

September 2018

Greetings from your pastor and partner in ministry!!

Our kids returned to school last month so they should be more than ready to return to their studies here at church. This month both our confirmation class and Sunday school classes pick back up after a 4-month hiatus and I know our teachers and myself are eager to get back to teaching. We've been hard at work all summer long restructuring the program and are excited to put our efforts to use with the kids. I heard minor grumbling last month when the kids returned to school but learning is a good thing. We never stop learning in life, or at least we *should* never stop learning. Proverbs continually lift up the gift of learning but I particularly like verse 1:5, "Let the wise hear and increase in learning, and the one who understands obtain guidance." In learning, we are guided through the unknowns of life. Wisdom is a great gift and we ought to be grateful.

Confirmation classes resume on the first Wednesday with the Sunday school classes resuming the second Sunday. We'll hand out bibles to our first graders and properly install our teachers during service that day. Be sure to stick around for the celebratory potluck meal after the service. Potlucks are always great times of fellowship for our community.

With five Sundays this month, we wanted to do something special with the service on that extra Sunday. We decided to offer a "Kumbaya" service on the 4th Sunday (23rd) in which we'll invite kids who went to camp at Carol Joy Holling this summer to wear their t-shirts, maybe offer 1-2 memories from the experience, and possibly sing a camp song or two. As many of you know, we had a very generous gift of free camp registration this year for any TriCounty student and we're hoping to show our appreciation with this service. Come out and share in the appreciation.

Many blessings,

Pastor Koos

Pastor's Report
August 2018

We had another solid, albeit light, month of ministry around the church. I was able to make 5 visits, lead 6 worship services including both chapel services at Good Sam and the Wilber Care Center, teach 2 bible studies, participate in 2 committee meetings and 1 men's bible study, and attend 3 pastor text studies. We gathered for our semi-annual meeting and it was good to discuss improvements to our church grounds and the restructuring of our confirmation program. I'm excited to implement changes discussed in our Confirmation Committee. It's always fun incorporating new curriculum and I think one centered in Luther's catechism will benefit the students. Also, the mentoring program should help the students connect with the larger congregation, something they tend to forget they're a part of. I took 5 of our confirmation kids to summer camp at the Carol Joy Holling Center and we had a blast. I know several of our congregation's kids took advantage of the generous gift of free camp this year and I hope they will come to our appreciation service next month. Finally, I gathered with the campus ministry board at SCC-Beatrice to discuss my ministry plans for the fall. On a personal note, I'm picking up piano lessons after a 10-year hiatus this week. If our 8-year-old won't stay committed to it, then I'll gladly take her place!

Blessings,
Pastor Koos

Trinity Lutheran Church Minutes

July 18, 2018

I. Call to order

Chairperson Brian Scherling called to order the regular meeting of the Trinity Lutheran Church Council on July 18, 2018. Pastor Koos led the group in devotions. Members in attendance were Pastor Koos, Brian Scherling, Mike Holtmeier, Yvonne Rahe, 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 Deb that the minutes be approved. Motion carried.
- b) Treasurer's Report: A copy of the monthly treasurer's report indicated a balance of \$4,883.58 as of June 30, 2018 with available cash of \$3,792.27. Mike made a motion to accept the report and it was seconded by Yvonne. Motion carried.
- c) Investments Report: The investment balance as of June 29th, 2018 was \$53,207.07.
- d) Pastor's Report: See included report. We will start putting birthday announcements in the bulletin each week. Visited about the Immanuel Vision Foundation Grant Application. Pastor will pass on to the Teammates organization. Pastor will donate his time to paint a mural or put up wallpaper on the wall of the nursery. He reported that the congregation seems to be enjoying the Friday reflections so he will continue doing. The children that attended Camp Joy Holling will present to the congregation sometime in August or September. Pastor will be gone the week of July 22-26th for confirmation camp at Carol Joy Holling.
- e) Memorial Report: The memorial balance was reported to be \$18,579.24.
- f) Suggestion Box: No report.
- g) Committee Reports
 - 1. Social Committee reported that Sunday School Kick Off will be Sept 9th with a picnic after the service.
 - 2. Worship Committee reported that Praise Service will be August 12th. They suggested that we have special services in the months there are 5 Sundays such as youth led service, men/women led service, and pot lucks afterwards. They are looking at ideas for Lenten services this year like changing start time. Suggested going back to having communion in the front pews like we once did it.
 - 3. Evangelical Committee reported that Yvonne will send out a thank you to guests that attend church services. We will move the guest book into the sanctuary so it is more visible for guests to sign. We would like the Ushers to remind guests to sign the welcome book.
 - 4. Parish Education/VBS visited about the Sunday School Kick Off meal after service. They asked that the Christmas Program be moved to Dec. 16th instead of the Sunday before Christmas.
 - 5. Youth Group had nothing to report.
 - 6. Confirmation Committee reported that they had met with Pastor to get ideas for changing the confirmation classes and they will continue to meet in the upcoming months. Liz Poessnecker is also on the committee. They are looking at new books and developing mentors for each students. They would like to see more accountability for each student.
 - 7. Property committee reported that the sprinklers will get fixed and discussed the landscaping project to get the water to drain away from the north side of the church. .

