August 2017

Greetings from your pastor and partner in ministry!!

We made it through the hottest month in Nebraska, and not just temperature-wise. Last month was a busy month with the community service, barbershop choir service, VBS presentation service, semiannual meeting, and summer camp, not to mention all the fun at the three local county fairs. What a burst of life and activity! If only God would bless our farmers with a little more rain, I think we'd be a pretty content congregation.

But we mustn't let our contentment lead to complacency. Our financial giving has dropped these last few months and we struggle to meet our financial demands. I want to remind everyone that we have incorporated a new giving option these last few months: electronic giving. I realize many of us take a break from regularly attending service but that doesn't mean we ought to take a break from our regular giving. The ministry keeps plugging away just as God keeps plugging away at providing all our blessings. God blesses us with these hot, summer days of relaxation and recuperation. God blesses us with the time and resources to take advantage of them. God blesses us with our health and family and friends and work and rest. Because He blesses us with all these things and many more, day in and day out, we mustn't get lax in giving back to him. We have nothing without God's good and abundant grace and mercy. Please consider your giving and whether it adequately reflects your gratitude for all your blessings.

Our kids are returning to school this month which means we need to start planning for the program year kicking off next month. I'm going to try and meet with all our committees this month to make sure everyone is on the same page. I see we're in need of Sunday school teachers so if you're interested please talk with either me or our new superintendent, Jana Muehling. Keep an eye out for our congregational picnic that all are invited to. Before long, Liz Poessnecker will be scheduling photo sessions for our new congregational photo directory.

God is good and steadfast in his love for us. Let us be good stewards of all that he has blessed us with.

Many blessings,

Pastor Koos

Pastor's Report July 2017

It's been a quick month since last I reported. Hard to believe that the kids will be heading back to school in a month! I'll miss taking the kids to the pool practically every day. What a gift to help us stay cool in these hot days of summer.

I haven't been around the church much in the last month and when I have been the ministry has been rich and fruitful. I was able to make 5 visits, lead 6 worship services including both chapel services at the care centers and a graveside service for Elaine Erdmann, participate in 1 committee meeting, guide 2 bible studies, attend 1 pastors text study and 1 men's bible study. I think the 3 special services (joint service w/Soap Creek, 4th of July community service, and Barbershop choir service) were especially meaningful for a lot of people. What great opportunities for outreach to the larger community! Thank you to all those who helped serve, clean up, and provide meals for both the community picnic and potluck meal. I felt the mission trip to the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota was a powerful experience for our youth and adult leaders. Between painting/scraping houses, playing with kids, preparing meals, worshipping, discussing, and listening to speakers, we all left with wonderful memories and a greater awareness of the Lakota hopes and struggles. Thank you for keeping us in prayer and helping to support our trip! And thank you for letting me get away to attend the annual national convention for Benedictine oblates (honorary monks) in Duluth, MN. My personal spiritual growth was enriched by the gathering of disciplined brothers and sisters in Christ. I look forward to developing the new relationships.

Many blessings, Pastor Koos

Trinity Lutheran Church Minutes

June 21, 2017

I. Call to order

Chairperson Duane Wollenburg called to order the regular meeting of the Trinity Lutheran Church Council on June 21, 2017. Pastor Koos led the group in devotions. Members in attendance were Pastor Koos, Duane Wollenburg, Lois Wattjes, Brian Scherling, Yvonne Rahe, Cody Wollenburg, Jesse Gronemeyer, Byron Beerenstrauch and Amy Stokebrand

