June 2017

Greetings from your pastor and partner in ministry!!

We made it through the wet month of May and into the glorious month of June. If this year is like prior years, we can expect some beautiful, sunny days this month. This is good because we have a busy month around the church. Just because we've shifted into "summer mode" doesn't mean the rich ministry has taken a break. At the start of the month, we'll gather in Kearney for the annual synod meeting. Our praise service won't be introducing any new songs throughout the next 3 months, only reviving congregational favorites. On the second Sunday, our "catechism" Sunday, we'll lift up what Luther says about the Lord's Prayer. Both our adult and children's choir will enhance the service with a special song set to the prayer. Our kids will gather for vacation Bible school during the third week. We've shifted our communion Sunday to the 18th because we've again been invited to worship with our brothers and sisters in Christ over at Soap Creek on the 25th. Our congregation's youth will join with youth from the area for a mission trip to the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota during the last week. What a rich month of ministry ahead!

It isn't the only rich month of the summer either. In July, we'll be hosting the annual 4th of July service with our brothers and sisters in Christ from our neighboring Methodist and Episcopal congregations. I've invited the Homestead Harmonizers to perform for us during service on the 9th. I'll be gone the following Sunday for a conference in Duluth, MN so the VBS leaders and participants will offer a presentation instead. Our semi-annual meeting will be held on the 23rd and everyone is invited to come and hear how we're doing midway through the year. Phew...where did the year go?! I'll close out the month by taking the confirmation kids to summer camp at the Carol Joy Holling Center in Ashland, NE.

Don't even get me started on August plans!!

Many blessings,

Pastor Koos

Pastor's Report May 2017

Over the last month, we wrapped up another program year and tied up several loose ends. The Sunday school and confirmation classes went into their 4-month hibernation and will resume in September. Thank you again to all those who helped make it another successful year of learning. I look forward to continuing both the Sunday and Wednesday Bible studies for our adult learners.

I was blessed to be able to make 5 visits, lead 5 worship services including the chapel service at the Good Samaritan Center in Beatrice, teach 1 confirmation class, 1 adult study, 1 Sunday school class, 3 Bible studies, and 3 new member classes, participate in 1 men's bible study, 3 pastor text studies, and 1 committee meeting. During worship service, we honored 3 high school graduates and welcomed 6 new members to our congregation. It was a privilege to officiate at the Rowden/Schuerman wedding. They're a young couple filled with love for each other and a hopeful future. It was fun taking the confirmation class to the Mosaic Homes in Beatrice for their spring prom. Because it was the last time the kids and I met for the year, we celebrated with a trip to Dairy Queen afterwards. Finally, the 2-day conference I attended with fellow 1st call pastors was particularly fruitful with its focus on developing healthy spiritual practices (prayer, meditation, contemplation, rumination). What a delightful way to finish out the program year and transition into the summer tempo.

Many blessings, Pastor Koos

Trinity Lutheran Church Minutes

March 15, 2017

I. Call to order

Chairperson Duane Wollenburg called to order the regular meeting of the Trinity Lutheran Church Council on March 15, 2017. Pastor Koos led the group in devotions. Members in attendance were Pastor Koos, Duane Wollenburg, Lois Wattjes, Joel Kaelin, Brian Scherling, Yvonne Rahe, Byron Beerenstrauch, Cody Wollenburg, Jesse Gronemeyer and Amy Stokebrand