II. Old Business

- a) We heard an update on the church newsletter. Only 25 copies were sent out this past month.
- b) The insurance premium was going increase for the upcoming year but a committee looked at our policy and discussed changes and we were able to save money instead.
- c) Brian reminded the council about the goals we had set for the year with 6 months left in the year: Watch expenses, revamp confirmation, and look at ways to share resources with other churches.

III. New Business

- a) Mike made a motion to work on the landscaping project on the north side of the church to fix the water drainage problem for about \$850 out of the capital improvement fund. Steve seconded it and motion approved.
- b) Karen made a motion to change the locks of the 3 main doors so they all match for a total of \$135. Nate made a second and the motion carried.
- c) Discussed paying the first half of the Benevolence which would be about \$5500. Discussion tabled until next meeting.
- d) Discussed the wedding policies concerning confetti and glitter in the church and outside. Will table the discussion to see what our policies consist of.
- e) Discussed possible fundraising events to go towards the general fund. Ideas were hosting a golf tournament and silent auction.

There was a motion by Mike and a second by Steve to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried. The next meeting will be August 15th 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.
September 2018

09-05-18 Genesis 6:5-22; 8:6-12; 9:8-17

1. How does the description of Noah and his sons differ from the descriptions found in 6:1-7, and why is the character of these men important to know at this juncture of the story?
2. Why has "all flesh" become wicked & completely evil (6:5), corrupt (6:11), and violent (6:14)?
3. What do you think it was like for Noah during these days in which "he did all that God commanded him" (6:22)?
4. What did God "remember" about Noah and the others in the ark that caused Him to end the flood?
5. What similarities do you find between Genesis 8 and Genesis 1, and what does this teach you about God's intentions for the inhabitants of the ark?
6. Why is Moses so specific concerning the length of time for each event in the flood (i.e. 40 days & nights of flooding, 150 days of the flood prevailing, 150 days of the flood abating, etc.)?
7. Since the moral state of man was the same after the flood as before (cf. 8:21 with 6:5), why did God promise never again to cut off all flesh or destroy the earth by flood (8:21-22, 9:11)?
8. In what ways does Noah resemble Adam, and how does this inform you about Noah's role in God's promise (Gen. 3:15)?
9. What do you learn in these chapters about God's view of sin?
10. Why is the story of Noah, the flood, and God's covenant with Noah important to you today, and how does it strengthen your faith, your view of God, and your hope for the future?

09-12-18 Genesis 12:1-9

1. Why do you think God didn't tell Abram up front where he would be going?
2. Why do you think God didn't extend the invitation to the entire family – Abram's father and brothers included?
3. In what ways is this very first experience between God and Abram representative of everyone's experience with God throughout history?
4. In what ways can you relate to Abram's calling?
5. In Genesis 3, God exiled Adam and Eve from Eden, multiplied the pain of childbirth, cursed the ground so that it would produce food only through hard labor, and subjected human beings to death. How do God's promises to Abram in (Gen. 12:1-3) begin to address the components of the curse in a positive way? How do the promises to Abram begin to foreshadow redemption?
6. List the promises made to Abram in (Gen. 12:2-3, 7). How many of them did Abram get to experience to some degree in his lifetime?
7. Did his "waiting" dissolve his faith? Look up (Heb. 11:13; Rom. 4:17-22). What effect has waiting had on your faith in the past? What can we learn from the verses listed above about faith that endures the wait?
8. Why is it significant that the Lord gave his promises in (Gen. 12:2-3, 7) without conditions?
9. The people destroyed in the Flood were noted in (Gen. 6:4) as "men of renown" (lit. "men of a name"). The people of Babel were destroyed for trying to make a name for themselves (Gen. 11:4). According to God's promise in (Gen. 12:2), how was Abram going to be different?
10. What can we learn about Abram's character from his actions in (Gen. 12:4-9)? List the qualities you observe and how he shows them (See Hebrews 11:8-10 for examples).

