

June 2016

Greetings from your pastor and partner in ministry!!

Summer is underway now that classes have let out and we've gotten over the Memorial Day kickoff. It's good to see the pool open again and the kids having fun and staying cool. Last year at this time we were still fairly stunned from the May flooding. What a difference a year makes! Of course, if your house is like ours then you still struggle with seepage in the basement every time it rains. Perhaps this summer will be dry enough to get the water table to lower a little more.

As you'll notice on this month's calendar, we've shifted into our summer mode of operation around the church. There are fewer activities to keep our children involved besides worship services. Not that this should deter them from participation in the services! Oh, how I love to gather with them over the children's message. Keep in mind that we will not be having a traditional vacation bible school this summer in lieu of the Camp Noah event being held at our church during the last week of July (25-29). All of our kids are invited to sign up for Camp Noah as soon as possible. DART will be opening the invitation to all kids in DeWitt and there is limited enrollment. Please look for advertising around town over the next 6 weeks.

We have planned another congregational event to attend a Lincoln Saltdogs game on June 12 starting at 5:00 p.m. I recall we had to take a rain check at last year's game so let's hope for a dry day. My family and I will be taking our big summer vacation from June 13-27. We haven't decided on whether to point the van in the direction of the Pacific Northwest or to the southwest but plans should be worked out soon enough. Because of our vacation, the monthly council meeting has moved from its regularly scheduled 3rd Wednesday to the 5th Wednesday (29).

Our family vacation will be a good time to reconnect and rejuvenate. This summer will be unusual for our family. Tori be heading up to the Twin Cities at the start of the summer to get situated before starting in at the University of Minnesota in the fall. Jo and the other 3 kids will also be away to Wisconsin a lot this summer. Last fall, Jo's mom (Priscilla) was diagnosed with cancer and given a short life expectancy earlier this spring. Jo wants to spend as much time with her mom as possible while the kids are out of school. Please hold our family and particularly Priscilla in your prayers as we navigate this difficult time of transition.

Next month will kick off with two busy weekends (4th of July and 50th anniversary) so *be prepared*. I continue to hold you all in my prayers and look forward to seeing you around the church.

Many blessings,

Pastor Koos

Pastor's Report
May 2016

As of today, the 2015-2016 school/program year has officially come to an end and, similar to last year, it has come with quite a jolt. We run, run, run for 9 months and then life seems to make a sudden shift to summer mode. Once again we hear the joyful kids playing outside, the endless drones of lawn mowers, and the steady chirping of birds. Life has returned! The days are long and the possibilities for adventure are never-ending. What a delight to start the new season!

It has been somewhat of a busy month of ministry around the church. I only made 4 visits to shut-in members, participated in 3 pastor text studies, led 4 Bible studies including the new one on transformation, attended 3 committee meetings, led 1 chapel service at the Good Samaritan Center and 4 worship services, met with the youth 2 last times for the year, participated in 1 praise choir rehearsal, and taught 1 new member class. Three of the worship services were particularly special for confirmation, honoring the high school graduates, and welcoming new members Travis Murray/Brittany Reed and Tina/Zach Kuhn. As I mentioned in service, we'll be seeing Travis and Brittany in the news in the fall when they get married. I've met with them to complete their pre-marriage counseling and am confident they will build a good family. I was blessed with the opportunity to give the baccalaureate message for the graduating seniors. Some of you caught the impromptu cookout on the front lawn of the church to commemorate making it through the first year since last year's flooding. I participated in yet another day class for painting through Southeast Community College. I attended this quarter's first call theological conference which was held at the Benedictine Center in Schuyler, NE. It brought back good memories of the undergraduate learning I received at a Benedictine University back in Illinois. Finally, I've been invited to sing with the men's barbershop choir, the Homestead Harmonizers. My Monday evenings will be filled singing with both our praise choir and now the Homestead Harmonizers. What a joy to be able to sing in a variety of settings!

