

May 2018

Greetings from your pastor and partner in ministry!!

May is a month of great transition as the weather seems to hold steady at 50 degrees or higher and the kids are released from their studies for a 3-month break. The ballpark and swimming pool will welcome back the laughter and glee of our kids. Parents will scramble to find ways to keep their kids out of trouble whether in sports or vacation bible schools or county fairs or family vacations. This year we'll be trying something new with our own vacation bible school. It'll be during the three days immediately following the Memorial Day weekend (29-31) for a couple hours in the afternoon. If your child is interested in participating, please have their registration form submitted to the office no later than May 6 so we can order enough supplies in time.

The program year will wrap up this month as we honor both our Sunday school teachers and students during service on the first Sunday. We'll also honor our graduating seniors during that service. Congratulations, Griffin, Cooper, Chase, Logunn, Shae, Celena, Bonnie Jo, Jamie, and Philip! Hopefully we'll have some new members to induct during service on the second Sunday but if not there's always the membership class in the fall. We'll transition from the season of Easter into the long season of Pentecost on the third Sunday. The last Sunday will be over the Memorial Day weekend and my family and I will hold another barbecue picnic at our house. All are welcome to come over and share a hamburger/hot dog with good fellowship. Please consider bringing a side dish.

We seek comfort in scripture for these times of transition. Deuteronomy 31:6 is always a standby for me—"Be strong and bold; have no fear or dread of them, because it is the Lord your God who goes with you; he will not fail you or forsake you." No matter where we go in life, no matter what unknown we walk into, we can go boldly for our God goes with us. I pray that all our students remember this and transition fearlessly.

Many blessings,

Pastor Koos

Pastor's Report
April 2018

Spring is just around the bend...I know it! Though the weather tries to convince us otherwise, I know we're heading into the last 4 weeks of the program year which means spring *has* to be upon us. September and April/May invariably are the busiest times of the year as we start and end the program year. I look forward to confirming 6 of our youth in a couple weeks and honoring 9 of our graduates of Tri-County a couple weeks after that.

Naturally, it's been a busy month of ministry. I had the opportunity to make 11 visits, lead 9 worship services including a Lenten service and the 4 services of Holy Week, participate in 1 committee meeting, 3 pastor text studies, 2 men's bible studies, and 2 bible studies at First Lutheran in Wilber, teach 4 bible studies, 1 Sunday school class, and 3 confirmation classes. Our spring clean-up around the church was very productive—thank you to those who helped. I attended a couple meetings for the Nebraska Lutheran Campus Ministry of which I serve as the campus pastor of SCC-Beatrice. I presided at the funeral for Darlene Goodwin, though a non-member but well known in the community. I welcomed 3 youth (McCoy Wollenburg, Cooper Stokebrand, Ashlynn Brown) to the Lord's table for their first communion on Maundy Thursday. I also was blessed with the chance to baptize 3 youth (Brix Remmers, Grayson Pieper, Jack Hopkins). My kids and I enjoyed a concert of the Lincoln Lutheran Choir hosted by Zion Lutheran in Pickrell. Finally, I think the confirmation kids and I enjoyed the 3rd and final service project for the year. We were able to get out in the community and get the "winter stink" blown off of us.

