# Pastor's Page August 2020

A question from the Trinity Call Committee interview:

There have been several families that have left in recent times for various reasons. What should we do going forward?

# Response:

Honestly, this is true for any church at any time. And it hurts when people leave the church. Or when they die. Or when they move away. But it hurts especially if your only understanding of church is of a large family, of a social group, of the people who you talk to and sit next to when you come to worship.

Hear me clearly: church is a family. I'm not saying that it isn't. But I am saying that it is more than that, and perhaps that shouldn't be the primary purpose of the church, the horse that pulls this cart. If it is, then we make ourselves very vulnerable when we do inevitably incur losses in our membership for any reason. I've seen churches that suffer in this way.

But going back to the question of what we should do going forward, and I want to give a heads up that my response might seem a little backward or insensitive at first, but I'll get to a place that it makes sense and is a compassionate thing to do.

My response is that we should work on ourselves as a church.

We have a mission, a job to do as a church, and the better we can be at doing our job, the healthier we will be as a congregation. We have a purpose. We are to be a launching point into the world so that we can go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Triune God. We are a training ground for our daily lives. We are a practice field, a spiritual health club.

I would say we should ask ourselves and evaluate ourselves as to how we are performing in those ways. And maybe more importantly, we should ask ourselves if we are aware of what we are trying to do? Getting back to a starting point like this is something that we shouldn't just take for granted. Are we all on the same page? It's worth looking at.

Then once we are getting to the point where we are functioning as a church in a healthy way according to what our agreed-upon purpose is, once our engines are humming smoothly, once we are seeing what kinds of results can happen in our lives as a result of getting our priorities squared away with God's priorities for us, that's when we start to get excited about our church.

And once we start to get truly excited about our church, that's when we will INVITE others to be a part of it with us, to increase the impact that we can make on others and that they can make on us. It's a collaborative effort. And that is when the polarity gets reversed and the church starts to draw people in instead of us trying to pull them in.

At that point, we might start to see a return, but we might not. There is no guarantee, and we are not entitled to it anyways. In the end, if people have left the church for the right reasons, then we have to honor them and their wishes and give them our understanding while leaving the door open for them to choose to return if/when they are ready. Of course, sometimes they leave for unfair reasons. And if so, then the only one who can change their mind is them. In the meantime, we can work on ourselves and be ready for a possible change of heart someday.

This model for a healthy system is found within each of us. Within our bodies we have an immune system. There are elements to the immune system that go around and eradicate foreign threats and viruses, but the primary defense is in reinforcing the identity of the cells of the body. When a threat is detected and identified, then the cells of the body will reinforce themselves to keep out the intruder, and in the meantime our cells continue to go about their functions, keeping their roles in the larger system in which they belong. The danger is in when our cells get hijacked and coopted by the intruders and turned to a purpose that serves against the body and in favor of the virus. When Paul writes that we are the Body of Christ, even he did not know how true were the words that he wrote.

But again, in this model, it comes back to purpose and identity once again. The human body has a programmed purpose and identity that is written for us. Do we as a church have an understanding, a clear understanding, of our identity and purpose.

The church has had a long history. Many generations have come and gone within this body of Christ. It has meant different things to different ones among us. How would it be if we would spend some time asking ourselves what God's idea for our church might look like?

Peace, Pastor Panning

# **Trinity members**

A lot has been happening in our congregation lately. On Sunday July 12th we had our semi annual meeting where we discussed several items. The recent surge in Covid-19 cases has everyone on edge but Trinity has kept doing our drive in services which I feel have gone extremely well. Pastor Panning and Adam Wollenburg have kept us in touch through the zoom meetings and our Sunday services and I want to thank them for their efforts. We will continue to meet in that fashion until at least September when Sunday school is scheduled to start up on the 13th. At the August council meeting we will make a determination on how to proceed with services which we will largely base on how the area schools will be conducting their classes, look for more in the coming weeks. Other items that were discussed at the semi annual meeting were a possible fall church clean up and the rental of the parsonage. After the semi annual meeting we held another meeting to vote on whether to support the decision of the call committee and the church councils recommendation to call Pastor Panning as our full time pastor and I am extremely happy that you unanimously approved that recommendation as well as the compensation package that was presented. I am very happy that Pastor Panning has agreed to serve Trinity and First in Wilber. We have a very good relationship with the Wilber congregation and we are looking forward to a long relationship with both Pastor Panning and the First in Wilber. Pastor Panning brings a lot of knowledge and spiritual guidance to our congregation and I feel he will be a fantastic leader for our church hopefully for many years to come. I want to thank the call committee for the hard work getting through the call process and the support of the congregation during this time. If you have any questions about anything don't be afraid to call me or any of the council members.

