

July 2015

Greetings from your pastor and partner in ministry!!

Last month I had the privilege of presiding at the funeral for one of our members' father. The family asked me to lift up the wisdom of the 3rd chapter of Ecclesiastes. What a rich passage to pull from! It doesn't come up in the lectionary so we pastors rarely get an opportunity to preach on it. Yet it's one of those passages we often hear in the songs and speeches of popular culture. Let us recall the wisdom:

There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens: a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot, a time to kill and a time to heal, a time to tear down and a time to build, a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance, a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them, a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing, a time to search and a time to give up, a time to keep and a time to throw away, a time to tear and a time to mend, a time to be silent and a time to speak, a time to love and a time to hate, a time for war and a time for peace.

Yes, it is an appropriate passage to lift up at the time of a person's death. But what about all the other seasons of a person's life? What about the times of searching and giving up? What about the times of tearing and mending? There are many seasons in our lives that also deserve lifting up.

Over the last couple months, our small community became intimately aware of nature's seasons too. The rains came and filled our fields, our streets, and our basements. Now nature didn't have a problem with us. It was simply adhering to its seasonal rhythms. Believe it or not, we *were* in the springtime rainy season! Nature was doing what it was supposed to do, when it was supposed to do it. We mustn't get angry with God's creation despite the temptation to do just that.

Though our summer chore and challenge has become drying out our fields and our basements, Ecclesiastes reminds us that we are in yet another season, a post-disaster season. Nature has torn down what we built up and now we must rebuild. It has been a time of keeping and now it is a time of throwing away. It has been a time of planting and now it is a time to replant...and replant. Every so often we need to be reminded that God's creation is majestic and awesome in all its seasonal glory.

Though we have shifted into the summer season with its slowed tempo, there are a few congregational events this month that we should keep in mind. Our annual 4th of July community service will be held here at Trinity on Sunday, July 5, followed by a cookout meal. There will be a pool party on Saturday, July 11 from 8:00-10:00 p.m. that all members are invited to participate in. The following morning, July 12, we will have another joint service held at St. Paul's Lutheran church (Soap Creek) followed by a potluck meal. On the last Sunday, July 26, we will have our semi-annual meeting following the service. Three out of the four Sundays will be rich with unusual activities.

Please continue holding each other in prayer as we are not quite out of our season of flood clean-up. I will hope to see you around the church in between sports and county fairs.

Many blessings,

Pastor Koos

Pastor's Report

June 2015

The sounds of lawn mowers, rumbling 4-wheelers, birds in the trees, and kids playing at the pool are a welcome return after a month of heavy rainfall. God might have given us adults a summer challenge of drying out our basements but that doesn't mean summer fun was canceled! What a treat it has been these last few weeks to hear the good old sounds of summer here in DeWitt. It's nice to know that life moves on in spite of the rains and flooding.

The ministry at Trinity also keeps on plugging away. Since last we gathered in May, I managed to make 10 visits on members, lead all 4 worship services, guide 2 Bible studies, participate in 1 committee meeting, and lead both chapel services at Good Samaritan in Beatrice and the Wilber Care Center in Wilber. For one reason or another, I was unable to meet with my fellow pastors for our weekly text studies at all in the last four weeks. I am missing the comradery and plan on making it a priority in the weeks ahead. I did manage to check in with the group when we gathered at the annual synod gathering in Kearney, NE and I was grateful for the shared time. It was a privilege to have both a funeral and a baptism of members with the same family name (Wollenburg) during the same weekend. I was pleased to see a good solid group at the golf tournament and will look forward to holding it again next summer.

I want to extend a couple special thank-you's. First, thank you to all of you who came out to celebrate our year of shared ministry at the cookout that my family and I hosted over the Memorial Day weekend. We'll host it again next year so do try to make it out. Second, thank you to all of you for letting my family and I get away for a week's vacation. We drove many miles through Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois, and Iowa visiting scattered family on both sides. It was an exhausting week but greatly appreciated by everyone we visited. Now all we need is a vacation from the vacation! Perhaps our vacation in August will be a little less hectic but not likely. Thank you, thank you!!

Please try to enjoy those sounds of summer in the weeks ahead. The other three seasons can be so quiet out there and God is pleased hearing us enjoy His beautiful creation.

