

September 2016

Greetings from your pastor and partner in ministry!!

A new program year kicks off this month and everyone is excited to get back at it. We'll be introducing new songs for the "song-of-the-month" during the praise service. The adult study class will continue working through Chip Ingram's study, "Transformed: The Miracle of Life Change." Thank you to all those who volunteered to serve as teachers this year. Our kids need the gifts found in the teachings of the Bible. We'll try to stick with the schedule we came up with last year for the special music during the collection of offering in worship service. The offering music for the 1st Sunday of each month will be sung by the praise choir as they introduce the new "song-of-the-month." The 2nd Sunday will invite the kids to perform on the hand bells. The 3rd Sunday will highlight the singing of our adult choir. The 4th Sunday will get the kids back up there to delight us with a song. Any 5th Sunday will be led by the adult choir. Jan Dunn and Arlyce Albert have been gracious enough to lead the kids in their singing. Our youth group gets an exciting boost with Kelly Smith leading this year. We have a whole new group of confirmation kids starting in this year. Please hold them in prayer as they set out on the 2-year journey of dedicated spiritual growth.

Everyone is invited to participate in this year's "God's Work, Our Hands" Sunday project on 09/11. We will be joining with our sisters and brothers from Holy Cross Lutheran in Beatrice and American Lutheran in Filley to help with projects for the new Teen Challenge home just outside of Beatrice. We will be painting, gardening, and building as they get ready to welcome their first batch of troubled teenage girls before the end of the year. No skill level is required to help—just come with a willingness to put those hands to work doing God's work!

I mentioned in last month's report that our Thursday morning Bible studies have dwindled in participation and I'm eager to make it more relevant to our community. Please share some ideas with me that might revive it. But for all you men in our congregation, be sure to keep an eye out for the new men's study group forming in the coming weeks that is being led by Mike Holtmeier.

Many exciting ministries to look forward to this month!

Many blessings,

Pastor Koos

Pastor's Report
August 2016

We're in the dog days of summer now. The air is thick and the summer seems to have come to an end. Our household has quieted down a bit with the kids heading back to school. I imagine our household isn't the only one adjusting to the shift either. We let out a collective sigh in remembering all that we did this summer while taking a deep breath for what's coming this fall. I know I'm excited for what's in store.

It seems like it's been a long 5 weeks since last we met as a council. In that time, I was able to make 9 visits on members, lead 4 worship services, 2 chapel services, attend 1 committee meeting and 3 pastor text studies, and guide 1 adult Bible study. Unfortunately, our Thursday morning Bible studies haven't had very good participation and I'm wondering if a different day/time might entice more members. If anyone has any suggestions, please let me know and we'll consider them. Perhaps a study that doesn't follow the lectionary (i.e. a study on the book of Romans or Acts or a theme like friendship) might be more enriching. I was very pleased with the strong turnout for the Camp Noah event. I think our kids got a lot out of the week and had great fun with each other. Thank you for hosting the event and the counselors for that week. I've begun pre-marriage counseling for another couple (Kuhn/Groathouse) who would like to marry on Sept. 3. Finally, there have been many changes in our chapter of the Nebraska Lutheran Campus Ministry. I was asked to sit on the governing board, serve as vice president and then as president, and finally as a minister for the Southeast Community College-Beatrice campus. I will be sharing the responsibility of leading a weekly Bible study with other pastors in the area, no more than a couple hours of extra work. My peers and I see the importance of continuing ministry on the SCC campus and I'm looking forward to ministering to that group of students.

Many blessings,

Pastor Koos

“God’s Work, Our Hands” Sunday

September 11, 2016

Each year, all throughout the ELCA, congregations dedicate one Sunday to getting out in their surrounding communities and putting their faith into action. Some congregations set up community gardens. Other congregations clean up or rebuild parks and recreation areas. Other congregations serve at their local food pantry or homeless shelter. It is a great occasion to get out of our places of worship and actually enact God’s love in the world around us.