Thanks Tim

# Trinity Lutheran Church Annual Meeting Minutes

January 19, 2020

### I. Call to order

Vice Chairperson, Tim Garrison, called to order the meeting of the Trinity Lutheran Church Congregational Meeting on January 19, 2020. Pastor Panning led the group in devotions.

Members in attendance signed the attendance sheet and provided more than the quorum necessary to conduct the meeting. There was a motion by Brian Scherling and a second by Cara Heller to accept the ballots as presented. Ballots were distributed, marked, and collected for counting.

- a) Chairman Report. Mike Holtmeier was not available for this meeting, but provided a written report.
- b) Secretary's Report: A copy of the minutes from the January 2019 Annual Meeting were presented. There was a motion by Duane Wollenburg and a second by Ron Wollenburg to accept the minutes. Motion carried. The minutes of the Semi- Annual meeting from July 2019 were presented. There was a motion by Cara Heller and a second by Gordon Schuerman to accept the minutes as presented. Motion carried.
- c) Treasurer's Report: The treasurer's report was presented with a balance of \$22,668.27
- d) Investment Report: The investment report was presented with a balance of \$58,497.28.
- e) Pastor's Report: Pastor Panning reported on his feeling of acceptance as the transition pastor at Trinity, and expressed enthusiasm for going forward.
- f) Memorial Report: The memorial report was submitted indicating a balance of \$16,368.45.
- g) Property Report: The report indicated bids for repairs on the parsonage basement with EppConcret coming in with the lowest bid of \$8,350. The council decided to accept that bid.
- h) Call Committee: Six people were selected by the church council to include Josi Remmers, Liz Poessnecker, Tom Koch, Arlyn Parde, Nancy Mahloch, and Chris Woerner. The group will begin by developing the Congregational Profile.

### II. Old Business

a) Old business consisted of a report on the expected repair to the bell tower which is completely paid for,

## III. New Business

- a.) The projected budget for 2020 was presented. There was a motion by Bev Plihal and a second by Larry Pieper to accept the budget as presented. The motion carried.
- b.) There was discussion regarding benevolence contributions. Following discussion there was a motion by Steve Garrison and a second by Chuck Holtmeier that we continue to contribute \$3,000 to the Nebraska synod Mission Share, but continue local benevolent contributions. The motion carried.
- c.) There was a motion by Arlyn Parde and a second by Larry Pieper that the congregation approve the constitution changes provided in the model constitution approved at the August 2019 National Assembly. Following discussion, the motion carried.
- d.) Vice Chairman Tim Garrison extended a thank you on behalf of the congregation to outgoing council members and the nominating committee for their efforts.
- e.) There was a motion by Arlyce Albert and a second by Linda Schuerman to destroy the ballots once they were tabulated. The motion carried.
- f.) Other new business included an announcement that in months where there are five Sundays, a joint service with Wilber will be held at alternating congregational sites.

- g.) New chairs for the fellowship area are being purchased through WELCA. Anyone wishing to purchase a chair can do so for a fee of \$30.
- h.) Bible School will be held in the upcoming summer with staff from Camp Carol Joy Holling conducting the sessions. There will be a fee of \$20 per student with stipends being available for students who need financial assistance. The monies collected from the monthly Noisy Offering go to support the Bible School program.
- i.) Darcy Baker will be cleaning the parsonage.
- j.) Election results were announced as follows: Vice Chairman Arlyn Parde; Council Treasurer Cindy Wollenburg; Council Members Chuck Holtmeier, Larry Pieper, and Adam Wollenburg; Sunday School Superintendent Bobbie Scherling; Auditing Committee Amy Stokebrand; Nominating Committee Yvonne Rahe and Pat Wollenburg; Nebraska Synod Assembly Delegate Harold Stokebrand.

