

A NOTE FROM PASTOR DAN

“Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are a variety of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same Lord who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.”
1 Corinthians 12:4-7.

Some congregations have all the volunteers they need, joy permeates everything they do, and their vision is contagious. Other congregations are mired in endless meetings that produce burned out volunteers who question the value of what they do. How does a congregation foster the former and avoid the latter?

Our world has changed. Many people today have overloaded schedules. At the same time, many people today are hungry for fellowship, authentic community, a place to belong. Even busy people will find ways to block out time for what’s important to them. A mission-oriented congregation will help people grow as “Little Christs”.

That sounds a lot like Trinity. I want to thank you for what you do, because what you do matters to many people in this congregation, this community, and the various places you have reached out to through your mission efforts. Trinity’s success rests on having developed an organizational structure that identifies the ongoing work that needs to be performed and delegating those tasks to people suitably gifted and passionate about accomplishing them. If someone is frustrated or isn’t getting satisfaction out of a task, it is a good indication that it is outside that person’s gift. Trinity seeks to offer a variety of ways that people can serve so that everyone can find some way that works for them.

To help members give of themselves in satisfying ways, Trinity seeks to provide opportunities for growth and training. Everyone from barbers to nurses to pilots receive training to give them confidence and enhance their skills. Be it a mentor of formal education or tips on deciphering a name that looks unprounceable, Trinity is committed to give you the skills you need to succeed.

Some skills are not immediately obvious, but are essential in a congregation’s life together. Life experiences, such as dealing with suffering or tragedy, leave their mark in a person’s life providing the spiritual maturity to help others grow as disciples of Christ. Trinity

seeks to provide age appropriate opportunities for service; be it children’s choir or Christmas pageant, youth service projects or soup and sandwich suppers, men’s pancake breakfasts or women’s Bible studies, in addition to all the boards and committees that allow Trinity’s mission and ministry to function so well. (Your weekly bulletin and monthly Trumpet have many up to date examples of the latest happenings at Trinity).

Trinity recognizes that there is more work that needs to be done as we continue to recruit in order to achieve inclusiveness and a mixture of gifts, skills and availability that best match your passions with the needs of the congregation and its ministry. The best way to do this is through visits, or a conversation in the hallway or even a phone call rather than an article in the newsletter. So here is what I need you to do. Seek out a member of the Church Council, (if you don’t know who they are, check out their pictures located by the pastor’s office) and tell them how we can help you best serve Trinity.

~ In Christ, Pastor Dan ~

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‘SHARE 4 BIKE SAFETY’



Trinity is partnering with the City of Spooner Police Department for Share 4 Bike Safety. 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.

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It’s Coming!! It’s Coming!!

The 99 year kick-off to 100! Happening sooner than you think. Special events are being planned and it’s time to start the celebration.



ONE SERVICE: JUNE 30 @ 9:00 AM

Mark your calendars for June 30th as there will only be

ONE SERVICE AT 9:00 AM.

It will be our very first “event”. Mark your calendars NOW!



THANKS FOR MAY HELP GOES TO...

- Penny Cuskey, Miriam Michealson, Gloria Thue, Noreen Barnes, for office help
- To All who helped with the Spring Clean Up Day
- Ruth Skeie for making baptismal napkins
- Mary Benson for doing our calligraphy on certificates
- Dave and Pat Reijo for fixing outdoor “Handicapped” signs
- 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, Mary Hemshrot & Ken Schult for recording/videotaping worship services and preparing them for DVD format

3G VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL...All Are Welcome!

New this year, we have an opportunity for everyone to join in the tradition of VBS. On Sunday June 9th, 16th, and 23rd from 3:00-5:30 Luther Park Bible Camp staff will lead activities for pre-school kids through 5th grade. Older MS and HS students will participate in service activities and there will be study/discussion activities for adults. All will gather for potluck supper at 5:30 and outdoor worship will be led by camp staff and kids at 6:30. The evening will end with S’mores around the campfire. Join us and see our kids nurturing their faith in Holy Play with Luther Park Bible Camp.



