

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ



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From the Desk of the Pastor

Interim Pastor Ron Hughes

Can you believe it, but its Reformation once again? It seems that it was just a couple of months ago we celebrated the 500th birthday of Martin Luther!

In the book of Revelation where some of our texts are taken from on Sunday Morning, speaks of a Revelation Angel. In fact, Dr. Luther's Pastor at his funeral speaks in his eulogy of Martin Luther as being one of those angels or messengers sent by God to protect the Church.

Can you imagine the fortitude of Dr. Luther, when standing before the Emperor Charles the 5th and all the princes of Germany, and took that stand for the bible and for the faith, as he pointed out so boldly had become corrupted with power and money, and faced with the threat of execution re-fused to recant his statements. It really took courage to do that and faith. A faith so strong that it can move mountains.

It is a lesson that the Reformation Angel flew through the Holy Spirit and then Martin Luther as he penned the 95 thesis and then nailed them to the door of the church in Wittenberg. God not only sent the Reformation Angel in Martin Luther's time, but throughout history. Dietrich Bonhoeffer stood up in opposition to the Nazi's and because of his defiance he was murdered by them. Today we will see that the Reformation Angel still flutters its wings resisting attacks from outside the Church and Overcoming the enemies from within the Church. The book of Revelation warns the church that the fiercest enemies of the church will be the state: the rulers of this world!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Annual Soup Supper	November 6
Mission Fund Offering designated towards	
College Students' Care Packages	November 10
Children's Worship Sunday	November 17
TEC #16	November 22-24
Christmas Program	December 15

In addition, how do we combat that? We have to bind together and stop the very people we elected from causing more damage. We have to stop the speaker of the house, who claims she is a Catholic, and her church is a pro-life church from taking away our rights as a Christian. In a nation that was founded under the protection of God we have to stop and pray and pray unceasingly. Here is something our one of our Greatest Presidents said *that may remind each and every one of us that it is our duty to pray for God's intercession in our country.*

"America will never be destroyed from the outside. If we falter and lose our freedoms, it will be because we destroyed ourselves."

— **Abraham Lincoln**

Firmly in His Grip: Pastor Ron

Pastor Ron is available for pastoral care and visitation. Hours:

Monday 10 AM-3 PM, 4-7 PM

Tuesday 1-5 PM

Wednesday 10 AM-3 PM, 4-7 PM

Thursday 10 AM-3 PM, 4-7 PM

***or contact him on his cell phone (772) 349-7462
or parsonage 337-3294***

Church Council Minutes

Trinity Lutheran Church Council October 21, 2019

Present: Lee Hanten, Todd Strand, Jerry Dykstra, Shirley Johnson, Kevin Severson, and Connie Kirsch

The meeting was called to order by Lee Hanten. He led with prayer.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The secretary's report was read. Todd Strand made a motion to approve with a second from Kevin Severson. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The treasurer's report was read. Todd Strand made a motion to approve with a second from Kevin Severson. Motion carried.

TRUSTEE'S REPORT

TILES IN FELLOWSHIP HALL: F&M Acoustical has been contacted about the tiles in the fellowship hall but they have not returned our phone call as of yet.

PARSONAGE REPAIRS: A quote from Reiser's has been received for siding and windows. This was tabled until next month.

BASEMENT SUMP PUMPS: Both of the sump pumps in the basement have been replaced.

LAWN SPRINKLERS: The sprinklers have been blown out for the season.

DEACON'S REPORT

Shirley Johnson reported on visitations.

OLD BUSINESS

BASEMENT PROJECT BIDS: It was brought up by members of the congregation about possibly getting bids from out of town contractors since we only received one bid back from local contractors when we were originally bidding the project.

SEARCH COMMITTEE REPORT: Kevin Severson reported that there were between 12-15 applicants for the pastoral position and some were weeded out immediately. As of the council meeting 3 initial interviews had been completed with 2 more scheduled.

NEW BUSINESS

NOVEMBER SPECIAL OFFERING: Kevin Severson moved that the special offering in November be designated for postage of the college student care packages. Todd Strand seconded. Motion carried.

LIVE FEED CAMERAS: The Memorial Committee will be giving \$3000 to go towards the cameras needed for the live feed of the services. The original bid was a little over \$5000 for the equipment. Todd Strand moved to use whatever is left in the budget for equipment replacement with the rest to come out of the general fund so we can get this working. Connie Kirsch seconded. Motion carried.

SUGGESTION BOX: Much discussion was held regarding the suggestion box. Some of the suggestions over the past month were: Christmas presents for paid help, confirmation class workbook concerns, trimming/cleaning of bushes outside, and keeping money local instead of giving to missions overseas. It would truly be helpful if a member does have a concern that they sign their name so we can contact them directly to make sure their question is answered fully. No action was taken on the Christmas present suggestion or giving local instead of overseas missions. The Board of Ed has been in contact with Pastor Ron regarding the workbook and they will go back to using it once the section on the 10 Commandments is complete. Hopefully there will be another nice day to work on the bushes.

PASTOR'S REPORT

None.