There was a motion by Shirley Wollenburg and a second by Linda Schuerman to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried. In conclusion of the meeting, Pastor Panning led the congration in recitation of the Lord's Prayer. Following the meeting Pastor Panning did an informal installation of officers with a formal installation to be held during the following Sunday service.

Reminders: Next church council meeting will be January 22, 2019 at 7:30 P.M.

Church Council Secretary, Jane Stokebrand

# Trinity Lutheran Church Minutes

June 17, 2020

# I. Call to order

Chairperson, Tim Garrison called to order the regular meeting of the Trinity Lutheran Church Council on June 17, 2020 in the fellowship hall with social distancing observed. Members in attendance were Tim Garrison, Brian Smidt, Lana Hager, Cindy Wollenburg, Jane Stokebrand, Chuck Holtmeier, Arlyn Parde and Pastor Panning. Pastsor Panning led the group in devotions.

# Reports

- a) Secretary's Report: A copy of the May minutes was reviewed. There was a motion by Arlyn and a second by Brian to approve the minutes. Motion carried. The minutes of a Special Meeting (June) with First Lutheran was reviewed. There was a motion by Brian and a second by Arlyn to approve the minutes. The motion carried.
- b) Treasurer's Report: A copy of the monthly treasurer's report indicated a balance of \$29,882.35. There was a motion by Lana and a second by Brian to accept the report. The motion carried.
- c) Investments Report: The current balance is \$45,958.52.
- d) Memorial Report: Brian Smidt reported a balance of \$18,205.66.
- e) Suggestion Box: None.
- f) Committee Reports
- g) Pastor's Report: See included.
  - 1. Spiritual Life and Growth
    - a) Social Committee: Nothing new to report.
    - b) Worship Committee: The committee will meet next week.
    - c) Evangelical/Stewardship: Nothing new to report.

# 2. Youth Development

- a) Parish Ed/VBS: Jane reports the Bible School program is in place and will be ongoing through July with pictures being submitted. Sunday School is scheduled to resume the second Sunday in September. Virus precautions will be modeled after those of Tri County School.
- b) Youth Group Committee: Nothing new to report.
- c) Confirmation: Nothing new to report.
- 3. Care, Management and Overview
  - a) Property: The hours for parsonage cleaning have been submitted. Heaven's Best has been contacted for carpet cleaning with an estimated cost of \$200 to \$300. Arlyn reported that, upon contacting Richters of Seward for air conditioning service, he was informed that we are required to file a contract with them prior to completion of the services. That will be done. Cindy suggest purchasing a dehumidifier for the parsonage basement. Larry and Lois Wattjes have volunteered to trim the bushes on the north side of the church. Property committee will continue to run sprinklers for the church lawn.

# II. Old Business:

1. Chris Woerner reported that the Call Committee has completed the first draft of the Ministry Site Profile (MSP). There was a motion by Chuck and a second by Cindy to approve the MSP, The motion carried. This information will be made available to congregational members and is scheduled to be brought to a congregational vote following the Semi Annual meeting scheduled for August 9, 2020. Tim presented the

council with an addendum to the Transitional Ministry Contract that allows Pastor Panning to continue to serve Trinity Lutheran until the official Call can be issued. There was a motion by Lana and a second by Brian to accept the addendum. The motion carried. The compensation package for Pastor Panning, that will be included in the Call, was presented.

- The deadline for accepting resumes for the secretary and financial/secretary position has been extended.
- The current practice of conducting Drive-Up services, as well as, streamed services will continue.