Blessings,
Pastor Koos

Trinity Lutheran Church Minutes

March 21, 2018

I. Call to order

Chairperson Brian Scherling called to order the regular meeting of the Trinity Lutheran Church Council on March 21, 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, Steve Garrison, 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 Nate that the minutes be approved. Motion carried.
- b) Treasurer's Report: A copy of the monthly treasurer's report indicated a balance of \$4,848.90 as of February 28, 2018 with available cash of \$4,548.90. Yvonne made a motion to accept the report and it was seconded by Karen. Motion carried.
- c) Investments Report: The investment balance as of February 23, 2018 is \$53,883.95.
- d) Pastor's Report: See included report. Pastor went to the Rural Ministry Conference in March. The theme was about pooling resources together in smaller communities/churches to help with dwindling membership. There will be no summer concert from the Homestead Harmonizers this year. Pastor asked for help from the council members for the stripping of the altar at the end of Maundy Thursday service.
- e) Memorial Report: The memorial balance is reported to be \$15,445.12 as of March 21, 2018.
- f) Suggestion Box: No report.
- g) Committee Reports
 1. Social Committee had no report.
 2. Worship Committee reported on the service schedule for the upcoming month. Children's Bells will be March 11th. Adult Choir will sing March 18th. The Lenten services will continue with a light supper before the service. Palm Sunday worship with communion will be March 25th. The Sunday School students will have a processional with palms and singing and the band will play. The Methodist Church will host the 10:00 Thursday morning Lenten Services. March 29th will be the Maundy Thursday service with 1st Communion for the 3 students. April 1st will be the 7:30am Easter Sunrise Praise Service with the Youth Group providing a Breakfast followed by the 10:00 worship with the Band. April 8th will be Baptism for Brix Remmers followed by the April 22nd Baptism for Finley Oliver. Confirmation will be April 29th for 6 students. May 6th will be the Sunday School Teacher Appreciation Breakfast and the High School Graduation Recognition with 9 students.
 3. Evangelical Committee had no report.
 4. Parish Education/VBS had no report.
 5. Youth Group reported that they will be waiting to paint their meeting room till June.
 6. Confirmation Committee had nothing to report.
 7. Property committee reported that the Church Clean-Up day will be March 24th at 9:00 with a rain date of April 7th. They will look at getting quotes for the electrical for the underground sprinklers. Beatrice Mechanical starting working on the air conditioning project.

II. Old Business

- a) WELCA reported that they are looking at prices for a brown laminate round table along with the white round ones.
- b) The Executive Committee had reviews for the paid positions of Secretary, Financial Secretary and Custodians.
- c) The church newsletter was discussed. We spend \$225/year for the postage stamp plus a monthly fee which comes to \$945/year. That does not include paper and Jenn's time. We are looking at ways to cut down that expense. We will be sending out a questionnaire for the congregation to see how each member would like their newsletter delivered to them.

III. New Business

- a) It was discussed to give a gift card to Liz Poessnecker for her time putting the church directory together. Steve made a motion and it was seconded by Mike with the motion carried. We appreciate the time and talents of Liz and we thank her.
- b) We received a thank you for our Benevolence donation from the Synod for our giving from 2017.

There was a motion by Mike and a second by Nate to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried. The next meeting will be April 18th 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.
May 2018

05-02-18 Philippians 1:1-18a

1. Philippians has been described as Paul's most positive and joyful letter. What are some of the ways Paul communicates his positive feelings for this church?
2. Re-read v. 6. How are those words an encouragement to you?
3. How did Paul describe his circumstances? How did he feel about what he was facing?
4. What do verses 15-18 reveal about the various motivations for ministry? What conclusions did Paul reach about that?
5. Paul begins the letter by thanking God, with joy, for the Philippians, because they are his partners in the Gospel (v. 3-5). Do you believe that being involved in a church is necessary for living the Christian life? Why or why not?
6. In the Christian life, is our growth and perseverance God's work, our work, or both?
7. What encourages a sense of partnership among Christians? How can you encourage, through your attitudes and practices, a sense of partnership in the church (v. 7-8)?
8. List some characteristics of a mature Christian life (v. 9-11).
9. List some factors and issues that keep Christians from standing together as one (v. 15-18).
10. How could this be improved among those in the church in general, and your church in particular?

05-09-18 Philippians 2:1-13

1. What effects has being united with Christ had on your life?
2. What is humility and why is it so essential to living the Christian life?
3. In view of his origin, what kinds of humiliation did Jesus face in his life?
4. During his life as a man, what are some ways in which Christ practiced obedience?
5. How is Christ's role presently different than it was when he was a man?
6. What does it mean to work out your salvation?
7. How does this differ from performance based salvation?
8. Why with fear and trembling? Fear of what?
9. How did Jesus exemplify the teachings of Philippians 2:4 (look down at verses 7-8 for examples)?
10. What encouragement in Christ, comfort from His love, etc., do you personally find in 2:6-11?

05-16-18 Acts 2:1-21; Philippians 4:4-7

1. What was the day of Pentecost? Exodus 23:14-18; Leviticus 23:15-22;34:22 Acts 2:1, 20:16; 1 Corinthians 16:8
2. What is the difference the Spirit's work in in the Old Testament and his work in the New? Compare Numbers 11:29 with Acts 2:17
3. What is the significance of the fact that the Holy Spirit was poured out on the day of Pentecost? Verses 5-11
4. Why is the Holy Spirit essential for God's mission? Acts 1:8; 4:29-31; 1 Corinthians 2:1-5
5. How should being spirit-filled affect what you do? 1 Cor 12:12-26; 2 Cor. 3:17-4:12; Gal. 5:16-26
6. What are we to rejoice in?
7. Read Luke 10:20. How should the fact that our names are written in the Book of Life lend perspective on petty matters, and cause us to rejoice in the Lord?
8. How are we to show gentleness to all men?