Shirley Johnson made a motion to adjourn with a second from Jerry Dykstra. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Connie Kirsch

From the WOW Co-Presidents

Deb VanDerWerff & Jan DuFrain

Hebrews 12:1 *Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.*

No one would run an Olympic tryout in an overcoat or galoshes. Nor would an athlete race with a backpack full of rocks slung over their shoulder. That the picture in verse 1. The excess baggage the holy writer advises us to drop isn't just sin; it refers to anything that weighs us down, that keeps us from running the race of life freely and in as much joy as our Lord would have us run it.

Owning a beautiful home isn't wrong; it can be a gift from God. But if we spend every waking moment cleaning and maintaining it, we crowd other, God-pleasing activities out of our lives. We may have little time to disciple our children or little money to feed the poor.

Enrolling our children in sports or gymnastics isn't wrong; it can promote social growth and physical health. But if the resulting schedule makes finding time for a devotional life or public worship a burden, we can start to feel like we're running the race of life in snowshoes.

What hindrances keep you from more steady progress in your faith-walk? Why not ask your Coach to show you any entanglements He would like to free you from right now?

Remember He's your Father; He has your best interests at heart. (Sharpen the Focus from Today's Light Bible).

We wish each and every one of you a very happy and blessed Thanksgiving. Let us all remember to give thanks for all our Heavenly Father has given us, and remember to use these gifts for his glory.

1 Corinthians 3:9 *"For we are co-workers in God's service; you are God's field, God's building."*

WOW Treasurer's Report

Balance on Hand October 1, 2019	\$ 4,394.02
October Bible Study offering	\$ 122.00
Soup supper donations	\$ 80.00
Basement project-memorial R Burnham	\$ (25.00)
1517 Media	\$ (74.55)
Dividend	\$ 0.18
Balance on Hand October 31, 2019	\$ 4,496.65

Bible Study Groups:

Pilot Lesson with Pastor Ron
Monday, November 18th at 3:00 pm

Martha Bible Study Group
Tuesday, November 19th at 7:00 pm

Priscilla Bible Study
Wednesday, November 20th at 7:00 pm

Lesson Leader: Paula Nelson
Hostess: Sharon Rommen

Hannah Bible Study
Thursday, November 21st at 1:30 pm

Lesson Leader: Karen Dimick
Hostess: Karen Dimick



Christmas Care Packages

Martha Group will be assembling Holiday Care Packages to be sent to all TLC College Students. We will be accepting donations of any of the following items. There will be a tote in the Fellowship Hall to drop off items. Also, the **November Mission offering (2nd Sunday of Nov) will used for the shipping costs.** We will be shipping packages the first week of December.

Thank you in advance for helping send a bit of TLC love to our students.

College Care Packages:

Homemade treats	Letters/Cards/Encouraging words
Hard Candy	Candy Canes
Beef Jerky	Candy Bars
Gum	Small individual cereal boxes
Oatmeal Packages	Chips - individual bags
Trail mix	Fruit cups
Popcorn	Ramen noodles
Pretzels	Protein Bars
Granola Bars	Fruit Snacks
Crackers	Licorice
Hot chocolate mixes	Crystal light packs for water bottles
Juice boxes	Cookies
Small Gatorade	Dried Fruit
Pudding cups	Small Pringles
Nutri Grain Bars	Microwave Mac N Cheese
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*** Encouraging cards and words for congregation.	

This Month's Birthdays

11/1	Ryan Kott	11/13	Larry Tucker	11/21	Alaina VandenHoek
11/2	Laura Johnson*	11/13	Emerson Qualm	11/22	Casey Bailey
11/2	Kenny Antonsen	11/14	Jackson Olsen	11/23	Abby Spawn
11/2	Terry Hildebrand	11/14	Carla Lantz	11/23	Jackson Johnson
11/3	Jarod Severson	11/16	Elijah Ellwanger	11/24	Ryan Lantz
11/4	Kade Konstanz	11/17	Jerry Dykstra	11/24	Dennis Meyerink
11/5	Jalen Severson	11/17	William Warejcka	11/25	Samantha Ringling
11/5	Arlene Mason*	11/18	Marla Tegethoff	11/26	Maisey Suits
11/7	Kasen Konstanz	11/18	Nicole DeVries	11/27	Tyler Nelson
11/9	Jim Vanderboom	11/20	Jadean Nelson	11/28	Collins DuFrain
11/9	Hayes Holter	11/20	Liz Spawn	11/30	Tonya Standy



**Please remember these special 80+ Birthdays with a card or phone call*

Communion Servers

1st & 3rd Sundays of the Month

Kevin Severson
Toby Qualm
Connie Kirsch

Ushers

3—Jeff Engebretson & Mike Gilbertz
10—Austin DuFrain & Ethan DuFrain
17—Sunday School Kids
24—DeLyle Johnson & Larry Kuiper

Coffee/Cookie Servers

3—Tara Severson, Stacy Severson, Liz Spawn
10—Tonya Standy, Shawna Strand, Meredith Suits
17—Sheila Summerville, Marla Tegethoff, Sarah Timmerman
24—Evelyn Tucker, Laura Vanden Berge, Emily VandenHoek

Greeters

3—Laura Johnson & Caroline Butler
10—Doug & Gladys Kuipers
17—Sunday School Kids
24—Ryan & Traci Kott

Children's Worship Sunday

Please take note that the children's worship Sunday has been moved to **November 17th**. The Sunday School will be participating in the worship service through greeting, ushering, the Children's Sermon, reading Scripture, and special music.

