

February 2018

Greetings from your pastor and partner in ministry!!

This month we kick off the season of Lent with Ash Wednesday on the 14th...the same day as Valentine's Day! As if Christmas Eve falling on the 4th Sunday of Advent a couple months ago wasn't nightmare enough for devout Christians, another Christian festival falls on a secular holiday. And Easter this year falls on April 1, April Fool's Day. No, there is *no* joke about the resurrection and ashes are *not* a good symbol of love unless, of course, your loved ones are eager to die. But few of us want to die and return to the earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust. Let's agree to keep the festivals separate from the holidays and stop giving ourselves headaches over how to best celebrate the day. As Christians, we are called to be of the world yet above it just as Christ is. We are called to honor both the secular and spiritual. After all, we are both body and spirit in this world and we must satisfy the needs of both if we are to exist in harmony. I say give out your valentines and kiss your loved ones for these are some of the greatest joys of life. Death will come soon enough. Lent and all its self-denials will have their time. For one day, try to relish in the absurd joy of love and life and death.

As we head into the season of Lent, I'd like to suggest using the six weeks as a time for discernment. The congregational survey from last summer revealed both some strengths and some growth areas. I think more importantly it revealed that we are a congregation without much of an identity. Who are we as Trinity Lutheran Church in DeWitt, NE? What distinguishes us from all the other churches of the world? What does our church have to offer to the world? How are we the body of Christ? These are important questions we should be asking ourselves. We need to claim an identity if we are going to hope for any type of direction in the years ahead. I need your help in claiming that identity. I'm going to be asking these questions and others throughout Lent and I hope you'll all help me build a congregational identity. I've only been a part of this congregation for 3.5 years. Some of you have been here for decades. Let's share our stories and get to know who we are and what we have to offer the world.

Many blessings,

Pastor Koos

Pastor's Report
January 2018

The weather in the last couple days certainly reminds us that we are in the thick of winter. Nothing like winter on the open prairie! That wind can sure cause quite a stir. Luckily, we can warm ourselves by our fruitful ministry around the church these days. I was blessed with opportunities to make 14 visits with members, attend 2 committee meetings, participate in 3 pastor's text studies and 2 men's bible studies, teach 4 confirmation classes, 1 Sunday school class, 1 adult bible study, and 3 weekly bible studies, and lead 7 worship services including Christmas eve service here and at the Episcopal church as well as a chapel service in Wilber. Sadly, I performed funerals for 1 member, George Scherling, and 1 non-member, Tom Miller. I took 12 of our confirmation kids to the annual Middle School Gathering in Omaha and I think they had a blast. Our annual meeting was as smooth as a meeting could possibly be. Thank you to those who stuck around for it. I'm appreciative of all the contributions of our outgoing council members and am excited to work with the newly elected members in the year ahead. And a special thank-you to the congregation for allowing my family and I to get away for some holiday fun with family in Wisconsin. Visits a couple times a year never seem enough...and yet just enough!

New year's blessings,
Pastor Koos

Trinity Lutheran Church Minutes

December 20, 2017

I. Call to order

Chairperson Duane Wollenburg called to order the regular meeting of the Trinity Lutheran Church Council on December 20, 2017. Pastor Koos led the group in devotions. Members in attendance were Pastor Koos, Brian Scherling, Joel Kaelin, Cody Wollenburg, Jesse Gronemeyer, and Lois Wattjes.

Reports

- a) Secretary's Report: A copy of the previous minutes was reviewed. Jesse made a motion and it was seconded by Brian that the minutes be approved. Motion carried.
- b) Treasurer's Report: A copy of the monthly treasurer's report indicated a balance of \$4,748.61 as of November 30, 2017. The available cash balance is \$4,673.61. Joel made a motion to accept the report and it was seconded by Cody. Motion carried.
- c) Investments Report: The investment balance as of November 24, 2017 is \$42,513.62.
- d) Pastor's Report: See included report.
- e) Memorial Report: No report.
- f) Suggestion Box: No report.
- g) Committee Reports:
 1. Social Committee had no report.
 2. Worship Committee is planning for the upcoming Christmas season.
 3. Evangelical Committee had no report.
 4. Parish Education/VBS had no report.
 5. Youth Group had no report.
 6. Property committee reported that there is a large branch broken off in a tree at the parsonage. Jesse volunteered to remove the branch at a later date. The Council will take down the Christmas tree at the front of the church after service on December 31st. Brian will be getting bids for the service work on the church air conditioning unit for the upcoming year.

