

## **Trinity Lutheran Church Minutes**

November 19, 2019

### **I. Call to order**

Chairperson, Mike Holtmeier called to order the regular meeting of the Trinity Lutheran Church Council on November 19, 2019. Members in attendance were Tim Garrison, Karen Wollenburg, Steve Garrison, Deb Schwan, Jane Stokebrand, Lana Hager, Mike Holtmeier, Nathan Morrissey, and Brian Smidt.

#### Reports

- a) Secretary's Report: A copy of the September minutes was reviewed. There was a motion by Tim and a second by Karen to approve the minutes as amended. Motion carried. A copy of the November Special Meeting minutes was presented. There was a motion by Steve and a second by Lana to approve those minutes. The motion carried.
- b) Treasurer's Report: A copy of the monthly treasurer's report indicated a balance of \$8224.22.
- c) Investments Report: Tim reported the investment account to be \$55,736.27.
- d) Memorial Report: Nate reported a balance of \$16,364.28.
- e) Suggestion Box: None.
- f) Committee Reports
  1. Spiritual Life and Growth
    - a) Social Committee: Nothing new to report.
    - b) Worship Committee: Karen reported that the committee had not met, waiting for information regarding the transition pastoral phase.
      - c) Evangelical/ Stewardship: Nothing new to report.
  2. Youth Development
    - a) Parish Ed/VBS: Jane reported the schedule for Christmas Program practice and the program scheduled for December 15<sup>th</sup>. She also reported the Sunday School superintendent requested the loose offering for the two Sundays preceding the program be designated for the Christmas bags. (Transferred to New Business.)
    - b) Youth Group Committee: Brian reported that a service outing is upcoming.
    - c) Confirmation: Mike noted that Pastor Kramer will continue to teach the confirmation class through the end of the year when Pastor Panning is proposed to take over that duty. The current confirmation curriculum will continue.
  3. Care, Management and Overview
    - a) Property: Items presented were related to care of the parsonage. After discussion the council decided to pursue cleaning of carpets, hiring an exterminator to treat the house, and basement repair. At this time, Tim has gotten bids from Epp Concrete and the Tillitson Corporation. In addition, it appears all outside locks need to be replaced along with other minor repairs.
  4. Evangelical Report: Nothing new to report.

### **II. Old Business :**

1. The Shut In Visitation Group will be reactivated to ensure continued contact with our shut ins.

### **III. New Business**

1. There was a motion Brian and a second by Lana that the offering from the first two Sundays of December be designated for the Christmas bags. The motion carried.

Special Council Meeting  
November 19, 2019

A special meeting of council members from Trinity Lutheran Church and First Lutheran Church was called to order on this date by chairperson Mike Holtmeier. Those in attendance were as follows: Nate Morrissey, Deb Schwan, Karen Wollenburg, Steve Garrison, Lana Hager, Tim Garrison, Mike Holtmeier, Pastor Panning, Connie Strouf, Bob Parham, Nancy Erdmann, Dave Sinn, Brian Smidt, Pastor Morrow and Jane Stokebrand.

Opening devotions were led by Pastor Morrow.

Reports: None

Old Business: None

New Business: There was discussion of Pastor Panning providing transitional ministry to Trinity Lutheran Church while continuing to provide pastoral services to First Lutheran on a shared ministry basis. The council members of both congregations engaged in cooperative discussion with Pastors Morrow and Panning providing input.

1. Shared ministry as described above will begin Jan, 5, 2020.
2. Sunday service times will be adjusted to 9:00 at First Trinity and 10:30 for Trinity Lutheran. Sunday school times will be adjusted to coincide.
3. Trinity Lutheran will implement the Shut In Visitation Group for visitations to be supplemented by visitations by Pastor Panning.
4. Pastor Panning will participate in council meetings for both churches. He will participate in other regularly scheduled meetings as his schedule permits. Pastor Panning will take part in two regularly scheduled Bible Studies at Trinity Lutheran.
5. Office hours at Trinity Lutheran will be 9:00 to 12:00 on Wednesdays and Fridays. Office hours for First Trinity will be Thursdays 9:00 to 12:00 and Saturdays 2:00 to 5:00.
6. Months with five Sundays will be celebrated with a joint service.
7. Financial compensation was discussed based on a 50 to 50 ratio. Reimbursement will be paid by Trinity Lutheran to First Lutheran. Further discussion of financial issues will be continued to November 26<sup>th</sup> at First Lutheran beginning at 7:00 P.M.

