

## March 2018

Greetings from your pastor and partner in ministry!!

We survived yet another winter! Spring is just around the corner, at least technically. Let's hope the cool temps don't linger too long into April. God has been good to us this winter providing what we need to sustain our ministry. Let us not forget to give him sufficient praise and thanksgiving as the spring thaw gets underway.

It's been some rocky first couple months having to say goodbye to 4 members of our community. I'm hoping God has chosen to front-load our funerals at the start of the year and we have nothing but weddings and baptisms to celebrate the rest of the year. Speaking of which, we celebrate the first wedding of five planned for the year this month. Cody Wollenburg and Ashton Feldkamp are getting married on the 3<sup>rd</sup> so please keep them in your prayers as they enter a new phase of their relationship. I will be heading over to Dubuque, IA after service on the 4<sup>th</sup> for the annual rural ministry conference. I always gain insight into this ministry I've been called into and enjoy reconnecting with colleagues also serving in similar settings.

We are making our way through the season of Lent this month as we prepare for the death and resurrection of our Lord. Try to remember our midweek meal/services each Wednesday and Thursday. We gather here on Wednesdays for a light supper at 5:30 p.m. following by a brief service at 6:00 p.m. If you can't make it out, consider attending the same service over at the Methodist church on Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. followed by coffee/rolls. Our theme for the messages is about walking through wilderness. Many of us have walked through some type of physical, mental, or spiritual wilderness in our lives. Jesus also walked through many wildernesses and maintained a solid sense of identity and integrity. We look to him as a guide for our own wilderness journeys.

Finally, I'm excited to be preparing 3 young students to take their first communion during service on Maundy Thursday. Please hold them in your prayers as well. Communion is a great gift from God and it is always a joy to welcome more to the table once they've earned a basic understanding of the mystery. Thanks be to God!

Many blessings,

Pastor Koos

**Pastor's Report**  
**February 2018**

First and foremost, thank you for letting me get away to visit my father out in New Jersey. Since moving there six years ago from Iowa, he's felt terribly removed from family here in the Midwest. It's always good to visit and keep him connected.

Otherwise, it was a typical month's worth of ministry. I was able to make 7 visits, lead 6 services including the Ash Wednesday and two chapel services, participate in 2 committee meetings including a review panel, teach 3 confirmation classes and 3 bible studies, and attend 2 men's bible studies and 2 pastor text studies. I appreciated everyone's help in providing a funeral for a non-member, Roger Pieper. Roger's brother, Glen, is well-known in the DeWitt community as the Legion post commander and I felt a proper funeral would be great outreach. Again, thank you for accommodating the Pieper family in their time of sorrow.

Through my work as the SCC-Beatrice campus pastor, I was recommended to provide mentorship for a couple teenage boys of an impoverished Sudanese family there in Beatrice. I've met with the boys a couple times and took one of them to a basketball game. I look forward to deepening the relationships in the weeks and months ahead.

# ***Trinity Lutheran Church Minutes***

January 24, 2018

## **I. Call to order**

Chairperson Brian Scherling called to order the regular meeting of the Trinity Lutheran Church Council on January 24, 2018. Pastor Koos led the group in devotions. Members in attendance were Pastor Koos, Brian Scherling, Mike Holtmeier, Yvonne Rahe, Byron Beerenstrauch, Nate Morrissey, Karen Wollenburg, Deb Schwan and Amy Stokebrand