II. Old Business

- a) There was discussion on the replacement of the air conditioner. It was moved by Jesse and seconded by Lois to accept the bid from Beatrice Mechanical to replace the air conditioning unit for the church. The bid for the project was \$24,800. Insurance is covering the majority of the cost of the replacement. Motion carried.
- b) Liz is done taking family pictures for the photo directory. She will soon begin the final stages of completing the directory.
- c) The Council will take down the Christmas tree after church services on Sunday, December 31st.
- d) A new portable microphone was purchased for Pastor. A thank you goes out to Tim Garrison for helping find this affordable unit to purchase.

III. New Business

- (a) WELCA would like to purchase 12 new round plastic tables for the fellowship hall to replace the existing wood rectangle tables. The topic was tabled until we get more information from WELCA concerning cost, upkeep, table coverings, etc.
- (b) Discussion was held about the Youth 2018 MSG which is the youth middle school gathering on January 13th and 14th in Omaha. A motion was made by Joel and seconded by Cody that the church pay a maximum total of \$325 for 12 students to attend the MSG. Motion passed. Van rental and gas will be donated by members of the council.
- (c) Annual Meeting Date will be Sunday, January 21st after church service. End of year church reports need to be submitted in early January.
- (d) Budget meeting will be the first week in January.
- (e) Motion was made by Joel and seconded by Brian to approve the transfer of memberships for Randy Wollenburg to St. Paul Lutheran Church and Jon Chavez to Christ Community Church in Beatrice. Motion carried. A motion was made by Lois and seconded by Jesse to approve the memberships of Danielle Block and son, Rylan Bergmeier, into Trinity Lutheran Church. Motion passed.
- (f) Reminder that year end reports are due in early January in preparation for the annual meeting.
- (g) The nominating committee will begin working on elections of council members for the upcoming annual meeting.
- (h) The next council meeting will be on Wednesday, January 24, 2018 at 8:00pm. This will be the first meeting for the newly elected council.

There was a motion by Jesse 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.
February 2018

02-07-18 John 9:1-41

1. The disciples drew a tight connection between blindness and sin. Where are they right? Where are they wrong?
2. Read Isaiah 29:18; 35:5; 42:7. Jesus healing of the blind man is a sign, but what does it point towards? What does v4 tell us about this healing and Jesus mission?
3. Why did 'they' bring the man who had been blind to the Pharisees?
4. In v16 we read that the Pharisees were divided. What was the issue that divided them?
5. Why do the Pharisees send for the man's parents? What testimony can they add? What does their evidence confirm?
6. V24 'We know this man (Jesus) is a sinner'. How do they know? By contrast, what does the blind man know?
7. Think of your life as a Christian. Where can you say I was _____ but now I _____? What is powerful about personal testimony? Do you feel comfortable / confident about speaking of the difference Jesus makes in your own life? Why / why not?
8. Why would the disciples prefer to remain 'disciples of Moses'? What have they missed? (read John 5:37-40; 45-47)
9. V 29 - 'as for this fellow, we don't even know where he comes from'. Jesus has come from Nazareth, but ultimately where has he come from? (5:36; 6:57; 8:16, 18, 42; 12:49; 13:3; 16:28; 17:5. 21, 24). What is the terrible irony in the Pharisee's complaint? What does it reveal?
10. Jesus has come into the world to save people, the light of salvation. Yet the religious leaders reject the light – they refuse to see and so are blind. How are v35-41 like Proverbs 26:12?

02-14-18 John 11:1-44

1. Why did Jesus not rush to Lazarus when he heard we was ill?
2. How did Mary and Martha respond differently to Lazarus' death in their conversations with Jesus?
3. What made Jesus so emotional? (v. 33-35) If "deeply moved and greatly troubled" means that he was even angry, why would he react that way?
4. What did Jesus mean when he said to Mary "I am the resurrection and the life"?
5. What does Jesus do in verses 38-44 that give your confidence in him? (Hint: he gives commands.) How does Jesus authority translate into our hope?
6. How does someone who lives in denial respond to death? How does a sentimentalist respond to death? Why do people tend to respond in one of these two ways? How could you know if you are one of these?
7. It has been said "The worst part of hell is not suffering; it is the absence of hope." Why is hopelessness worse than suffering or even death?
8. Read 1 Thessalonians 4:13-14. How do grief and hope work together for those who have faith in Jesus?
9. Some commentators believe that the experience of Lazarus is also a picture of what happens to a person when he/she trusts Christ and is given new life. What might the grave clothes (v.44) represent? In your life? In the life of someone else? Where might Jesus be asking you to "take off the grave clothes and let him (her) go"?
10. How does the story of Lazarus' resurrection give you hope?

