

September 2015

Greetings from your pastor and partner in ministry!!

Our kids have returned to the classroom and many of our homes have returned to school-year routines by now. Though the transition was disruptive for some, most homes eventually run smoother and more efficiently once the kids have structured lives again. So as much grumbling as our kids give us, as much more stressful our kids become with homework and extra-curricular activities, be assured that these seasons of learning are best for everyone.

We also enter into a new season of learning here at Trinity this month. Our confirmation class will meet the evening of Sept. 2 to discuss the agenda for the year ahead and recommence class sessions on Sept. 9. Our parent study group will continue on Sept. 6 with teaching from Chip Ingram. We celebrate our Sunday school kickoff on Sept. 13 with a gathering after the service. Our youth group (grades 9-12) will resume its bi-weekly schedule that morning as well. Of course, our weekly Thursday morning Bible studies will keep on plugging away as they have for the last year. It would be great to have more regular participation in these studies to enrich the fruitful discussions.

Our Praise Choir will continue stretching us musically with new songs while reintroducing us to songs from the last year. Perhaps you've noticed over the last few months that the choir has solo performed new songs during the time of offering. The songs then returned as gathering hymns the following month when the congregation was invited to join in singing them. This year, the choir will introduce new songs that will then become the "hymn-of-the-month" for the month. For example, this month the choir will introduce Matt Redman's, "10,000 Reasons," when they lead service on Sept. 2. The congregation will sing this song as the gathering hymn for the remaining Sundays of the month. This schedule should better familiarize us with the unknown songs.

Next month (Oct.17-18), our Mission Coordinators have chosen to sponsor a "Coat Drive" for members of our congregation and greater DeWitt community. Everyone is invited to contribute any unused coats, hats, and gloves as donations. Please only contribute clean coats with working buttons/zippers and no holes or tears. Items will be collected in the coat room here at the church all throughout this month. Please consider helping each other prepare for the cold months ahead.

As we set out on another program year, let us remember the wisdom of Colossians 3:17—"And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him."

Many blessings,

Pastor Koos

**Pastor's Report**  
**August 2015**

If your household is anything like ours, you'd know it's been a busy a couple weeks scrambling to get kids prepared and readjusted to the school year scheduling. What a relief it has been to send all 3 of our girls to the same school though. For one year, our girls get to breath the same school air and see each other if only out of the corner of their eyes. Oh, what a blessing!

Likewise, ministry is also starting to pick up again after the summer break. I'm checking in with 4 of our 6 committees that don't meet monthly and assessing which services worked last year and which need adapting. The semi-annual meeting at the end of July similarly served to reflect on the prior 6 month's ministry for guiding the future 6 month's ministry. I managed to squeeze in a vacation to attend a family wedding up in Wisconsin that was greatly appreciated. Thank you for letting my family and I get away. Otherwise, the month's ministry was fairly regular: 2 Bible studies, 15 home/hospital visits, 4 text studies, 4 worship services including 2 praise services and 1 baptism, 6 committee meetings including one for DART (DeWitt Area Recovery Team), 1 vacation Bible school session, and both chapel services at the Wilber Care and Good Samaritan centers. I was blessed with the opportunity to get out, survey some homes in town, and hear firsthand the lingering recovery struggles. Our town may look back to normal, people may have reestablished familiar routines, but the recovery is far from over. Let us continue to hold each other in prayer and give thanks for all the outside relief that will slowly trickle in in the weeks and months ahead.

# ***Trinity Lutheran Church Minutes***

July 15, 2015

## **I. Call to order**

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

## **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 \$ 9,923.77 as of July 15, 2015. There was a motion and a second to approve the treasurer's report. Report was approved
- c) Investment: Report indicates a balance of \$37,300.29 which is a decrease over last month's balance.
- d) Pastor's Report: See included report.
- e) Memorial Report indicates a balance of \$15,042.94.
- f) Committee Reports:
  - 1. Social Committee reported hosting of the pool party with 20 people present
  - 2. Worship Committee had no new report.
  - 3. Youth Development reported completion of two VBS services with two to follow. Youth Group Ministry one student and Pastor Koos attending Carol Joy Holling summer camp, also Pastor Koos sponsored 5 confirmands at Mahoney State Park.
  - 4. Stewardship/Finance/Budget had no new reports
  - 5. Property Committee reported an estimate from Terminex for \$1,000 for an application to eradicate the mole issue at the parsonage. Property Committee will pursue other approaches. Brian reported further information regarding lawn mowing at the parsonage. Mark Roessler offered to mow the parsonage lawn at a rate of \$55. This option will be implemented while consideration of a long range resolution to the mowing is pursued.

**Suggestion Box:** There was a question regarding the amount of money raised for the Back Pack Program by the golf outing. That amount was \$386 after expenses.