### III. New Business:

- 1. The current practice of conducting Drive-Up services, as well as, streamed services will continue.
- Sermons for shut-ins who may not have access to streaming was discussed. Pastor is investigating an app that would allow the spoken word to be transcribed to a written message.
- 3. On line and Drive Up attendance, as well as, offering were discussed. Both are maintaining and sustainable.
- 4. The Semi Annual Meeting was scheduled for Augusts 9, 2020 following the Sunday service. Logistics are still being determined.
- 5. There has been a request by Jeremy and Carin Rosenthal Family to become transfer members of Trinity Lutheran. There was a motion by Chuck and a second by Arlyn to accept the transfer. The motion carried.
- 6. It was brought to the attention of the council that Thrivent has funds available that could be used to upgrade the camera system.
- 7. Pastor Panning submitted a request for annual vacation time for July 19<sup>th</sup> through July 26<sup>th</sup>. The request was granted and following discussion it was decided to see if the pastor from Soap Creek church might cover Sunday July 26<sup>th</sup>. An answer is pending.
- 8. Pastor Panning shared information from the Synod with a request to engage in a zoom forum on Monday June 22<sup>nd</sup> with the RARE team. This will be announced at Sunday service.

There was a motion by Brian and a second by Cindy to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried. In conclusion, Pastor Panning led the group in praying the Lord's Prayer..

Reminders: Next Council meeting will be July 15, 2020 at 7:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted, Church Council Secretary, Jane Stokebrand

# Executive Board Meeting Trinity Lutheran Church Council June 30, 2020

An Executive Board meeting of the Trinity Lutheran Church Council was held on June 30, 2020. In attendance were Cindy Wollenburg and Jane Stokebrand. The purpose of the meeting was to interview two candidates for the position of Secretary/Financial Secretary for Trinity Lutheran Church. Both candidates, Brittany Murray and Pam Garrison, were presented with the opportunity to describe the skills demonstrated in current and previous job experiences. They were also presented with the same three general questions.

- 1. What caused you to be interested in applying for this position?
- 2. What particular skills or talents can you bring to this position?
- 3. How would you accept input or criticism from congregation members? Following the interviews of approximately 30 minutes per applicant, the Executive Board Members convened to review the information presented. Following discussion it was decided to recommend Pam Garrison to the Church Council to fill the position of Secretary/Financial Secretary/

Respectfully submitted, Jane Stokebrand Trinity Lutheran Church Council Secretary

# Special Council Meeting of Trinity Lutheran Church July 1, 2020

A special council meeting was held on July 1, 2020 in the fellowship hall using social distancing. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Tim Garrison.. Those in attendance were Tim Garrison, Adam Wollenburg, Lana Hagar, Jane Stokebrand, Chuck Holtmeier, Arlyn Parde, and Pastor Panning.

The Semi Annual meeting is now scheduled for July 12, 2020 following the regular Sunday Service. The agenda was set to consist of:

- 1. Pastor's Report
- 2. Presentation of Annual Meeting Minutes
- 3. Presentation of Financial Statement
- 4. Services Update
- 5. Covid Update.

The council conducted an interview with Pastor Panning in regard to being called as a minister to Trinity Lutheran Church. Arlyn, then, presented the recommendation of the Call Committee to present a Call for Ministry to Pastor Panning. There was a motion by Chuck and a second by Lana to bring this recommendation to the congregation for a vote. The motion carried. The compensation package for the Call to Ministry was presented. There was a motion by Adam and a second by Chuck to approve the compensation package and to present that to the congregation for a vote. The motion carried.

There was a motion by Chuck and a second by Adam to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried. Pastor led the group in devotion.