02-21-18 John 13:1-17

1. What does it mean to love someone to the end? Has someone shown you this kind of love in your life? Have you ever shown someone else this kind of love?
2. In what ways could you "love someone to the end" as you live your life?
3. What did Jesus know as he prepared to eat the Passover Meal with his disciples? Read John 13:1-3 & 11.
4. Does what Jesus did (serve the disciples), have a greater impact because of what Jesus knew beforehand?
5. If you knew that you had less than 24 hours left to live, would you choose to serve others?
6. Why didn't any of the disciples think to offer to wash feet? What were some of the other disciples doing during this meal? Read Luke 22:24.
7. What does it mean to have "a share with Jesus"? Does this mean that Christians are called to say what Jesus says, and do what Jesus does? Read John 13:12-15.
8. How does seeing Jesus serve and love his disciples help you to understand how you are called to serve and love people in your life?
9. Does this story about Jesus washing feet, and the humility that Jesus models, remind you of any other passages of Scripture about Jesus? Read Philippians 2:3-8. How are these passages similar?
10. Is Jesus leaving a command that we should wash feet, or is he teaching his disciples (and all followers) about something bigger than foot washing? If this is about something bigger, what is the bigger lesson Jesus is teaching?

02-28-18 John 18:12-27

1. What do the band of soldiers and those who came to Jesus at night do to him? Why do they bind him?
2. What had Caiaphas previously told the Jews concerning Jesus? Read John 11:49-53. Why did Caiaphas say what he did about Jesus?
3. When Jesus is led to the high priest's home, who follows him? Who is this unnamed disciple?
4. What is unique about the unnamed disciple that gives him the benefit of entering the courtyard of the high priest along with Jesus? Where was Peter?
5. What does the unnamed disciple do for Peter to give him a better view of what's going on with Jesus? Does this put the disciples at risk?
6. Re-read John 18:25-27. How many times does Peter deny Jesus? How does Mark's account of Peter's denial compare to John's account? Read Mark 14:66-72.
7. Peter denies Jesus while standing around a charcoal fire. What does Peter do while standing around another charcoal fire later in John's Gospel? Read John 21:9-17.
8. What does the tale of these two charcoal fires tell you about the grace of God to restore people?
9. How does Jesus respond to the question about his teaching? Why does Jesus tell Annas to ask those who heard him teach to witness about his teaching? Is it legal to ask the accused to testify against themselves?
10. If you were watching this illegal court scene and watching Peter, a close friend of Jesus, deny Christ, how would you react? What would you conclude about Jesus and what he is going through?