### **III. Old Business**

- a) The Semi-Annual Meeting will be held July 26, 2015 following the Sunday service .
- b) Brotherhood Mutual, the flood insurance provider for the church, will be contacted regarding the remainder of the payment for flood damage.

### **IV. New Business**

- (a) Pastor Koos requested and was granted vacation time to be taken October 9, 2015 through October 14, 2015.
- (b) Pastor has scheduled four out of six committee meetings to be held in the month of August.
- (c) The process of the Constitutional update is continuing. Input from Rev. Timothy Bernard has provided examples from a model constitution to guide us. A meeting of the council member will be held July 22, 2015 to review and discuss the information.

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

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

Next Council Meeting: August 19<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 pm.

Communion Assistant for July 26<sup>th</sup> is Darin.

Respectfully submitted,  
Secretary, Jane Stokebrand

## Treasurer's Report August 19, 2015

Balance as of 7/15/15		\$9,923.72
Income		\$19,001.62
Interest		\$0.79
Pastor's Salary	\$3,320.74	
Secretary Salary	\$377.77	
Organist	\$300.00	
Custodial Salary	\$510.62	
Payroll Taxes	\$1,465.07	
Treasurer's Salary	\$193.94	
Mileage	\$356.50	
Health Insurance	\$210.00	
Misc. Water Softener	\$33.00	
Bulletins	\$124.20	
Communion Supplies	\$16.00	
Postage & Freight	\$58.96	
Office Supplies	\$63.09	
Office Equipment	\$150.99	
Village Utilities Church	\$310.83	
Village Utilities Parsonage	\$263.92	
Natural Gas Church	\$23.86	
Natural Gas Parsonage	\$30.06	
Miscellaneous	\$1,299.03	
Special Benevolence	\$1,304.00	
Devotional Books	\$150.00	
NE Synod Assembly	\$274.19	
Telephone Church	\$137.72	
Telephone Parsonage	\$34.50	
Continuing Education Pastor	\$40.00	
Worship	\$112.60	
Church Maintenance	\$653.94	
Lawn & Landscape	\$150.00	
Repairs to the Parsonage	\$2,191.44	
Transfer to Benev. Savings	\$910.00	
Total Expenses:		\$15,066.97
Balance as of 8/19/15		\$13,859.16
Benevolence (Savings Account)		\$16,267.55
Sinking Fund (Savings Account)		\$421.82
Property Projects (Amount included in General Fund)		\$17,963.80
Continuing Education (Amount included in General Fund)		\$573.33

# SERVICE LEADERS FOR SEPTEMBER

DATE	SCRIPTURE READER	ACOLYTE	GREETERS	COMMUNION SET UP
				COMMUNION ASSISTANT
September 6 <sup>th</sup>	Lois Wattjes		Marvin & Linda Schuerman/ Don & Shirlie Wollenburg	
September 13 <sup>th</sup>	Karen Wollenburg		Marvin & Linda Schuerman/ Don & Shirlie Wollenburg	
September 20 <sup>th</sup>	Derrick Damrow		Marvin & Linda Schuerman/ Don & Shirlie Wollenburg	
September 27 <sup>th</sup>	Barbara Nelson		Marvin & Linda Schuerman/ Don & Shirlie Wollenburg	Teri Mangus & Jenn Uher

**HEAD USHER:** Dave Hicks

**USHERS:** Chad Pohlman, Jim Miller, Adam Wollenburg, Brad Garrison, Carson Hicks

**OUTREACH VISITATION:** Hope Circle

*For God so loved the world  
that he gave his one and  
only Son, that whoever  
believes in him shall not  
perish but have eternal life.*

# SEPTEMBER 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Area Pastor's Bible Study 10 am Worship Committee meets at 5:30pm	2 Confirmation Orientation students and parent's meet at 7 p.m.	3 Bible Study with Pastor Koos at 10am	4	5
6 Praise Choir practice 9 am <b>PRAISE SERVICE AT 10 AM</b> WELCA meets following service Parents Study Group 8:45 am	7 <b>Labor Day</b>	8 Area Pastor's Bible Study 10 am Worship Committee meets at 5:30pm	9 Confirmation meets at 6:30 pm	10 Good Sam Chapel Service 10:30 am	11	12
13 <b>Sunday School Kickoff</b> Sunday School meets at 8:45am Youth group meets at 8:45 a.m. Adult choir meets at 8:45 a.m. <b>WORSHIP SERVICE AT 10 AM</b>	14 <b>Hope Circle meets at 9 a.m.</b>	15 Area Pastor's Bible Study 10 am	16 Wilber Care Center church service 10am Confirmation at 6:30 pm Church Council meets at 8 p.m.	17 Bible Study with Pastor Koos at 10am	18	19
20 Sunday School meets at 8:45 a.m. Adult choir meets at 8:45 a.m. <b>WORSHIP SERVICE AT 10 AM</b>	21 Praise Choir Practice 5:30 pm <b>Shalom Circle meets at 7 p.m.</b> <b>Newsletter articles are due</b>	22 Area Pastor's Bible Study 10 am	23 Confirmation meets at 6:30 pm	24 Bible Study with Pastor Koos at 10am	25	26
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# September 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Sarah Kramer Mya McDougall	2 Hunter Garrison Jeremy Slama	3 Amy Bowman Bobbie Scherling Don Wollenburg	4 Cody McCain Jennifer Schuerman	5
6 Maddux Johnson	7 Tammy Thernes	8	9 Towson Bartels	10	11 Chase Hardin	12
13 Kyle Wollenburg	14 Dominic Smith	15	16 Brinley Gronemeyer	17 Kristen Brandt Rayetta Fink, Rick Mangus, Josh Miller Isabella Woerner	18 Adam Wollenburg	19
20	21 Brian Scherling	22	23	24 Jenna Carel Jana Muehling Barb Nelson Janet Sobotka	25 Chuck Holtmeier Bob Schwan, Dennis Jensen, Kynlee Uher, Pat Wollenburg	26 Whitney Rahe
27 Doug Damkroger Teri Mangus	28 Emily Thornburg	29 Tyson Baker	30 Eileen Damkroger Leon Slama			