Respectfully submitted, Jane Stokebrand Church Council Secretary

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	Bank Balance as of 05/31/2020			\$29,882.3
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	Other Deposits	\$9,801.54		<b>A</b> /# 00/
	Total Income			\$15,981.
		Expenses	Outstanding	
01-00	Pastor Salary	\$1,875.00	Guotarang	
01-03	Organist Salary	\$225.00	\$75.00	
01-04	Custodial Salary	\$490.62	Ψ13.00	
02-00	Mileage	<u> </u>		
		\$86.37		
02-06	Pastor Housing	\$562.50		
02-07	Pastor Social Security	\$186.47		
02-08	Pastor Portico	\$390.97		
02-09	Pastor Health/Dental/Vision	\$316.83		
03-03	Communion	\$58.01		
04-04	Office Equipment	\$136.57		
05-00	Village Utilities Church	\$115.57		
05-01	Village Utilities Parsonage	\$87.23		
05-02	Natural Gas Church	\$185.97		
05-03	Natural Gas Parsonage	\$25.37		
06-01	NE Synod - 1/2 Mission Benevolence	\$1,500.00		-
06-04	Vanco E-giving Fees	\$66.75		
06-05	Bank Transfer - Gen. to Benev. for Synod Pymt	\$600.00		
07-04	Technology	\$93.01	\$85.00	
08-00	Telephone Church	\$175.22	ΨΟΟ.ΟΟ	
11-03	Lawn and Landscape	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		
11-03	Lawii and Landscape	\$322.00		
	Total Expenses			\$7,499
	Previous Months Checks that Cleared			\$430
	Available Cash as of 06/30/20			
				\$37,933
	Outstanding Checks			\$160
	Reconciled to Balance on Bank Statement 06/30/20			\$38,093
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	Other Accounts:	<u>Deposits</u>	Disbursements	Account Balar
	Benevolence (Savings Account)	\$890.06	\$1,500.00	35
	Capital Improvement Fund (Savings Account)	\$0.62	\$0.00	\$4,955
00.00	ICVF Grant Funds Deposited 9/1/19 TLC General fund		<u>Disbursements</u>	
09-00 09-02	Care-A-Lot		\$0.00	\$333
09-02	Confirmation (Mentor) Confirmation (Liz)		\$0.00 \$0.00	\$333 \$333
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	Semi-Annual Meeting Treasurer's Report	June 30, 2020			
	Bank Balance as of 12/31/19			\$22,668.27	
	Less Outstanding Checks			\$1,455.38	
	Bank Correction			-\$0.20	
	Available Cash 12/31/19			\$21,212.69	
		Income			
	Offerings/Deposits 1/1/20-6/30/20	Income			
	Other Deposits 1/1/120-6/30/20	\$54,753.55			
	Bank Transfers in 1/1/20-6/30/20	\$17,375.40			
	Total Income	\$9,850.00		A04 070 0F	
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		Expenses			
01-00	Pastor's Salary	\$11,250.00			
01-01	Financial Secretary's Salary	\$1,031.20			
01-02	Secretary's Salary	\$2,687.49			
01-03	Organist's Salary	\$1,575.00			
01-04	Custodian's Salary	\$2,943.72			
01-05	Payroll Taxes	\$1,869.33			
01-07	Supply Pastor	\$0.00			
	Mileage	\$988.23			
02-03	Water Supplies (Culligan)	\$83.00			
02-06	Housing Reimbursement	\$3,375.00			
02-07	Social Security	\$1,118.82			
	Portico	\$2,345.82			
02-09	Health Insurance Reimbursement	\$1,882.15			
03-03	Communion Supplies	\$122.01			
	Postage & Freight	\$251.90			
	Office Supplies	\$988.19			
04-03	Copies from Copy Machine	\$404.87			
	Office Equipment	\$819.42			
04-05	Accountant Fees	\$170.00			
05-00	Village Utilities - Church	\$1,141.77			
05-01	Village Utilities - Parsonage	\$586.58			
	Natural Gas - Church (Black Hills)	\$2,624.91			
	Natural Gas - Parsonage (Black Hills)	\$294.16			
	ELCA Benevolence	\$1,500.00			
06-04	Vanco/E-giving Fees	\$313.45			
	Bank Transfers Out	\$8,950.00			
	Devotional Books (All publications)	\$145.00			
	Copyright License	\$62.10	<del>_</del>		
07-04	Technology License & Upgrades	\$639.67		4, 194	
08-00	Telephone/Internet Church (Windstream)	\$1,052.97			
	Sunday School				
	Worship (Sermons, Childrens Sermons)	\$504.99			
	Professional Expenses-Pastor Panning	\$15.52			
	Church Maintenance	\$5.27			
11-00		\$1,077.00	•		
11-03	Lawn & Landscape	\$546.00			
11-04 11-05	Repairs to the Parsonage	\$8,526.49			
11-03	Property insurance	\$3,427.00			
	Total Expenses			\$65,319.03	
	Available Cash as of 6/30/20			\$37,872.61	
-	Outstanding Checks			\$221.15	
	Reconciled to Balance on Bank Statement 6/30/20			\$38,093.76	
	12/31/19 Account Balance	Deposits	Disbursements	6/30/20 Account Balance	
· · ·	Other Accounts:				
	Benevolence (Savings Account) \$40.01	\$1,495.13	\$1,500.00	\$35.14	
	Capital Improvement Fund (Savings Account) \$4896.92	Ψ1,100.10	7.,300,00	900.17	