| Treasurer's Report December 31, 2017 | | | |
|--------------------------------------|---|-----------------|------------------------|
| | Bank Balance as of 11/30/17 | | \$4,748.61 |
| | | <u>Income</u> | <u>Outstanding</u> |
| | Offering | \$13,926.63 | |
| | Other | \$52.80 | |
| | Total Income | | \$13,979.43 |
| | | <u>Expenses</u> | <u>Outstanding</u> |
| 01-00 | Pastor's Salary | \$3,446.84 | |
| 01-01 | Financial Secretary's Salary | \$199.75 | |
| 01-02 | Secretary Salary | \$424.36 | |
| 01-03 | Organist | \$300.00 | |
| 01-04 | Custodial Salary | \$510.62 | |
| 01-06 | Pension Fund, Housing & SECA | \$1,285.13 | |
| 02-00 | Mileage | \$220.42 | |
| 02-02 | Water Softener Reimbursement (R/O) | \$27.00 | |
| 02-03 | Water Supplies (Culligan) | \$91.50 | |
| 03-00 | Bulletins | \$45.40 | |
| 03-03 | Communion Supplies | \$8.06 | |
| 04-00 | Postage & Freight | \$57.25 | \$57.25 |
| 04-02 | Office Supplies | \$359.10 | |
| 04-03 | Copies From Copy Machine | \$387.69 | |
| 04-04 | Office Equipment | \$150.99 | |
| 04-05 | Accountant Fees | \$25.00 | |
| 05-00 | Village Utilities Church | \$61.25 | |
| 05-01 | Village Utilities Parsonage | \$159.64 | |
| 05-02 | Natural Gas Church | \$425.27 | |
| 05-03 | Natural Gas Parsonage | \$86.89 | |
| 06-01 | Benev. Transfer | \$917.00 | |
| 06-03 | Bank Fees | \$20.00 | |
| 06-04 | Vanco E-giving Fees | \$38.25 | |
| 06-05 | Account Transfers Out | \$5,000.00 | |
| 07-01 | Devotional Books | \$102.80 | |
| 07-04 | Tech. License & Upgrades | \$209.99 | |
| 08-00 | Telephone Church | \$169.69 | |
| 08-01 | Telephone Parsonage | \$34.50 | |
| 09-00 | Sunday School | \$707.27 | |
| 09-02 | Confirmation | \$715.00 | |
| 09-06 | Worship | \$404.96 | |
| 11-02 | Organ | \$435.00 | |
| 11-03 | Lawn & Landscape | \$378.57 | |
| | Total Expenses | | \$17,405.19 |
| | Previous Months Checks that Cleared | | \$75.00 |
| | Available Cash as of 12/31/17 | | \$1,247.85 |
| | Outstanding Checks | | \$57.25 |
| | <u>Reconciled to Balance on Bank Statement 12/31/17</u> | | <u>\$1,305.10</u> |
| | | <u>Deposits</u> | <u>Disbursements</u> |
| | Other Accounts: | | <u>Account Balance</u> |
| | Benevolence (Savings Account) | \$1,003.38 | \$7,994.47 |
| | Capital Improvement Fund (Savings Account) | \$5,020.12 | \$29,958.56 |



Worship Committee will meet on Wednesday, February 7 at 8:00 pm

WELCA board will meet Sunday, February 11 following the service

Hope Circle will meet Monday, February 12 at 9:00 am

Shalom Circle will meet Monday, February 19 at 7:00 pm

Church Council will meet on Wednesday, February 21 at 8:00 pm

Confirmation will meet every Wednesday in February at 6:30 pm, except for February 14



DICK WOLLENBURG is our Tried-and-True Treasure for January-March.

Please feel free to write on his poster located by the bulletin board.



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. **FEBRUARY – Shalom Circle**



ELECTRONIC GIVING

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. 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.



| Date | Attendance | General Offering | Benevolence Offering | Property Offering | E-Giving Offering |
|-------|------------|------------------|----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| 12/31 | No Church | - | - | - | \$325.00 |
| 1/7 | 85 | \$916.00 | - | \$5.00 | \$766.25 |
| 1/14 | 50 | \$990.00 | \$110.00 | \$5.00 | \$105.00 |
| 1/21 | 90 | \$2955.00 | \$25.00 | - | \$540.00 |



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(Updated Hours will be posted on Office Door)

Service Leaders For **FEBRUARY**

| DATE | SCRIPTURE READER | ACOLYTE | GREETERS | COMMUNION SET UP |
|------------------------------|------------------|--------------|---|------------------------------------|
| | | | | COMMUNION ASSISTANT |
| February 4 | Mike Holtmeier | Jurgen Baker | Eugene & Karen Wollenburg/ Arlyce Albert, Liz Poessnecker | |
| February 11 | Krayten Uher | Logan Brown | Eugene & Karen Wollenburg/ Arlyce Albert, Liz Poessnecker | |
| February 14 Ash Wednesday | Arlyn Parde | Payton Smidt | Eugene & Karen Wollenburg/ Arlyce Albert, Liz Poessnecker | Nancy McDougall/ Yvonne Rahe |
| February 18 | Zach Kuhn | Jack Hopkins | Eugene & Karen Wollenburg/ Arlyce Albert, Liz Poessnecker | |
| February 25 | Lois Wattjes | Tyson Baker | Eugene & Karen Wollenburg/ Arlyce Albert, Liz Poessnecker | Yvonne Rahe/ Sandi Klostermeier |