### Reports

- a) Secretary's Report: A copy of the previous minutes was reviewed. Mike made a motion and it was seconded by Yvonne that the minutes be approved. Motion carried.
- b) Treasurer's Report: A copy of the monthly treasurer's report indicated a balance of \$1,305.10 as of December 31, 2017. The available cash balance is \$1,247.85. Mike made a motion to accept the report and it was seconded by Karen. Motion carried.
- c) Investments Report: The investment balance as of December 31, 2017 is \$53,329.
- d) Pastor's Report: See included report.
- e) Memorial Report: The memorial balance is reported to be \$12,787.66 as of December 31, 2017.
- f) Suggestion Box: No report.
- g) Committees Assignments were decided upon for the upcoming year:
  1. Social Committee will be Mike.
  2. Worship Committee will be Karen. Yvonne reported from the last meeting: Mandy and Karen are subbing for music while Kathy is gone. Children's Bells will be Jan. 14<sup>th</sup> and they will sing on the 28<sup>th</sup>. There will be no adult choir in January and will resume Feb. 11<sup>th</sup>.
  3. Evangelical Committee will be Yvonne and Pastor.
  4. Parish Education/VBS will be Nate.
  5. Youth Group will be Amy.
  6. Memorial will be Byron.
  7. Confirmation will be Brian and Pastor
  8. Property committee will be Mike and assisted by Steve. Brian reported that the new air conditioning unit will be installed by Beatrice Mechanical by late February or early March. Arlyn Parde family will again mow the church this summer. The council is looking for help for snow removal this winter. Some of the carryover projects from the past year that will be looked at this year are new windows in the parsonage, parsonage pergola, underground sprinklers which includes new wiring, broken window in the kitchen, and tuck pointing the marquee sign out front.

## **II. Old Business**

- a) Liz took pictures of 108 families for the photo directory. She plans to have it ready to come out in March.
- b) WELCA is looking at purchasing 12 round tables to replace the long tables for the fellowship hall. They are looking at Thrivent to help with the funds. Karen will visit with WELCA and let the council know more details.

### III. New Business

- (a) Pastor gave the council his upcoming vacation dates for the year. He will be gone Feb. 8-13<sup>th</sup>, June 20-25<sup>th</sup>, Oct. 12-17<sup>th</sup> and Dec. 26-Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup>. He will look into a Supply Pastor for those dates.
- (b) Pastor informed the council about a Rural Ministry Conference March 4-6<sup>th</sup> in Iowa that would be able to go towards his continuing education. Yvonne made a motion to approve this conference and Mike seconded. Motion carried.
- (c) Pastor will reach out the Homestead Harmonizers to see if they can perform during a service on either July 8<sup>th</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup>.
- (d) Pastor informed the council about a Summer Camp that the confirmation students can attend. He is looking at July 22-26<sup>th</sup>. Council would like to know how many are interested in attending before any final plans are made.
- (e) The council decided on communion assistants for the year.
- (f) Mike made a motion to approve authorization for Deb and Brian to be added to the church bank signature cards. Yvonne seconded the motion and the motion passed.
- (g) Mike made a motion to approve the budgeted pay raise for Pastor at an increase of 1.5% to \$1791 twice a month. Nate seconded it. Motion passed. Yvonne made motion to approve the budgeted pay raise for Jenn as the Church Secretary for the year at an increase of 1.5% to \$9.15/hr. Byron seconded it and the motion passed. Karen made motion to approve the budgeted pay raise for Jenn as the Financial Secretary at an increase of 1.5% to \$220/month. Nate seconded and the motion passed.
- (h) Karen made a motion to lower the monthly benevolence payment each month from \$917 to \$750. Byron seconded and the motion carried.
- (i) Discussion was held about lawn care service for the upcoming year. Yvonne made a motion to stay with Courtney's Lawn Care for the year. Byron seconded the motion and the motion carried.
- (j) Discussion was held about the service plans for the year for the heating and air conditioning. Mike made a motion to continue with Richtor's for the year. Deb seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- (k) The council will look at implementing job descriptions and employee reviews for the paid positions in the upcoming year.
- (l) We are looking for more ushers to help with funerals. If you are interested, please let the council know.
- (m) The council would like to work on goals and what they would like have accomplished in the upcoming year.

There was a motion by Mike and a second by Karen to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried. The next meeting will be Feb. 21<sup>st</sup> at 8:00pm. 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.**  
**March 2018**

