

## August 2019

Greetings from your pastor and partner in ministry!!

We made it through another hot July together. It started out mild but sure heated up towards the end. Hopefully the temps will come back down to more manageable levels this month. The kids are heading back to school which means the program year is right around the corner. I'll be meeting with a new batch of confirmation kids later in the month to get them oriented with the program. We have 5 young men and women interested in beginning the journey to develop their faiths. I look forward to walking with them through it. Next month our Sunday school classes will resume and we're still looking for a couple of teachers for the 1-2 grade class and the 3-4 grade class. If you are interested please let me or Bobbie Scherling know as soon as possible so we can get you oriented as well.

Paul writes in his letter to the Romans, "we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness." (12:6-7) Each of us has been gifts to help serve our neighbor. I can't serve the way you can and vice versa. No matter what our gifts, we are all serving for one purpose: to be one body in Christ. We must always keep in mind the verses leading up to those verses. Paul writes, "for as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, *so we, who are many, are one body in Christ*, and individually we are members one of another." Let us put all our varied and multiple gifts to use in being one body.

Hope to see you around the church this month.

Blessings,

Pastor Koos

**Pastor's Report**  
**July 2019**

Oh, yeah, we're feeling the burn now! The wicked Nebraskan July heat finally caught up to us after a delay of a couple of weeks. I see the crops are loving it even though it's making us miserable. Everything is a blessing if viewed with the right perspective.

It was a steady month of ministry. I was blessed with opportunities to make 4 visits, lead 5 worship services including both chapel services and the 4<sup>th</sup> of July community service, participate in 2 men's Bible studies and 3 pastor text studies, teach 3 Bible studies, and attend 1 committee meeting. Thank you again for allowing my family and I to attend a family wedding up in Michigan. What a summer of weddings! And thank you for honoring me with a celebration for my 5-year anniversary of ordination. I look forward to serving at least another 30 years. What a privilege it has been to serve our congregation in all its varied ministries.

Blessings,  
Pastor Koos

# Trinity Lutheran Church Minutes

June 19, 2019

## I. Call to order

Chairperson Mike Holtmeier called to order the regular meeting of the Trinity Lutheran Church Council on June 19, 2019. Pastor Koos led the group in devotions.

Members in attendance were Pastor Koos, Steve Garrison, Tim Garrison, Brian Smidt, Lana Hager, Deb Schwan, Mike Holtmeier, and Jane Stokebrand.

### Reports

- a) Secretary's Report: A copy of the previous minutes was reviewed. Tim made a motion and it was seconded by Deb 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 \$1,055.14 as of this meeting.
- c) Investments Report: Tim reported the investment account to be \$52,381.53.
- d) Pastor's Report: See included report.
- e) Memorial Report: No Report
- f) Suggestion Box: There was a note regarding the continued purchase of baptismal packets. This will be addressed under Other Business.
- g) Committee
  1. Spiritual Life and Growth
    - a) Social Committee: Nothing new to report.
    - b) Worship Committee: A Praise service is scheduled for June 21<sup>st</sup>. Pastor Weiner will be the supply pastor for June 23<sup>rd</sup>. An outdoor worship is scheduled for June 30<sup>th</sup> at 10:00. Trinity Lutheran will host the community worship service July 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 A.M.
    - c) Evangelical/ Stewardship: The reorder of baptismal packets to be addressed in Other Business.
  2. Youth Development
    - a) Parish Ed/VBS: VBS has been successfully completed.
    - b) Youth Group Committee: Painting of the west Sunday School room pending.
    - c) Confirmation: Nothing new to report.
  3. Care, Management and Overview
    - a) Property: The excess rock used for landscaping is being purchased by Arlyn Parde with the remainder going to the American Legion Club. Paper products for the restrooms will continued to be purchased through the current supplier.
  4. Pastor's Report: See included.
    - a) Pastor presented a transfer request for the Fred Koch family to St. Paul Lutheran in Plymouth, NE. There was a motion by Brian and a second by Lana to grant the motion. The motion carried.
    - b) Pastor presented information on a grant program available through the synod. Members were asked to come back with ideas regarding this program.

## II. Old Business

- a) The changes to the constitution of Trinity Lutheran Church approved at the special meeting were approved by the synod.

### III. New Business

- a) There was a motion by Steve and a second by Brian to hold the Semi-Annual as scheduled on July 21<sup>st</sup> following the Sunday morning service. The motion carried.

### IV. <sup>Other</sup> ~~New~~ Business

- b) There was a motion by Tim and a second by Steve that the baptismal packets be purchased. The motion carried

There was a motion by Brian and a second by Lana 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 July 17<sup>th</sup> at 8 P.M.

Communion Assistant for June is Steve Garrison.