Reports

- Secretary's Report: A copy of the previous minutes was reviewed. Lois 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 \$4,274.51 as of May 31, 2017. The available cash balance is \$4,155.03. Yvonne made a motion to accept the report and it was seconded by Cody. Motion carried.
- c) Investments Report: The investment balance as of May 26, 2017 is \$40,225.33.
- d) Pastor's Report: See included report.
- e) Memorial Report: The memorial balance is reported to be \$18,811.62 as of May 24, 2017. There will be a deposit of \$300 into the Memorial Fund from the Erdmann 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 is looking at a Summer Picnic sometime in August.
 - 2. Worship Committee reported they visited about exploring the need for another service subject to the congregational survey such as type of service, target audience, and time. They would like a subcommittee to be formed on planning an evening service if the surveys come back favorable for an evening service. Upcoming events include the combined service with St. Paul Lutheran at their church at 9:00 on June 25th. July 2nd is the Community 4th of July service at our church at 10:30 with a community lunch after. July 9th the Homestead Harmonizes were be at the regular service. Worship committee asked if a pot luck lunch could follow. Lois made motion and Jesse seconded to host a pot luck. Motion carried. Vacation Bible School will have their slide show presentation on July 16th. The Praise Choir will be July 23rd with the Semi Annual Meeting to follow. Communion Service will be July 30th.
 - Evangelical Committee reported that they would like to purchase baptism books at a cost
 of \$37 per packet for our recently baptized. Jesse made a motion to purchase (12)
 "Splash" Baby/Toddler material packets from the Memorial Fund. Bryon seconded.
 Motion carried
 - Parish Education reported the Youth Group presentation on their trip to Pine Ridge will be August 27th.
 - 5. Property Committee set up a day and time to finish the garage siding for July 3rd at 9:00am. Mitch McDougall painted no parking signs on 2 parking stalls by the handicap ramp. It was reported that a few lawn sprinklers have broken heads and will need to be replaced. Brian is checking finishing the sign out front. It was reported that a kitchen window is broken and needs to be replaced.

II. Old Business

- a) The Methodist Church contacted Liz Poessnecker about doing a Photo Directory for their church. Liz suggested a combined directory for both churches to save on cost. Discussion was tabled to next meeting.
- b) The council worked on finalizing the congregational survey to be sent out as soon as possible in hopes to have it back to review by the Semi Annual Meeting on July 23rd.

III. New Business

- (a) Pastor was contacted about an individual doing court appointed work at the church. It was decided we did not want to proceed with that.
- (b) Pastor was approached about the church being used for a Peace Financial Class that is put on by the Dave Ramsey organization. It is a 9 week class and would just be held in the church. Classes will start July 6th. It is being presented by Emily McDougall.
- (c) Pastor is looking at new Devotionals. He will bring a sample of what a other company offers to the next meeting.
- (d) Pastor will be meeting with all the committees in the upcoming months for any concerns.
- (e) Pastor is requesting that a Pergola be built for the back side of their house because it is so hot in the summer and they enjoy using their deck. Brian will look into a quote.
- (f) It was suggested to get high school students to do scripture readings in October. It will be discussed at the next meeting.
- (g) A discussion was held if we should send out Inactive Letters to our members that have stopped coming or have started attending church elsewhere. Discussion was tabled until after the survey.
- (h) Pastor will be taking vacation with his family July 31-August 7th. Pastor will reach out to the Teen Challenge couple to see if they are interested in giving a presentation during the service the day he will be gone.
- (i) It was suggested to order Welcome Cards to be placed in the pews for visitors. Yvonne made a motion to order 1000 cards at a cost of around \$73 from Arbor Ink. Cody seconded motion and motion carried.

There was a motion by Brian 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

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

08-09-17 Matthew 14:22-33

- In this passage we see Jesus immediately made the disciples get into the boat after the miracle of feeding the five thousand, despite knowing they would encounter a great storm (verses 20-22, 24). Why do you suppose God allows us to do things when He knows we are going to face storms?
- 2. What "crowd" did Jesus dismiss, verse 21? Why did he dismiss them John 6:15? How might this explain why Jesus immediately made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him?
- 3. How far out were the disciples? John 6:19 How does this add to the miracle?
- 4. This is not the first time the disciples have been shown that Jesus is in control even of the water. When was this shown before? What do they have in common? How are they different?
- 5. Peter was able to walk on the water because he had faith in Jesus' word to come. Why did he then begin to sink?
- 6. What are some examples of how we let doubt overcome our faith?
- 7. What two choices did Peter have when he began to sink?
- 8. What does it say of His faith that Pater called on Jesus to save him? What would you do?
- 9. What are some of the storms people commonly experience? What are the causes of these storms?
- 10. How can you experience Jesus' calm in the midst of the storms of life?

