



A NOTE FROM PASTOR DAN

“The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. [Abraham] looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. He said, “My Lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on – since you have come to your servant.” (Genesis 18:1-5).

In ancient Semitic culture, people believed that the surrounding desert was always more hostile than the stranger who might occasionally emerge from it. It was customary to welcome all travelers and offer them respite from their stressful life. The hospitality wasn't just one sided. Guests had stories to tell about places they had seen and people they had encountered, opening up a world previously unknown.

How might we be hospitable to people the Holy Spirit is calling and gathering into our community? Have we done all we can to prepare a place for them? Is our space a place of respite? Are we open to their stories, attentive to their needs, how God might be using them to open us up to a world previously unknown?

People today are hungry for fellowship and fulfillment, meaning and mission. It is in the best interest of every congregation to be a learning congregation, to search for ways to improve, and to strive for excellence. Striving for excellence requires spending time evaluating the good and the bad. At the end of the Sunday school year, or VBS, it is important to have formal, intentional conversations about what worked and what needs improvement, and to properly record this information. Don't depend on the long-term memory of people, people come and go, and even if they are still around they are likely to forget a detail or two that could make a tremendous difference.

With the information properly recorded, it is time to identify, analyze and evaluate the programs and projects. Be prepared for tension, think about all the people affected by the change, make sure all stake holders involved in the old ministry as well as the new have all the information and have had an opportunity to be heard. Be as gentle as possible with those who aren't ready to let go of a ministry that has outlived its

usefulness and needs to be dropped in order to free up resources for the new, but don't fall into the trap of the seven last words of the church: “We have always done it this way.”

After he was raised, our Lord Jesus called his disciples to Galilee. When they arrived in Galilee at the mountain to which Jesus directed them, Jesus came and said to them: “All authority in heaven and earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age” (Matthew 28:18-20).

Every part of every congregation needs to center on this ultimate goal. Trinity has a long history of doing that. You have organized yourself to meet changing demographics, belief systems, and work habits. You have demonstrated your ability to effectively evaluate and adapt so that participants are eager and pleased about programs, new members are welcomed and involved and then get even more involved and people have found hope for the future, as Jesus fulfills his promise in you.

~ In Christ, Pastor Dan ~

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SRING CLEAN UP DAY AT TRINITY

Join us on Saturday, May 18 at 9:00 a.m. to spruce up our church. A sign up sheet is posted in the narthex for specific jobs and all are encouraged to participate. There will be a potluck lunch at noon, so please bring a dish to pass. Many hands make for light work!



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‘SHARE 4 BIKE SAFETY’



Trinity is partnering with the City of Spooner Police Department for Share 4 Bike Safety. We will be collecting donations on May 5th and May 12th at both 8:00am and 10:30am services to purchase bike helmets for children. On June 1, 2019 at the Family Festival the City of Spooner PD will be demonstrating bike safety and the children will be given the chance to win a free helmet. It is estimated that 75% of bicycle-related fatalities among children could be prevented with a bicycle helmet. Please consider donating to keep our children safe!

MUTUAL MINISTRIES COMMITTEE



MAY BIRTHDAYS

Since all the members of Trinity share a role in the ministry of our congregation, our Mutual Ministry Committee is established to act out of mutual concern for the pastor, staff, and congregation. The committee meets several times per year to hear and discuss issues, concerns or praises of the pastor, staff, or congregational members in a trusting confidential setting. Through listening, interpreting, advising, conferring, affirming, and forgiving, the committee aims to strengthen the ministry of pastor and congregation alike, which is to welcome, equip, and serve all people. If you have concerns or praises regarding the ministry of our church, please contact any of the following committee members; Sarah Gothblad, Mark Woody, Mike Richter, Matt Vesper, Jackie Callander, or Jo Ann Schmidt.

