

June 2019

Greetings from your pastor and partner in ministry!!

Looking at the month ahead, I am reminded of God's words to the prophet, Isaiah, "Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert." (43:18-19) We have a month filled with new things. We will celebrate the weddings of two of our young members, Sydney Holtmeier and Austin Barnts, and ask God to bless them with many joyful and fruitful years of marriage. My family and I will also get away to celebrate the wedding of our nephew, Andrew. We'll be trying out a new program with the Vacation Bible School as we've asked counselors from Carol Joy to come down and lead our youth in song and lessons and fun activities. It should be an exciting week around the church the first week. In worship, we'll be shifting from our program year lectionary to the summer sermon series. This summer we'll be reflecting on the Psalms (June), Hebrews (July/August), and a brief series on the Sabbath (August). The narrative lectionary continues to provide enriching opportunities to explore parts of the Bible we tend to gloss over.

Yes, the summer tempo around the congregation is a little more relaxed without the Sunday school, confirmation classes, and adult choir up and running. This doesn't mean our shared ministry comes to a standstill though. The praise choir will continue to lead us in song and worship. The confirmation and education committees will continue to fine tune their programs. The worship services will continue to sustain and strengthen our faiths. Yes, our ministry will continue in many ways which means we mustn't neglect our financial obligations. Please find ways to regularly contribute over these summer months so that we aren't struggling in the fall to catch up. Of course, I'd love to see you at our worship services but I understand that sports and vacations will take you away. Don't forget we have electronic giving available.

Many new and exciting things to look forward to this month. I hope you can take advantage of them.

Blessings,

Pastor Koos

Pastor's Report
May 2019

Summer has arrived! What a burst of energy as the weather has cooperated and the kids have been released from their studies for the break! Oh, the adventures that are in store for the summer. I know my kids are excited about baseball, vacation Bible schools, a family wedding, a few congregational weddings, Camp Carol Joy, and a family vacation. The three-month break always seems to go by in a frenzied blur and I don't imagine this summer will be any different.

Speaking of blurs, this last month of ministry has flown by as well. I was blessed with opportunities to make 7 visits, lead 10 worship services including the Holy Week services and 3 chapel services at the Wilber and Beatrice care centers, participate in 2 men's Bible studies, 4 pastor text studies, and 3 bible studies at First Lutheran in Wilber, and teach 4 bible studies. What a privilege to affirm the baptisms of 11 of our youth at our confirmation service. They were true pioneers in the program as they adapted to all the changes the confirmation committee made. Well done!

Pastor Koos

Trinity Lutheran Church Minutes

April 17, 2019

I. Call to order

Chairperson Mike Holtmeier called to order the regular meeting of the Trinity Lutheran Church Council on April 17, 2019. Pastor Koos led the group in devotions. Members in attendance were Pastor Koos, Steve Garrison, , Karen Wollenburg, Tim Garrison, Brian Smidt, Lana Hager, Nate Morrissey, Mike Holtmeier, and Jane Stokebrand. Also, in attendance were confirmation students Jackson Kirchoff, Joshua Muehling,, Payton Smidt, Taden Gronemeyer.

II. Reports

- a) Secretary's Report: A copy of the previous minutes was reviewed. Tim made a motion and it was seconded by Nate that the minutes be approved as amended. Motion carried.
- b) Treasurer's Report: A copy of the monthly treasurer's report indicated a balance of \$2,399.46 as of March 31, 2019, Steve made a motion to accept the report and it was seconded by Brian. Motion carried.
- c) Investments Report: Tim reported the investment account to be \$53,328.34 as of March 29, 2019.
- d) Pastor's Report: See included report.
- e) Memorial Report: Nate reported the balance of that account to be \$17,898.49 as of April 17, 2019.
- f) Suggestion Box: There was nothing to report.
- g) Committee
 1. Spiritual Life and Growth
 - a) Social Committee had nothing to report.
 - b) Worship Committee: Karen reported on Sunday School Recognition scheduled for May 5th, the Synod Assembly in June, and Pastor's 5th year Anniversary in June.
 - c) Evangelical/ Stewardship Committee had nothing new to report.
 2. Youth Development
 - a) Parish Ed/VBS: It was reported that the Baked Potato Bar raised in excess of \$1,000.
 - b) Youth Group Committee: Brian reported that Kelly Smith will complete the painting of the room that group uses. Kelly also said that a service project is planned for 2020.
 3. Care, Management and Overview
 - a) Property: The property committee reported that the bell tower will wait until the fall for repair due to weather conditions
 - b) Tim also reported the Spring Clean Up was successful with cleaning and landscaping projects accomplished.
 - c) It was also reported that the leaking toilets, garbage disposal, and lighting on the west side of the church have been repaired.
 - d) It was noted that the lighting in the marquis is not working.
 4. Pastor's Report: See included.