08-16-17 Matthew 15:10-28

- 1. Why is this story so shocking?
- 2. What business did Jesus have in the land of the Gentiles if He came specifically for the house of Israel?
- 3. How is the woman's plea similar to that of Peter as he sank after first walking on the water? How is Jesus' response different?
- 4. Why did Jesus not initially answer her, in verse 23?
- 5. Who are the dogs?
- 6. She calls Him "Lord, Son of David." Why is this surprising? What does this tell us about the woman?
- 7. Who does the woman represent?
- 8. After being rebuffed by Jesus, what was significant about the woman's response?
- 9. What moved Jesus to grant the Canaanite woman's request?
- 10. What does this story teach us about faith?

08-23-17 Matthew 16:13-20

- 1. To you, what is the best place to confess your faith-a church, a public setting, to your family, or where?
- 2. Why do you suppose people are so willing and able to give their opinions, even when they have no idea about what the facts and truth are?
- 3. What did it take for Peter to boldly step up with his declaration, and not adhere to the opinions of the crowd?
- 4. What would be the reason for Jesus to take the practice of faith out of just being a Temple thing and bring it to the daily places of life? Why would this be so threatening to the leaders?
- 5. Would people you know want to learn the real truth if they knew their beliefs were wrong? Or, would they not care, desiring to stay in their wrong beliefs?
- 6. Death itself shall not stop we who are in Christ! How can this fact give you confidence to live the Christian life, and make Christ known with more passion and distinction?

- 7. How did this passage become great words of hope and comfort for the soon to be persecuted Church? How can you receive hope from this passage?
- 8. Why did Jesus first use the term "Church" to mean a *remnant community*, as in small yet purposeful, instead of the term to mean a *gathering of people*? How do you define Church from this passage?
- 9. What do you need to do to feel confident in remaining in His truth and not follow what the crowds have to say?
- 10. How can you make faith your own, and not just an idea, or what you do, or where you go to church?

08-30-17 Matthew 16:21-28

- 1. If you could *gain the whole world,* that is, have anything you want, what would that be? What would this do to your personal life, spiritual growth, and relationships?
- 2. Why do you suppose Peter, who had just boldly proclaimed his faith, quickly forgot it? Have you done this? If so, how, and why?
- 3. What would cause Peter to think he needed to protect Jesus?
- 4. To you, what would be considered extreme discipleship?
- 5. Peter publicly criticized his Teacher-a cultural "no-no." Why would he do this? If you had been there, what would you have done?
- 6. How, and why, does sin cause a person, you, for example, to lose his or her way? Why is sin more attractive than the eternal Truth and Way of God?
- 7. What does the committed Christian need to do to remain on His Rock, our foundation? What do we need to do so we do not become stumbling stones?
- 8. Explain what deny himself has meant to you? What should it mean; what can it mean?
- 9. What is your greatest struggle in surrendering and being more committed to Christ as Lord?
- 10. What does take up the cross mean to you? What should it mean? What can it mean?