*03-07-18 John 18:28-40*

1. Read verses 28-32. What was the time? What had been going on during the night? What concession did Pilate make to the Jews? Why?
2. Why was it important for Jesus to die a Roman death instead of a "Jewish" death? See John 3:14 and John 12:32 where Jesus discusses His death. Deuteronomy 21:18-23 discusses God's opinion of the one who was hung on a tree.
3. What did Pilate ask the Jews? What was their response? What is wrong with this response? Why did the Jews insist that Jesus be tried by Pilate? How does this fulfill Jesus' words in 12:32-33?
4. Read verses 33-37. What did Pilate ask Jesus? Why? How did Jesus respond? How did he establish a relationship with Pilate? What did Jesus teach Pilate about his kingdom? (36-37) What does this mean?
5. How should we expect any king to act and operate? What are the implications if Jesus really is a king?
6. Read verse 38. Why did Pilate ask, "What is truth?" What opportunity did he have to stand on the side of truth? How did he try to stand on the side of truth?
7. Read verses 39-40. How did Pilate seek a compromise solution to his dilemma? Why did he fail?
8. Read John 18:37-38. "Truth is the coherence when everything fits together." What does this mean? Describe a situation where you thought you knew the truth but after new information came to light you came to understand either a completely different perspective or a different truth.
9. "We only know for certain what truth is when everything is known" How does Jesus' words give us some level of confidence that He holds the truth (specifically key on that word "witness")?
10. How did Jesus testify to the truth? Who is Jesus? How can we testify to the truth?

*03-14-18 John 19:1-16a*

1. How do you respond, in general, to authority? Do you recognize it and submit to it, or do you tend to deny authority, reject it, and rebel against it? Why?
2. Would you rather be the one in authority or the one subject to another person's authority? How would your spouse or best friend answer this question for you?
3. What has Pilate already concluded about Jesus? Read John 18:31, 38b. How has Pilate already tried to free Jesus? Read John 18:39-40.
4. What do the soldiers do to Jesus? Describe the irony of what is happening to Jesus.
5. Why does Pilate have Jesus flogged and allow his soldiers to mock and punish Jesus? What is he trying to demonstrate to the Jewish religious leaders who want Jesus crucified?
6. What does Pilate tell the Jews about Jesus' guilt? Read John 19:4. How many times does Pilate make this same conclusion about Jesus? Read John 18:38; 19:6 & 12.
7. Why doesn't Pilate simply release Jesus? Why does he continue to allow the trial to proceed? In all, how many times does Pilate try to release Jesus?
8. What do the Jews tell Pilate about their law and what Jesus has done to violate their law? Read John 19:7. How does Pilate respond to the Jews' statement about the claim of Jesus?
9. As Pilate continues to try to find a way to release Jesus, what do the Jews do? What are they saying in order to manipulate Pilate to crucify Jesus?
10. When you consider what Jesus endured by being flogged, beaten, and mocked, how should a Christian respond to Jesus?

*03-21-18 John 19:16b-22*

1. When you think of the cross of Jesus, what comes to mind? Finish the following statement: I am thankful for the cross because \_\_\_\_\_.
2. How long have you been a Christian? In that time, what are some of the ways that the cross has impacted your life and changed you?
3. How have you seen the power of the cross change the life of others that you know?
4. If everything in your life was stripped away (money, home, family, freedom, etc.), and only the cross of Jesus remained, would that be enough to satisfy you? Why or why not?
5. What happens to Jesus after he is “delivered” over to be crucified? What does it mean that Jesus went out “bearing his own cross”?
6. What detail do the other Gospel writers include about Jesus carrying his own cross? Read Matthew 27:32; Mark 15:21; and Luke 23:26. How can this detail that the other Gospel writers include best be understood?
7. When you think of Jesus carrying his own cross, what images, emotions, or thoughts come to your mind?
8. What is the important message that we can learn from the two criminals that were crucified with Jesus?
9. John’s account of the crucifixion is the shortest of the four accounts and the detail that he gives is unique to his Gospel alone. How does his crucifixion account make his point that Jesus is the Son of God?
10. Respond to this statement: “The people who crucified Jesus are actually inaugurating him into his Kingdom.”