09-19-18 Genesis 39:1-23

1. Why was such a fuss made over the "varicolored tunic" (Gen. 37:3) which Joseph's father had given him?
2. Why was such a fuss made over Joseph's dream? (Gen. 37:5)
3. What is the stark contrast between Joseph and his master's wife when it comes to their earthly master?
4. What is the stark contrast between Joseph and his master's wife when it comes to their heavenly master?
5. So how would you characterize this test? (Potiphar's wife)
6. How did Joseph pass this test?
7. Joseph was obviously in control of his appetites, for he avoided committing sin when there was opportunity. What else is implied as being under Joseph's control by the manner in which Joseph responded to the false charges against him?
8. So what actually happens to Joseph from a career point of view?
9. Obviously suffering is never enjoyable, but what might be the important lessons learned from it?
10. What do we know spiritual suffering to eventually turn into?

09-26-18 Exodus 14:5-7, 10-14, 21-29

1. Describe what it must have been like to have the Red Sea in front of you and Pharaoh's soldiers coming up from behind. What would you have said to Moses under the same circumstances?
2. Describe Pharaoh and his officials' attitudes in your own words. Why do you think they didn't seem to care about all the plagues that had come on them? What does this tell us about sin and our minds?
3. How did the Israelites feel when they saw the Egyptians? How would you describe their faith?
4. Why do you think their faith was so weak even though they saw so many miracles? What does this tell you about people in general? Do you think most people today are like the Israelites then?
5. Did Moses talk with God before or after reassuring the people? If he didn't talk to God yet, how did he know that God would fight for them and they would never see the Egyptians again? What does this show us about Moses' faith?
6. If an unbeliever asked you why God would want to exact further judgment on the Egyptians even when the Israelites were already gone, what would you say?
7. Throughout this encounter with the Egyptians what does Moses do? What does God do?
8. What are ways you help yourself remember God's faithfulness to you in the past? What are ways you could help yourself trust God for the future?
9. After the Lord saved Israel from the hand of the Egyptians, how did the people react toward the Lord and Moses?
10. What lessons can we learn from this event, crossing the Red Sea?

Treasurer's Report July 31, 2018

Bank Balance as of 6/30/18				\$4,883.58
		<u>Income</u>	<u>Outstanding</u>	
Offering		\$8,827.25		
Other		\$984.21		
Total Income				\$9,811.46
		<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	\$331.66		
01-04	Custodial Salary	\$490.62		
01-05	Payroll Taxes	\$1,647.25		
01-06	Pension Fund, Housing & SECA	\$1,301.91		
02-00	Mileage	\$188.57		
02-01	Health Insurance Reimbursement (HSA)	\$210.00		
02-02	Water Softener Reimbursement (R/O)	\$27.00		
02-03	Water Supplies	\$78.50		
04-03	Copies Copy Machine	\$413.28		
04-04	Office Equipment	\$150.99		
05-00	Village Utilities Church	\$329.47		
05-01	Village Utilities Parsonage	\$268.65		
05-02	Natural Gas Church	\$25.55		
05-03	Natural Gas Parsonage	\$25.82		
06-00	Miscellaneous	\$150.00		
06-01	Benev. Transfer	\$600.00		
06-04	Vanco E-giving Fees	\$43.70		
08-00	Telephone Church	\$172.26		
08-01	Telephone Parsonage	\$34.50		
11-00	Church Maintenance	\$31.95		
11-03	Lawn & Landscape	\$231.11	\$120.00	
11-04	Repairs to Parsonage	\$57.40		
11-05	Property Insurance	\$3,537.00		
Total Expenses				\$14,132.36
Previous Months Checks that Cleared				\$1,091.31
Available Cash as of 7/31/18				(-528.63)
Outstanding Checks				\$120.00
Reconciled to Balance on Bank Statement 7/31/18				(-408.63)
		<u>Deposits</u>	<u>Disbursements</u>	<u>Account Balance</u>
Other Accounts:				
Benevolence (Savings Account)		\$750.00		\$8,043.01
Capital Improvement Fund (Savings Account)		\$20.00		\$6,033.70