HEAD USHER: Fred Koch

USHERS: Chuck Holtmeier, Darin Muehling, Jordan Muehling, Mark Roesler

OUTREACH VISITATION: Shalom Circle

CURRENT SERVICE GROUP: Group 3
Duane & Pat Wollenburg/Chuck & Tina Holtmeier

We are like a
SNOWFLAKE
ALL DIFFERENT IN OUR OWN
beautiful way

FEBRUARY 2018

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|--|--|--|--|---------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| Pastor Vacation 2/8 - 2/13 | | | | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 4 Care-A-Lot 8:45 am Adult Bible Study 8:45 am Praise Choir 9:00 am PRAISE SERVICE AT 10:00 AM | 5 Pastor Text Study 10:00 am | 6 Men's Bible Study 6:30 am Bible Study 8:30 am Confirmation 6:30 pm Worship Committee 8:00 pm | 7 Pastor Gone | 8 Pastor Gone | 9 Pastor Gone | 10 Pastor Gone |
| 11 Sunday School 8:45 am WORSHIP SERVICE AT 10:00 AM <i>Guest Preacher/(Children's Bells)</i> WELCA Board following Service | 12 Pastor Gone Hope Circle 9:00 am | 13 Pastor Gone | 14 Bible Study 8:30 am NO Confirmation ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE 7:00 pm | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| 18 Sunday School 8:45 am Adult choir 8:45 am Episcopal Service 9:00 am WORSHIP SERVICE 10:00 AM <i>(Adult Choir)</i> | 19 NEWSLETTER ARTICLES ARE DUE Shalom Circle 7:00 pm | 20 Pastor Text Study 10:00 am | 21 Men's Bible Study 6:30 am Bible Study 8:30 am Wilber Care Center Chapel 10:00 am Light Supper at 5:30 followed by Lenten Service Confirmation 6:30 pm Church Council 8:00 pm | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| 25 Sunday School 8:45 am Youth Group 9:00 am COMMUNION SERVICE 10:00 AM <i>(Children's Choir)</i> | 26 Praise Choir 5:30 pm | 27 Pastor Text Study 10:00 am | 28 Bible Study 8:30 am Light Supper at 5:30 followed by Lenten Service Confirmation 6:30 pm | 1 (MARCH) | 2 World Day of Prayer | 3 |

FEBRUARY 2018

| <u>SUNDAY</u> | <u>MONDAY</u> | <u>TUESDAY</u> | <u>WEDNESDAY</u> | <u>THURSDAY</u> | <u>FRIDAY</u> | <u>SATURDAY</u> |
|-----------------------------------|---|--|---|---------------------------|----------------------|--|
| | | | | 1 Colton Placek | 2 Mitch McDougall | 3 Mallory Chavez Joyce Holtmeier |
| 4 Logan Brown Ashley Rowden | 5 Lisa Nelson | 6 Beryl Beerenstrauch Lucy Morrissey | 7 | 8 | 9 Katie Carel | 10 Dorothy Mahloch |
| 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 Byron Beerenstrauch | 16 Dan Scherling | 17 |
| 18 | 19 Miley Garrison | 20 | 21 Gary Niemeier | 22 | 23 | 24 Herb Rehm |
| 25 Darin Muehling | 26 Lyle Fink Oakley Pospisil Brian Smidt | 27 Preslie Murray | 28 Hank Damkroger Kevin Thornburg | | | |

Attention Thrivent Members, it is the time of year to designate your Choice Dollars that have accumulated through December 31, 2017. You have until March 31, 2018 to do this. These Choice Dollars are rewards earned on your accounts and if they are not designated by your choice, they stay in the Thrivent Financial Company account to be designated as they wish. Please call their office at 1-800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice". These dollars help fund items for our own church. Thank you members for making this possible. If you have any questions, please contact one of the Advocates – Arlyce Albert 402-239-0127, Shari Pieper 402-821-2733, or Roberta Aden 402-683-4535.

2018 CHURCH COUNCIL

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| COUNCIL CHAIRMAN | Brian Scherling |
| COUNCIL VICE CHAIRMAN | Mike Holtmeier |
| COUNCIL SECRETARY | Amy Stokebrand |
| COUNCIL TREASURER | Deb Schwan |
| COUNCIL MEMBERS | Byron Beerenstrauch Yvonne Rahe Nathan Morrissey Steve Garrison Karen Wollenburg |
| SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPT: | Jana Muehling |
| ASSISTANT SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT: | Josi Hoesche Bobbie Scherling |
| AUDITING COMMITTEE: | Pam Garrison Cara Heller |
| NOMINATING COMMITTEE: | Cara Heller Larry Pieper Connie Scherling Eldon Stokebrand |
| NEBRASKA SYNOD ASSEMBLY DELEGATE: | Liz Poesnecker |
| CHURCH SECRETARY/ FINANCIAL SECRETARY | Jenn Uher |

Area Upcoming Events – Check the bulletin board for more information.