Many blessings,
Pastor Koos

Treasurer's Report April 30, 2016

Balance as of 3/31/16	\$15,985.80
Income	\$13,877.75
Interest	\$1.05

Pastor's Salary	\$3,420.74
Treasurer's Salary	\$199.75
Secretary Salary	\$374.43
Organist	\$825.00
Custodial Salary	\$510.62
Payroll Taxes	\$1,614.83
Pension Fund	\$1,328.39
Mileage	\$191.16
Health Insurance	\$210.00
Misc. Water Softener	\$27.00
Water Supplies (Culligan)	\$42.00
Postage & Freight	\$105.74
Copies From Copy Machine	\$424.88
Office Equipment	\$150.99
Village Utilities Church	\$148.70
Village Utilities Parsonage	\$169.08
Natural Gas Church	\$390.39
Natural Gas Parsonage	\$81.16
ELCA Benevolence	\$5,406.00
Technology	\$32.16
Telephone Church	\$137.89
Telephone Parsonage	\$34.50
Sunday School	\$144.00
Confirmation	\$80.15
Continuing Education Pastor	\$106.23
Worship	\$30.98
Church Maintenance	\$295.86
Lawn & Landscape	\$228.57
Transfer to Benev. Savings	\$910.00

Total Expenses:	\$17,621.20
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Balance as of 4/30/16	\$12,243.40
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Benevolence (Savings Account)	\$15,311.41
Sinking Fund (Savings Account)	\$421.97
Property Projects (Amount included in General Fund)	\$18,177.80
Continuing Education (Amount included in General Fund)	\$0.00 (-\$106.23)

Bank Balance 5/18/16	\$28,323.54
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Trinity Lutheran Church Minutes

April 20, 2016

I. Call to order

Chairperson Brian Nelson called to order the regular meeting of the Trinity Lutheran Church Council on April 20, 2016. Pastor Koos led the group in devotions. Members in attendance were Pastor Koos, Duane Wollenburg, Brian Nelson, Jane Stokebrand, Lois Wattjes, Adam Wollenburg, Joel Kaelin, and Jesse Gronemeyer .

II. Reports

- a) Secretary's Report: A copy of the previous minutes was presented. It was moved by Lois and seconded by Adam that the minutes be approved. Motion carried.
- b) Treasurer's Report: A copy of the monthly treasurer's report indicated a balance of \$15,985.80. It was moved by Adam and seconded by Lois that the report be approved. The motion carried.
- c) Investments Report: A balance of \$34,623.47 was reported.
- d) Pastor's Report: See included report.
- e) Memorial Report: Balance of Memorial Fund to date is \$20,511.43.
- f) Suggestion Box: The suggestion by Arlene Scherling that minutes be published in the monthly Newsletter in the month of the occurrence of the meeting was presented. The suggestions was considered and discussed. It was decided to continue the current policy to publish the minutes after they have been approved.
- g) Committee Reports:
 - 1. Social Committee reported on the golf outing to be held May 22nd at Hidden Acres beginning at 1:00 in the afternoon. The cost will be \$40 per person with a donation being made to the Tri County Back Pack program after expenses are paid. The social committee also announced a Salt Dogs baseball game for June 12th. The Camp Noah project will provide the Vacation Bible School program in July. This will be a community event. The Trinity Lutheran tailgate party will again be held on August 26th at 6:00 in the evening prior to the Tri County football game.
 - 2. Worship Committee reported that Confirmation will be held on April 24th at the regularly scheduled Sunday service.. The high school graduates will be honored at the May 8th Sunday service.
 - 3. Parish Education and Youth Group Ministries reported that Kelly Smith has volunteered to serve as Youth Group leader. A job description for the position of Sunday School superintendent will be developed and regularly scheduled Parish Education meetings will be scheduled.
 - 4. Property Committee presented updates on the basement windows for the parsonage. It was decided to again let bids for three basement windows and exclude the egressed window at this time. A leak in the sprinkler system at the parsonage was reported and will be prepared. The property clean up day is scheduled for June.

Old Business

- a) There was a motion by Lois and a second by Duane to pay the remaining half of the Mission Share. The motion was approved.
- b) A fax machine has been purchased for a cost of \$30 and is now installed.

- c) It was reported that Erin Blake, who has been providing piano lessons at Trinity Lutheran Church, declined to sign the Facility Use Agreement. Brian will speak with her to inform her that we can no longer provide the facility for piano lessons without that document.
- d) Jesse reported that he will be notified within a few days whether we will be able to purchase a discounted mower from Exmark. There was a motion by Duane and seconded by Joel that Jesse be authorized to pay up to \$2,500 upon arrival of the mower should we selected to receive that offer.
- e) There was a motion by Adam and a second by Lois that an update to the church's Windstream system from 3 mega bites to 10 mega bites be purchased at a cost of \$121. The motion carried.