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 6-1 Amy Costello
- 6-2 Makenzie Hanson
- 6-3 Glenn Anderson, Ian Perrine, Ashley Oakland, Sandy Rudolph
- 6-5 Gary Colbert
- 6-7 Philip Markgren
- 6-8 Betty Yurik
- 6-10 Jack Pank, Reagan Clark
- 6-12 Cameron Sondreal
- 6-13 Marcy Thalacker
- 6-14 Doug Olson
- 6-15 Donna Kegel, Caryl Ligler, Matthew Slaminski, Deb Edberg, Gena Griffeth
- 6-18 Fred Schluter, Shauna Lindstrom
- 6-19 Paul Hartwig
- 6-21 Jake Hartwig
- 6-23 Gerald Fenske, Curt Stewart
- 6-25 Ashley Miller
- 6-27 Mary Benson, Jessica Macone
- 6-28 Thomas Clark



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



NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE:
JUNE 17, 2019
 Any articles received after that date
 Will be printed in next month's newsletter.





PRAYER MESSAGE: JESUS IS YOUR BFF

From Prayer Guide Dawn Richter

Do you have at least one BFF? A “Best Forever Friend” you can rely on to share times of joy and sorrow, who you know has got your back even on your worst days? When something really wonderful or really terrible happens to you, who do you think of immediately to share it with? A friend can be someone you’ve know all your life, or someone you just met last week. I’ve many times considered my husband my best friend, and my sisters are up at the top of the list. There are also social friends, the ones you see when coming together to enjoy like-minded activities. Friends can come in all ages and from all different backgrounds and, sadly, friends can drift away due to life circumstances.

One definition of a friend is a person who has a strong liking for, and trust in, another person. I think the best definition of a friend should be Jesus. Who better defines a “BFF” than Jesus, and for many reasons?

Jesus is our heavenly King and Lord, but like a good friend does not boast on himself or try to make us feel less important. Indeed, He loves us so much that he took human form and died for us. In John 15:13 Jesus said “Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.”

Jesus has every quality a best friend should have. My husband is great, but sometimes I get the feeling he isn’t really listening, like when he’s scrolling Facebook or watching TV. And I sometimes get the feeling he wants me to hurry up and get to the point. I confess to half listening when my kids were younger and I was in the middle of something when they would come to me with a request. Jesus is the best listener and is only a prayer away. He will never be too busy or distracted to hear everything we have to say. And if we find trouble putting our feelings into words, Jesus can read them in our hearts, which is pretty magical. Honesty is the best policy – at least with Jesus. If you need an example, the Bible is full of the promises Jesus has kept with us. Sometimes the truth hurts, but Jesus tells us what we need to hear with love and not out of jealousy or spite. If you ask Him if that outfit makes you look fat, His answer will be that you look perfect in His eyes, and it will be the truth.

Jesus will love you unconditionally, even when you let Him down. No one likes it when a friend does this, and we are guilty of this same fault. But Jesus will stand by you even in an argument. Even when you turn your back on Him, He will never turn his back on you.

You never have to be in the “Cool Kids Club” to have Jesus as your best friend. Jesus has accepted you for who and what you are, and doesn’t care if you are into golf or if you’d rather be biking; reading a book or running a marathon. Maybe you wear cowboy boots or maybe you wear hi-tops, have hair the color of a rainbow or naturally gray, live on the 20th floor of your apartment building or in a cabin in the woods. Jesus loves your uniqueness and you will always fit in with Him.

As in the words of one of my favorite hymns written by Irish poet Joseph Scriven in 1855, “What a Friend We Have in Jesus.” My hope is that you have an entire Army of wonderful friends you can count on, to share both your joys and sorrows. But remember that Jesus really is your BFF and will be for a lifetime.

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



Summer is arriving—we think!! So that means it’s time for our awesome Summer Bible Studies. We would **love** to set attendance records this year. In June the circles will have their regular meetings. THEN ALL WOMEN are invited to meet as a group for Bible Study on July 15th at 10:00 am in Teri Schult’s gazebo with a potluck lunch to follow. We will be planning an event in August. Stay tuned for details.

Circles are asked to clean the kitchen as best they can. Then we will deal with what remains to be done as best we can. The cleaning can happen anytime. We would like to add kitchen cleaning to the annual clean-up day.

Since Father’s Day falls during VBS this year, we will be doing a continental breakfast instead of a brunch on Father’s Day. We will be serving rolls, coffee cake, fruit, juice and coffee between services at 9:00. Each circle is asked to provide two dozen rolls or coffee cake. WELCA will provide the fruit and juice.