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

WELCA board will meet Sunday, September 9 following the service

Hope Circle will meet Monday, September 10 at 9:00 am

Church Council will meet on Wednesday, September 19 at 8:00 pm

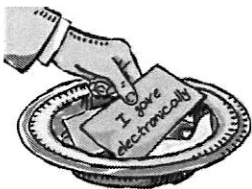
Shalom Circle will meet on Monday, September 17 at 7:00 pm



Eileen Damkroger is our Tried-and-True Treasure for August/September. 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. **SEPTEMBER – Service Group #6**



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
7/29	104	\$4371.00	\$50.00	-	\$130.00
8/5	65	\$1100.00	\$25.00	\$5.00	\$546.25
8/12	86	\$2265.00	\$25.00	\$5.00	\$580.00
8/19	106	\$1180.00	\$35.00	-	\$584.00

PASTOR SEAN KOOS

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OFFICE HOURS

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

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OFFICE HOURS

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(Updated Hours will be posted on Office Door)



Service Leaders For **SEPTEMBER**

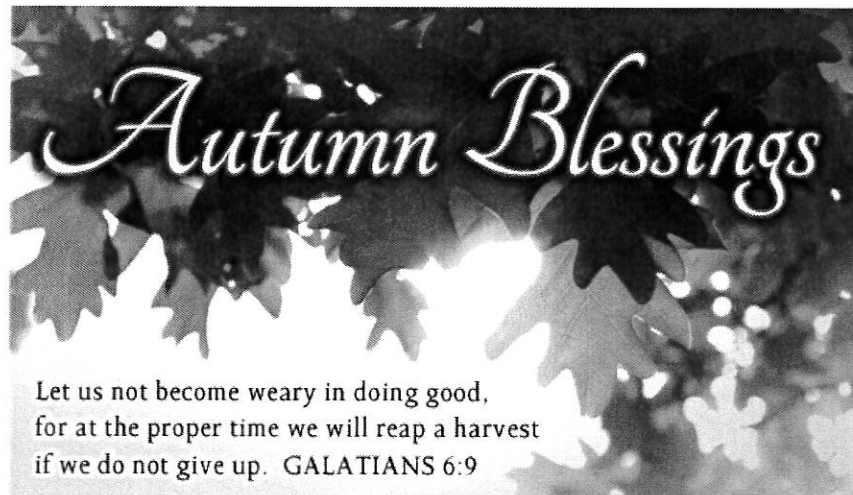
DATE	SCRIPTURE READER	ACOLYTE	GREETERS	COMMUNION SET UP
				COMMUNION ASSISTANT
September 2	Bev Plihal	Payton Smidt	Dan & Connie Scherling/ Gordon & Linda Schuerman	
September 9	Arlyn Parde	McKenzie Smith	Dan & Connie Scherling/ Gordon & Linda Schuerman	
September 16	Zach Kuhn	Colton Placek	Dan & Connie Scherling/ Gordon & Linda Schuerman	
September 23	Lois Wattjes	Elsie Woerner	Dan & Connie Scherling/ Gordon & Linda Schuerman	
September 30 (Communion)	Maddox Smith	Tayden Gronemeyer	Dan & Connie Scherling/ Gordon & Linda Schuerman	Pam Garrison/ Bonnie Schuerman

HEAD USHER: Arlyn Parde

USHERS: Bruce Rahe, Brian Stokebrand, Joel Kaelin, Jim Miller

OUTREACH VISITATION: Service Group #6

CURRENT SERVICE GROUP: Service Group #7 (Don & Shirly Wollenburg/Eunice Mahloch)