- a) Pastor explained that Linda Schuerman has been dusting the Memorabilia Room but is no longer available for that service. Lana Hager volunteered to do that.
- b) It was also reported that the Synod is requiring changes of wording to our Constitution.

III. Old Business

1. None

IV. New Business

1. Following a unanimous vote by council members there was a motion by Lana and a second by Karen that all confirmation students be approved for Confirmation.
2. The property committee requested that the expense of the river rock for use in landscaping be financed by the Memorial Fund. Following discussion there was a motion by Steve and a second by Nate to approve that funding. The motion carried.

There was a motion by Brian and a second by Nate to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried. In conclusion of the meeting, the council recited the Lord's Prayer.

Reminders: Next church council meeting will be May 15th.

Communion Assistant for April 18th is Mike Holtmeier, April 21st Tim Garrison, April 29th Jane Stokebrand.

Church Council Secretary, Jane Stokebrand

Bible Study Questions
Wednesdays, 8:30 a.m.
June 2019

06-05-19 Acts 2:1-4/Romans 8:14-39

1. The apostles were filled with the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:1-4). How did this experience differ from John 20:21-22 (See 1 Corinthians 12:1-3)?
2. What is the significance of the Holy Spirit descending on this specific day (namely, Pentecost)?
3. How do we often explain the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives? Is your perspective grounded in personal experience, scripture or some other thing?
4. Can you be a believer and not be filled with the Spirit? Give Biblical support for your answer!
5. What does it mean to be "led by the Spirit?" Is it active or passive on our part to be led by the Spirit? How does being led by the Spirit prove that we are children (sons) of God? (Rom. 8:14)
6. What is "the spirit of slavery?" Why does having this spirit cause a person to "fall back into fear," and to what "fear" is Paul referring? How is a believer's life different from this (v. 15)?
7. What exactly does it mean for believers to be "heirs of God" (i.e. are we heirs of God Himself? heirs of His inheritance? something else?) and "fellow heirs with Christ?" Are these 2 phrases referring to the same thing or to different things? How do you know?
8. How does Romans 8:31-39 reassure those who are Christ followers that their place in God's family is permanent (Eph 1:12-14)?
9. If you had to describe "the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord" to another person, how would you describe it?
10. Read Romans 5:1-11. How does that passage compare to Romans 8:31-39?

06-12-19 Psalm 113

1. Why is God more worthy of praise than sports stars and politicians?
2. What do we mean when we say "God is transcendent?" What do we mean when we say "God is imminent?"
3. What is the best example of the imminence of God?
4. Give several examples in Christ's ministry where He raised the poor out of the dust.
5. Why have many women lost an appreciation for having children? Why do they prefer barrenness?
6. What are the things that motivate you to praise God?
7. Of the three reasons this psalm gives for praising the Lord, which one seems most significant to you today? Why?
8. How do you perceive God when you read that He "stoops down to look on the heavens and the earth"? How does this perception of God put space exploration into proper perspective?
9. How do verses 7-9 highlight God's compassion?
10. Why is it humbling to embrace that we cannot understand what is to come?