Reports

- a) Secretary's Report: A copy of the previous minutes was reviewed. A correction was made to include how much the youth group was asking per child (\$146) out of the total amount (\$296) needed for the mission trip. Brian made a motion and it was seconded by Cody that the minutes be approved as amended. Motion carried.
- b) Treasurer's Report: A copy of the monthly treasurer's report indicated a balance of \$9,188.58 as of February 28, 2017. The available cash balance is \$2,649.62. Yvonne made a motion to accept the report and it was seconded by Jesse. Motion carried.
- c) Investments Report: The investment balance as of January 27, 2017 was \$38,183.67. The balance as of February 24th is \$38,864.47.
- d) Pastor's Report: See included report.
- e) Memorial Report: The memorial balance is reported to be \$18,807.09 as of March 15, 2017.
- f) Suggestion Box: None submitted.
- g) Committee Reports:
 - Social Committee reported that they will be planning events once a quarter instead of once a month. The next event may be a summer cookout.
 - Worship Committee finalized the Holy Week Services. Maundy Thursday service will be at 7:00 pm and Good Friday service will be 8:00 pm. It was encouraged to come to Lenten Services.
 - 3. Evangelical Committee reported that their focus will be to work on a New Member Packet to welcome new members and to reach out to families of the newly baptized every 6 months to a year to ask how they are doing and to encourage them to attend church regularly.
 - 4. Parish Education: It was reported that Vacation Bible School will tentatively be held June 19-23rd. Jana Muehling will be working to decide if days or evenings will work better.
 - 5. Youth Group: The Youth Group will be going on a Mission Trip June 25th-30th to Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota. 9 students from our church, 2 students from the Methodist Church and 5 students and 2 adults from First Trinity Lutheran will be attending. They are asking the church to contribute \$146 each per student towards the \$296 total to cover expenses. The council felt that they should try to hold a fundraiser and wanted to know more details like what is the money that they are requesting going towards. The discussion was tabled until the next meeting.
 - 6. Property Committee: The Church cleanup will be held on March 25th at 9:00 am. Projects to tackle will be cleaning the church windows, landscaping and sprinklers. Courtney's Lawn Service came to do the pre-emergence on the lawn.

II. Old Business

- a) Pastor reported that the church is set up for the Thrivent E-Giving program. The \$100 enrollment fee was waived because we were enrolled by February 28th. There is a little training that needs to be done and Pastor and Jenn will look into this.
- It was reported that Jenn's hours as the secretary will be Monday and Wednesday 5-6:30 pm.
- c) The benches have been installed outside of the church.

III. New Business

- (a) Steve Hovendick from Edward Jones reported on the church's investments. He felt that the investments are in good shape and to leave our allocations as they are for the time being.
- (b) The church will contribute \$100 to each confirmation student to attend Carol Joy Holling Summer Camp July 23-27. Jesse made motion and Yvonne seconded. Motion carried.
- (c) It was decided to hold a coffee before church to thank Barb Nelson for her years of service as the church secretary. Pastor will reach out to Barb and Brian to find a date that will work. We will give her a \$50 gift card as a thank you. Lois made a motion and Jesse seconded this request and motion carried.
- (d) Discussion was held about holding an evening service. Yvonne will bring it up at the next worship committee meeting to talk about format and details. Discussion was tabled until the next meeting.
- (e) There are 9 students taking the First Communion classes with their first communion during Maundy Thursday service.
- (f) We will renew our postage meter stamp for the upcoming year.

The council went into Executive Session. There was a motion by Lois and a second by Cody to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried. In conclusion of the meeting, the council recited the Lord's Prayer.

Church Council Secretary, Amy Stokebrand

Trinity Lutheran Church Minutes

April 19, 2017

I. Call to order

Chairperson Duane Wollenburg called to order the regular meeting of the Trinity Lutheran Church Council on April 19, 2017. Pastor Koos led the group in devotions. Members in attendance were Pastor Koos, Duane Wollenburg, Lois Wattjes, Joel Kaelin, Brian Scherling, Yvonne Rahe, Byron Beerenstrauch, Cody Wollenburg, Jesse Gronemeyer and Amy Stokebrand

Reports

- a) Secretary's Report: A copy of the previous minutes was reviewed. Brian made a motion and it was seconded by Jesse that the minutes be approved. Motion carried.
- b) Treasurer's Report: A copy of the monthly treasurer's report indicated a balance of \$3,522.92 as of March 31, 2017. The available cash balance is \$3,522.92. Brian made a motion to accept the report and it was seconded by Yvonne. Motion carried.
- c) Investments Report: The investment balance as of March 31, 2017 is \$39,108.16.
- d) Pastor's Report: See included report.
- e) Memorial Report: The memorial balance is reported to be \$18,808.38 as of March 31, 2017. There will be a deposit of \$400 into the Memorial Fund from the Schmohr funeral and then transferred to the general treasury to be used for general expenses as needed per the family's request.
- f) Suggestion Box: None submitted.
- g) Committee Reports:
 - 1. Social Committee had nothing to report.
 - 2. Worship Committee reported that they have some ideas for an evening service. They would like to see a congregational survey go out to see how much of an interest there is and ask for better ideas for times and what the congregation would like to see during an evening service with the idea of starting this in the fall. Easter Services were reviewed and finalized. It was suggested during the summer months to not introduce new music and to stay with the familiar hymns. They suggested it would be nice if the Sunday School Superintendent be invited to the meetings to help with planning.
 - Evangelical Committee reported that they're working on gathering information about the church and drafting a welcome letter to mail out to parents of newly baptized babies and new members.
 - Parish Education: It was reported that Vacation Bible School will be held June 19-23rd.
 Jana Muehling will be working to decide if days or evenings will work better.
 - Property Committee: Courtney's Lawn Service came to do the pre-emergence on the lawn which is a slow release so it should be fine that it was applied a little early. There will be another application coming.