Many blessings,
Pastor Koos

Trinity Lutheran Church Minutes

May 20, 2015

I. Call to order

Vice-chairman, Brian Nelson, called to order the regular meeting of the Trinity Lutheran Church Council on May 20, 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 was presented. It was moved by Darin and seconded by Larry that the minutes be approved. Motion carried
- b) Treasurer's Report: A copy of the monthly report indicates a balance of \$ 24,257.68 as of May 20, 2015. There was a motion by Darin and a second by Larry to approve the treasurer's report. Report was approved
- c) Investment: Report indicates a balance of \$37,654.62 which is an increase over last month's balance.
- d) Pastor's Report: See included report.
- e) Memorial Report indicates a balance of \$15,040.35.
- 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 had no new reports.
 3. Youth Development had no new reports.
 4. Stewardship/Finance/Budget had no new reports
 5. Property Committee reported on research for pews to accommodate handicapped members and visitors. No estimate is currently available. Other property issues related to the recent flood to be covered under new business.
- g) Suggestion Box: There was one signed item in the suggestion box regarding a Youth Camp Scholarship. Discussion indicated that there was one scholarship provided for an upcoming summer camp. There was a second item which was read and considered, but no action taken as it was unsigned.

III. Old business

- a) The Memorial Day Cook Out hosted by the Koos family will be held May 24th beginning at 5:00 P.M.
- b) The Golf Tournament is scheduled to be held June 14th Hidden Acres Course beginning at 1 P.M. The event is a fundraiser for the Backpack Program. Cost per person is \$40.

- c) The New Member Class was held by Pastor Koos with the New Member Recognition being held for the Baker Family. Pastor intends to hold the class 2 times yearly with one session in the fall and one session in the spring

IV New Business

- a) Vacation Bible School will have a new format for this year. It will be held on the fourth Sunday of each month beginning in May and concluding in August. Each session will be held from 8:30 to 9:45 and will include activities, songs, and games.
- b) Flood damage to the church and parsonage was discussed. Brotherhood Mutual Insurance Company, Barney Agency was contacted. The parsonage requires a new furnace and water heater. The furnace to be purchased from Richter's at a cost of \$2,756,45. The water heater has been installed. The church sustained no furnace or air conditioning damage. Rainbow Cleaning was hired for clean-up services. Personal property of the Koos family is not covered by the church insurance plan.
- c) Pastor will be taking 1 week of vacation time leaving on May 31st and returning June 8th.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,
Secretary, Jane Stokebrand

JULY 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Summer Bible Camp July 6th—July 10th			1	2 Bible Study at 10 am	3	4 Happy 4th of July Farmers Market 9-11 am
5 Community Worship Service at the Trinity Lutheran Church at 10 am <i>Meal and Fellowship follows the service</i>	6 Praise Choir Rehearsal at 5:30 pm	7	8 Worship Committee meets at 5:30 pm	9	10 Confirmation Mid-Summer Campout at Mahoney State Park 4 pm	11 Congregational Pool Party at DeWitt Pool 8—10 pm
12 Joint service at St. Paul's (Soap Creek) at 10 am followed by cookout/potluck	13 Hope Circle meets at 9 am Praise Choir Rehearsal at 5:30	14	15 Wilber Care Center Chapel at 10 am Church Council meets at 8 pm	16 Bible Study at 10 am	17	18
19 Praise Service at 10 am	20 Shalom Circle meets at 7 pm	21	22 <u>Newsletter articles are due</u>	23 Bible Study at 10 am	24	25
26 VBS at 8:30 am Communion Worship Service at 10 am Semi-Annual meeting following service.	27	28	29	30 Bible Study at 10 am	31	

July 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Jesse Gronemeyer	2	3 Cameron Brown Julia Garrison Otto Wollenburg	4
5	6 David Schneider	7 Alice Wollenburg	8 Edith Holtmeier	9	10 Landen Koch Bruce Rahe	11 Jaden Smith
12	13	14	15 Roger Little	16	17	18
19	20 Mike Holtmeier	21	22	23 Nancy Mahloch	24 Darcy Baker Bryan Paxton	25 Sam Kirchoff Julie Koch
26 Alan Dunn	27	28	29 Deanna Brown Karen Nelson	30 Brian Nelson Addison Paxton Alex Paxton	31 Spencer Morrissey	

Treasurer's Report June 17, 2015

Balance as of 5/20/15	\$24,257.68
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Income	\$8,316.00
Interest	\$1.12