Though many congregations have been participating in this event for several years, it is new to our congregation and other congregations around us. Coming up with an individual project can be rather intimidating. Lucky for us, there are a couple of congregations in our area (Holy Cross in Beatrice and American Lutheran in Filley) that would love to team up with us to tackle a project together. There is a new rehabilitative home for troubled teenage girls outside of Beatrice that needs our help. They need help with a variety of projects including painting, landscaping, and building. On Sept. 11, the other congregations will begin the projects in the morning. We’ve been invited to join them after our service and work through the afternoon. No skills are required—just an eagerness to use your hands for God’s work!

Treasurer's Report July 31, 2016

Balance as of 6/30/16		\$17,548.26
Income		\$17,323.42
Interest		\$1.22
Pastor's Salary	\$3,420.74	
Treasurer's Salary	\$199.75	
Secretary Salary	\$359.87	
Organist	\$300.00	
Custodial Salary	\$510.62	
Payroll Taxes	\$1,595.40	
Pension Fund	\$1,328.39	
Supply Pastor	\$186.72	
Mileage	\$530.28	
Misc. Water Softener	\$27.00	
Communion Supplies	\$32.00	
Postage & Freight	\$58.76	
Office Supplies	\$505.71	
Office Equipment	\$150.99	
Village Utilities Church	\$234.74	
Village Utilities Parsonage	\$324.16	
Natural Gas Church	\$35.34	
Natural Gas Parsonage	\$33.10	
Technology	\$105.50	
Telephone Church	\$109.04	
Telephone Parsonage	\$34.50	
Church Maintenance	\$1,329.37	
Organ	\$435.00	
Lawn & Landscape	\$649.65	
Repairs to the Parsonage	\$467.68	
Property Insurance	\$2,969.00	
Transfer to Benev. Savings	\$910.00	
Total Expenses:		\$16,843.31
Balance as of 7/31/16		\$18,029.59
Benevolence (Savings Account)		\$18,588.70
Sinking Fund (Savings Account)		\$422.02
Property Projects (Amount included in General Fund)		\$18,177.80
Continuing Education (Amount included in General Fund)		\$0.00 (-\$106.23)
Bank Balance 8/15/16	\$27,318.65	

Trinity Lutheran Church Minutes

July 17, 2016

I. Call to order

Chairperson Brian Nelson called to order the regular meeting of the Trinity Lutheran Church Council on July 17, 2016. Pastor Koos led the group in devotions. Members in attendance were Pastor Koos, Duane Wollenburg, Brian Nelson, Lois Wattjes, Joel Kaelin, Adam Wollenburg, and Randy Wollenburg.

II. Reports

- a) Secretary's Report: A copy of the previous minutes was presented. It was moved by Randy and seconded by Duane that the minutes be approved. Motion carried.
- b) Treasurer's Report: No treasurer's report presented.
- c) Investments Report: A balance of \$34,709.14 was reported
- d) Pastor's Report: See included report.
- e) Memorial Report: Balance of Memorial Fund to date is \$16,700.54. This amount does not include reimbursement from Thrivent for the purchase of the Exmark mower.
- f) Suggestion Box: There were no suggestions submitted.
- g) Committee Reports:
 1. Social Committee will host a pool party Friday July 29, 2016 following Camp Noah.
 2. Worship Committee had no new report.
 3. Parish Education and Youth Group Ministries reported that Amber Koch is currently seeking Sunday School teachers for the upcoming school year.
 4. Property Committee reported lights in the fellowship hall will be replaced with LED bulbs. Duane also reported that the basement window on the north side of the parsonage has been closed in with block. This was completed by Chad Bissegger at a cost of \$350.

III. Old Business

- a) The benevolence fund reported the amount donated during the 50th anniversary, excluding the farmer's market, to be \$16, 144. Following discussion there was a motion by Duane and a second by Joel to meet the 50th Anniversary goal of \$25,000 by using benevolence funds accumulated in the benevolence savings account to make up the difference. The motion carried. The amount of \$12,500 will be forwarded to both the Nebraska Synod Disaster Relief Fund and the Nebraska Lutheran Campus Ministry for the new center on the UNL campus.
- b) Following discussion it was decided that the bill from TruGreen for flea treatment at \$49.95 will not be paid from the Trinity Lutheran account.
- c) Culligan checked the systems of the water softening unit and replaced some o rings. In addition Pastor Koos has replaced a toilet valve in the master bath eliminating an unusual noise.
- d) The God's Work, Our Hands project was discussed. Pastor has received calls from Holy Cross Lutheran of Beatrice and American Lutheran of Filley about a combined "Teen Challenge" project to be held in Beatrice. The council was interested in pursuing this project to be held on September 11, 2016