Pastor Morrow closed the meeting with devotions.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jane Stokebrand  
Council Secretary Trinity Lutheran Church

## Special Meeting DeWitt/Wilber Councils

November 26, 2019

A special meeting of the Trinity Lutheran and First Lutheran councils was held at First Lutheran of Wilber to discuss a shared ministry between the two churches. Those in attendance were Mike Holtmeier, Karen Wollenburg, Deb Schwan, Steve Garrison, Tim Garrison, Robert Parham, Nancy Erdmann, Nathan Morrissey, Anita Bartels, and Brian Smidt. The meeting was called to order by Nancy Erdmann, chair of First Lutheran Council. As she would be taking secretary notes on this date, she designated Mike Holtmeier, chair of Trinity Lutheran Council, to take over that responsibility. The agenda included reviewing the information from Pr. Megan Morrow regarding the process of shared ministry. Items discussed included reimbursements, supplemental benefits, housing allowance, and services to be provided by Pastor Panning. During the discussion, the Compensation Proposal from the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Nebraska (ELCA) was reviewed with numbers adjusted slightly downward. Pastor Panning joined the meeting at approximately 7:50. Pastor was presented with the proposed salary and benefits package. It was determined the group would meet again on the evening of December 2, 2019 to come to a final decision on the proposal. Respectfully submitted, Jane Stokebrand, Trinity Lutheran Church Council Secretary.

## Special Meeting DeWitt Council

December 2, 2019

A special meeting of the Trinity Lutheran Church Council was held at 6:15 to discuss expectations for the combined council meeting with First Lutheran Church of Wilber. Those in attendance were Mike Holtmeier, Karen Wollenburg, Lana Hager, Deb Schwan, Steve Garrison, Tim Garrison, Nathan Morrissey, and Jane Stokebrand were in attendance.

## Special Meeting DeWitt/Wilber Councils

December 2, 2019

A special meeting of the Trinity Lutheran and First Lutheran councils was held to finalize details of a shared ministry, This will become effective January 1, 2020 to be in existence for six months to provide transitional ministry for Trinity Lutheran. Those in attendance were Mike Holtmeier, Karen Wollenburg, Lana Hager, Deb Schwan, Steve Garrison, Tim Garrison, David Sinn, Rev. Travis Panning, Robert Parham, Nancy Erdmann, Connie Strouf, Nathan Morrissey, and Brian Smidt. Negotiations regarding services to be provided and a compensation package continued. Following discussion an agreement was developed. See Nebraska Synod, ELCA Letter Of Agreement For Transitional Ministry. There was a vote to adjourn the meeting and the group closed with the Lord's Prayer. Respectfully submitted, Jane Stokebrand, Trinity Lutheran Church Council Secretary.

**Treasurer's Report November 30, 2019**

	Bank Balance as of 10/31/19			\$8,224.22
		<u>Income</u>	<u>Outstanding</u>	
	Offering	\$9,566.94		
	Other Deposits	\$136.52		
	<b>Total Income</b>			<b>\$9,703.46</b>

		<u>Expenses</u>		<u>Outstanding</u>
01-00	Pastor's Salary	\$1,820.54		
01-01	Financial Secretary's Salary	\$206.24		
01-02	Secretary Salary	\$1,061.70		
01-03	Organist Salary	\$375.00		
01-04	Custodial Salary	\$490.62		
01-06	Pension Fund, Housing & SECA - Portico	\$1,301.94		
01-07	Supply Pastor	\$500.00		
02-00	Mileage	\$259.84		
02-01	HSA	\$105.00		
02-02	R/O	\$13.50		
02-03	Culligan Water Supplies	\$74.75		
02-04	Insurance - Portico	\$173.35		
04-00	Postage	\$113.70		
04-02	Office Supplies	\$34.29		
04-04	Office Equipment	\$136.57		
04-05	Accountant Fees	\$35.00		
05-00	Village Utilities Church	\$204.05		
05-01	Village Utilities Parsonage	\$189.68		
05-02	Natural Gas Church	\$44.36		
05-03	Natural Gas Parsonage	\$31.10		
06-02	Special Benevolence	\$736.96		
06-04	Vanco E-giving Fees	\$44.90		
07-04	Technology	\$525.49		
08-00	Telephone Church	\$173.47		
08-01	Telephone Parsonage	\$17.25		
09-00	Sunday School	\$7.36		
09-02	Confirmation	\$64.98		
09-06	Worship	\$487.50		
11-00	Church Maintenance	\$347.68		