Pastor's Salary	\$3,320.74
Secretary Salary	\$393.92
Organist	\$375.00
Custodial Salary	\$510.62
Treasurer's Salary	\$193.94
Mileage	\$340.40
Health Insurance	\$210.00
Misc. Water Softener	\$25.00
Postage & Freight	\$58.94
Office Equipment	\$150.99
Village Utilities Church	\$120.59
Village Utilities Parsonage	\$179.56
Natural Gas Church	\$132.87
Natural Gas Parsonage	\$34.74
Miscellaneous	\$923.39
Special Benevolence	\$426.00
Telephone Church	\$124.37
Telephone Parsonage	\$34.50
Church Maintenance	\$1,324.19
Lawn & Landscape	\$180.00
Repairs to the Parsonage	\$841.55
Transfer to Benev. Savings	\$910.00

Total Expenses:	\$10,811.31
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Balance as of 6/17/15	\$21,763.49
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Benevolence (Savings Account)	\$14,020.92
Sinking Fund (Savings Account)	\$420.97
Property Projects (Amount included in General Fund)	\$17,858.80
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: tlcdewitt209@gmail.com



Church Council will meet on Wednesday,
July 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.

July -- Shalom Circle

July 5th our community 4th July worship service will be held at 10 am at Trinity Lutheran Church followed by a picnic meal.

Semi-Annual Meeting of Trinity Lutheran Church will be held on Sunday, July 26th following the service

WORSHIP & ATTENDANCE

5/31/15	78
6/7/15	64
6/14/15	106
6/21/15	91

JUNE OFFERING

Date	General	Benev.	Property
5/24/15	1104.00	50.00	7.00
5/31/15	1838.00	25.00	7.00
6/7/15	1239.00	100.00	7.00
6/14/15	2584.00	50.00	17.00
6/21/15	1187.26		17.00



Congratulations to Travis and Julia Garrison as they welcome a new little girl, Kael Daysha Lyn Garrison into their lives. She was born on Thursday, June 18th.



Hope Circle will meet Monday, July 13th at church at 9 am. Shirley Saathoff is Bible Study leader and Anna Wollenburg is Hostess.

Crewe Otto Wollenburg was baptized. Parents are RJ and Abby Wollenburg.

Thomas Allen Stokebrand was baptized. Parents are Eric and Molly Stokebrand.

Teran Lynn Koch will be baptized on June 28th. Parents are Tom and Julie Koch.



Please note that we are no longer collecting cell phones and ink cartridges. We are still collecting items for Lutheran World Relief which are listed in WELCA yearbooks.

Dear Trinity Lutheran Youth Group,

Thank you for putting on a very special farewell for us in April. It was very thoughtful of you! We enjoyed the food and great conversation! Thanks also for the Applebee's gift certificates! We have already enjoyed a meal in Grand Island during the moving process! We will always have fond memories of helping with Youth Group and all the fun activities!

Blessings Always!

Troy and Kim McCain

Shalom

Shalom Circle met on June 15.

Mission Growth reported that Farmers Market will be July 4th at the Roger Rahe building starting at 9:00 and ending at 11:00 am

Kitty bags and the nursery were cleaned up.

WELCA REPORT was given. Baptismal napkin material taken to Ann Freese, Approval was given to serve Arlyce Albert Auction on July 11. Service groups will be asked to serve. Sale begins at 10:00 a.m. No board meeting in July.

St. Paul's having community service on July 12. Our 4th of July Service will be held at our church on July 5.

Shalom will have Visitation in July

Prayer concerns were given.

Bev was hostess and Bible Study leader on Rev. Chapters 4-5-6-7. Our next meeting will be July 20 with Lois serving as hostess and Bible Study leader on chapters 8-9-10.

Secretary/Treasurer

Shirlie Wollenburg

WAYS YOU CAN USE YOUR TALENTS

The congregation of American Lutheran Church of Filley, Nebraska cordially invites you to join in celebrating the Installation of Pastor LuRae A. Hallstrom on Sunday, July 28. Pastor Megan Morrow, Assistant to Bishop Brian Maas of the Nebraska Synod, will preside at the 9:30 am worship which will include Holy Communion. A meal, provided by the congregation, will be served from approximately 11 to 12.

I am looking for **volunteers to be a part of a Meals for New Moms group** at Trinity. I would like to provide 6 meals to the new moms in our congregation within the first couple of weeks of baby arriving. Please call me with questions or to volunteer. Thanks in advance!
Penny Holtmeier, 402-230-0718.

We are looking **for someone or a group to organize and care for the church library**. If you are interested, please see Amy Stokebrand our WELCA president.

We are in need of pies for the Arlyce Albert Sale on July 11th. We need to have 12-15 pies. These can be left at church by Friday, July 10th or brought to Community Center Saturday, July 11th by 9 am.