II. Old Business

- a) The church clean up went well but the siding on the garage still needs to be done.
- Barb's appreciation coffee will be on April 30th at 9 am. It was decided who is bringing refreshments.

c) We plan on sending out a congregational survey to ask about what is important to families in the church and the idea of an evening service. We are to work on coming up with questions to be included in the survey by the next meeting.

III. New Business

- (a) The Youth Group raised \$60 at the Easter Breakfast with a matching donation for that amount for their mission trip to Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. Yvonne made the motion and Cody seconded it to give each Trinity Youth Member \$50 towards their expenses. Motion carried.
- (b) Pastor reported that all of our shut-ins are at the Wilber Care Center and they would appreciate a visit.
- (c) The new member class is starting with 2 families interested. Introduction will be May 14th.
- (d) It was suggested to publish a new photo directory. Pastor will visit with Liz Poessnecker to see if she is interested in doing it again.
- (e) Pastor goes to an Oblate retreat once a month on a Saturday but this year the annual meeting is in Duluth Minnesota from July 14-19th so he will be gone that week. We plan on doing a hymnfest the Sunday Pastor is gone. Because of that, we will hold the Semi-Annual meeting on July 23rd.
- (f) We will recognize the High School Graduates on May 7th.

There was a motion by Lois and a second by Joel to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried. In conclusion of the meeting, the council recited the Lord's Prayer.

Church Council Secretary, Amy Stokebrand

Bible Study Questions Wednesdays, 8:30 a.m. June 2017

06-07-17 Matthew 28:16-20

- 1. We are being sent out into the world by the authority of Jesus. What areas of your life does Jesus have authority in and what areas does he not, and why?
- 2. How do you determine if Jesus has authority in your life?
- 3. Does Jesus have enough authority in your life to send you where he needs you to go and to do what he needs you to do?
- 4. Did Jesus give all believers a suggestion to go and make disciples or a command? What's the difference and how does this apply to you as a follower of Jesus?
- 5. Jesus commands all believers to go and make disciples. The word "go" can be translated "as you go". For you, in your life, where is "as you go"?
- 6. Jesus tells us how to make disciples: Sharing the Good News, baptizing those who respond, and helping them to mature in their faith. Do you feel prepared to do this? If not, what would help you to be prepared? What actions steps are you willing to take to become prepared?
- 7. What were some of the disciples doubting? How are Jesus' next words an antidote to this doubt?
- 8. What is the relationship between worship of God and witness for God? How is our witness for God a demonstration of our belief in the worthiness of God to be worshipped by all peoples?
- 9. What are some excuses that we make for not making disciples? What do these excuses reveal about us?
- 10. What are some legitimate hindrances to our task of making disciples? What are some practical ways that we can overcome these?

06-14-17 Matthew 9:35-10:8

- 1. When we consider the mission that God has called us to, whose example are we really following? Why is it important to always remember this?
- 2. What did Jesus' ministry look like according to 9:35?
- 3. When Jesus looked at the crowd, what was His response?
- 4. When Jesus sees that the people are like sheep without a shepherd, how does He direct his disciples to respond?
- 5. When we experience shortages in teaching God's ways, in proclaiming the gospel message that the Kingdom of heaven is near, and caring for and healing the sick and the diseased, how do we find workers for these tasks?
- 6. How did Jesus instruct his disciples to handle worker shortages?
- 7. Should we use recruiting practices for workers in the Kingdom's work? If so, what should they look like?
- 8. Apostle is an awfully spiritual sounding title; do you know what it means?
- 9. What were these men sent out to do?
- 10. How does their mission compare to Jesus' ministry?