	Total Expenses			\$9,576.82
	Previous Months Checks that Cleared			\$1,735.81
	Available Cash as of 11/30/19			\$6,615.05
	Outstanding Checks			\$343.10
	<b>Reconciled to Balance on Bank Statement 11/30/19</b>			<b>\$6,958.15</b>

		<u>Deposits</u>	<u>Disbursements</u>	<u>Account Balance</u>
	Other Accounts:			
	Benevolence (Savings Account)	\$110.00	\$0.00	\$1,804.14
	Capital Improvement Fund (Savings Account)	\$20.00	\$0.00	\$4,894.46
	<b>ICVF Grant Funds Deposited 9/1/19 TLC General fund</b>		<u>Disbursements</u>	
09-00	Care-A-Lot		\$0.00	\$333.33
09-02	Confirmation (Mentor)		\$0.00	\$333.33
09-02	Confirmation (Liz)		\$0.00	\$333.34
			\$0.00	\$1,000.00



**Worship Committee** will not meet until February 19

**WELCA board** will meet Sunday, January 12 following the service

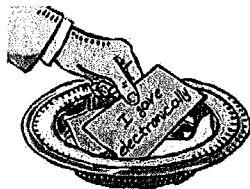
**Hope Circle** is TBA

**Church Council** will meet on Wednesday, January 22 at 8:00 pm

**Shalom Circle** will meet on Monday, January 20 at 7:00 pm



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. **January – Service Group 1**



**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
11/24	129	\$970.00	\$25.00	\$5.00	\$550.00
12/1	67	\$1085.00	\$25.00	-	\$135.00
12/8	107	\$2001.00	\$25.00	-	\$635.00
12/15	107	\$2425.00	\$35.00	-	\$135.00
12/22	80	\$4750.00	\$25.00	-	\$500.00



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**OFFICE HOURS**

Monday 5pm-6:30pm

Wednesday 9am-12noon

(Updated Hours will be posted on Office Door)

# Service Leaders For **JANUARY**

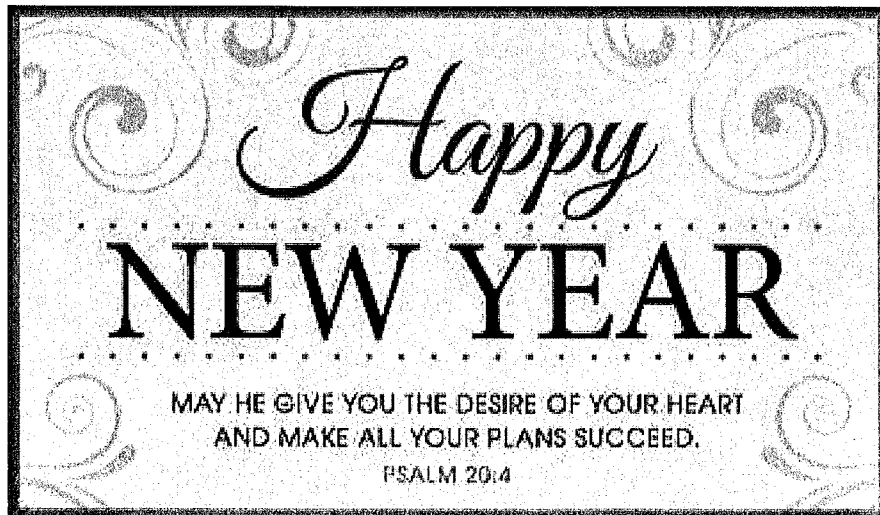
	<b>SCRIPTURE READER</b>	<b>ACOLYTE</b>	<b>GREETERS</b>	<b>COMMUNION SET UP COMMUNION ASSISTANT</b>
January 5	Dominic Smith	James Kerns	Tim & Pam Garrison	
January 12	Krayten Uher	Emma Sullivan	Tim & Pam Garrison	
January 19	Payton Smidt	Macoy Wollenburg	Tim & Pam Garrison	
January 26 (Communion)	Kynlee Uher	Macey Gronemeyer	Tim & Pam Garrison	Kathy Rahe/ Jana Muehling