9. How should the imminent return of the Lord affect how we treat others?
10. What are the benefits of praying instead of worrying?

05-23-18 Exodus 19:1-6; 20:1-2

1. How long has it been since the Israelites left Egypt? How long will they camp here at Mt. Sinai?
(See Numbers 10:11-12)
2. What is the Lord's purpose and plan for his people? (v.5,6)
3. What does it mean to you to be a 'treasured possession'?
4. Verse 6 is the second occurrence of the word 'holy' in Exodus. The first is in Exodus 3:5. Compare these two and state any connection you see.
5. What does it mean to you to be holy? Describe some examples of what holiness looks like today.
6. In verse 2, how did God preface the giving of the Ten Commandments?
7. Why did God give us these rules?
8. What does it mean to "Obey God's voice?"
9. Is God's voice ever going to tell you something contrary to the Bible?
10. Discuss the significance of the commandments being written in stone.

05-30-18 Exodus 20:3-11

1. What are some other gods we can put before God? a) Careers? Children?
2. What are some examples of carved images we may try to put before Him? a) Ourselves? Statues? b) Discuss the following statement, "The moment you try to define God, you will limit Him!"
3. God is a Jealous God (verse 5). Why is he jealous?
4. What are some ways we might take Gods name in vain? a) By trivializing it, or regarding it as insignificant. b) Using it to try to coax God to do something that would violate his Character and purpose. c) Using it to worship thoughtlessly.
5. We are called to remember the Sabbath, and keep it holy. a) What is a Sabbath? (Dt 5:15) b) Why are we different from the rest of the world by remembering it?
6. How are these first four commandments an expression of loving God?
7. Why is the first commandment so critical? How do we run the risk of having other gods?
8. Which one of the four do you find personally challenging?
9. What would be a modern way of expressing a Sabbath? Do you think this is relevant today? Why?
10. Have you viewed the Ten Commandments as relevant to your life? In what way? Do you think that you ignore any of them?

Treasurer's Report March 31, 2018

	Bank Balance as of 2/28/18			\$4,848.90
		<u>Income</u>	<u>Outstanding</u>	
	Offering	\$7,775.00		
	Other	\$52.78		
	Total Income			\$7,827.78
		<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Outstanding</u>	
01-00	Pastor's Salary	\$3,582.00		
01-01	Financial Secretary's Salary	\$203.17		
01-02	Secretary Salary	\$768.95		
01-03	Organist	\$375.00		
01-04	Custodial Salary	\$510.62		
01-06	Pension Fund, Housing & SECA	\$1,285.13		
02-00	Mileage	\$560.26		
20-03	Culligan Water Supplies	\$24.75		
03-03	Communion Supplies	\$32.23		
03-00	Bulletins	\$29.00		
04-00	Postage & Freight	\$107.23	\$57.23	
04-04	Office Equipment	\$150.99		
04-05	Accountant Fees	\$115.00		
05-00	Village Utilities Church	\$190.74		
05-01	Village Utilities Parsonage	\$172.32		
05-02	Natural Gas Church	\$833.77		
05-03	Natural Gas Parsonage	\$172.11		
06-01	Benev. Transfer	\$750.00		
06-04	Vanco E-giving Fees	\$43.95		
07-01	Devotional Books	\$102.80		
08-00	Telephone Church	\$170.87		
09-01	Bible School	\$67.49		
	Total Expenses			\$10,248.38
	Previous Months Checks that Cleared			\$339.00
	Available Cash as of 3/30/18			\$2,089.30
	Outstanding Checks			\$57.23
	Reconciled to Balance on Bank Statement 3/30/18			\$2,146.53
		<u>Deposits</u>	<u>Disbursements</u>	<u>Account Balance</u>
	Other Accounts:			
	Benevolence (Savings Account)	\$851.04		\$5,021.45
	Capital Improvement Fund (Savings Account)	\$27.48		\$30,021.04



Worship Committee will meet on Wednesday, May 9 at 5:30 pm

WELCA board will meet Sunday, May 13 following the service

Hope Circle will meet Monday, May 14 at 9:00 am

Shalom Circle will meet Monday, May 21 at 7:00 pm

Church Council will meet on Wednesday, May 16 at 8:00 pm

Confirmation will meet May 2 at 6:30 pm for their last class until September.