- e) The purchase of benches for installation outside of the church was discussed. Duane reported a bid from Wilber Mfg. for metal benches for \$800 to \$850, and from Site Scapes for benches at \$1,200. There was a motion by Randy and a second by Lois to purchase two 8 foot benches from Site Scapes at a cost of approximately \$1,200 each. Delivery will be in six to eight weeks and Duane will handle the details. There was discussion of possibly adding plaques to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the church building.
- f) A copy of the letter to Roger Krivan thanking him for assistance in purchasing the Exmark mower was read to the group.
- g) Other old business included further action on a previous discussion regarding reimbursement transfers to Pastor Koos. Transfers will be provided twice monthly on the 7th and 21st of each month.

IV. New Business

- (a) The upcoming confirmation class is expected to include 6 students in grades ^{6th} ~~5th~~ through seventh.
- (b) The Semi-Annual meeting for Trinity Lutheran Church will be held July 24th following the regular Sunday service.
- (c) Other new business included discussion of the refrigerator in the parsonage which was not cooling properly. Pastor contacted Sears and they replaced the ice maker and reattached the fan blade which had come loose. The issue was corrected.
- (d) Additional other new business included information that Pastor has been contacted by Gina Weise regarding payment required for Camp Noah. Pastor will contact Gina for clarification.

Adjournment: There was a motion by Joel and a second by Randy 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 August 17th at 8:00 P.M. Communion Assistant for July 31, 2016 is Jane Stokebrand.

Respectfully submitted,
Secretary, Jane Stokebrand

September 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
4 Cody McCain Jennifer Schuerman	5	6 Maddux Johnson	7 Tammy Themes	1 Sarah Kramer Mya McDougall	2 Hunter Garrison Jeremy Slama	3 Amy Bowman Bobbie Scherling Don Wollenburg
11	12 Chase Hardin	13 Kyle Wollenburg	14 Josi Hoesche Dominic Smith	8	9 Towson Bartels	10
18	19 Adam Wollenburg	20	21 Brian Scherling	15 16 Brinley Gronemeyer	17 Kristen Brandt Rayetta Fink, Rick Mangus, Josh Miller Isabella Woerner	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 Evelyn Baker	30 Eileen Damkroger Leon Slama	

SEPTEMBER 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	1 Bible Study with Pastor Koos at 10am	2	3 Kuhn/Groathouse Wedding 3 pm
4 WORSHIP SERVICE AT 10 AM Adult Study Group 8:45 am	5 Labor Day	6 Area Pastor's Bible Study 10 am Tie Blankets for LWR 9 am to Noon	7 Confirmation Orientation students and parent's meet at 6:30 pm Worship Committee meets 7:30 pm	8 Good Samaritan Chapel Service 10:30 am	9	10
11 Sunday School Kickoff Sunday School meets at 8:45am WORSHIP SERVICE AT 10 AM <i>Potluck following the service</i> "God's Work , Our Hands" Project	12 Hope Circle meets at 9 a.m. Praise Choir practice 5:30 pm	13 Area Pastor's Bible Study 10 am	14 Wilber Care Center church service 10 am Confirmation at 6:30 pm WELCA Board at 7 pm Church Council at 8 pm	15 Bible Study with Pastor Koos at 10am	16	17 Reed/Murray Wedding 3 pm
18 Sunday School meets at 8:45 am Praise choir meets at 9 am PRAISE SERVICE AT 10 AM	19 Praise Choir Practice 5:30 pm Shalom Circle meets at 7 p.m. Newsletter articles are due	20 Area Pastor's Bible Study 10 am	21 Confirmation meets at 6:30 pm	22 Bible Study with Pastor Koos at 10am	23	24
25 Sunday School meets at 8:45 am Adult choir meets at 8:45 am Youth Group meets at 8:45 am COMMUNION SERVICE 10 AM	26 Praise Choir Practice 5:30 pm	27 Area Pastor's Bible Study 10 am	28 Confirmation meets at 6:30 pm	29	30	