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AUGUST 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	I P]	
Pastor Koos will be on vacation from 7/31-8/7.		~	2 Men's Bible Study 6:30 am	8	4	Sat
6 Adult Bible study at 8:45 am WORSHIP SERVICE AT 10 AM WELCA meets following service	2	Pastor Text Study at 10 am	9 Bible Study 8:30 am Worship Committee meets at 5:30 pm	Good Samaritan Chapel Service at 10:30 am	7-	12
13 PRAISE SERVICE AT 10 AM	14 Hope Circle meets at 9 am	15 Pastor Text Study at 10 am	Men's Bible Study 6:30 am Bible Study 8:30 am Wilber Care Center Chapel 10 am Church Council meets at 8 pm	17	18	19
20 Episcopal service at 9 am WORSHIP SERVICE AT 10 AM	21 Newsletter articles are due	Pastor Text Study at 10 am	23 Bible Study 8:30 am	24	25	26
COMMUNION SERVICE AT 10 AM Mission Trip Presentation	28	Pastor Text Study	30 Bible Study 8:30 am	31	Sunday begin on September for sign	School will Sunday, 10. Watch up forms.

SERVICE LEADERS FOR AUGUST

DATE	SCRIPTURE READER	ACOLYTE	GREETERS	COMMUNION SET UP COMMUNION ASSISTANT
August 6th	Liz Poessnecker	Logan Brown	Harry & Jean Malchow/ Arlene Scherling	
August 13 th	Bev Plihal	Jurgen Baker	Harry & Jean Malchow/ Arlene Scherling	
August 20 th	Mike Holtmeier	Jack Hopkins	Harry & Jean Malchow/ Arlene Scherling	
August 27th	Arlyn Parde	Tyson Baker	Harry & Jean Malchow/ Arlene Scherling	Jill Kropp/ Kathy Rahe

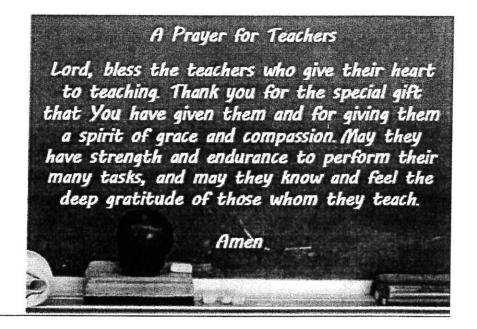
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USHERS: Jim Miller, Darin Muehling, Jordan Muehling, Adam Wollenburg

OUTREACH VISITATION: Service List #3

Current Service Group: Service Group #8 (Dan & Connie Scherling/Arlyce Albert)







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

JENN UHER, SECRETARY

Monday & Wednesday - 5pm to 6:30 pm (Updated hours will be posted on door)
Church email: tlcdewitt209@gmail.com

Pastor Koos will be on vacation from Monday, July 31st through Monday, August 7th.



Church Council will meet on Wednesday, August 16th 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.

AUGUST--SERVICE LIST #3

Worship Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 9th at 5:30 pm.

Please keep the Randy & Marge Badman family, Trevor & Jill Kropp family and Marvin & Linda Schuerman family in your prayers. Chris Badman (Randy & Marge's son) passed away July 14, Tom Kalkwarf (Jill's father) and Mildred Guenther (Linda's mother) passed away this week.

Peace Financial University will be holding a 9 week class here at Trinity Lutheran beginning this Thursday, July 6 from 6-7:30 pm. Cost is \$102 per couple. If interested, please talk to Pastor Koos.

Just as you rely upon receiving income on a regular basis, Trinity
Lutheran relies on your regular contributions. Trinity Lutheran
appreciates the efforts of congregation members to make consistent
donations throughout the year - especially during popular summer travel
periods. To assist you, the church provides a convenient electronic
giving option for setting up regular contributions. To donate, visit the
church website at www.trinitylutherandewitt.com, locate the link to our
online giving page and follow the instructions.

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7/16	3504.74	35.00	

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.

We are in need of Sunday School Teachers and substitute teachers, if you would like to volunteer,

please contact Jana Muehling at 402-683-5220.

Sunday School sign-up will be happening soon.

Watch the newsletter and bulletin for more

information.

Service Groups 6 and 7 wish to Thank EVERYONE for the outpouring of food for the Chris Badman funeral. It was overwhelming. Also thank you to all that worked that day.

Please pick up dishes that are left in the kitchen. They will be discarded if not picked up. Thanks!