- 5/1 Teri Schult
- 5/2 Sheldon Johnson
- 5/4 Shane Olson, Rich Noeldner
- 5/5 Ken Johnson, Paul Hanson, David Olson
- 5/6 Bill Cairns, Margaret Markgren, Doug Rudolph
- 5/7 Zachary Huebner
- 5/8 Jackson Bassett, Rae Ellanson
- 5/9 Lucas Gothblad, Emilie Aschbacher, Brayden Shafer
- 5/10 David McNulty
- 5/11 Joshua Peterson
- 5/12 Sharon Laingen, Chad Lenser, Nicholas McNulty
- 5/13 Matt Vesper
- 5/14 Jo Ann Schmidt, Jon Johnson Jr.
- 5/15 Milda Brainerd, Myla Drew
- 5/18 Cathy Severance, Emmie Davies
- 5/19 Gloria Thue
- 5/21 Ken Harmon
- 5/23 Max Bulgrin
- 5/24 Carol Leischer, Ron Reimann
- 5/25 Shaina Scalzo
- 5/26 David Benson, David Vold
- 5/27 Stephanie Henk, Darlene Olson
- 5/28 Brett Gauger



(If we miss your birthday, please contact the office so we can correct our records and not miss you next year!)

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TRINITY'S GRADUATING SENIORS

Please help us congratulate the following graduating seniors: David Christianson, Samuel Johnson, Chance Davies, Cole White and Kayla McCarthy. A reception in their honor will be held between services on Sunday, May 19 and senior quilts will be given during worship.

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TRINITY TRUMPET



If you wish to be removed from our mailing list, please contact the church office. ALSO, if you have a change of address, please let us know the new one and date it will change.



**THANKS FOR APRIL
HELP GOES TO...**

- Ruth Skeie, Penny Cuskey, Marlene Clay, Miriam Michealson, Gloria Thue, Noreen Barnes, Teri Schult & Carol Leischer for office help
- Stan Johannes, Allyn Graap & Laura Kalisch for preparing and delivering weekend kids meals
- Sharon Laingen, Mark & Cindy Fagerstrom for delivering food pantry donations
- Maxine Wienbergen, JoAnn Wanek & Karen Randby for assembling the newsletter and preparing it for mailing
- Gloria Thue, Marlene Clay, Kay Hunter, Allyn Graap for counting offerings
- Mary Jean Johannes, Diane Hagler, Gloria Thue, Dawn Olson and Sandy Anderson for visiting home bound members and those in hospitals/nursing homes
- Bill Callander for recording/videotaping worship services and preparing them for DVD format



PRAYER MESSAGE: “Please and Thank You”
From Prayer Guide Dawn Richter

How many times have you prayed consistently for something very important to you? As in, over and over again on repeat, day after day and even in the middle of the night? What about the desperate prayer in a time of panic or emergency, when you instinctively turn to the One you believe can save the day? Yet, when the same prayer is answered, have you thanked God just as continually or fervently?

Back in March, I took a solo trip to visit my daughter, who lives about 7 hours away, in Audubon, Iowa. Although I really wanted to see her, I was very nervous about the trip. That time of year can be hazardous driving, ie unexpected snow storms or, even worse, ice storms. If I can’t use the cruise control, my legs get terrible cramps, and I need to make multiple stops. I also get extremely anxious driving through traffic in the Cities, even when it’s not rush hour. Basically a basket case waiting to happen. But I had to do it, or miss the visit, and the half marathon my daughter and I were doing together. So I set off with my prayers said for a safe trip, and made it to Iowa in one piece. Later that night, while putting things together for the race, there was a quick thank-you prayer said for my safe journey that day, before I moved on to worrying about the next thing on my list.

Fast forward to the day I am leaving for home, after a very enjoyable visit, and with a finisher race medal hanging from my rear view mirror. My daughter had gone to work, her boyfriend to school an hour away, and me on the road in the middle of a massive expanse of cornfields in every direction. Somewhere about 20 miles into the trip, I felt like the truck was not balanced, glanced at the dashboard and was gripped by immediate panic – the tire hazard light was on and the tire pressure was very low in the rear left tire. I had 6 ½ hours to go to get home, and my tire was now going flat in the middle of nowhere!