06-19-19 Psalm 69:1-16

1. In your opinion, what's the greatest suffering that one could go through?
2. Is there somebody or even a group of people that has ever made you feel like an outcast for something you did or said?
3. In this Psalm, why do people hate David? What do you think his spiritual condition is when he is writing this Psalm?
4. What does it mean to have zeal for the house of the Lord?
5. Can you recall a time when you or someone you knew experience true injustice?
6. Why do you think David prays that people won't stumble on because of the injustice he is suffering?
7. Why do we often interpret suffering as punishment from God?
8. How does David picture himself in his trials and tribulations?
9. What does it mean to say that God sovereignly works through the evil works of men?
10. How does a psalm like this help us to take on our trials without grumbling? How does it teach us to suffer rightly?

06-26-19 –NO BIBLE STUDY!!

Treasurer's Report April 30, 2019

	Bank Balance as of 3/31/19			\$2,399.46
		<u>Income</u>	<u>Outstanding</u>	
	Offering	\$12,843.05		
	Other Deposits	\$53.03		
	Total Income			\$12,896.08
		<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Outstanding</u>	
01-00	Pastor's Salary	\$3,641.08		
01-01	Financial Secretary's Salary	\$206.24		
01-02	Secretary Salary	\$383.92		
01-03	Organist	\$900.00	\$525.00	
01-04	Custodial Salary	\$490.62		
01-05	Payroll Taxes	\$1,690.58	\$1,690.58	
01-06	Pension Fund, Housing & SECA - Portico	\$1,165.98		
02-00	Mileage	\$245.92		
02-01	HSA	\$420.00		
02-02	R/O	\$54.00		
02-03	Water Supplies	\$74.75		
02-04	Insurance - Portico	\$173.35		
03-03	Communion Supplies	\$49.44		
04-00	Postage	\$55.00		
04-04	Office Equipment	\$150.99		
05-00	Village Utilities Church	\$299.84		
05-01	Village Utilities Parsonage	\$172.33		
05-02	Natural Gas Church	\$756.73		
05-03	Natural Gas Parsonage	\$152.42		
06-04	Vanco E-giving Fees	\$46.60		
08-00	Telephone Church	\$172.56		
08-01	Telephone Parsonage	\$69.00		
09-05	Continuing Education	\$40.00		
11-00	Church Maintenance	\$187.20	\$7.95	
11-03	Lawn Maintenance	\$111.14		
	Total Expenses			\$11,709.69
	Previous Months Checks that Cleared			\$1,029.85
	Available Cash as of 4/30/19			\$2,556.00
	Outstanding Checks			\$2,223.53
	<u>Reconciled to Balance on Bank Statement 4/30/19</u>			<u>\$4,779.53</u>

	<u>Deposits</u>	<u>Disbursements</u>	<u>Account Balance</u>
Other Accounts:			
Benevolence (Savings Account)	\$125.00	\$0.00	\$1,012.90
Capital Improvement Fund (Savings Account)	\$45.00	\$0.00	\$4,754.61



Worship Committee will meet on Wednesday, June 5 at 5:00 pm

WELCA board will meet Sunday, June 16 following the service

Hope Circle will meet at Wilber Care Center to play Bingo

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

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



Janice Buhr is our Tried-and-True Treasure for May/June. 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. **JUNE – Service Group 4**



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
4/28	280	\$1930.00	\$25.00	-	\$495.00
5/5	53	\$1688.00	\$25.00	-	\$420.00
5/12	79	\$1360.00	\$35.00	\$5.00	\$620.00
5/19	68	\$950.00	\$25.00	\$5.00	\$529.00



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Service Leaders For **JUNE**

DATE	SCRIPTURE READER	ACOLYTE	GREETERS	COMMUNION SET UP COMMUNION ASSISTANT
June 2	Tim Garrison	Colton Placke	Susie Miller/ Ron & Cindy Wollenburg	
June 9	Barb Nelson	Evelyn Baker	Susie Miller/ Ron & Cindy Wollenburg	
June 16	Jane Stokebrand	McKenzie Smith	Susie Miller/ Ron & Cindy Wollenburg	
June 23	Maddox Smith	Gage Heller	Susie Miller/ Ron & Cindy Wollenburg	
June 30 (Communion)	Elsie Woerner	Elsie Woerner	Susie Miller/ Ron & Cindy Wollenburg	Kerri Thornburg/ Lois Zimmerman