WELCA will serve the VBS potluck on June 16th. Volunteers are needed. The VBS schedule is: 3:00-5:30 Activities; 5:30-6:30 Potluck; 6:30-7:00 Worship.

Dates to Remember:

- Quilting Dates: June 6, 13, 20 and 27th.
- VBS Sunday School: June 9, 16, 23 from 3:00-7:00 pm
- Summer Bible Studies: July 15 at 10:00 am at Schult's gazebo.
- Summer Retreat at Luther Park: August 12 and 13

Happy Summer, Cathy Severance

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**CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES: APRIL 8, 2019**

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

ABSENT: Steve Aschbacher, Joe Weiss, Kirsten Vik

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

GUESTS: Mutual Ministry – Sarah Gothblad

OPENING DEVOTIONS: Mark Fagerstrom

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Motion to approve by Pat Reijo, second by Mark Fagerstrom. Report approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Currently the budget is in great shape. Giving was approximately \$3500 above budgeted as well as expenditures being under budget by about the same amount which is great news. Motion to approve by Sue Gerberding, second by Anita Griffeth. Report approved.

PASTOR'S REPORT: On April 23 Trinity will be hosting the Heart of the North Pastor's Conference. Synod Assembly is coming up on May 4. The final confirmation session will be held on May 8. Pastor notified Council that we would likely be requesting a change in schedule as he did last year, shifting days worked from Thursday to Monday.

OLD BUSINESS: Motion to affirm the vote taken via email to appoint Steve Hemshrot to the position of Call Committee Alternate made by Pat Reijo, second by Mark Fagerstrom. Discussion followed. Teri informed Council members that after reviewing last month's minutes, Joe Weiss asked that it be noted that Katie Peterson had been appointed by the Call Committee as a youth representative and not as an alternate. In additional discussion, Council members felt that the alternate position should still be filled. Motion approved.

Pastor Dan was able to talk with Bishop Bvumbwe regarding finding Trinity a Malawi Companion Congregation and he may have a good option for us. Motion to move forward with the application at the Synod level made by Mark Fagerstrom, second by Sarah Slayton. Motion approved.

Information has come out that there is major flooding in Malawi. There may be options moving forward to help with the recovery effort. A motion was made to consider a request of \$1,000 from the Endowment Fund for flood relief efforts in Malawi by Sue Gerberding, second by Pat Reijo. Motion approved. Also noted, a portion of the Children's Offering has been designated for the Synod's community well project celebrating the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our Synod companionship with the Evangelical Church in Malawi.

Board/Council Goals were discussed. Key ideas included building relationships, activities, and youth involvement. This gives us a good focus moving forward.

NEW BUSINESS: Motion to approve appointments of Mike Richter (3 years), Jackie Callander (3 years), Matt Vesper (2 years), Jo Ann Schmidt (1 year) to the Mutual Ministry Committee made by Mark Fagerstrom, second by Sarah Slayton. Motion approved.

The Faithful Innovations Leadership Workshop is coming up July 24-26, several members from Trinity Council have expressed interest in attending. An idea is to ask the Endowment Fund to help cover some of the cost of attending. Information will be sent to the full council as well as Mutual Ministry to gauge interest.

BOARD OF TRUSTEE'S REPORT: Spring clean-up at Trinity will be held May 18 starting at 9:00 with a pot-luck served at noon. Work will focus on the outside of the building, although the pews and other things inside will be taken care of as well. Work continues on the Capital Projects. The front door and windows have been completed and the bathrooms should be finished soon.

BOARD OF CONGREGATIONAL CARE REPORT: The 100 Year Anniversary Committee has been put together although a few additional men are being sought. A meeting will be scheduled with Worship and Music soon.

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT: There were 21 kids that showed up for the Pizza and Bowling night. A new VBS model will be used this year. There will be a summer trip July 7-12 offered through Camp Amnicon. Volunteers are needed to help with the Maundy Thursday service. Several youth will be assisting as well. There will be an evening event held April 27 from 6:30 to

9:30 instead of the lock-in. May 12 will be the last day of Sunday School. Summer Camp information will be coming out soon.