I called my husband, who was at work back home and could do nothing to help me, so that was a useless call. His advice was to drive to the next town and go to a gas station. Great advice, if there actually WAS a next town in the middle of nowhere in Iowa. And even if I could get air in the tire, how did I know it wouldn’t go flat anyway, further on down the road, like in the Cities in the middle of rush hour where I will be



**NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE:
MAY 19, 2019**

Any articles received after that date
Will be printed in next month’s newsletter.





killed? And that is when I started praying. Driving and praying, praying and driving, with white knuckles gripping the steering wheel. The pressure in the tire did not miraculously go up. But during the course of my desperate prayers, I suddenly got the feeling that no matter what, even if I was stranded with a flat tire on the side of the road for hours, waiting for the only tow truck for 250 miles to come and find me, God would keep me safe. I would be okay, because God was with me no matter what happened. I kept driving, and no more than 10 minutes later came into the town of Carroll, which I knew from my daughter was much bigger than Audubon, and even had a Walmart. Immediately to my right was a gas station, where I pulled in and went inside to see if someone could help me. Unfortunately, this station had no air pumps, or attendants on duty. However, the clerk told me that if I went just one block further, and to the left, I would find another gas station and – A TIRE STORE.

I think the receptionist thought I was surely crazy when my relieved and joyful person showed up at her desk. She took my keys, her mechanic took my truck, removed the screw that was imbedded in my tire, fixed it, and they sent me on my way with a bill so small I had to look twice. I thanked them so many times, I think they just wanted me to leave them alone. And then I got back into my truck and back on the road, and proceeded with my thank-you God prayers for the remainder of my journey. Not only was I thankful for the peace of mind God gave me, but the fact that once again, God had actually answered my prayer. It was truly a modern day miracle that had just happened to me.

Luke 17:11-19 tells the story of the ten lepers who were healed by Jesus. They were desperate and believed Jesus could help them, and their faith in Him made them well. Yet of the ten, only one of them took the time to thank Jesus for the miracle that had just happened, while the rest went on with their lives until the next emergency arose. My prayer is that God helps me remember to be thankful; not only for good tires, but for all the little miracles that happen for me every day.

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**WOMEN OF THE EVANGELICAL  
LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA**



The May Bible study is “From Generation to Generation: Two-way Blessings.” Circles meet on different days and at different times. All women are welcome to participate. See the church calendar for dates and times.

- Thank you to Mark Preimesberger for taking LWR quilts, etc. to the cities. Thank you too, to Service Groups who served Sunday coffee and helped by serving funerals for Myron Moore, Rosie Peterson and Mike Yurik.
- Personal Care Kits are still in need of combs, nail clippers and bath towels.
- Dates to note: Mother’s Day, May 12 and High School Senior Recognition Day, May 19
- Quilting days for May are the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. All women are welcome to come and enjoy the fellowship. You don’t have to be an experienced quilter to participate!
- Kitchen cleaning does not have a date as of yet.

~ Gloria Wanzung ~



***SPRING OFFICE HOURS***

***[The office is closed during the lunch hour]***  
**Monday – Thursday: 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM**  
**Friday – 9:00 AM-11:00 AM**

***SUMMER OFFICE HOURS***  
***BEGIN ON MAY 28***  
**Monday – Thursday: 8:30 AM – 3:00 PM**  
**Friday – 9:00 AM-11:00 AM**

**HURCH COUNCIL MINUTES: MARCH 11, 2019**

PRESENT: Sue Gerberding, Becky Gauger, Marie Lund, Pat Reijo, Teri Schult, Kyle Young, Mark Fagerstrom, Kirsten Vik, Sarah Slayton, Dan Hermanson, Julie Rankila

ABSENT: Steve Aschbacher, Joe Weiss, Anita Griffith

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM.