Anna Wollenburg is our Tried-and-True Treasure for April/May. Please feel free to write on her 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. **MAY – Service Group #3**



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
3/29 Maundy Thursday	85	\$218.00	--	--	--
3/30 Good Friday	50	--	--	--	--
4/1 Easter Sunrise	27	Combined with 10am Service	--	--	--
4/1 Easter Communion	131	\$2115.00	--	--	\$105.00
4/8	143	\$1561.00	\$25.00	--	\$971.25
4/15	91	\$1805.00	\$35.00	\$5.00	105.00
4/22	154	\$1915.00	25.00	--	\$790.00

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(Updated Hours will be posted on Office Door)



Service Leaders For **MAY**

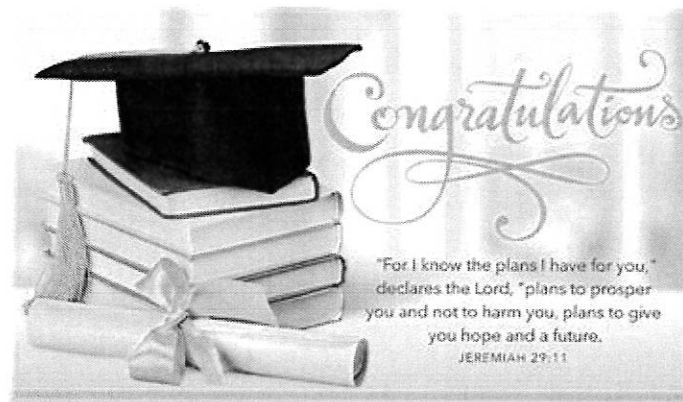
DATE	SCRIPTURE READER	ACOLYTE	GREETERS	COMMUNION SET UP
				COMMUNION ASSISTANT
May 6 (Teacher Appreciation & Honor Graduates)	Bev Plihal	Gage Heller	Norm & Helen Michel/ Eldon & Jane Stokebrand	
May 13	Arlyn Parde	Elsie Woerner	Norm & Helen Michel/ Eldon & Jane Stokebrand	
May 20	Zach Kuhn	McKenzie Smith	Norm & Helen Michel/ Eldon & Jane Stokebrand	
May 27 (Communion)	Lois Wattjes	Tayden Gronemeyer	Norm & Helen Michel/ Eldon & Jane Stokebrand	Lana Hager/ Wendi Klostermeier-Barnts

HEAD USHER: Doug Damkroger

USHERS: Jim Essman, Drey Heller, Bob Schwan, Kyle Thernes, Tanner Baker

OUTREACH VISITATION: Service Group #3

CURRENT SERVICE GROUP: Service Group #7



MAY 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Pastor Text Study 10:00 am	2 Men's Bible Study 6:30 am Bible Study 8:30 am Confirmation 6:30 pm	3	4	5
6 "Partnership in the Gospel" Sunday School 8:45 am (Teacher/Students Appreciation Breakfast) Adult Choir 8:45 am Adult Bible Study 9:00 am PRaise SERVICE AT 10:00 AM (Honor Graduates) WELCA Board following Service New Member Class 4:00 pm	7 Hope Circle 9:00 am	8 Pastor Text Study 10:00 am	9 Bible Study 8:30 am Worship Committee 5:30 pm	10 Good Samaritan Chapel 10:30 am	11	12
13 "The Christ Hymn" Sunday School 8:45 am Adult Choir 8:45 am WORSHIP SERVICE AT 10:00 AM (New Member Induction/Adult Choir)	14 Shalom Circle 7:00 pm	15 Pastor Text Study 10:00 am	16 Men's Bible Study 6:30 am Bible Study 8:30 am Wilber Care Center Chapel 10:00 am Church Council 8:00 pm	17	18	19
20 "Pentecost: Rejoice in the Lord" Sunday School 8:45 am Adult choir 8:45 am WORSHIP SERVICE 10:00 AM	21 NEWSLETTER ARTICLES ARE DUE	22 Pastor Text Study 10:00 am	23 Bible Study 8:30 am	24	25	26
27 "Ten Commandments, part 1" Sunday School 8:45 am Adult Choir 8:45 am COMMUNION SERVICE 10:00 AM (Children's Choir) BBQ at Koos House 5:00 pm	28 Praise Choir 5:30 pm	29 Pastor Text Study 10:00 am VBS 1:00-3:30 pm	30 Bible Study 8:30 am VBS 1:00 -3:30 pm	31 VBS 1:00-3:30 pm (Fun Day at Park)	1 Synod Annual Gathering	2 Synod Annual Gathering