**HEAD USHER:** Tim Garrison

**USHERS:** Tom Koch, Brian Smidt, Payton Smidt

**OUTREACH VISITATION:** Service Group 1

**CURRENT SERVICE GROUP:** Service Group #3 Duane & Pat Wollenburg/Chuck & Tina Holtmeier



# JANUARY 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Happy New Year!	2	3 ANNUAL MEETING REPORTS DUE	4
5 "Jesus' Ministry Begun" Care-A-Lot 9:15 am <b>WORSHIP SERVICE AT 10:30 AM</b> (Pastor Panning) Meet & Greet with Pastor Panning & Family after service. Coffee/Rolls (White)	6	7	8 Men's Bible Study 6:30 am Bible Study 8:30 am Confirmation 6:30 pm	9	10	11
12 "Jesus Heals and Teaches" Women's Bible Study 7:30 am Sunday School 9:15 am <b>PRAISE SERVICE AT 10:30 AM</b> (Pastor Kramer) (Children's Bells) WELCA Board following Service (White)	13	14	15 Bible Study 8:30 am Confirmation 6:30 pm	16	17 <b>NEWSLETTER ARTICLES ARE DUE</b>	18
19 "Parables in Mark" Sunday School 9:15 am <b>WORSHIP SERVICE 10:30 AM</b> (Pastor Panning) <b>ANNUAL MEETING FOLLOWING SERVICE</b> (Green)	20 Shalom Circle 7:00 pm	21	22 Men's Bible Study 6:30 am Bible Study 8:30 am Confirmation 6:30 pm Church Council 8:00 pm	23	24	25
26 "Jesus and the Gerasene Demoniac" Women's Bible Study 7:30 am Sunday School 9:15 am Youth Group 9:30 am <b>COMMUNION SERVICE 10:30 AM</b> (Pastor Panning) (Children's Choir)/(Installation of Officers) (Green)	27	28	29 Bible Study 8:30 am Confirmation 6:30 pm	30	31	

# JANUARY 2020

<u>SUNDAY</u>	<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>TUESDAY</u>	<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	<u>THURSDAY</u>	<u>FRIDAY</u>	<u>SATURDAY</u>
			1 Liz Poesnecker Norman Stokebrand	2 Liz Poesnecker Norman Stokebrand	3 Trey Koch Wanda Slama John Stokebrand	4 Makenzie Parker
5 Jenna Essman Tina Holtmeier Harold Stokebrand	6	7 Mackenzie Herbst	8 Arlene Scherling	9 Vicki Little Bailey Hennings	10 Brittany Johnson	11 Julie Hippen
12	13	14 Matt Friesen RJ Wollenburg	15	16	17 Travis Rahe	18
19	20 Sandi Klostermeier	21	22 Jill Hardy	23	24 Jennifer Badman Eric Bartels Larry Bartels Ann Wollenburg	25 Tom Zweifel
26 Jack Garrison	27 Garrett Smidt Yvonne Rahe	28	29 Brynlee Bergmeier	30 Eleanor Morrissey	31 Kelly Smith	



Please keep Anna Wollenburg, Jim Burger, Jack Garrison, Helen Michel Marge Badman, Tina Groathouse, and Denise Michel in your prayers.

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.

Reports for the Annual Report are due Friday, January 3. They can be turned in to the Church office or emailed to [tlcdewitt209@gmail.com](mailto:tlcdewitt209@gmail.com). The Annual meeting will be Sunday, January 19 immediately following the service.

NOTE: New Sunday times – Sunday School/Care-a-lot will meet at 9:15 am and Sunday Worship Services will now be held at 10:30 am.