Also we will be in desperate need for help with the concession stand at the sale. Contact Pam Garrison if you can help out that day.

There will be a free will offering taken at the meal following the service on the 4th of July and the proceeds will go towards kids camp fund.

The Farmer's Market will be held at the Rahe building downtown by the Senior Center from 9 am to 11 am. Please have the garden produce, baked goods, and other items downtown by 8 am so that they can be marked. If you have questions, please contact Donna Garrison.

We are looking for **individuals who are good with the computer** to be a substitute or share the duties of running the screen for Sunday worship service. Please contact Pastor Koos.

Sunday, July 12th, we will be having a joint service with St. Paul's Lutheran Church at their church (Soap Creek). They will provide the meats and we are asked to provide side dishes and desserts. An offering will be taken to help with the flood relief in DeWitt.

The social committee has planned a pool party on July 11th, at the DeWitt pool from 8 to 10 pm. Come have fun!

SERVICE LEADERS FOR JULY

DATE	SCRIPTURE READER	ACOLYTE	GREETERS	COMMUNION SET UP
				COMMUNION ASSISTANT
July 5 th	4 th of July	Community	Worship Service at Trinity	Lutheran Church
July 12 th	Worship service	At Soap Creek		
July 19 th	Tim Garrison	Drew Garrison	Vic & Bonnie Schuerman/ Larry & Lois Wattjes	
July 26 th	Jane Stokebrand	Mallory Chavez	Vic & Bonnie Schuerman/ Larry & Lois Wattjes	Christa Holtmeier/ Jana Muehling

HEAD USHER: Brian Scherling

USHERS: Austin Barnts, Chase Barnts, Colleen Mentel, Delaney Uher, Matt Uher

OUTREACH VISITATION: Shalom Circle

Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

Keep in your Prayers

SERVICEMEN

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

IT1 Matthew Friesen
USS FORT WORTH (LCS-3)
Unit 100228 Box 19
FPO FP 96665

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:

Doug Damkroger

Kristi Rahe

Helen Burger

Please keep the family of Sayde and Mike Pospisil in your prayers. Sayde's father, Gary Wollenburg, passed away.

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

Ada Nolte
Haven Manor
730 Larkspur Dr. Apt.#16
Hickman, NE 68372

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

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

George Scherling
2073 County Rd X
DeWitt, NE 68341

Farmers Market

Saturday July 4th - 9:00 A till 11:00 A

There will be lots of homemade and baked items for sale, garden produce, cookbooks and hot pads from Trinity Lutheran Church.

July 4th, 2015
9:00 A - 11:00 A

Location is on main street in yellow tin building across from the Village Office in DeWitt. (Roger Rahe's Building)



Put on by Trinity Lutheran Church in DeWitt.

Funds will be used for Kitchen Improvements!