*03-28-18 John 20:1-18*

1. What would be the feelings and emotions of Mary Magdalene and the disciples after the cross and before the resurrection?
2. What did the empty tomb mean to Mary, Peter and John? Why do you think the empty tomb did not bring any hope to them? In what ways can you relate to these emotions from your life?
3. Mary encountered the risen Lord before she ever knew it. As you look back at your life, have there been times when Jesus has protected you, spoken to you or met with you without you realizing it?
4. What is it like when Jesus calls us by name? How does it affect us or change us?
5. What was the difference between Mary before she met Jesus and after she met the resurrected Christ? Notice she was sent to share the truth of the resurrection with those who knew Jesus yet still wouldn’t believe the good news. How should this affect us who are called to be missionaries? If the disciples wouldn’t believe Mary who they knew, why should we think that it would be easy if we share with others who have never met Christ before?
6. Focus on Mary Magdalene, John (the disciples whom Jesus loved), and Peter. What do you learn about Mary, John, and Peter from these 18 verses? What impresses you about each of them?
7. What questions are asked in these 18 verses? What do you learn about each person who asks them?
8. What details in these verses support the assertion that we’re reading history and not a fabricated story?
9. Mary thinks the resurrected Jesus is the gardener. What does that suggest to you about the nature of his resurrected body?
10. Mary’s grief and pain initially prevents her from seeing Jesus who is standing right in front of her. What do you think makes it difficult for you to sometimes see, with the eyes of faith, the God who is right in front of you?

Treasurer's Report January 31, 2018			
	Bank Balance as of 12/31/17		\$1,305.10
		<u>Income</u>	<u>Outstanding</u>
	Offering	\$7,737.86	
	Donations	\$12,543.56	
	Account Transfer In from Benevolence	\$5,594.00	
	Other	\$578.02	
	Total Income		\$26,453.44
		<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Outstanding</u>
01-00	Pastor's Salary	\$3,514.42	
01-01	Financial Secretary's Salary	\$203.17	
01-02	Secretary Salary	\$486.76	
01-03	Organist	\$525.00	\$300.00
01-04	Custodial Salary	\$510.62	
01-05	Payroll Taxes	\$1,651.23	\$1,651.23
01-06	Pension Fund, Housing & SECA	\$1,285.13	
02-00	Mileage	\$263.78	
02-01	HSA	\$420.00	
02-02	Water Softener Reimbursement (R/O)	\$27.00	
02-03	Water Supplies (Culligan)	\$33.00	
03-00	Bulletins	\$39.00	\$39.00
03-01	Offering Envelopes	\$17.23	
03-04	Baptism Supplies	\$59.95	
04-00	Postage & Freight	\$106.23	
04-02	Office Supplies	\$360.81	
04-04	Office Equipment	\$150.99	
05-00	Village Utilities Church	\$139.86	
05-01	Village Utilities Parsonage	\$157.90	
05-02	Natural Gas Church	\$628.12	
05-03	Natural Gas Parsonage	\$112.45	
06-01	Benev. Transfer	\$750.00	
06-01	NE Synod	\$5,594.00	
06-04	Vanco E-giving Fees	\$42.10	
07-04	Tech. License & Upgrades	\$211.75	
08-00	Telephone Church	\$170.75	
08-01	Telephone Parsonage	\$34.50	
09-06	Worship	\$55.08	
11-00	Church Maintenance	\$211.96	
11-05	Property Insurance	\$3,149.00	
	Total Expenses		\$20,911.79
	Previous Months Checks that Cleared		\$57.25
	Available Cash as of 1/31/18		\$6,789.50
	Outstanding Checks		\$1,990.23
	Reconciled to Balance on Bank Statement 1/31/18		\$8,779.73
		<u>Deposits</u>	<u>Disbursements</u>
	Other Accounts:		<u>Account Balance</u>
	Benevolence (Savings Account)	\$910.00	\$5,594.00
	Capital Improvement Fund (Savings Account)	\$20.00	\$29,978.56



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

**WELCA board** will meet Sunday, March 11 following the service

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

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

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

**Confirmation** will meet every Wednesday in March at 6:30 pm, except March 28



**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. **MARCH – Service Group 2**



**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](http://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
1/28	97	\$735.00	\$25.00	\$10.00	\$455.00
2/4	63	\$467.00	-	-	\$405.00
2/11	57	\$961.00	\$50.00	\$10.00	\$671.25
2/14	38	\$197	-	-	-
2/18	77	\$970	-	-	\$540.00

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**OFFICE HOURS**

Tuesday- Friday 1pm-5pm & 8pm-12am

Saturday 1pm to 5pm

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**OFFICE HOURS**

Monday & Wednesday 5pm-6:30pm

(Updated Hours will be posted on Office Door)