III. New Business

- (a) There was discussion of the Fiftieth Anniversary celebration to be held July 10, 2016, A save the date notice has been sent to previous pastors who have served Trinity Lutheran Church. Following discussion there was a motion by Duane and a second by Jesse to set the anniversary benevolence goal at \$25,000 to be divided between the Synod Disaster Relief and the UNL Lutheran Student Center. The motion carried.
- (b) Pastor Koos reported that a New Member class will begin April 24th.
- (c) Pastor Koos requested and was granted a two week summer vacation.

Adjournment: There was a motion by Adam and a second by Joel to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried. In conclusion of the meeting, Pastor Koos led the group in praying the Lord's Prayer. The next council meeting will be held on May 18th at 8 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Secretary, Jane Stokebrand

JUNE 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Pastor Koos will be on vacation June 13 through June 27			1 Worship Committee meets at 7:30 p.m.	2 SYNOD	3 GATHERING	4
5 PRAISE SERVICE AT 10 AM WELCA Board meets following the service	6	7 Pastor Text Study 10 am 50th Anniversary Committee meets at 7:00 pm	8	9 Good Samaritan Chapel Service at 10:30 am	10 Hope Circle will play Bingo at the Wilber Care Center 2:30 pm	11
12 WORSHIP SERVICE AT 10 AM Salt Dogs Game 5 pm	13	14	15 Church Council meets at 8 p.m.	16	17	18
19 WORSHIP SERVICE AT 10 AM (Guest Preacher)	20 Newsletter articles are due Praise Choir 5:30 pm Shalom Circle meets at 7 p.m.	21	22	23	24	25 Clean up day of church/ parsonage 9 am
26 COMMUNION SERVICE AT 10 AM (Guest Preacher)	27 Praise Choir 5:30 pm	28 Pastor Text Study 10 am	29 Church Council 8 pm	30 Bible Study 10 am		FARMERS MARKET July 2 Bring your items to the Rahe Building Downtown

June 2016

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 Woermer	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, 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 - Friday - 1pm to 5pm

8pm to 12am

Saturday - 1pm to 5pm

Sean Koos, Pastor

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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 29th 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.

June -- Service List #1

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, July 10, 2016, marks the date that our church was dedicated 50 years ago.

On Sunday, July 10th, we will have a 50th celebration and would like members, family and friends of all generations to come and participate and celebrate. There will be a pot luck dinner following the service—pork loin will be provided so just bring a complimentary dish. Service Groups 7 & 8 are in charge of the kitchen and serving.

Questions? Contact a member of the 50th Celebration committee, which are Pastor Koos, Brian and Barb Nelson, Liz Poessnecker, Harold and Kathy Stokebrand.

WORSHIP & ATTENDANCE

5/1/16 83

5/8/16 79

5/15/16 91

5/22/16 59

MAY OFFERING

Date	General	Benev.	Property
5/1/16	5201.75	50.00	.00
5/8/16	2130.35	125.00	.00
5/15/16	2130.00	35.00	.00
5/22/16	788.50	.00	.00
50th Total	270.00		

Hope

Hope Circle met Monday, May 9 at the home of Mary Garrison. Mary was hostess and led the Bible Study "Mary and Elizabeth - Sisters across the Generation," taken from the Gather magazine. Action report for the WELCA Board on the July Celebration Farmers Market. Coffee, rolls and juice will be served beginning at 8 a.m. Free will donation. Watch for more details. The April Outreach, members sent cards. The Circle will donate \$25.00 to the special offering July 10. On June 10th we will play Bingo at the Wilber Care Center, bring prizes. 2:30 p.m. South Activity Room. The meeting closed with members sharing "Memories of Mom" and the Lords Prayer.

We welcomed our new members

Brittany Reed, Travis Murray, Tina Kuhn, and Zachary Kuhn.



WELCA Highlights

**Farmer's Market will be held Saturday, July 2nd from 8am-11am at Roger Rahe's building downtown. We will also have coffee, juice and assorted rolls available for a freewill donation. All proceeds will go towards our church's 50th Anniversary Celebration offering.

**Shalom Circle has put together 95 Layette kits. Sleepers and blankets are needed to put together more. Tubs are available in the coat room for these items.