GUESTS: Mutual Ministry – Sarah Gothblad

OPENING DEVOTIONS: Pat Reijo

SECRETARY’S REPORT: Report approved.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Currently the budget is in good shape; giving has come in about \$1300 above expenditures for the year so far. This is good news considering the poor weather we have had the last 2 months. Report approved.

PASTOR’S REPORT: Trinity had 5 youth attend the Christ Jam on March 9<sup>th</sup>. Several different programs and activities were offered, the youth seemed to have a really good time and were very well behaved. The hope is that Trinity can build on this into the future and get more young people involved. Pastor is working through some questions that came up regarding baptism and communion; he will work on providing answers as soon as possible.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Members from Trinity recently attended Walking Together on March 9. The presentations were very good.

The Synod wanted to challenge all the conferences to participate in a Lenten World Hunger Challenge. Offerings from Monday night’s service, WELCA’s Mardi Gras Celebration, as well as money collected in the paper bags handed out by Sunday School students will go toward that Challenge.

Trinity had put in an application to be a companion to a congregation in Malawi in the past that was never acted on. The question was raised about what happened to that application and if we should pursue this again. There were no objections and we will move forward in pursuing this opportunity.

Trinity is currently working on setting goals for 2019. The point was made that we shouldn’t be waiting for a new Pastor to begin this work. These are items clearly stated in the Ministry Site Profile and should be ongoing.

BOARD OF TRUSTEE’S REPORT: No report

BOARD OF CONOGREGATIONAL CARE REPORT: Each member of the board will be overseeing several committees within the Church going forward in 2019; those assignments have been made. The Board started several new opportunities last year such as Outdoor Game Night, which they would like to expand on this year. The Board would like to pursue having a single service instead of 2 during the 3 months of the year where there are 5 Sundays in the month to get everyone together. Other

potential options were discussed as well. Plans are being made to celebrate the 100 Year Anniversary for Trinity in 2020.

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT: The Board is looking to have a grade 6-12 Bowling Extravaganza on the 29<sup>th</sup> for something fun to do. Instead of having VBS during the same timeframe as in the past, they are looking at possibly doing something on Sunday nights in June. Luther Park will not be able to help with the lock-in this year, so they may be looking at asking Luther Point for assistance.

BOARD OF CHURCH IN SOCIETY REPORT: The Board is beginning to plan their “Race For” Event. They are exploring new options as there was not a great turnout last year. More information will be available in April.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: Katie Peterson is not able to continue with the Call Committee this year as an alternate so a new alternate needs to be appointed. This alternate would need to be involved but would not have a vote unless there is a vacancy. Two names were presented and they will be approached to see if they are interested. A motion was made by Kirsten Vik, second by Marie Lund to confirm the appointment of Mike Richter & Bob Gothblad to the Call Committee as well as seek an alternate to be appointed to the Committee. Motion to adjourn made by Pat Reijo, second by Sarah Slayton. The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 PM.

Next meeting date is: April 8, 2019.

Closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

Minutes submitted by Kyle Young, TLC Council Secretary

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**SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

**SUMMER**

8:00 a.m. Worship  
9:00 a.m. Coffee Hour  
9:45 a.m. Worship  
10:45 a.m. Coffee Hour

**WINTER**

8:00 a.m. Worship  
9:00 a.m. Coffee Hour  
9:15 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Worship  
11:30 a.m. Coffee Hour

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**COUNCIL EXECUTIVE BOARD (2019)**

President: Teri Schult  
Vice President: Mark Fagerstrom  
Treasurer: Pat Reijo  
Secretary: Kyle Young

**STAFF**

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Choir Director Tamara Smith 715-468-4424  
Janitor Gary Frederickson

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**FROM THE CHURCH RECORDS: MARCH**