Worship Committee will meet... TBD

WELCA board will meet... TBD

Hope Circle will meet... TBD

Church Council will meet Wednesday, August 19th

Shalom Circle will meet... TBD



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



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
06/28	-	\$920.00	-	-	\$937.68
07/05	-	\$6353.39	\$100.00		\$648.82
07/12	-	\$700.00	\$10.00	-	\$910.62
07/19	-	-		-	\$402.82



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# AUGUST 2020

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

**PLEASE KEEP** Tanner Baker and family on the loss of his father Bernard Baker, Alex & Chelsea Tietjen and family as they welcome the birth of their daughter Alyssa and mourn the loss of their daughter Aubrey, Jean Malchow, Don Wollenburg, Brian Stokebrand & Family, Roman Dunn (great grandson of Jan & Alan Dunn), Jim Burger, Jack Garrison, and Tina Groathouse in your prayers.

# Worship Services will continue to be "Live Stream" in addition to Drive in Services ...

Pastor Panning will start the Live Stream about 15 minutes early as to allow people time to "come in and sit down." The stream can be found on Facebook on either the First Lutheran or Trinity Lutheran pages or You can join on Zoom... This is a recurring meeting, Join Zoom Meeting <a href="https://zoom.us/j/5131704161">https://zoom.us/j/5131704161</a>, Meeting ID: 513 170 4161... Password: 961555

**COMMUNION OPTION (TRINITY)** - first Friday of the Month during morning office hours - or by appointment We would like to offer the option for you to come to the church to receive communion - with all safety precautions taken in advance. Pastor will wear a mask and gloves, and communion elements will be kept safe for you. The calendar will be reserved on the first Friday of the month during morning office hours for you to come into the church to receive communion with a brief service (using the home visit format) to accompany it.

**ZOOM Bible studies** on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. Same meeting ID and password as Sunday worship.

The August Calendar and August Service Leaders are NOT included in the newsletter as all Services are Drive in and Live Stream for now. Questions? Contact Pastor Panning, Tim Garrison or Pam Garrison or check our Facebook page or Website for further details.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY will not meet

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY will meet August 5 and 19 at 6:30 am

**PLEASE CONSIDER USING E-GIVING** as we still need everyone's financial support to pay our monthly bills. If you require assistance in setting this up, please talk to Pastor Panning. Go to <a href="https://www.trinitylutherandewitt.com">www.trinitylutherandewitt.com</a>, and click the green OFFERING button and follow the instructions.

# Hope Circle - No Report

# Lutheran Men in Mission

August continues our study and Caregivers: Lifting Others Up Without Getting Down. Join us at 6:30am for coffee, Bible study and fellowship the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday's in the Fellowship Hall. Coffee is on! August 5 – Topic 3 Sharing the Load: "Moses decides to delegate" Exodus 18:1-27 and "Equality in giving" 2 Corinthians 8:1-15. August 19 – Topic 4 Setting Limits: "Mary chooses what's better" Luke 10:38-42 and "Neither do we go beyond our limits" 2 Corinthians 10:1-18

# Shalom Circle

Shalom Circle will be making school kits for Lutheran World Relief. Now is the time for Back to School sales, so remember to pick up items when you are out shopping. All church members are asked to help with this project. Just drop off items at the church on the table in the entryway. Items needed are as follows – 70 sheet spiral notebooks, rulers, pencil sharpeners, crayons (24 count), and scissors.

PLEASE NO pens, pencils, or erasers! It takes 4 notebooks to make a kit, so we need lots of these.

WELCA - No Report

# WE'RE ALL IN THIS Together American Red Cross

# Blood Drive Tri County Area

DeWitt Community Building 107 North Cherry De Witt, NE 68341

# Monday, August 17, 2020 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Please contact Pam Garrison at 683-4630 or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: TriCountyNebraska to schedule an appointment.



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# **KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS...**

# **SERVICEMEN**

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