OFFICE HOURS

OFFICE HOURS FOR PASTOR KOOS

Tuesday - Friday - 1pm to 5pm
 8pm to 12am
 Saturday - 1pm to 5pm

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
 Summer Hours
 Monday - 5pm to 6:30pm
 Wednesday - 6:15pm to 7:15pm
 Church email: tlcde Witt209@gmail.com



Church Council will meet on Wednesday,
 September 21st 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.

September -- Service List #7

Sunday School Kickoff

Sunday School Kickoff will be held Sunday, September 11th. The first graders will be receiving their Bibles during the worship service. Following the service there will be a potluck; the meat will be provided and everyone is asked to bring a dish to share. There will be a free will basket proceeds to go to the Sunday school.



Alan & Jan Dunn, Lauren, Josh and Amelia Harrison would like to thank you all for praying for Amelia during her heart surgery. The hole in her heart was filled in with a plug and she is happy and well. God's Blessings

Hi! I'm Jan Dunn and I will be leading the children's choir this year. Arlyce Albert will be my assistant. We will be singing songs with the guitar and later from our own rythem band. I hope this will be a fun time and we will be making a joyful noise unto the Lord! Look in the bulletin for more information.

WORSHIP & ATTENDANCE

7/31/16	90
8/7/16	60
8/14/16	89
8/21/16	73

AUGUST OFFERING

Date	General	Benev.	Property
7/31/16	1966.75	25.00	.00
8/7/16	1476.55	225.00	.00
8/14/16	1756.00	35.00	.00
8/21/16	1678.50	25.00	

Hope

Hope Circle
August 8, 2016

Hope Circle met at church on Monday, August 8, 2016, with 5 members present. Potluck was served. Kathy opened the business meeting. She gave a report on the last WELCA Board meeting. She mentioned that she and Lois Wattjes had attended the Spring Update.

Kathy said we now have 113 layette kits put together. We will resume tying quilts in September.

Kathy also mentioned the Autumn Renewal this year will be held at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Hastings.

As there was no further business, the meeting was closed

Annalee led the Bible study entitled "Treasures in the Clay Jars," based on passages from 1st Corinthians 5 and John 20

Our next meeting will be held at church on September 12, 2016. Annalee will be hostess and Sharon will lead the Bible study.

Jean Placek
Sec./Treas

Shalom

Shalom Circle will meet Monday, September 19th at 7 pm at church. Connie Scherling will be Bible Study Leader and Hostess.

WELCA Highlights

** Farmer's Market Net Profit was \$573.80

**Shalom Circle has put together 113 Layette Kits

**WELCA Election will be held the first 3 Sundays in September

**NE Synod Autumn Renewal will be held October 8th in Hastings

**WELCA Board approved a revised constitution

**Voting for 2017 WELCA Board officers will take place September 4th through September 18th.

Tie blankets for LWR on Tuesday,
September 6th from 9 a.m. to noon

REMEMBER ITEMS FOR THE FOOD PANTRY

LIBRARY NEEDS: If you are wanting specific books or CDs in our church library, contact Mary Garrison and we'll try to order them. Also, we need some more shelves built, and if anyone would like to donate their time and talent please also contact Mary and we can discuss type/style. Thank you!

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

SERVICE LEADERS FOR SEPTEMBER

DATE	SCRIPTURE READER	ACOLYTE	GREETERS	COMMUNION SET UP COMMUNION ASSISTANT
September 4 th	Tim Garrison		Dan & Connie Scherling/ Gordon & Linda Schuerman	
September 11 th	Liz Poessnecker		Dan & Connie Scherling/ Gordon & Linda Schuerman	
September 18 th	Bev Plihal		Dan & Connie Scherling/ Gordon & Linda Schuerman	
September 25 th	Mike Holtmeier		Dan & Connie Scherling/ Gordon & Linda Schuerman	Wendi Barnts & Kenni Woerner