06-21-17 Matthew 10:24-39

- 1. Tell of a time when someone "had your back." What difference did it make?
- 2. In verse 25, Jesus said, "If the head of the house has been called Beelzebul." Read Mark 1:34 & 39, Matthew 9:34 and 12:24. Who is the head of the house Jesus is referring to?
- 3. The meaning of Matthew 10:24-25 can be confusing. But Jesus' meaning can be summarized by completing this hypothetical (if. . . then) statement: "If Jesus himself is persecuted, being called

- Beelzebul, then His students/disciples . . ." With the support of John 15:20, how would you complete this statement, and what does it mean for you today?
- 4. According to the Matthew 10:24-33, what are the three reasons we should not fear men, and do you find those reasons compelling? Why or why not?
- 5. Read Matthew 10:32-33. In light of the fact that a believer cannot lose his/her salvation, how can we understand these verses?
- 6. Re-read Matthew 10:28. In your opinion, what does it mean to "Fear the Lord"?
- 7. According to Psalm 25:12 and 14, Psalm 111:10, Ecclesiastes 12:13, Psalm 103:11 and Psalm 145:19, how do we benefit from fearing God?
- 8. Despite Jesus' injunction in Matthew 10:28 against fearing man, many believers struggle with all kinds of fears, which dramatically impact how effective we are for Christ. Read Psalm 34:4, I Peter 5:7, Joshua 1:9, Isaiah 41:10, Proverbs 3:5-6, Matthew 6:26-34, Isaiah 43:18-19, and summarize God's promises and commands to us, as it relates to fear.
- 9. What Scripture(s) can you (will you) claim to help you take a fear of yours captive to Christ, and why that passage(s)?
- 10. What types of sins result in grievances in the family?

	Treasurer's Report	April 30, 2017		
	Bank Balance as of 3/31/17			\$3,522.92
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	Offerings	\$13,956.97	Outstanding	
	Total Income	ψ10,300.31		\$13,956.9
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		Expenses	Outstanding	
01-00	Pastor's Salary	\$3,420.74		
01-01	Treasurer's Salary	\$199.75		
01-02	Secretary Salary	\$646.94		
01-03	Organist	\$600.00		
01-04	Custodial Salary	\$510.62		
01-06	Pension Fund, Housing & SECA	\$1,354.68		
02-00	Mileage	\$197.95		
02-03	Water Supplies (Culligan)	\$66.00		
03-04	Baptismal Supplies	\$50.68		
04-00	Postage & Freight	\$282.28		
04-02	Office Supplies	\$84.49		
04-03	Copies from Copy Machine	\$385.09		
04-04	Office Equipment	\$150.99		
05-00	Village Utilities Church	\$147.14		
05-01	Village Utilities Parsonage	\$164.89		
05-02	Natural Gas Church	\$477.24		
05-03	Natural Gas Parsonage	\$98.90		
06-00	Miscellaneous	\$53.75		
06-01	Benev. Transfer	\$917.00		
06-03	Bank Fees	\$35.00		
06-04	Vanco E-giving Fees	\$1.90		
08-00	Telephone Church	\$159.70		
09-00	Sunday School	\$85.59		
11-03	Lawn & Landscape	\$228.57		
	Total Expenses			\$10,319.89
	Previous Months Checks that Cleared			\$0.00
	Available Cash as of 4/30/17			\$5,489.44
	Outstanding Checks			\$1,670.56
	Reconciled to Balance on Bank Statement 4/30/17			\$7,160.00
		<u>Deposits</u>	Disbursements	Account Balance
	Other Accounts:			
	Benevolence (Savings Account)	\$1,052.00	\$0.00	\$5,106.92
	Capital Improvement Fund (Savings Account)	\$0.00	0.00	\$17,139.89

SERVICE LEADERS FOR JUNE

DATE	SCRIPTURE READER	ACOLYTE	GREETERS	COMMUNION SET UP COMMUNION ASSISTANT
June 4 th	Bev Plihal	Jack Hopkins	Jim & Joyce Holtmeier/ Arlyn Parde	
June 11 th	Mike Holtmeier	Jurgen Baker	Jim & Joyce Holtmeier/ Arlyn Parde	
June 18 th	Arlyn Parde	Karli Scherling	Jim & Joyce Holtmeier/ Arlyn Parde	Julie Koch & Marge Badman
June 25 th	Joint Service at Soap Creek 9 am			

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 #4 (Liz Poessnecker & Marvin/Linda Schuerman)

Happy Father's Day!