MAY 2018

<u>SUNDAY</u>	<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>TUESDAY</u>	<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	<u>THURSDAY</u>	<u>FRIDAY</u>	<u>SATURDAY</u>
		1 Creo Klasek	2 Alex Tietjen	3 Johanna Scherling	4 Cooper Smith Craig Wollenburg	5 Drew Garrison Teran Koch Mark Roesler Jill Strouf
6	7 Curt Schuerman	8 Joshua Muehling	9	10 Marvin Schuerman Mandy Smidt	11	12 Suzanne Hinzman Doug Schwan
13 Cory Rahe	14	15	16 Penny Holtmeier Leonard Saathoff Jenell Koch	17	18 Tanner Baker Tayden Gronemeyer Becky Kaelin	19
20	21 Wendy Klostermeier -Barnts Shelby Parker Joshua Scherling	22	23	24 Chase Barnts Ashley Garrison	25 Steve Klostemeier Jaime Weber	26 Angie Baker Jackie Placek
27	28 Travis Garrison	29 Brad Garrison Nicole Morrissey	30	31		

Please keep John Slama & Denise Michel in your prayers.

The Dan Baker Family would like to thank those who sent cards and for their prayers and concerns. Dan is currently cancer free again and will be monitored frequently.

Galen & Bev Plihal would like to thank everyone for their prayers and cards during the loss of Bryce Scherling.

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

FREE CAMP! Some very generous friends are making it possible for students from Tri-County Public Schools to attend Carol Joy Holling Camp in Ashland for FREE! Carol Joy Holling offers summer camping opportunities for 1st – 12th grade students throughout the months of June and July. For more information and to register for camp, login to www.CarolJoyHolling.org. You can also check out the camp video at <https://vimeo.com/188032990>. Use the discount code "Tri-County" when registering and the price will be reduced to a \$50 deposit that will be refunded to you after your child has attended camp. For more information contact Jessica Wertz, our Registrar, at jwertz@nlom.org or 402-944-2544.

VBS 2018 is quickly approaching! Please join us for our Polar Blast program on May 29, 30, and 31 from 1-3:30 each day! The last day will be a fun day at the park to celebrate God's word with kick ball, snow cones, and games! This is for all Sunday school aged kids!! Forms will be handed out in Sunday School as well as located on a VBS table in the entry way at church! Registration forms are due back May 6th! On this VBS table, there will also be items for people to donate! We would greatly appreciate anything! We are asking for people to donate empty milk jugs (cleaned and rinsed out) for decorating! Please put in the care a lot room! We will also be collecting used coats for a coat drive! This fits perfect for our Polar Blast theme and will be donated for a great cause! If you have any coats, please bring them washed and in the care a lot room before May 6th!! If anyone wishes to volunteer in any other way, please let us know! There is plenty to do!

Thanks! Josi Josi.hoesche@gmail.com

There are several coats in the coat room that have been there for quite a while. Please check to see if they are yours. If they are not claimed before VBS at the end of May they will be donated to the VBS Coat Drive.

Attention Young Musicians! We are looking for anyone who would like to play during our church services in the month of May. There is a sign-up sheet on the counter in the entry way for those who are interested. Talk to Kathy Stokebrand or Mandy Smidt for more information.

There will be a benefit lunch/bake sale for John Slama on Sunday, April 29 from 10:30 am – 2:00 pm at First Evangelical Lutheran in Wilber. The benefit will help to offset medical expenses for ongoing surgeries and continuing care. It is also John's birthday, so come help him celebrate turning 8. NOTE: First Lutheran would love our help with donations of pies, cakes, or any other desserts. They can be dropped off here as early as 8:00 a.m. Sat., 04/28, and we will take them over in one delivery before Sunday morning.

New Member Classes will be held at 4:00 pm on April 22, 29 and May 6. Induction will take place on Sunday, May 13.

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

Sunday, April 29 – John Slama benefit from 10:30 am-2:00 pm at First Lutheran in Wilber.