SEPTEMBER 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
REMINDER! Sunday School will start on Sunday, September 9.						1
2 "Stewardship/Generosity, part 3" Praise choir Rehearsal 9:00 am PRAISE SERVICE 10:00 am <i>GREEN</i>	3	4 Pastor Text Study at 10:00 am	5 Men's Bible Study 6:30 am Bible Study 8:30 am Worship Committee 5:30 pm Confirmation 6:30 pm	6	7	8 TC FFA Farmer's Market
9 "Flood and Promise" Sunday School 8:45 am Adult choir 9:00 am WORSHIP SERVICE 10:00 am Silent Auction/Potluck Meal WELCA Board following service <i>GREEN</i>	10	11 Pastor Text Study at 10:00 am	12 Bible Study 8:30 am Confirmation 6:30 pm	13 Good Samaritan Chapel 10:30 am	14	15
16 "Call of Abraham" Sunday School 8:45 am Adult Choir 9:00 am Episcopal service 9:00 am WORSHIP SERVICE 10:00 am (Men's Choir) Special Presentation <i>GREEN</i>	17	18 Pastor Text Study at 10:00 am	19 Men's Bible Study 6:30 am Bible Study 8:30 am Wilber Care Center Chapel 10:00 am Confirmation 6:30 pm Church Council 8:00 pm	20	21 <u>NEWSLETTER ARTICLES ARE DUE</u>	22
23 "Joseph in Prison" Sunday School 8:45 am Adult Choir 9:00 am KUMBAYA SERVICE 10:00 am <i>GREEN</i>	24	25 Pastor Text Study at 10:00 am	26 Bible Study 8:30 am Confirmation 6:30 pm	27	28	29
30 "Rescue at the Sea" Sunday School 8:45 am Youth Group 9:00 am Adult Choir 9:00 am COMMUNION SERVICE 10:00 am New member class 4:00 pm <i>GREEN</i>						

SEPTEMBER 2018

<u>SUNDAY</u>	<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>TUESDAY</u>	<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	<u>THURSDAY</u>	<u>FRIDAY</u>	<u>SATURDAY</u>
						1 Sarah Kramer Mya McDougall
2 Hunter Garrison Jeremy Slama	3 Amy Bowman Bobbie Scherling Don Wollenburg	4 Jennifer Schuerman	5	6 Maddux Johnson	7 Tammy Thernes	8
9 Towson Bartels	10	11	12 Chase Hardin	13	14 Josi Hoesche Dominic Smith	15
16 Brinley Gronemeyer	17 Rayetta Fink Rick Mangus Josh Miller Isabella Woerner	18	19 Adam Wollenburg	20	21 Brian Scherling	22
23	24 Jemma Carel Jana Muehling Barb Nelson Janet Sobotka	25 Chuck Holtmeier Bob Schwan Dennis Jensen Kynlee Uher Pat Wollenburg	26 Whitney Rahe	27 Doug Damkroger Teri Mangus	28 Emily Thornburg	29 Tyson Baker Evelyn Baker
30 Eileen Damkroger						

Please keep Jim Burger (Donna Garrison's Father), Ervin Beerenstrauch, & Denise Michel in your prayers.

Trinity Lutheran Church Mentor Program – 2018-19 school year – 7th and 8th grade confirmation students

"The purpose of the TLC Mentor Program is to connect our junior high confirmands with an adult in the church to create a better connection between parishioners and students. This will be done through monthly meetings during the school year between the mentor and student where they will discuss items related to confirmation, church, and each other's experiences. The goal of this program is to give both the mentor and student a better understanding of the current church, how they can help each other, and how they can help TLC move forward utilizing their talents as laid out in Romans 12:4-8."

We are looking for volunteers to be a mentor in our new mentoring program. The expectation is for the mentor/student to meet once a month and discuss a set of topics related to: mentor's past experiences, what topics are being covered that month in confirmation, new technology being incorporated into Christian life, and memory work. There is no set time limit for the visits or reports each month, just simply a yes, the month's visit was accomplished. We would also like the mentor to be in charge of the monthly memory work of the student.

This is a great opportunity for members of our church to connect to our youth and our future. Please consider this great opportunity to help enhance our updated confirmation process. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor or Mike Holtmeier (947-1440 or mike.holtmeier@plantpioneer.com). Thanks – TLC Confirmation Committee.

Sunday school will begin on Sunday, September 9th. We'll be having our **potluck lunch** afterward to celebrate. Parents with last names beginning with A-L have been asked to bring a salad and those with last names beginning with M-Z a dessert. Everyone else can bring a salad too. Hot dogs will be provided. Please check our **Sunday School Bulletin Board** weekly. We will have important dates on there as well as a donation wish list throughout the year. Thanks!