Lutheran Men in Mission - July

Lutheran Men in Mission – August

First and third Wednesday's from 6:30-7:00 we continue are series called Family Time. The first focuses on Old Testament scripture while the 16th focuses on New Testament. Hope to see you there!

August 2: Family Traditions, Passover a family ritual Exodus 12:1-30 & "Talk about them... at home" Deuteronomy 6:1-25

August 16: Family Vacations, A vacation with 5,000 surprises Mark 6:30-44 & Getting along Ephesians 5:22-6:9

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Hope Circle met at Mary Garrison's home on July 10, 2017, with 7 members present. Mary was hostess. Shirley opened the meeting by reading an article concerning July 4th and our independence.

Shirley gave a report on the last WELCA Board meeting. She thanked our members for their contributions to the Farmer's Market held on July 1st. Kathy mentioned that some of the Board members are considering purchasing a grill for the church to use for grilling hamburgers, etc. for church meals. As there was no other business, the meeting was closed. Mary led the Bible study from the Gather magazine entitled "Stand With the Least of These" based on the books of Micah and Philemon.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer. Our next meeting will be held at the church on August 14, 2017. We will have potluck, and Analee will lead the Bible study. Jean Placek - Sec./Treas.

Studom

Shalom Circle met on July 17 with 8 members present. The members started the evening by cleaning the Kitchen area and also replenishing the Kitty Bags. The minutes of the June meeting were read and approved. We will tentatively serve "Warren's Table" in August. The Farmers Market netted \$612.50 this year. Prayer Concerns were given. Linda K gave the HYMN STUDY on "Blessed Assurance" and "Lead On Oh King Eternal" She also served as hostess. August meeting will be "Warren's Table" and in September Connie will lead our HYMN STUDY and also serve as our hostess. The Nominating Committee will be contacting women to serve on the WELCA Board for the 2018 year. Please give this your Prayerful consideration if you are called. Meeting Closed with the "Lord's Prayer"

Shirlie Wollenburg -Sec/Trea

WELCA HIGHLIGHTS

No Report

August 2017

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		**************************************	2 Linda Schuerman Hayden Woerner	Sydney Holtmeier George Scherling	Trevor Dunn Jamie Koos Josh McDougall	5 Jordan Rahe
6 Nancy McDougall Dan Tesar	Macey Gronemeyer Henry Holtmeier Anthony Rahe Eric Stokebrand	8 Shari Pieper	Stella Morrissey Karen Rahe Payton Smidt Doug Stokebrand	10 Burke Hardy Darin Mahloch	Tonya Bragg	Jean Placek Carly Preston
13 Randy Badman Donna Garrison	14	15 Turner Faxon Kathy Stokebrand	16 Jordan Muehling	17	18 Jurgen Baker	19
20 Raylynn Murray	21 Jane Stokebrand Jamie Wattjes	22 Micah Hofstetter	Kurt Schmidt Lois Zimmerman	24 Journey Pospisil Delaney Uher	25 Kaylin Scherling	26
27 Sharyl Friesen	28	29	30	31 James Johnson		,



SUNDAY SCHOOL 2017-2018 Registration Form

Name of Student:		Grade (17/18 school year):
Date of Birth:	Parent Names:	
Address:		
Phone/Cell Phone:		
Email:		
Additional Students:		
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Grade:		
Date of Birth:		
Any Allergies (Name/Explanation):		

Please return form to TLC Church Office or to Jana Muehling by <u>August 20, 2017</u>.
Thanks!

Keep In Your Prayers

SERVICEMEN

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Matt and Meighen Friesen 2767 Daniel Avenue San Diego, CA 92111



ADDITIONAL PRAYER REQUESTS

Please continue to keep these members in your prayers:

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

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

George Scherling Wilber Care Center 611 N Main Wilber, NE 68465

Eileen Damkroger RR2 Box 43 DeWitt, NE 68341

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

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