On January 5<sup>th</sup> after the service we will have a meet & greet with Pastor Panning and his family. Coffee/Rolls will be served.

On January 12<sup>th</sup> Pastor Kramer will be leading our service for Pastor Panning as First Evangelical in Wilber has their Annual Meeting that day.

The Call Committee was formed and voted on at the December 18<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting. The committee will consist of Liz Poessnecker, Nancy Mahloch, Josi Remmers, Chris Woerner, Tom Koch and Arlyn Parde.

WELCA has decided to go with the ventilated black chairs from ULINE. We are asking for any contributions from our TLC members as each chair will cost approximately \$30.00. If you would like to contribute to the chairs and chair dollies, please give your donation to Linda Schuerman or Pat Wollenburg and please make checks payable to WELCA.

Women's Bible Study will begin in January 2020 and be held every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday from 7:30-8:30 am. We will be using "Seamless Bible Study" by Angie Smith (make sure it is the full study and NOT the Seamless for Teen Girls). Contact Penny Holtmeier at [pennyholtmeier@yahoo.com](mailto:pennyholtmeier@yahoo.com) with questions.

Bishop Barker from the Episcopal Diocese will be at St. Augustine's Episcopal Church today at 2:30 pm for a Christmas Service. All are welcome to attend.

The 2020 Usher and Greeter sign-up sheets are on the entryway counter. Please consider volunteering for these positions.

For the month of December, we will be collecting items for our local food pantry. Special items needed are toilet tissue, paper towels, and canned fruits and soups. Thank you very much, Connie Scherling

"Noisy Offering" will always take place during Praise Sunday Service. Members are encouraged to bring loose coins for the children to collect and bring forward to put in the "Noisy Offering" bucket. Please consider contributing as you are able as all donations go towards VBS 2020!

If you are anyone you know in the DeWitt community might be in need of Home Delivered meals during the winter months, please contact Bev Plihal at the Senior Center at 402-683-4325. Meals are available Monday through Friday for a suggested contribution of \$5.00 for individuals 60 and older and would be delivered by a volunteer each day.

Our Tried-and-True Treasure for November/December is Herb Rehm. Please feel free to write on his poster located by the church bulletin board.

## Hope Circle

Hope Circle met at the Yankee Home Village in Lincoln on December 9, 2019. Our husbands were invited also. We had lunch with Beryl and her husband and then our prayer friends were revealed. No business meeting was held.

Jean Placek, Sec./Treas.

## Lutheran Men in Mission

LMIM

January will start a new study for the group. This one is titled Self-Esteem: Made in the Image of God (Study 49). This month we will meet on January 8 and 22 at 6:30am. January 8 Topic 1 By Design – Created in his image Genesis 1:1-2:3 & "Fearfully and wonderfully made" Psalm 139:1-24. January 22 Topic 2 Accepted by God – Jesus and Zacchaeus Luke 19:1-10 & Children of God 1 John 2:28-3:10. Coffee is on at 6:30am, hope to see some new faces in a new year!

## Shalom Circle

All ten members of Shalom Circle met for their Christmas meeting on December 16th at 6:30 at Linda Kay's home in Beatrice. Members started the evening with a wonderful potluck with everyone bringing delicious food for the event. A brief meeting was held after dinner. Bev reported that \$83.50 was given to the Village office for them to apply to several members of the congregation for utility bills. That left an amount of \$25 in the Shalom kitty to begin the new year as allowed in the WELCA regulations. Members were reminded to send a Christmas card to Melvin, the special Mosaic friend, with \$1.00 inside. Lois will have the January meeting Bible Study from the January/February Gather magazine and also have the refreshments. The fellowship hall chairs were discussed with a suggestion to order \$125 chairs with church members having the option to donate toward the chairs. Spring Gathering will be held on March 21st inviting area church women to attend with our congregation hosting the day and lunch. The brief meeting was then followed by opening Prayer Partner gifts and drawing for 2021 year Prayer Partners. Thank you Linda for being such a gracious hostess for our Christmas Party. Bev Plihal, Secretary

## WELCA

WELCA Board will meet January 12 after the service

# KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS...

## SERVICEMEN

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**Please continue to keep these members in your prayers:**

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