# Service Leaders For **MARCH**

DATE	SCRIPTURE READER	ACOLYTE	GREETERS	COMMUNION SET UP
				COMMUNION ASSISTANT
March 4	Kynlee Uher	Morgan Stokebrand	Lonnie & Tina Groathouse/Jack & Kathy Holtmeier	
March 11	Bev Plihal	Karli Scherling	Lonnie & Tina Groathouse/Jack & Kathy Holtmeier	
March 18	Maddox Smith	Jurgen Baker	Lonnie & Tina Groathouse/Jack & Kathy Holtmeier	
March 25 (Palm Sunday)	Karen Wollenburg	Tayden Gronemeyer	Lonnie & Tina Groathouse/Jack & Kathy Holtmeier	Sandi Klostermeier/ Marge Badman
March 29 (Maundy Thursday)	Barb Nelson	Gage Heller	Lonnie & Tina Groathouse/Jack & Kathy Holtmeier	Marge Badman/ Jane Stokebrand
March 30 (Good Friday)	Jane Stokebrand	Mallory Chavez	Lonnie & Tina Groathouse/Jack & Kathy Holtmeier	

**HEAD USHER:** Doug Stokebrand

**USHERS:** Brad Garrison, Drew Garrison, Zach Kuhn, Darin Mahloch, Randy Badman

**OUTREACH VISITATION:** Service Group 2

**CURRENT SERVICE GROUP:** Group 4  
Liz Poessnecker/Marvin & Linda Schuerman

*Always pray to have  
Eyes that see the best in people,  
a Heart that forgives the worst  
a Mind that forgets the worst  
and a Soul that Never  
loses faith in God.*

# MARCH 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>4</b> <i>"Peter's Denial"</i> Care-A-Lot 8:45 am Praise Choir 9:00 am Adult Bible Study 8:45 am <b>PRaise SERVICE AT 10:00 AM</b> NO 1st Communion Class	<b>5</b> <b>PASTOR GONE</b> Rural Ministry Conference	<b>6</b> <b>PASTOR GONE</b> Rural Ministry Conference	<b>7</b> Men's Bible Study 6:30 am Bible Study 8:30 am Light Supper at 5:30 followed by Lenten Service Confirmation 6:30 pm Worship Committee 8:00 pm	<b>1</b> Good Samaritan Chapel 10:30 am	<b>2</b> <i>World Day of Prayer</i> 10:00 am Methodist Church Wedding Rehearsal 6:00	<b>3</b> Wollenburg/ Feldkamp Wedding 4:00 pm
<b>11</b> <i>"Jesus and Pilate"</i> Sunday School 8:45 am Adult Choir 8:45 am <b>WORSHIP SERVICE AT 10:00 AM</b> <i>(Children's Bells)</i> WELCA Board following Service 1st Communion Class 4:00 pm	<b>12</b> Hope Circle 9:00 am	<b>13</b> Pastor Text Study 10:00 am	<b>14</b> Bible Study 8:30 am Light Supper at 5:30 followed by Lenten Service Confirmation 6:30 pm	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b> <i>"Jesus Condemned"</i> Sunday School 8:45 am Adult choir 8:45 am Episcopal Service 9:00 am <b>WORSHIP SERVICE 10:00 AM</b> <i>(Adult Choir)</i> 1st Communion Class 4:00 pm	<b>19</b> <u>NEWSLETTER ARTICLES ARE DUE</u> Shalom Circle 7:00 pm	<b>20</b> Pastor Text Study 10:00 am	<b>21</b> 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	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> <i>"The Crucified Messiah"</i> Sunday School 8:45 am Adult Choir 8:45 am Youth Group 9:00 am <b>COMMUNION SERVICE 10:00 AM</b> <i>(Children's Choir)</i> 1st Communion Class 4:00 pm	<b>26</b> Praise Choir 5:30 pm	<b>27</b> Pastor Text Study 10:00 am	<b>28</b> Bible Study 8:30 am	<b>29</b> <i>"Jesus' Last Words"</i> <b>Maundy Thursday Communion Service 7:00 pm (First Communion)</b>	<b>30</b> <i>"Jesus the Passover Lamb"</i> <b>Good Friday Service 8:00 pm</b>	<b>31</b>