HEAD USHER: Arlyn Parde

USHERS: Bruce Rahe, Matt Uher, Kynlee Uher, Krayten Uher, Delaney Uher

OUTREACH VISITATION: Service Group #7

Current Service Group: Service Group #2 (Harold & Kathy Stokebrand and Arlene Scherling)

Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old, he will not depart from it (Prov. 22:6)

Keep in your Prayers

SERVICEMEN

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

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

His email is:
Bartlett_Riley@yahoo.com

Matt and Meighen Friesen
2770 Daniel Avenue
San Diego, CA 92111



Additional Prayer requests for

Please continue to keep these members in your prayers:

Hilda Kasl
Priscilla Rene
Alice Wollenburg-cards sent to DeWitt address. Family is picking up mail.

Please keep the families of Arlyn and Elaine Parde in your prayers. Arlyn's dad, Harlan Parde, passed away.

Richard Wollenburg
Heritage Crossings
501 N 13th St.
Geneva, NE 68361

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

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

Eileen Damkroger
RR2 Box 43
DeWitt, NE 68341

Janice Buhr
2211 Sunset Dr. Apt. #225
Beatrice, NE 68310

Herb Rehm
Wilber Care Center
611 N Main
Wilber, NE 68465

The Blackwood Brothers in Concert
The First Christian Church of (DOC) of Beatrice is
sponsoring a Blackwood Brothers Concert at 7:00
P.M. on Monday, September 12, 2016 in the church
sanctuary. We are thrilled and delighted that they
are coming again this year.

Please come and enjoy an evening of music by
"The best-known name in Gospel Music!"

I am going to start a men's bible study here at Trinity. The
idea came from Christ Lutheran in Pickrell and their
Lutheran Men in Mission group. They meet once a month in
the evening go through a bible study and do a few small
events throughout the year. I would like to do something
similar at Trinity. Please contact me by phone or email if
interested. In a couple of weeks with those interested we will
order study guides and find a good time to meet every
month. All ages welcome. Thanks!

Mike.holtmeier@plantpioneer.com 947-1440

SMILE FOR YOU

*Smiling is infectious; you catch it like the flu,
When someone smiled at me today, I started smiling too.
I passed around the corner and someone saw my grin
When he smiled I realized I'd passed it on to him.
I thought about that smile then I realized its worth,
A single smile, just like mine could travel round the earth.
So, if you feel a smile begin, don't leave it undetected
Let's start an epidemic quick, and get the world infected!*

*Keep the smile going by sending this on to a friend.
Everyone needs a smile!!!*



2016
Autumn Renewal

*Fashionista's & Diva's of
The Lutheran Women*

Theme: "of many generations"

"Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt, you shall raise
up the foundations of many generations..." Isaiah 58:12

October 8, 2016

Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd

1388 North Saunders

Hastings, NE

9:00 to 3:00

Registration & Refreshments 8:15 - 8:45

Agenda Summary

Presenters for the Day - Mother-Daughter Duo's; Grandmother-Granddaughter Duo's - Style Show of Nebraska Women

- Bible Study with Pastor Patti Bryne & Daughter Courtney Peeler
- Lutheran Women Style Show (comedy)
- LFS Representative
- Triennial Presentation
- Monetary Offering - 1/2 to Lutheran Family Services Refugee Services; 1/2 to Churchwide Organization
- Tangible Offering - Open Table Ecumenical Program of Hastings to feed the hungry
 - Non-perishable single serving items, ready to eat; chips cookies, juice boxes
 - Pop top or plastic containers canned fruit, pudding, vegetables
 - Granola or other bars
 - Canned meat
 - Plastic spoons, napkins, lunch sacks
 - Peanut butter & jelly to make sandwiches
 - Cash to purchase bread for sandwiches

Registration cost \$18

Please mail Registration Form by October 1, 2016

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Registration Form

Name _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Phone Number _____ Home Church _____

Email _____

Special Dietary Needs: _____

Make checks payable to NSWO; mail form and check to:

Sandy Terry, NSWO Treasurer, 1461 2nd Avenue Ct., Fremont, NE 68025-5317

Call if any questions: 402-957-4480 or sterry9415@yahoo.com

Registrations are transferable but not refundable.