Blessed indeed is the man who hears many gentle voices call him Father!



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

Jenn Uher, Secretary

Monday - 5pm to 6:30 pm

Wednesday - 5pm to 6:30 pm

(Updated hours will be posted on door)

Church email: tlcdewitt209@gmail.com



Church Council will meet on Wednesday, June 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.

JUNE--Service List #4

Worship Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 7th at 5:30 pm.

ENJOY THE CONVENIENCE OF ELECTRONIC

GIVING - Trinity Lutheran wants to remind you that we offer electronic giving as a way to automate your regular weekly offering. Electronic giving offers convenience for individual congregation members and provides much-needed donation consistency for our congregation. Direct Debit Giving is used to automatically transfer funds from your checking or savings account to the church's bank account. Credit & Debit Card Giving allows you to make offerings automatically on a pre-determined schedule using a credit or debit card. Online Giving allows you to go to www.trinitylutherandewitt.com at any time to set up an automatic donation plan, change your donation plan, make a one-time donation or view your online donation history. As you contemplate future contributions, please consider electronic giving! Questions? Ask myself or Jenn Uher.

Thanks! - Pastor Koos

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4/30	87
5/7	123
5/14	72
5/21	79

MAY OFFERING

DATE	GENERAL	BENEV.	PROPERTY
4/23/17	1210.00	50.00	
4/30/17	997.00	25.00	
5/7/17	1655.00	25.00	
5/14/17	1405.00		
5/21/17	2535.00	10.00	

JUNE 2017

Sat	3 Synod Gathering	10	17	24	FARMERS MARKET Bring your items to the Rahe Building Downtown
Fri	Synod Gathering Hope Circle will play Bingo at the Wilber Care Cen- ter 2:30pm	o	16	23 VBS 2-4:30 pm	30 Youth Mission Trip 6/25-6/30
Thu	-	8 Service at Good Samaritan 10:30 am	15	22 VBS 2-4:30 pm	29 Youth Mission Trip 6/25-6/30
Wed		7 Men's Bible Study 6:30 am Bible Study 8:30 am Worship Committee meets at 5:30 pm	14 Bible Study 8:30 am	Men's Bible Study 6:30 am Bible Study 8:30 am Service at Wilber Care Center 10 am Church Council 8pm	28 Bible Study at 8:30 am Youth Mission Trip 6/25-6/30
Tue		6 Pastor Text Study at 10 am	13 Pastor Text Study at 10 am	20 VBS 2-4:30 pm Pastor Text Study at 10 am	Pastor Text Study at 10 am Youth Mission Trip 6/25-6/30
Mon		5 Tie Blankets for LWR at 9 am	12	Shalom Circle meets at 7:00 pm Newsletter articles due Praise Choir Meets at 5:30 pm	26 Youth Mission Trip 6/25-6/30
Sun		4 Adult Study Group 8:45 am Praise Choir meets at 9 am Praise Service at 10 am WELCA Meeting after Service	11 Worship Service at 10 am	18 HAPPY FATHER'S DAY! Episcopal Service 9:00 am Communion Service at 10 am	Joint Service @ Soap Creek 9 am Youth Mission Trip 6/25-6/30

June 2017

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

Our **Tried and True Treasure for May through July is Anna Wollenburg**. Please feel free to write on her poster located by the church bulletin board.

5 ladies tied 7 blankets for LWR on Monday, May 1st. Thanks so much! the next work day will be in August. Date & time will be in the bulletins and newsletter.

Hope Circle will play Bingo at the Wilber Care Center on Friday, June 2nd at 2:30 pm There is a box in the Fellowship Hall for prizes.

On June 11th, the Adult Choir and Sunday School Choir will be singing "Our Father" as a special anthem. We will be rehearing at 9:00 am, children meet in the Chapel area and Adult Choir in the front of church. Then, at 9:30 we will combine the groups. This should be fun!

VBS 2017 - "Maker Fun Factory" is being planned for June 19-23 from 2:00-4:30 pm at Trinity Lutheran Church. Teachers are needed! Contact Jana Muehling at 402-683-5220 to volunteer or for more information. The deadline to enroll your child(ren) was May 19th. You can still sign-up, however your child will not receive a tshirt.