# MARCH 2018

<u>SUNDAY</u>	<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>TUESDAY</u>	<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	<u>THURSDAY</u>	<u>FRIDAY</u>	<u>SATURDAY</u>
				1 Eleanor Schwan	2	3 Johanna Koos Sonja Workman
4 Macoy Wollenburg	5 Bonnie Schuerman	6	7	8	9	10 Janice Dunn Paizley Weber
11 Peggy Scherling	12 Tracy Karl Ron Hinzman Aimee Wollenburg	13 Kanin Baker	14 Lana Hager Jeff Hatcliff Axley Strouf Chelsea Tietjen	15	16 Arlyce Albert Emma Wollenburg	17 Maddox Weber
18 Christine Roesler	19 Crewe Wollenburg	20 Marjorie Badman	21	22 Carson Bagwell Richard Wollenburg	23	24 Fred Koch Zed Adamsn
25 Tom Koch Krayten Uher	26	27 Steve Bergmeier Janelle Pieper	28 Kenzi Scherling Zach Schuerman	29 Jayne Pieper	30 Roy Scherling	31 Alyssa Brown

Please keep Dan Baker, Marvin Schuerman and Denise Michel in your prayers.

We would like to thank everyone who furnished food for Cordell Koch's memorial service. Also, a big thank you to those who helped with the set-up, cleanup, and serving the lunch. Your help was greatly appreciated. Thanks again – Arlyce & Connie

The **Signup Sheet for Light Lenten Suppers** is on the counter in the church entryway. Please consider helping if you can.

**World Day of Prayer** service will be **Friday, March 2, 2018 at 10:00 AM and hosted by the DeWitt United Methodist Church.** The Program will be: "All God's Creation Is Very Good" - based on Genesis 1:31 and written by the women from the South American country of Suriname.

**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.

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

**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](http://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/](https://www.facebook.com/tlcdewittne/)

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

## Hope Circle

No Report

## Lutheran Men in Mission

This month we finish up our study titled "Attitude Adjustment – Down but not out". March 7 – Topic 5 Family Stress: Luke 15:11-32 "Fracas in the family" & Hebrews 12:1-13 "Good discipline". March 21 – Topic 6 Fourth and Goal: Matthew 14:22-33 "Peter steps out of the boat" & James 1:1-18 "Trials and temptations". On the 21<sup>st</sup> session we will be selecting our next study. As always, we meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday's every month starting at 6:30 am with coffee and snacks.

## Shalom Circle

Shalom Circle met on February 19 with 7 members present. The group sorted and cleaned out the Kitty Bags. Shirlie led the Study Lesson on "Multiple Meanings" for February and served as hostess. After the lesson, the minutes of the January meeting were read and approved. Mission Community: Karen reported that World Day of Prayer will be on March 2 at 10:00 a.m. at the Methodist Church. Readers are Liz, Kathy, Karen and Arlyce. Mission Action: Connie reported that she delivered food products to the Village Office and to St. John's Food Pantry in Beatrice. Next Sunday we will be collecting our towels for the Kits. She reminded all to watch for different kits on different Sunday's. Spring Gathering will be March 17. Prayer Shawls were discussed, and several will be given to members. Reminder to attend Lenten Services at Trinity Lutheran or Methodist during the week. Shalom Circle has visitation in February. (REMEMBER THE SHUT-INS). Our next meeting will be March 19 at 7:00 p.m. with Arlyce leading the Bible Study and serving as our hostess. Shirlie Wollenburg Sec/Treas.

## WELCA

World Day of Prayer – March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 10:00 am at the Methodist Church "All Gods Creations is very good. Genesis 1:31"  
Circle Visitation Reminders we ask that you send cards if you are unable to make your monthly visits.

Personal Care Kits needed:

Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> – Towels

March 4<sup>th</sup> – Combs

March 11<sup>th</sup> – Soap

March 18<sup>th</sup> – Towels

If you would rather donate, please contact Connie Scherling.

Next meeting is March 11<sup>th</sup>.

## Mission Action

Mission Action – We will be collecting personal care items during Lent. These kits are sent not only overseas, but also to places in the United States that suffer from natural disasters. There will be a basket in the back of the church to place items in. February 25 – lightweight dark colored towels (27"x52"/Walmart has them for \$2.74 each). March 4 – Wide tooth combs. March 11 – Bars of soap. March 18 – Towels. If you would rather donate money for these projects, you can give it to Connie Scherling (656-3101). Thank you for your help with this project.

# KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS...

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