**MEMBERSHIP:** Baptized -487 Confirmed - 387  
**DEATHS:** Myron Moore 3-25-19; Rosie Peterson 3-31-19;  
Mike Yurik 4-12-19  
**BAPTISMS:** Benjamin Eichten 4-4-19; Nora Woody 4-28-19  
**WITHDRAW MEMBERSHIP:** Fred Kruger 4-23-19

**TOTAL MONTHLY INCOME/EXPENSES - MARCH:**  
General Offering: \$19,533.76 Year to Date: \$55,370.36  
Expenses: \$16,038.00 Year to Date: \$57,194.11

**AVERAGE** monthly Sunday attendance for March: **84**



**MAY SERVICE HELPERS**

**Traditional 8:00 AM**

**Celebration 10:30 AM**

**USHERS**

5/5, 12 D. Gerberding/R. Reimann Sheldon Johnson/Dave McNulty  
5/19, 26 Ken Harmon/Ken Schult Glenn Anderson/David Benson

**GREETERS**

5/5, 12 Doug/Sandy Rudolph Marlene Clay/Maxine Wienbergen  
5/19, 26 Ray/Gurine Smith Jean Benson/Dee Schmidt

**GUESTBOOK GREETERS**

5/5, 12 Janet Oakland Cathy Severance  
5/19, 26 Bill/Jackie Callander Sandy Anderson

**READERS**

5/5 Mary Hemshrot Scott Smith  
5/12 Teri Schult Ruth Kruger  
5/19 Teri Schult Ruth Kruger  
5/26 Mary Hemshrot Scott Smith

**ALTAR GUILD**

Chuck & Sandy Johnson

**COMMUNION ASSISTANTS**

5/5 Mike Richter Steve Clay  
5/19 Steve Hemshrot Lisa Hanson

**ACOLYTES**

5/5 Andrew Gothblad Ethan Young  
5/12 Ushers Dayne Macone  
5/19 Jake Hartwig Jonah Simundson  
5/26 Ushers Quinlan Slayton

**POWER POINT**

5/5 Mike Kalisch Marcy Thalacker  
5/12 Lynda Marquardt Jessica Macone  
5/19 Krista Lyons-Hartwig Julie Rankila  
5/26 Becky Gauger Dave Huebner



## JUNE SERVICE HELPERS

**Traditional 8:00 AM**                      **Celebration 10:30 AM**

### USHERS

6/2, 9, 16 Steve Hemshrot/Mike Richter    Larry Olson/Dave Benson  
6/23, 30 Romaine E./Chuck Johnson    Steve Aschbacher/Bill Gipp

### GREETERS

6/2, 9, 16 Kay Hunter/Lois Nielsen    Jean Benson/Gloria Wanzung  
6/23, 30 Joyce Endreson/Sandy Johnson    Ron/Sue Jensen

### GUESTBOOK GREETERS

6/2, 9    Caryl Ligler                      Darlene Olson  
6/16, 23 Jean Reimann                Sharon Laingen  
6/30    Jean Reimann                      Sharon Laingen

### READERS

6/2, 9, 16 Ann Peterson                Dan Wanzung  
6/23, 30 Sarah Gothblad              Miles Macone

### ALTAR GUILD

Mary Kirkwood and Noreen Barnes

### COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

6/2       Penny Cuskey                      Dan Wanzung  
6/16     Louise Martell                    Cathy Severance  
6/30     Laura Kalisch                     Dave McNulty

### ACOLYTES

6/2       Josh Peterson                      Jonah Simundson  
6/9       Usher                                Jesse Morales  
6/16     Jake Hartwig                      Charlotte Macone  
6/23     Usher                                Ben Eichten  
6/30     Georgie Gothblad

### POWER POINT

6/2       Mary Hemshrot                    Marcy Thalacker  
6/9       Becky Gauger                      Julie Rankila  
6/16     Krista Lyons-Hartwig            Jessica Macone  
6/23     Jackie Callander                 Diane Hagler  
6/30     Mike Kalisch                       Pat Reijo