Items are needed for VBS 2017 - "Maker Fun Factory"...cardboard boxes (any size), primary colored plastic tablecloths, and small white dessert party plates. Contact Jana Muehling at 683-5220 for more information. Watch for an updated "items needed" listin the weekly bulletins and in the church entryway. Items may be dropped off in the Care-A-Lot room. THANK YOU!!

Thank you to all Thrivent members for your efforts to contribute your Choice Dollars to Trinity
Lutheran Church. With these Choice Dollars we are able to purchase items that benefit our church.
Thanks Again,
your Advocates
Arlyce Albert
Shari Pieper
Roberta Aden

Lutheran Men in Mission - June

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This month we finish our Men's Bible Study in Maturing in Christ: Called to Discipleship. The first four topics have had great discussion into what we can do in our everyday lives to continue to grow in Christ. With a diverse group of participants, it is interesting hearing everyone's perspective... which is why we are always looking for more individuals to join us and broaden our discussions! We will continue to meet the 1st and 3rd Wednesday's of each month from 6:30-7:00AM.

June 7 – Topic 5 "Servanthood" Luke 22:7-34 (The Last Supper) & Philippians 2:1-11 (The attitude of Christ)

June 21 – Topic 6 "Called to Be Witnesses" Acts 1:1-11 (Don't just stand there) & 2 Corinthians 5:11-6:2 (Called to be change agents)

Also on the June 21 we will be deciding our next study course.

As always coffee and snacks are provided. We still have 6 books donated to us by Christ Lutheran in Pickrell available for use.



Hope Circle met at church on Monday, May 8th, with 8 members present. Helen Michels joined our group and is now a regular member. Shirley was hostess.

Shirley opened the meeting. She had each of us tell something we were especially thankful for. She then read two short articles, one on Memorial Day and one on Mother's Day. Jean gave a Treasurer Report.

Shirley gave a short report on the last WELCA Board Meeting. She stated that is was decided to have coffee and rolls at the July 1st Farmers Market.

Shirley said that 7 quilts were tied on May 1st and they will probably have a work day in August to start packing the kits for Lutheran World Relief.

Kathy suggested that it might be a good idea to replace some of the tables in the Fellowship Hall, as some of them are in poor condition. She thinks we should consider purchasing some round tables instead of the long rectangular ones.

Shirley is hoping that we might start collecting regular blankets from the members of our congregation instead of tying quilts. The blankets would have to be at least 60" x 80" and could either be new or used. We could send them for Lutheran World Relief instead of the quilts, which take a lot of time to tie and bind.

Shirley then led the lesson. We discussed several articles from the Gather magazine. Then she read several articles from other publications pertaining to Mother's Day and civil rights issues.

In June we will not have a regular meeting but will play Bingo with the residents at the Wilber Care Center. Shirley will inform us later of the date and time for this. Stylom

Shalom Circle met on May 15 with 7 members present The group worked on "Baskets Of Promise" So far we have received enough items for 65 kits. We also cleaned and replenished the Kitty Bags

Minutes were read and approved.

WELCA NEWS was discussed

Jan gave the HYMN STUDY "Open My Eyes That I May See' and "Only Believe"

After the study, we closed with our Prayer Concerns and "The Lord's Prayer."

Offering was taken.

Our next meeting will be June 19 with Karen Wollenburg leading the HYMN STUDY and also serving as our hostess

Meeting adjourned.

Secretary/Treas.

Shirlie Wollenburg

WELCA HIGHLIGHTS

- *** Basket of Promise Dedication was May 21st. We had 47 complete kits, plus supplies to put together 20 additional kits.
- *** Watch for details for upcoming Farmer's Market.
- ***We will be cleaning the kitchen after VBS.
- ***We accepted a donation of a rocker to the children's nursery room.

Jean Placek - Sec./Treas.

Keep In Your Prayers

SERVICEMEN

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ADDITIONAL PRAYER REQUESTS

Please continue to keep these members in your prayers:

Elaine Erdmann, Roger Rahe, Sharon Rehm, and Alice Wollenburg Richard Wollenburg Heritage Crossings 501 N 13th St. Geneva, NE 68361

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

Elaine Erdmann Wilber Care Center 611 N. Main Wilber, NE 68465

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