** Service Groups #7 & #8 will be serving the meal for the 50th Anniversary Celebration. WELCA has given \$500 towards the offering.

Shalom

Shalom Circle met on May 16.

No reports from Mission Growth or Community. Mission Action reported that the quilts that we made for the seniors were given to them at the morning service.

Karen reported on WELCA News

"New Expressions" pamphlet is on the bulletin board if you wish to look at it.

Lois gave a short report on the Spring Gathering at Fairbury.

Prayer concerns were given.

Karen gave the "Hymn Study" on "Amazing Grace" and "Little Brown Church In The Vale" by John Newton and Wm. Pitts respectively. Jan served as our hostess.

Our next meeting will be June 20 with Bev serving as hostess and "Hymn Study" leader and we will also work on July table decorations at the June meeting.

Offering was taken and the meeting was adjourned.

Sec/Trea.

Shirlie Wollenburg.

There are a pair of children's glasses which were left in a pew at church last week. You may pick them up in the church office.

**Portals of Prayer
Devotional Books are
located at the back of the
church. Please help
yourself to a copy.**

SERVICE LEADERS FOR JUNE

DATE	SCRIPTURE READER	ACOLYTE	GREETERS	COMMUNION SET UP
				COMMUNION ASSISTANT
June 5 th	Jane Stokebrand	Mallory Chavez	Jim & Joyce Holtmeier/ Arlyn Parde	
June 12 th	Liz Poessnecker	Brevin Damrow	Jim & Joyce Holtmeier/ Arlyn Parde	
June 19 th	Tim Garrison	Logan Brown	Jim & Joyce Holtmeier/ Arlyn Parde	
June 26 th	Bev Plihal	Karli Scherling	Jim & Joyce Holtmeier/ Arlyn Parde	Julie Koch & Natalie Wollenburg

HEAD USHER: Steve Garrison

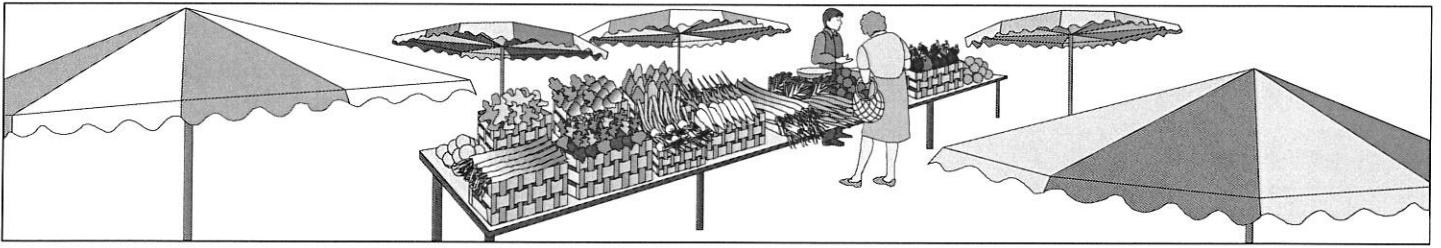
USHERS: Mike Bergmeier, Ron Hinzman, Jeremy Placek, Mike Rahe, Roy Scherling

OUTREACH VISITATION: Service List #1

Current Service Group: Service Group #1 (Leonard & Shirley Saathoff/
Larry & Lois Wattjes)

*And you, fathers do not provoke
your children to wrath, but bring
them up in the training and
admonition of the Lord.
Ephesians 6:4*

Remember items for the food pantry



FARMERS MARKET will be held on Saturday, July 2nd, at the Rahe building downtown. The hours will be 8 am to 11 am. Please be thinking about what baked goods, garden items, etc. you may donate. If you have questions, please contact Donna Garrison. There will also be rolls and coffee for sale that morning in conjunction with the car show.

The WELCA Expressions newsletter is posted on the WELCA bulletin board for anyone who would like to read it.

Tori's graduation party will be on May 28th from 2 pm to 6 pm. All are invited!

FUNDRAISING GOAL \$25,000

In conjunction with our 50th Celebration our Church Council has set the goal of \$25,000 for a mission offering. It was decided to disburse the funds raised to the Lutheran Disaster Fund and the Lutheran Student Center.

Donations are being accepted now. Please use an envelope and write 50th so that we may direct the funds appropriately.