HEAD USHER: Steve Garrison

USHERS: Jeremy Placek, Colton Placek, Kyle Thernes, Steve Klostermeier, Roger Little

OUTREACH VISITATION: Service Group 4

CURRENT SERVICE GROUP: Service Group #6 (Harold & Kathy Stokebrand/Arlene Scherling)

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

"THE RIGHTEOUS MAN
WALKS IN HIS INTEGRITY;
HIS CHILDREN ARE
BLESSED AFTER HIM."
-PROVERBS 20:7

JUNE 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<i>Pastor Gone 6/20-6/27</i>					Synod Gathering Holtmeier/ Hubbert Rehearsal 6pm	1 Synod Gathering Holtmeier/ Hubbert Wedding 4:30
2 "Hope Of Resurrection" Praise Choir 9:00 am PRAISE SERVICE 10 :00 am	3 VBS 9am-2pm	4 VBS 9am-2pm	5 VBS 9am-2pm Men's Bible Study 6:30 am Bible Study 8:30 am Worship Committee 5:00 pm	6 VBS 9am-2pm	7	8
9 "Nothing Can Separate Us" WORSHIP SERVICE 10:00 am	10 ???Hope Circle 9:00 am ??(Play Bingo)	11 Pastor Text Study 10:00 am	12 Bible Study 8:30 am	13 Good Samaritan Chapel 10:30 am	14	15 Barnts/ Howell Wedding 4:30 pm
16 "God Stoops Down" WORSHIP SERVICE 10:00 am WELCA Board following service	17 Shalom Circle 7:00 pm	18 Pastor Text Study 10:00 am	19 Men's Bible Study 6:30 am Bible Study 8:30 am Wilber Care Center Chapel 10:00 am Church Council 8:00 pm	20 <i>(Pastor Gone)</i>	21 <i>(Pastor Gone)</i> NEWSLETTER ARTICLES ARE DUE	22 <i>(Pastor Gone)</i>
23 <i>(Pastor Gone)</i> "When the Floods Rise" HYMNFFEST/ GUEST PREACHER 10:00 am	24 <i>(Pastor Gone)</i>	25 <i>(Pastor Gone)</i>	26 <i>(Pastor Gone)</i> Praise Choir 5:00 pm	27 <i>(Pastor Gone)</i>	28	29
30 "My Light and My Salvation" Pastor's 5th Ordination Celebration 9:00 am COMMUNION SERVICE 10:00 am						

JUNE 2019

<u>SUNDAY</u>	<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>TUESDAY</u>	<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	<u>THURSDAY</u>	<u>FRIDAY</u>	<u>SATURDAY</u>
						1 Brent Rahe
2 Tori Koos Bonnie Jo Schuerman	3	4	5 Keyton Reck Leah Thomsen	6 Kenni Woerner	7 Jim Workman	8 Dee Schuerman
9 Cara Heller	10 Sloane Holtmeier Brian Schmidt	11 Denise Miller Linda Schuerman	12	13 Susan Miler	14 Brock Johnson Gordon Schuerman	15 Delva Smith
16	17 Joel Kaelin	18 Steve Garrison	19	20	21 Bev Plihal	22 Brandon Johnson
23 Karen Schmidt Jackson Slama Judy Hatcliff Easton Thomsen Monroe Thomsen	24 Dennis Rahe Larry Wattjes	25 Drey Heller Matt Sobotka	26	27 Lyle Dunn Wanda Jahnke	28 Eunice Mahloch	29 Matt Uher

Please keep Terry Higgins (Jack Garrison's brother), Tina Groathouse, Don Smith (Delva Smith's father), Gerald Kotas (Connie Scherling's brother in law) and Denise Michel **in your prayers.**

Pastor Koos will be celebrating the 5th anniversary of his ordination as a pastor. To celebrate this event the church council will be hosting coffee and rolls from 9:00- 10:00 on Sunday, June 30 in the fellowship hall to honor pastor and his family. There will also be an announcement before the service recognizing Pastor Koos for his 5-year anniversary. Please come and help us celebrate with Pastor Koos!