Sunday, February 4 – DeWitt Community Club Biscuits & Gravy Meal at the Community Center from 11am – 1pm.

Sunday, February 11 – St. John in Beatrice is having a hymn fest as we "bury the Alleluia" before Lent. Hymns & Alleluias will be held at Valentino's Primavera Room from 6:15-7:30pm. (Buffet – your cost from 5:30-6:15pm). Beverages will be available for a free-will donation.

Sunday, February 18 – DeWitt Historical Society Soup & Burger Lunch at the Community Center from 11am - 2:30 pm. Free Will donation. Desserts would be appreciated and can be brought to the Community Center that morning.

Sunday, March 11 – Tri County Legion Baseball Luncheon at Plymouth Community Center. More details to follow.

Sunday, March 18 – DeWitt Sons of the American Legion Spaghetti Luncheon at the Legion Building. More details to follow.

Consider using our **Electronic Giving** and scheduling a recurring contribution to avoid writing checks and preparing envelopes each week! Go to www.trinitylutherandewitt.com, and click the green OFFERING button and follow the instructions.

If you can't make it to the Bible Study, check out the questions on our Facebook page ...

www.facebook.com/tlcdewittne/

**ALWAYS CHECK THE BULLETIN BOARD/FRONT WINDOWS FOR
UPCOMING EVENTS AND OTHER IMPORTANT CHURCH INFORMATION!!**

Hope Circle

No Meeting

Lutheran Men in Mission

February 2018 - This month we continue our study titled Attitude Adjustment: Down but Not Out. Feb 7 Topic 3 Chaos: Acts 16:16-40 "Paul and Silas in the slammer" & 2 Corinthians 4:1-18 "Fixing our eyes on the eternal". Feb 21 Topic 4 Blowing It: Luke 22:54-62 "Peter denies Jesus" & 1 John 1:1-2:14 "The good news of forgiveness". Study starts at 6:30am the first and third Wednesday's of the month and lasts roughly a ½ hour. All men are welcome no matter age or experience, the more the better!

Shalom Circle

SHALOM CIRCLE met at the church on January 15, 2018 with 5 members present. Before the meeting the members cleaned the closet where the Kitty Bags are kept and repackaged some things for easier access. There were no committee reports. Discussion was made on the possible purchase of some tables for the fellowship hall, this was set aside until more information is available. SHALOM will have February VISITATION. Members are also reminded to send our friend Melvin at Mosaic a VALENTINE/BIRTHDAY CARD AND \$1.00. World Day of Prayer will be in March. Liz gave the Bible Study on "Multiple Meanings" and also served as our hostess. Prayer concerns were given and closed the meeting with "The Lord's Prayer". Our next meeting will be February 19 with Shirly leading the Bible Study and serving as hostess. Sec/Trea. - Shirly Wollenburg

WELCA

Trinity Yearbook is coming along nicely.

Looking into purchasing Round Tables.

Funeral Guidelines/Service Groups have recently undergone some changes. For funerals, WELCA will be providing a meat/cheese tray, mayo, mustard and butter. Group leaders will ask their service groups for donations of bread, pie, desserts, chips and pickles.

WELCA Board will meet February 11th.

Mission Action

Help give hope to people overseas affected by disasters, poverty and disease by involvement in Lutheran World Relief Parish Projects. You are invited to become involved in "Parish Projects" of Lutheran World Relief. The results of your involvement can bring hope to someone whose life is usually filled with hopelessness. We will be making various kits throughout the year. We will focus on – Personal Care Kits in February/March, Baby Care Kits in April/May/June, Fabric Kits anytime, School Kits in July/August, and Blankets in September/October. Items needed for Personal Care Kits are lightweight towels (between 20"x40" & 52"x27" and dark colors recommended) bar soap and wide tooth combs. There are plastic totes in the coat room, if you want to put your items in those. We will also have a tote in the back of church in the various months we are focusing on certain kits. Watch for details in the newsletter and bulletin. Also, please remember to bring your Food Pantry items and place them in the grocery cart in the entryway. These items will be delivered to the DeWitt Village office and St. Johns Food Pantry, Beatrice. Thank you for your support – Connie Scherling

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS...

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