rahe

OUTREACH VISITATION: Hope Circle

*Peace be with
you.*

Remember items for the food pantry

Hope

Hope Circle met at the home of Mary Garrison on May 12th, 5 were present. Opening was an article titled "The Face of Alzheimers-Love." Shirley led the Bible Study "The Church Transforming and Reforming." Mission Action report: Tie blankets June 1st 9 a.m -noon. No work days in July and August. Care-a-Lot friends put together 44 Personal Care Kits for LWR. Great job done! Thanks so much! No other committee reports. \$10 was given for our Special Friend James Ulrich memorial. June 5th meeting will play Bingo at Wilber Care Center at 2:30 p.m. Bring prizes

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Jean Placek

Sec./Treas.

Hope Circle play Bingo at Wilber Care Center Friday, June 5th at 2:30. Bring prizes this is our regular June meeting.



Thanks so much for all the birthday cards.
Means a lot for remembering.

Jerry Saathoff

Shalom

Shalom Circle met on May 18.

Members cleaned out the Kiddy bags and also cleaned the nursery and put a few new things there.

Blankets were given to the seniors on May 10. One will be delivered.

A Thank you was read for a prayer shawl.

Ada Nolte has changed her residence to Hickman, Nebraska.

WELCA news was reported on and discussed.

Salads and desserts are needed for the Memorial Day Dinner at the Community center on Memorial Day and Pot Luck at Pastor and Jo Koos' on Sunday 24th.

Prayer Concerns were given, especially for the flood victims.

Arlyce served as hostess and Bible Study Leader on Revelations Chapters 1,2 and 3. Our next meeting will be June 15 with Bev serving as hostess and leading the Bible Study, chapters 3,4 and 5.

Sec/Treas.

Shirlie Wollenburg



Monday, May 4th 5 ladies tied 10 blankets for LWR. There will be one more work day, Monday, June 1st and then resume in September. Thanks to all for their tie and work. We still have blankets to be hemmed.

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 !!

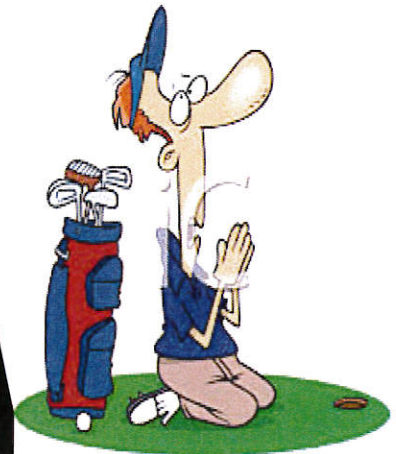


9-hole 4 man Scramble Golf Tournament



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There will be some
team prizes and hole
prizes awarded.



Keep in your Prayers

SERVICEMEN

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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

Gary Wollenburg

Kristi Rahe

Gerald Rehm

Helen Burger

Arlin Schuerman

Jerry Saathoff
Gold Crest Care Center
200 Levi Lane
Adams, NE 68301

Ada Nolte
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