**BOARD OF CHURCH IN SOCIETY REPORT:** The Board would like to do a Bike Safety Event in partnership with the police department in place of a "Race 4" event. This will be held on June 1 at the Family Fun Fest in Spooner.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:** At the Synod Assembly in June, the ELCA constitution will be amended. This means that our constitution will need to be brought in line with the new congregational constitution model. It has been noted that language regarding Mutual Ministry term lengths in our Constitution and the by-laws does not match and the language defining the make-up of the Call Committee needs to be clarified. These changes can be addressed at one time and brought to the congregation.

It is time to conduct personnel reviews for Church staff, Teri and Mark will be working on those soon.

Motion to adjourn made by Mark Fagerstrom, second by Marie Lund. The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 PM. Next meeting date: May 13, 2019. Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Minutes submitted by Kyle Young, TLC Council Secretary



**SUMMER OFFICE HOURS**  
*[The office is closed during the lunch hour]*  
**Monday – Thursday: 8:30 AM – 3:00 PM**  
**Friday – 9:00 AM-11:00 AM**



**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.



**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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 MISSIONARIES: Dr. Steve and Bethany Friberg

**COUNCIL EXECUTIVE BOARD (2019)**

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

**STAFF**

|                       |                      |              |
|-----------------------|----------------------|--------------|
| Interim Pastor/office | Dan Hermanson        | 715-635-3603 |
| Office Manager        | Julie Rankila        | 715-635-6552 |
| Bookkeeper            | Krista Lyons-Hartwig | 715-790-0134 |
| Choir Director        | Tamara Smith         | 715-468-4424 |
| Janitor               | Gary Frederickson    |              |

**FROM THE CHURCH RECORDS: APRIL/MAY**

**MEMBERSHIP:** Baptized –488                      Confirmed – 387

**DEATHS:**                      Marlene Moeller 02/05/19

**BAPTISMS:**                      Oscar Peter Hasselquist 05/19/19

**TOTAL MONTHLY INCOME/EXPENSES - MAY:**

|                   |             |               |             |
|-------------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|
| General Offering: | \$25,652.19 | Year to Date: | \$86,788.72 |
| Expenses:         | \$23,061.81 | Year to Date: | \$85,274.68 |

**AVERAGE** monthly Sunday attendance for April: **176**



## 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       |



## JULY SERVICE HELPERS

Traditional 8:00 AM

Celebration 10:30 AM

### USHERS

|          |                               |                          |
|----------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 7/7, 14  | Ken/Teri Schult               | Ben/Dave McNulty         |
| 7/21, 28 | Mark Fagerstrom/D. Gerberding | Scott Smith/Bill Moeller |

### GREETERS

|          |                     |                             |
|----------|---------------------|-----------------------------|
| 7/7, 14  | Jon/Diane Rezarch   | Vern/Dixie Lokken           |
| 7/21, 28 | Dave/Linda Markgren | Ruth Skeie/Missy Wienbergen |

### GUESTBOOK GREETERS

|          |                 |                            |
|----------|-----------------|----------------------------|
| 7/7, 14  | Dorothy Lemoine | Ruth Kruger                |
| 7/21, 28 | Dorothy Lemoine | Milda Brainerd/Allyn Graap |

### READERS

|          |              |                 |
|----------|--------------|-----------------|
| 7/7, 14  | Dawn Richter | Dawn Olson      |
| 7/21, 28 | Gloria Thue  | Cathy Severance |

### ALTAR GUILD

Sharon Laingen

### COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

|      |                   |                    |
|------|-------------------|--------------------|
| 7/7  | Miriam Michealson | Sharon Laingen     |
| 7/21 | Steve Hemshrot    | Mary Jean Johannes |

### ACOLYTES

|      |               |                  |
|------|---------------|------------------|
| 7/7  | Jesse Morales | Quinlan Slayton  |
| 7/14 | Ushers        | Nicholas McNulty |
| 7/21 | Andy Gothblad | Ethan Young      |
| 7/28 | Ushers        | Piper Sunderland |

### POWER POINT

|      |                      |                 |
|------|----------------------|-----------------|
| 7/7  | Krista Lyons-Hartwig | Diane Hagler    |
| 7/14 | Mike Kalisch         | Pat Reijo       |
| 7/21 | Mary Hemshrot        | Julie Rankila   |
| 7/28 | Becky Gauger         | Marcy Thalacker |