On **September 9th** during Sunday School kickoff, we will be having a **silent auction** benefit for the Sunday School fund. The items on it are items that have not been used for Sunday School and other areas of the church for quite some time and were just hiding in storage rooms. Please plan on attending and bidding on some cool historical items from the church for a great cause! Bidding will start in the morning and conclude during the potluck.

Adult Choir News – All who are interested in singing in Choir please note we will resume on Sunday, September 9 at 9:00 am. Please note we always need new voices and ask you to join us. We practice at 9 am every Sunday and usually sing one time each month and our music is simple enough for anyone. Hope to see you this fall. The special **Men's Choir** group will practice on September 9 at 8:45 am. We will be singing on Sunday, September 16.

The **Care A Lot program will be doing a fundraiser** to help the Sunday School Program. We would like to ask the congregation to donate pumpkins (medium size) by September 16th. These will be decorated and sold before church at a later date. If you would like to donate, please put them in the Care A Lot room. Thank you so much for your help!

Church Council will be working on gutters north of the fellowship hall on Monday, September 3rd at 8am. Our goal is to get the gutter water away from the building and into the east lawn. We will then work on removing the current rock and landscaping, so we can get all water sloping away from the foundation. We have a Bobcat to help, but any volunteers with shovels would be greatly appreciated to help our church building out long-term. Any questions, please contact Brian or Mike.

Mission Action News - Thank you to everyone who so graciously responded to our School Kits for Lutheran World Relief. In September and October, we will be asking for quilts or blankets. A Lutheran World quilt or blanket is special. It brings warmth on a cold night, and shelter from the sun on a hot day. It becomes a bed, a room divider, a backpack to carry belongings, and at times even a home. We don't have very many of our members who used to tie all the quilts able to do so anymore. They accept new and like new approximately 60" x 80" blankets and 60" x 80" fleece tied blankets which are easy to make and a great project for youth and kids. They do not accept afghans! Watch for the blanket sales and help out with a great cause! Thank You – Connie Scherling

There is a special need for **School Kits** for Lutheran World Relief this year! Please remember when you are out school shopping if you can pick up some extra items for these School Kits. Each kit contains the following: 4 – 70 sheet wide or college ruled notebooks, 1 – blunt scissors, 1 – ruler, 1 – pencil sharpener, 5 – unsharpened #2 pencils, 1- eraser (2 ½ inches long), 5 – ball point pens, 1- box of 16 or 24 crayons. There is a tote in back of church for these items. We are especially in need of Notebooks and Scissors.

WELCA provides most of the funds for the support of the kitchen here at Trinity; however, most of the donations come from the 20 or so circle members. Since the work of WELCA supports the entire church family please consider making a donation. There will be a offering basket at the entrance to the sanctuary on September 16, 23, and 30. You may also make a donation to the WELCA treasurer, Linda (Gordon) Schuerman at anytime.

WELCA elections will be held on September 2, 9, and 16. The ballots will be in your bulletin boxes and the ballot box will be at the entrance to the sanctuary.

UPCOMING EVENTS – *Check the bulletin board or front windows for more information.* **Orphan Grain Train Fish Feed** will be held on **Sunday, September 2 from 11am-1pm** at First Trinity Lutheran Church, Beatrice. Serving fish, potatoes, onions, salads, desserts, and drinks. Free Will Offering and they will also accept good, clean clothing, shoes, toys, quilts, non-breakage housewares, school supplies and health items. **Farmers Market** will be held on **Saturday, September 8 from 9:00 am - 11:00 am** in front of First State Bank, DeWitt. There will be produce, crafts and homemade goods. Vendors welcome – no booth fees! This event is hosted by the Tri County FFA.

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 on August 13, 2018, with 7 members present. Shirley opened the meeting. She gave a report on the WELCA Board meeting held on August 12th. She stated that the Farmers Market took in \$302.50 and in addition there was a \$150 donation and Thrivent also contributed to it. Shirley stated there was a good response for school kit items, and in September we will be asked to bring blankets, which need to be at least 60" x 80", new or used. The WELCA Board is still working on the project of purchasing round tables for the Fellowship Hall. Shirley reminded us to send a card to Eileen Damkroger, who will celebrate her 99th Birthday on September 30th. Shirley mentioned that the DeWitt Utility office still has a small food pantry and accepts donations of canned food products and paper products, etc. for people in need. Kathy stated that she feels our congregation should have a small committee orienting new members concerning our circles and other ways to serve the church, such as taking care of the plants and flowers for the altar, changing altar coverings, etc. Shirley led the lesson entitled "Let Us Pray," based on verses from Romans and 1 Corinthians. She also read a short article concerning road signs and prayer. We closed with the Lord's Prayer. Our next meeting will be on September 10th. Analee will be hostess and Sharon will lead the Bible Study. Jean Placek, Sec./Treas.