DeWitt's Annual 4th of July Celebration

Friday July 3rd - Sunday July 5th 2015



PARADE THEME: WACKY WHEELS

Friday July 3rd

POKER RUN - Start at RJ's 5:00 – 6:00 PM - End at Red Zone 10:30 PM

Annual Red Zone Anniversary Party 9:00 PM – 1:00 AM

Vegas Give-away at 10:00 PM Entertainment "REPEAT OFFENDERS" & Fireworks

Saturday 4th of July

6:00-7:00 AM 4th Annual "Firecracker Run" Registration	Community Center
7:00-9:00 AM "Firecracker Run" 5K & Mile Run/Walk	Community Center
8:00 AM Car, Cycle, Truck Tractor Show Registration	Downtown
8:00 AM Craft Fair/Flea Market/Farmer's Market	Downtown
9:00-9:00 PM Ballpark Concession Stand Opens	Ball Fields
9:00 AM Redneck Kickball "6 th Annual"	North Ball Field
9:00 AM Sand Volleyball	Courts by the Water Tower
9:00 AM Pitch/Hit & Run for Kids 10 – 12 yrs old	South Ball Field
9:00 – 10:00 AM Little Tugger's Tractor Pull for Kids	Coop
9:00 AM Pet Show	Methodist Church
9:00 AM Library Opens	Downtown
10:00 AM Live DJ & Music @ Car Show Area	Downtown
10:00-11:30 AM Free Kids Games	Senior Center
10:00-4:00 PM BINGO	BY SENIOR CITIZEN'S BUILDING
10:00 AM Museum Opens	Downtown
10:00 AM DeWitt Museum Hamburger Stand Opens	Next to Museum
10:00 AM 1890 Press Demonstration	Downtown
12:00 PM KIDS GAMES & MONEY DIG (4H)	ROSITTER PARK (N OF POST OFFICE)
12:00 PM CAR, CYCLE TRUCK, TRACTOR AND CAR SHOW JUDGING	DOWNTOWN
12:00 PM COW PIE BINGO BEGINS (TRI COUNTY FFA)	1 BLK SO OF COOP PUMPS
1:00 PM KIDS WATER FIGHTS (DEWITT FIRE DEPT)	FIRE STATION
1:00 – 5:00 PM "INFLATABLE" BOUNCE HOUSE/SLIDE/COURSE	WEST END MAIN STREET
1:00 – 4:00 PM FREE SWIMMING FOR EVERYONE!	DE WITT SWIMMING POOL
1:00 – 4:00 PM QUILT SHOW	SENIOR CENTER
2:00 PM FIREMEN'S WATER FIGHT EVENT	FIRE STATION
3:00 PM "NE GAME AND PARKS" LIVE SHOW FOR ALL AGES	LIBRARY
4:00 PM CHICKEN BBQ "1/2 CHICKEN MEALS BY VANS"	COMMUNITY CENTER
4:00 PM "CLOWNING AROUND" FOR CYSTIC FIBROSIS	COMMUNITY CENTER
4:00 PM CAR SHOW AWARDS PRESENTATION	DOWNTOWN
5:00 PM PARADE LINE UP FOR JUDGED ENTRIES	2 BLKS SO OF COOP GAS PUMPS
6:00 PM ALL ENTRIES FOR PARADE LINE UP	2 BLKS SO OF COOP GAS PUMPS
8:30 PM OUT HOUSE RACES & GAMES	MAIN BALL FIELD
9:30 PM COMMUNITY CLUB 50/50 DRAWING	MAIN BALL FIELD
**AFTER DARK FIREWORKS – DON'T MISS THE BIG SHOW	MAIN BALL FIELD
10:00-1:00 AM STREET DANCE & BEER GARDEN	OUTSIDE RJ'S BAR & GRILL
"GLASS ONION" LIVE ENTERTAINMENT	

SUNDAY JULY 5TH

10:00 AM COMBINED CHURCH SERVICE

STYLE LUNCH

1:00 PM RED NECK GOLF

LUTHERAN CHURCH

LUTHERAN CHURCH

SOUTH BALL FIELD



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May 14, 2015

Trinity Lutheran Church
209 North Quince
DeWitt, NE 68341

To our friends at Trinity Lutheran and the Village of DeWitt;

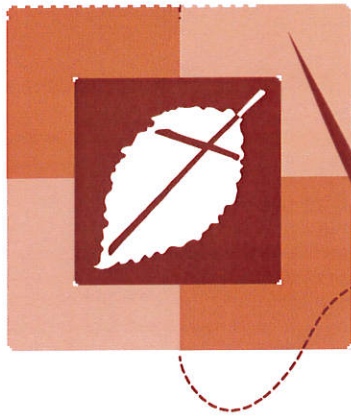
Sue and I were shocked and deeply saddened by the reports of the flooding of DeWitt and surrounding communities. It brought back unpleasant memories of the flood we experience in DeWitt in 1984. We know what you are going through and the physical and emotional stress you must be feeling. We also know how the community pulled together to help one another.

I am writing this to you to let you know that you are in our prayers as well as that of all of us at Trinity Lutheran in Columbus. People here in Columbus are aware of the flood we went through and they came to us expressing their concerns for you now. I want to tell you that you are on our prayer chain and we hope that relief efforts can reach you as quickly as possible and that soon you will be able to return back to your homes and lives.

Again, know that the Lord is with you and will give you the strength to endure yet another flood. God bless you all with his peace and reminder of his loving presence.

Yours in Christ

Pastor Doug and Sue Zurek
Trinity Lutheran Church
Columbus, NE



Carol Joy Holling Camp, Conference & Retreat Center

Quilt Auction

Saturday, July 25

300+ Quilts - All Styles and Varieties

Quilts on Display	9 a.m.
Auction	9:30 a.m.
Silent Auction Bidding	9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Barbecue Lunch Available	11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Service Project Quilt Blessing	2 p.m.
Swimming/Paddleboating/Canoeing	12:30 - 5 p.m.
Hayrack Rides/Camp Tours	Scheduled throughout the day
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Free Parking & Admission• HUGE Barbecue Lunch	

Preview all quilts online at www.caroljoyholling.org

A special thanks to Thrivent Financial for Lutherans Chapters across Nebraska for sponsorship of the Quilt Auction.