Please remember Food Pantry items for our DeWitt Food Pantry. They are low on items at this time. Put items in the grocery cart in the entryway. Thanks – Connie Scherling

We will be collecting items for baby care kits in May and June. Items needed are sleepers or gowns, t-shirts or onesies, bars of soap, diapers. Thanks Connie Scherling.

FREE CAMP for Tri-County students! 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 Sue Misselt, our Registrar, at smisselt@nlom.org or 402-944-2544.

VBS 2019 will be held June 3-6 from 9am-2pm at Trinity Lutheran Church. There is a signup sheet for snacks on the entryway counter. Thank you!

We will be continuing the "Noisy Offering each Sunday Praise Worship Service. Children are invited to come forward during the offering and place any loose coins members may have in their pockets or purses into the bucket. The idea is to create as much NOISE as possible with this donation as well as engage our young ones in the service. Please consider contributing as you are able. Thank you. Pastor Koos

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/

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Monday, May 27 – Memorial Day Service at DeWitt Cemetery at 10:30 am. Dinner following at DeWitt Community Center

Thursday, July 4 – Saturday, July 6 – Annual DeWitt Days Activities.

Saturday, July 6 – Parade and Fireworks, Chicken BBQ at the Community Center from 4:30-6:30

Sunday, July 7 – Community Church Service at 10:30 am at Trinity Lutheran Church with lunch to follow.

Hope Circle

Hope Circle met at Mary Garrison's home on May 13, 2019, with 7 members present. Mary was hostess and also led the Bible study. Shirley opened the meeting by having us share our Mother's Day experiences this year. We will meet at the Wilber Care Center in June to play bingo with the residents in lieu of our regular meeting. Shirley will call and make arrangements as to date and time. There will be a box at church for anyone wishing to donate prizes for bingo. Shirley attended the last WELCA meeting. They are planning to buy white chairs for the fellowship hall in the near future. They are not sure how this will be funded and are still working on this. Our celebration in DeWitt will be held July 6th this year. Our church will have a farmer's market again this year. In addition to baked goods and produce, craft items, etc. will be accepted for donation. Shirley expressed thanks for Sharon for finding all the addresses for the sick and homebound on our church list. Sharon sent cards to everyone on the list, and it was much appreciated. There was a discussion concerning our church hosting the Fall Gathering this year. A meal will need to be planned for this event, which may be for 150 or so people. Our next regular meeting will be on July 8th. Helen will be hostess, and Shirley will lead the Bible Study. Shirley ended the meeting by reading an article entitled "God's Garden," followed by the Lord's Prayer. Mary led the Bible study from the Gather magazine entitled "From Generation to Generation; Two-Way Blessings," based on passages from Genesis, Exodus, and Luke. Jean Placek - Sec./Treas.

Lutheran Men in Mission

Lutheran Men in Mission – June

In June we finish our study on Whol-I-Ness with two topics Relational Life and Volitional Life. June 5 – Numbers 12:1-16 "Miriam and Aaron criticize Moses" & 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 "How's your love life?". June 19 – Numbers 22:1-35 "Balaam and his donkey" & 1 Thessalonians 4:1-12 "Holy choices". We start at 6:30am and it lasts a ½ hour with coffee provided. All men are welcome to join!

Shalom Circle

Seven members were present to discuss the Bible Study from the Gather magazine called "Generation to Generation: two-way blessings. There will again be a Farmer's Market sponsored by Trinity Lutheran for the 4th of July festivities. It will be held on Saturday July 6th but so far, the funds haven't been stated on where the money will go. Some suggestions were the DeWitt Contingency Fund or the NE flood with the Synod in charge. Bev will take the items collected for NE flood victims to the Fremont area. Baby care kits are also being collected so watch the bulletin for suggested items. The next meeting will be June 17th with Bev Plihal doing the hostess and June Bible Study. A family in our congregation is having health issues and thus a sign-up sheet will be out for those wanting to provide a meal at lunch a few times a week. A prayer shawl will also be given to the individual to send prayers her way. Keep in mind that the Village pantry is in need of items also during the summer months. Sec/Treas: Bev Plihal

WELCA

WELCA Board will meet June 16 following the service

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS...

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