# 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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There will be another 3-part new member class starting in September. Classes will be between 4:00-5:00 p.m. on 09/20, 09/27, and 10/04 and new members will be welcomed during service on 10/18 with reception following. Please invite anyone interested. Pastor Koos



We will tie blankets for LWR on Monday, August 31st. We meet at church at 9 am to noon. All are welcome to join us. No experience required.

## 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, September 16th at 8pm

Tailgate cookout will be held on September 18th at Tri-County beginning at 6 pm. Come and enjoy and stay for the game.

## WORSHIP & ATTENDANCE

8/2/15	107
8/9/15	51
8/16/15	98
8/23/15	116

## 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.

September -- Hope Circle

## AUGUST OFFERING

Date	General	Benev.	Property
7/26/15	2031.05	100.00	17.00
8/2/15	1445.00	125.00	17.00
8/9/15	1640.00	25.00	17.00
8/16/15	2265.00	25.00	27.00
8/23/15	1178.75	25.00	7.00

# Hope

Hope Circle

August 10, 2015

Hope Circle met on Monday, August 10, 2015, at church, with 4 members present. We served potluck.

Shirley opened the meeting by reading a hymn titled "We All Are One in Mission."

We will tie blankets on August 31st. We plan to assemble school kits on September and encourage our circle members and other church members to donate supplies for this. The items we need for these kits are listed in the yearbook.

Shirley led the Bible study titled "God Loves A Cheerful Giver", based on passages from 2nd Corinthians.

Our next meeting will be on September 14th. Shirley plans to lead the Bible study and Amalie will be hostess.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.



*Thank you to all Trinity Friends who supported me while I have been recuperating from my accident in Sweden. Thanks for remembering with all the gifts of food, cards, and letters; they are a real help during my healing. Blessings to all and bear with me the next few months as I struggle to get back to normalcy in my life!*

*Kathy Stokebrand*

# Shalom

Shalom Circle served at Warren's Table on August 25th. Next meeting will be Monday, September 21st at 7 pm at church with Linda K Schuerman hostess and Bible Study leader.

There will be a Flood Relief Benefit held at Holy Cross Lutheran in Beatrice on September 20th following the service. We have been asked to provide 24 dozen brownies. There is a sign-up sheet in the church entry way.

We will be collecting for a coat drive September 1st through October 11th. Collected articles will be distributed October 17-18th, more information will be forth coming. We will be collecting coats, hats, scarves, and gloves in the coat room. The coats have to working zippers, or buttons. All articles must be clean and usable (no holes).

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.



Sunday School will be resuming in September. We are asking for volunteers to teach our children. We need 1 for Pre-K, 2 for 1st/2nd, 1 for 3rd/4th, 1 for junior high, and 1 for music. If interested please contact Nate Morrissey at 402-683-2198.

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

### **SERVICEMEN**

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George Scherling  
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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:

Doug Damkroger

Kathy Stokebrand

Sharon Rehm

Helen Burger

Linda Schuerman

Our Tried-and-True member's poster is posted by the church bulletin board. Please feel free to write on this poster for Jerry Saathoff.

Elaine Erdmann is for the months of September and October.



# **TAILGATE TAILGATE**

# **TAILGATE !!!!!**

**Come join us for some food, fun and fellowship and to help cheer on the Tri County Trojan football team against the Freeman Falcons**

**WHEN: Friday, September 18th, 2015  
6:00 p.m. till game time**

**WHERE: Picnic Shelter Area by Field**

**Help Tri County "Fill The Hill" with fans!**

**Sponsored by: Trinity Lutheran Church Social Ministries –  
DeWitt**

## **GO BIG BLUE !!!**