"Noisy Offering"

The Sunday School kids will be taking their next "noisy offering" **Sunday, November 17th**. If any other parents, grandparents or congregation members have any loose change laying around and would like to contribute, please give it to a child to put in the bucket or feel free to put it in yourselves. Thanks so much for helping our youth understand the importance of giving back to the Lord for all we do receive. Board of Ed - Alisha, Meredith & Traci

TEC #16

TEC #16 is scheduled for November 22-24. TEC is a Christ-centered ministry dedicated to bringing teens into vital relationship with God, developing strong Christian leaders in their communities and the world. Register online for TEC #16 today at www.movalleytec.org ****Still NEEDED: a couple more adults, night security volunteers, and prayer chapel volunteers.** If interested in helping, please contact Shawn Wynia at 680-2244 or Bobbi Brink at 680-1459.

Collecting Shoes – Jeans – Socks – Underwear

We are collecting shoes, jeans, socks, and underwear for the Union Gospel Mission and Kingdom Boundaries in Sioux Falls. Please place donations in large boxes in the entry of the church and they will be delivered.



A feast of praise

Throughout the Bible, God's people give thanks and praise for his goodness.



Directions: Draw lines to match the scriptures (all NIV) with the correct speaker.

"I thank my God every time I remember you." Philippians 1:3	Hannah
"My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior." Luke 1:46-47	David
"He is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will exalt him." Exodus 15:2	Mary
"My heart rejoices in the LORD." 1 Samuel 2:1	Paul
"I will praise God's name in song and glorify him with thanksgiving." Psalm 69:30	Moses

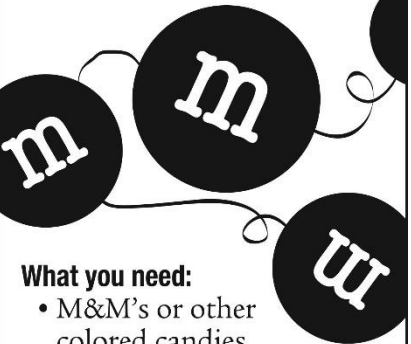
Answers: Philippians 1:3, Paul; Luke 1:46-47, Mary; Exodus 15:2, Moses; 1 Samuel 2:1, Hannah; Psalm 69:30, David

Christmas Program Practice Begins

Christmas Program Practice begins Sunday, November 17 from 10:45-12:00 pm and also practice on Sundays, November 24, December 8 & 15 and Wednesdays, November 20 & December 4 & 11 from 3:45-5:00 pm. The Christmas Program will be held Sunday, December 15th at 7:00 pm.



Start a fun tradition by playing this game on Thanksgiving.




What you need:

- M&M's or other colored candies
- A bowl
- The list below (adapt the colors, as needed)

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- Red:** a need God has provided for
Orange: a gift you've received
Yellow: something you've recently learned
Green: something in nature
Blue: a special memory
Brown: someone you love
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What you do:

1. One at a time, people pick a candy and share what they're thankful for (according to the color).
2. Pass the bowl around and continue reflecting on God's goodness until all the candy is gone!



Trinity Lutheran Church's
Annual
Soup Supper

Wednesday, November 6th
5:00-7:00 PM

Serving Sandwiches, Dessert, and Homemade Soups
-Chili, Chicken Noodle, Zuppa Toscana

Free Will Donation will be collected in support
of our LCMC missionary, Steve Walters and other local missions

Search Committee Minutes

TLC Search Committee 10/6/19:

The committee met after worship to finalize details for the interview to be held that evening. This preliminary interview will be held via Skype. A sheet with interview questions and room for taking notes was passed out. Plans were also discussed for interview with another candidate that will take place in person at 5pm on Thursday, Oct. 10th. Jonna also gave a report of an individual she had been in contact with, who was inquiring about the pastor position. Another new applicant contacted Jeff as well. Jeff will contact him for an initial call and see if he is worthy of further calls or interviews.

TLC Search Committee Minutes 10/13/19:

The committee met after worship. A recap of last week's interview was held. Plans for another interview to be conducted at 6pm on 10/13 were completed. Another candidate that previously had been slated for an interview on 10/10 was postponed due to weather, that interview will now take place on 10/24. There are two more interviews with additional candidates that are in the process of being set up. Discussion was held on some of the interview questions and the length of the interview. This resulted in some revisions of the interview question sheet. Long range timeline was discussed. It was the consensus of the group, and supported by the council, that it is the committee's job to filter candidates and conduct several interviews and multiple interviews with serious candidates before presenting any to the congregation.

TLC Search Committee Update 10/27/19

The search committee did not have an official meeting last Sunday but did conduct an interview last Sunday night and had another one on Thursday evening at 5 pm.