Lutheran Men in Mission

LMIM – September 2018

In September we wrap up our series on For Men Only: Issues Men Face. September 5 the topic is Authority Figures and we will discuss 1 Samuel 13:1-15 "King Saul blows it" and 1 Peter 2:13-25 "Show Proper Respect". September 19 the topic is Spiritual Responsibility and we will discuss 1 Samuel 2:12-26 "Eli: A failure at home" and Ephesians 5:22-6:9 "Family Leaders". We meet the 1st and 3rd Wednesday every month at 6:30 and study lasts about a ½ hour.

Shalom Circle

SHALOM CIRCLE will be meeting on Tuesday, August 28 to serve Warren's Table in Beatrice.

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Next meeting September 9th following Church Service.

TLC Youth Mentor Program – September 2018

Welcome to the kickoff of the 2018 school year. This is the first of several mentor/student meetings throughout the year. This first month we want you to get to know each other and share some thoughts and experiences from your confirmation process. The questions are for both the mentor(M) and student(S), but mostly for the mentor as they reflect on their experiences. These are just guidance questions and further discussion is anticipated.

M – At what church did you get confirmed?

M – What age did you start and what were the requirements? Were they hard? Necessary?

M – Who taught confirmation classes?

M – What were your parent's expectations?

S - What are your parent's expectations?

M/S – Did/Do you feel prepared to start confirmation? Excited, nervous, scared?

M – What is one thing you know now or have experienced now that you wish you would've learned during confirmation?

S – What do you wish to learn or experience in confirmation? What are some questions you want answers to?

M/S – What Bible did/will you use? Was it easy to understand?

The first month of September pastor and Liz are covering the first four commandments. The memory work for this month is the first four commandments.

- 1) You shall have no other gods
- 2) You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God
- 3) Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy
- 4) Honor your father and mother

M – How did your parents observe the Sabbath day and how much work was done?

M/S – How do you currently observe the Sabbath?

What is WELCA?

Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

- Every confirmed woman is a member of WELCA even if she is not actively involved in the circles or the board. WELCA operates on a local, cluster, synod and national level.
- The current WELCA board has members who are both active and not active in circles.
- Every woman in the church is eligible to vote for the WELCA board.
- Ballots will be in your mailboxes the first Sunday in September. Carefully and with prayer consider your choices for WELCA officers. The ballot box will be available the first three Sundays in September.

What does the local WELCA do?

- WELCA supports the local church and charities through offerings and gifts.
- WELCA is in charge of and financially supports the kitchen. Effort is made to keep the costs as low as possible.
- If you drank a cup of coffee before church, WELCA bought the cup, the coffee, and the sugar and cream.
- If you washed a dish in the kitchen, WELCA bought the soap and the faucet.
- If you used a roaster, WELCA bought it.
- If you put something in the refrigerator in the kitchen or the Care-a-lot room, WELCA bought the refrigerator. Oh yes, they bought the stove, too.
- WELCA arranges the Service Groups which provide food and help for many events including funerals and church events including the Christmas Program Soup Supper.
- WELCA collects, sorts, packs, and delivers Lutheran World Relief kits, including school, personal care, and baby care.
- WELCA helps plan and participates in World Day of Prayer.

How is WELCA funded?

- There are two active circles. They have monthly Bible studies, complete service projects, and support one another and others in many ways including prayers partners and prayer chains.
- Circle offerings are split two ways. One third is kept by the circle for special projects. Two thirds goes to the general treasury. A portion of the offering is forward to another level of WELCA.
- A large portion of WELCA funds come from the offerings of about 20 women in the congregation.
- Donations are received from funerals and events, but the sandwich fixings are paid for by WELCA as are drink supplies and paper products.

HOW CAN I HELP?

- Since the work of WELCA supports the entire church family consider a donation.
- There will be a offering basket next the ballot box on September 16. It will also be on the table at the entrance to the sanctuary on September 23 and September 30.
- You may also give a donation at any time to the WELCA treasurer, currently Linda (Gordon) Schuerman.

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