Church Council Secretary, Jane Stokebrand

**Treasurer's Report June 28, 2019**

Bank Balance as of 5/31/19			\$2,527.21
		<u>Income</u>	<u>Outstanding</u>
Offering		\$7,109.50	
Other Deposits		\$9,331.65	
Total Income			\$16,441.15

		<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	\$298.13	\$298.13
01-04	Custodial Salary	\$490.62	
01-06	Pension Fund, Housing & SECA - Portico	\$1,165.98	
01-07	Supply Pastor	\$150.00	
02-00	Mileage	\$381.26	
02-03	Culligan	\$96.25	
02-04	Insurance - Portico	\$173.35	
04-00	Postage	\$98.00	\$98.00
04-04	Office Equipment	\$150.99	
04-05	Accountant Fees	\$35.00	
05-00	Village Utilities Church	\$123.92	
05-01	Village Utilities Parsonage	\$171.79	
05-02	Natural Gas Church	\$149.69	
05-03	Natural Gas Parsonage	\$52.02	
06-00	Miscellaneous	\$71.91	
06-04	Vanco E-giving Fees	\$46.15	
07-01	Devotional Books	\$72.50	
08-00	Telephone Church	\$172.08	
11-00	Church Maintenance	\$545.00	\$545.00
11-03	Lawn Maintenance	\$210.00	\$210.00
	Total Expenses		\$8,501.96
	Previous Months Checks that Cleared		\$1,472.07
	Available Cash as of 6/28/19		\$8,994.33
	Outstanding Checks		\$1,223.04
	Reconciled to Balance on Bank Statement 6/28/19		\$10,217.37

	<u>Deposits</u>	<u>Disbursements</u>	<u>Account Balance</u>
Other Accounts:			
Benevolence (Savings Account)	\$100.53	\$0.00	\$1,223.43
Capital Improvement Fund (Savings Account)	\$22.37	\$0.00	\$4,791.98



**Worship Committee** will meet on Wednesday, August 14 at 5:30 pm

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

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

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

**Shalom Circle** will serve Warren's Table on Tuesday, August 27



**Dick Wollenburg is our Tried-and-True Treasure for July/August.** 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. **August – Service Group 5**



**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
6/30	95	\$1013.00	\$25.00	-	\$120.00
7/7	68	\$2510.00	\$25.00	-	\$920.00
7/14	74	\$2095.00	\$25.00	\$10.00	\$120.00
7/21	64	\$3997.78	-	\$5.00	\$529.00



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Monday & Wednesday 5pm-6:30pm

(Updated Hours will be posted on Office Door)



# Service Leaders For **AUGUST**

DATE	SCRIPTURE READER	ACOLYTE	GREETERS	COMMUNION SET UP
				COMMUNION ASSISTANT
August 4	Kelly Smith	Tyson Baker	Dan & Connie Scherling Duane & Pat Wollenburg	
August 11	Krayten Uher	Jackson Kirchoff	Dan & Connie Scherling Duane & Pat Wollenburg	
August 18	Krayten Uher	Cooper Stokebrand	Dan & Connie Scherling Duane & Pat Wollenburg	
August 25 (Communion)	Dominic Smith	Josh Muehling	Dan & Connie Scherling Duane & Pat Wollenburg	Kayla McDougall Nancy McDougall

**HEAD USHER:** Matt Uher

**USHERS:** Krayten Uher, Kynlee Uher, Duane Wollenburg, Delva Smith, Zach Kuhn

**OUTREACH VISITATION:** Service Group #5

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



# AUGUST 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>REMINDER!</b> Sunday School will start on Sunday, September 8.				1 <Pastor Vacation	2 Pastor Vacation	3 Pastor Vacation
4 Pastor Vacation  <b>HYMNFEEST 10:00 AM</b>	5 Pastor Vacation>	6 Pastor Text Study 10:00 am	7 Men's Bible Study 6:30 am Bible Study 8:30 am Praise Choir 5:00 pm	8 Good Samaritan Chapel 10:30 am	9	10 TC FFA Farmer's Market
11 "The Meaning of Faith"  Praise Choir Rehearsal 9:00 am <b>PRAISE SERVICE 10:00 AM</b> WELCA Board following Service  GREEN	12 Hope Circle 9:00 am	13 Pastor Text Study 10:00 am	14 <b>SCHOOL STARTS</b> <i>TRI COUNTY</i>  Bible Study 8:30 am  Worship Committee 5:30 pm	15	16	17
18 "Sabbath for Self"  <b>WORSHIP SERVICE 10:00 AM</b>  GREEN	19	20 Pastor Text Study 10:00 am	21 Men's Bible Study 6:30 am Bible Study 8:30 am Wilber Care Center Chapel 10:00 am Church Council 8:00 pm	22	23 <b>NEWSLETTER</b> <b>ARTICLES</b> <b>ARE DUE</b>	24 TC FFA Farmer's Market
25 "Sabbath for God"  <b>COMMUNION SERVICE 10:00 AM</b>  GREEN	26	27 Pastor Text Study 10:00 am  Shalom Circle Serve Warren's Table	28 Bible Study 8:30 am  Confirmation Orientation 6:30 pm	29	30	31