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/

Hope Circle

Hope Circle met at church on April 9, 2018, with 7 members present. Jean was hostess. Shirley led the Bible study entitled "Multiple Meanings- The Prodigal Son," based on Luke 15:11-32. Shirley opened the meeting. She gave a report on the last WELCA Board Meeting. She stated there was a discussion again concerning purchasing round tables for the Fellowship Hall. They are going to continue to check prices and will probably start out with only 3 or so, as they are quite expensive. Shirley suggested that the proceeds from the Farmer's Market could go toward the table fund. The Board also discussed the personal care kit items that have been donated. They feel that it is good for the younger members of the congregation to get involved with putting the kits together. They encourage members to collect used blankets from garage or estate sales to send for Lutheran World Relief, but they must be 60" X 80" or larger. There was a good response for donating Easter lilies this year. Our circle is up for visitation this month, and Shirley encouraged our members to send cards or visit our shut-ins this month. Mary mentioned that both DeWitt and Diller will have their 4th of July Celebrations on June 30th this year and this might affect the number attending. As there was no other business, the meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer. Our next meeting will be on May 14th. Mary will lead the Bible Study and will also be hostess. Jean Placek, Sec./Treas.

Lutheran Men in Mission

This month we continue are study on Men at Work with 2 studies on May 2 and May 16 (first and third Wednesday each month) from 6:30-7am. On the 2nd we will cover What's God's Responsibility with passages from Judges 7:1-25 "God fights Gideon's battles" and James 4:13-5:6 "God only knows". On the 16th we will cover Working for Tyrants with passages from Exodus 5:1-21 "Bricks without straw" and 1 Peter 2:13-25 "Cruel taskmasters". All men of all ages and background welcome.

Shalom Circle

Shalom Circle met on Monday, April 16 with 8 members present. Members cleaned out and refurbished the Kiddy Bags. Liz will have her Sunday School Class help with the packing of the "Personal Kits" for Lutheran World Relief. "Outdoor Ministry" was discussed in length. Members will bring material from home to the next meeting. The Service Groups were discussed, and the meat and cheese trays seem to be going well. Prayer Concerns were given. Connie lead our Bible Study on "The Prodigal Son" and also served as our hostess. Our next meeting will be May 21 with Bev leading our Bible Study and serving as hostess. Offering was taken and meeting adjourned. Sec/Treas. - Shirlye Wollenburg

WELCA

(No Report)



VBS Registration Form

May 29 1-3:30

May 30 1-3:30

May 31 1-3:30 (Fun Day)

Registration Deadline: May 6th

Child's Name _____

Childs Age _____ DOB _____ Last school grade completed _____

Name of Parents _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Home Email Address (PRINT) _____

Home Church _____

Any Allergies or any other medical conditions _____

Emergency Contact _____

Emergency Phone _____

Relationship to Child _____

Over the next couple of months, the Church Council is requesting feedback from our Trinity Congregational members. Please give our request careful consideration and respond back in a timely manner.

In an attempt to help decrease expenses here at Trinity, we are once again asking for your feedback concerning the mailing of our monthly newsletter. Currently we are mailing out approximately 140 newsletters every month. This ends up costing the church over \$1000 per year. We are hoping to cut some of this postage expense if possible. Pastor is emailing the newsletter every month to a large number of congregational members. So, some members are getting one in the mail and an electronic version from pastor. We understand that not everyone has access to email and there are some that do not read their emails, so we will not eliminate either of these options. The newsletters will continue to be published monthly. It is our intent to give the members numerous options to receive it, while being more efficient with our time and money. We are asking that you please give this thoughtful consideration to help our church manage this expense. Listed below are the three delivery options that the congregation will have access to. Please take a minute to respond to the option that best fits your preference. You can respond by email, return this sheet to the church office, or talk to Pastor, Jenn or a church council member.

_____ I would like the monthly newsletter to be placed in my Church mailbox.

_____ I would like to receive the monthly newsletter by email.

_____ I would like to have the monthly newsletter mailed to my residence. If this is your choice you must respond/request to keep your name on the mailing list.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Thank you for taking the time to respond with your feedback. Hopefully some of you will be willing to either receive the newsletter by email or in your church mailbox. By doing so, we will be able to save some money (postage, paper, copies, labor) that may help go towards a number of other expenses that our congregation endures monthly. It may not save a lot, but every little bit helps and can add up over time. If you have any questions please contact; Brian Scherling, Pastor Koos or Jenn Uher.

Respectfully,

Brian Scherling

Council Chairman

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS...

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