# AUGUST 2019

<u>SUNDAY</u>	<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>TUESDAY</u>	<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	<u>THURSDAY</u>	<u>FRIDAY</u>	<u>SATURDAY</u>
			1		2 Linda Schuerman Hayden Woerner	3 Sydney Hubbert
4 Trevor Dunn Jamie Koos Josh McDougall	5 Jordan Rahe	6 Nancy McDougall Dan Tesar	7 Macey Gronemeyer Henry Holtmeier Anthony Rahe Eric Stokebrand	8 Shari Pieper	9 Stella Morrissey Karen Rahe Payton Smidt Doug Stokebrand	10 Darin Mahloch
11	12 Jean Placek	13 Randy Badman Donna Garrison	14	15 Turner Faxon Kathy Stokebrand	16 Jordan Muehling	17 Blakely Weber
18 Jurgen Baker	19	20 Raylynn Murray	21 Jamie Wattjes Jane Stokebrand	22	23 Kurt Schmidt Lois Zimmerman	24 Journey Pospisil Delaney Uher
25 Kaylin Scherling	26	27 Sharyl Friesen Sayber Hoesche Kayla McDougall	28	29	30	31

**Please keep** Bob Mead (Jack Garrison's nephew), Tina Groathouse, Don Smith (Delva Smith's father), and Denise Michel **in your prayers.**

Tina Groathouse has recently undergone surgery and during her recovery and treatments Shalom Circle will be providing lunches to the Groathouse family. They are asking that anyone else who would like to help please sign up on the entryway counter. There are more details listed there and please ask Lois Wattjes if you have any questions. Thanks!

**School Kits** - For children whose lives have been disrupted by war or some other disaster, receiving a school kit is a sign that somebody far away cares. We will be collecting items for school kits during the months of July and August. Please remember when you are out school shopping if you can pick up some items. The main items we need this year are – 70 sheet notebooks as each kit requires 4 notebooks. We could also use some crayons, pencil sharpeners and ink pens. There is a tote in back of the church for these items. In September and October, we will be collecting blankets. We could also use some more bath towels and bars of soap for our personal care kits. Thank you - Connie Scherling

**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.

**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](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/)

## **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**August 10 & 24** – TC FFA Farmer's Market in front of First State Bank

**August 14** – Tri County School starts

## Hope Circle

Hope Circle met at the home of Helen Michel's on July 8, 2019, with 7 members present. Helen was hostess. Shirley opened the meeting by reading parts of a pamphlet entitled "So We're Getting Older." No reports were given. Four Hope Circle members played Bingo for the Assisted Living section at the Wilber Care Center on Friday, June 21. Kathy mentioned we need to find out if we will be putting together school kits again this year, so we can purchase items for them. Some stores are already having sales on school supplies. Shirley thanked all who helped with the July 4<sup>th</sup> activities and fundraisers. Kathy mentioned that there will be a sing fest at our church in the near future, and they plan to include songs we are all familiar with. As there was no other business, the meeting was closed. Shirley led the Bible study from the Gather magazine entitled "For Just Such A Time As This- Helping Our Voices Bloom," based on the book of Esther. We closed with prayer. Our next meeting will be on August 12<sup>th</sup>. We will have potluck, and Annalee will lead the Bible study. Sec./Treas. – Jean Placek

## Lutheran Men in Mission

Lutheran Men in Mission -- August

In August we continue our study on pain and suffering with two topics: Hard Questions and Finding God. August 7 - John 9:1-34 "Why was he born blind?" & Hebrews 11:1-40 "Faith despite circumstances." August 21 - 1 Kings 19:1-18 "The gentle whisper" & Romans 8:28-39 "Nothing will separate us from God's love." We start at 6:30 a.m. and it lasts 30 mins. with coffee provided. All men are welcome to join!

## Shalom Circle

Pat Wollenburg conducted the July meeting with 8 members present. She stated that next March, our church would be hosting the spring gathering and will be making plans for that. The July Farmer's Market collected about \$600 to go to the DeWitt contingency fund. A quilt that will represent our church was sent to Camp Carol Joy after being quilted at the DeWitt Sr. Center. Pat had a picture of some chairs that might be considered for the fellowship hall to replace the old folding chairs. Connie reminded members to start collecting school items for school kits while there are store sales, especially the 70 sheet notebooks as 4 are needed for each kit. Towels are needed for personal care kits which will be collected this fall. Our Circle will be serving Warren's Table at the Episcopal Church in Beatrice on Tuesday, August 27<sup>th</sup>. Members decided to again serve ham & scalloped potatoes, watermelon, corn, rolls, & cupcakes and signed up for the items to bring at 4:30 that Tuesday to be served at 5:30. A motion was passed to pay for the ham and potatoes from the circle kitty. Members signed up to take food to the Tina Groathouse family during her recovery and treatments and to keep her and her family in our prayers. Lois Wattjes had the Bible Study from the July Gather magazine called "For just such a time as This, Helping Our Voices Bloom, Session Two from the book of Esther. Shirly Wollenburg will have the next lesson in September using Session Three from the July magazine entitled Using Our Voices. Thank you Liz for the refreshments of fruits and drinks. Secretary, Bev Plihal

## WELCA

WELCA Board will meet August 11 following the service

# KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS...

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