



Trinity Lutheran Church Newsletter

February 2013

Prayer Requests.

- Judy Heckert
- Tim VerHaar
- Jean & Marilynne Lampson
- Sally Magruder—cancer
- Steve Roche
- Anne Stark
- Myrna & Mack Rankin
- Beverly Ann Davis

Military in Action.

- Wesley Davis
- Matt Head—USMC
- John R. Hill—Air Force
- Matt Olson—USMC
- Franklin Barr—US Navy

Pastor's Ponderings

Dear Friends in Christ:

During the month of February, I will be embarking on a spiritual journey by attending a retreat at the John Wesley Ranch in Florissant, Colorado from Monday, February 18th through Friday, February 22nd. I am extending my stay in Colorado through Monday, February 25th to help Andrea settle into her new apartment. Pastor Art Meyer has accepted my invitation to lead the worship and preach on Sunday, February 24th during my absence.

Why am I going on this spiritual retreat? To continue my journey inward as a pastor and caregiver; to see where God has led me in the past and where He is leading me in the future. I will be taking a very difficult journey, laying myself bare before a group of people and a spiritual guide who will help me evaluate and discern my past failures as a person, pastor and Christian, along with giving me some insights into where I need to go in the future for growth and spiritual health. You can say that this week of personal reflection and sharing my brokenness with others is part of what we call "Lent" – Jesus being thrust into the wilderness for forty days to be tempted by Satan and to rely on His heavenly Father and God's Word for support.

Do I want other people and God to hear my confessions and share my brokenness with them? Not really. Like you, I would rather live in denial and believe everything is okay. I would rather hide my true feelings because I don't want others to see or experience my pain. I don't want others to feel sorry for me. But to continue to do so is not healthy. To continue this sham of existence is not only hurting me, but is hurting others I hold near and dear to my heart. How can I truly value others in my family and in the church when I don't even value myself? How can I serve God as His shepherd and lead His flock when I sometimes refuse to confess my own sins and hide from God?

I am going on a very intense spiritual journey. Will you join me? You don't have to go to a retreat center for a week to lay yourself bare before others. Your walk can remain private and introspective. If you want to walk with another on this journey in Lent, either I am here for you or maybe you know someone you would trust to be your spiritual guide. This person has a history with you. He/she has always been a confidant, friend or mentor. They can see the potential in you and break down the barriers that keep you from living a whole and healthy life.

Of course, the church is always here to help you on this journey. There will be opportunities for spiritual growth and awakening throughout the forty days of Lent beginning on Ash Wednesday and ending on Holy Saturday. Here are a few of the Lenten practices being offered this season:

To start our journey together, Ash Wednesday will take place on February 13th at 7:00 p.m. with a worship service that includes the imposition of ashes and the celebration of Holy Communion. If you are unable to attend this service, but would like to receive the ashes, I am offering to meet either in my office or your home that day. Please call the office before February 13th to make an appointment with me.

During the following Wednesdays in Lent, we will again meet for food and fellowship beginning with our soup suppers at 6:00 p.m. followed by the worship service at 6:45 p.m. A sign-up sheet is posted on the “Volunteer” bulletin board for those wishing to provide soup, bread and dessert. Plans are being made with various members in the congregation to help lead these worship services not only in song but also by sharing their acting talents by portraying a certain biblical character (i.e. a paralytic, Mary Magdalene, Martha, Lazarus, etc.) during the sermon portion of the service.

During the Sundays in Lent, beginning on February 10th, I will be leading an adult Sunday school lesson on 40 days with the Lord’s Prayer using the Book of Faith material provided by Augsburg Fortress. This class will take an in-depth approach to the Lord’s Prayer using a daily devotional guide to be read and studied before each Sunday in Lent. It has become a common concern amongst Lutherans that what we do and say on Sunday has just become rote without really understanding the true meaning of the words coming out of our mouths, or going forth in our lives as a Christian witness to others. During our time together, we will explore the words and meanings behind this prayer our Lord shared with us so that “what we say with our mouths, we will also believe in our hearts”. Come join us for this study!

I hope and pray that you will find the time to communicate with God through the Lenten practices of prayer, confession and penance along with reading and studying the Word of God through daily devotions. Please include attending church on Sunday, the Wednesday night services and the study on the Lord’s Prayer during the regular Adult Sunday school hour beginning at 9:30 a.m.

May the Holy Spirit be our guide as we wander together into the spiritual wilderness of our lives and souls during these upcoming forty days in Lent.

Pastor Davis

ANNOUNCEMENTS!



Lunch Bunch will meet at K-Bob’s on February 4th at 11: 45 a.m.

The Women’s Bible Study meets on the 1st and 3rd Friday of each month. Please come for some great fellowship. They also have a prayer chain. If you have prayers, please call one of the following:

Linda Pike [327-4624]

Barbara Barr [325-3124]

Kathleen Lamb [327-1562]

The first of every month, we are collecting food for Daily Bread. You can get the large cans at Sam’s Club and at Wal-Mart for less than \$5 sometimes.



We are still collecting motel necessities for the Family Crisis Center. Please put your donations in the silver bag in the large gathering room. The Family Crisis Center really appreciates the kindness of the Trinity family. Thank you from the Women’s Bible Study. Motel amenities should be unopened.



Kathleen Lamb is collecting Box Tops for Education. If you have any, please bring them to church.



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

REGGIE & LINDA CRABTREE 19TH

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

NANCY PETERSON 10TH

JOHANNAH NOBLE 12TH

JAN MEHL 18TH

ADRIANNA TRUJILLO 26TH

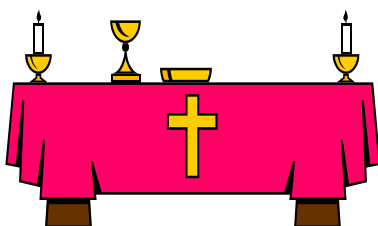
BILL PETERSON 27TH



FEBRUARY ALTAR GUILD

8:00 a.m. Linda Crabtree

10:30 a.m. Linda Pike



“Why We Do What We Do When We Worship” (running series, part 7)

THE COMMUNION

The Agnus Dei is the first hymn to be sung during the distribution of Holy Communion. This Lamb of God passage is based on John 1:29. As we sing it we need to be reminded of these words by Luther Reed: “We think of it not so much as a confession of our unworthiness but as a spiritual communion with Christ who is directly addressed and whose presence we sense.” Therefore, we come to the Table confident of God’s mercy and love. While He comes to us individually, He does not come to us as individuals. We gather at the Lord’s Table not as individuals, but as fellow members of God’s family. Jesus Christ comes to the community in the Sacrament of Holy Communion. He only comes to me by virtue of the fact that I am a member of the community to which He comes. There is no private communion between Jesus and me.

POST COMMUNION

Following the distribution of the elements, the service moves quickly to a close. We give thanks for God’s gifts and are pointed to our life of service in the world. The tone is one of joy. The song of praise with the accompanying prayer, form a bridge between our Lord’s life-giving gift and our mission as his loving people. Worship is to be carried out in our daily lives.

THE BLESSING

We are sent forth with His blessing to serve Him and His world. The sign of the cross is made as a reminder of our baptism. When we were baptized we were sealed with the cross of Christ and He made us His own.

(This is the conclusion of this column of explanations of our worship service. Thanks to Gary Rollstin for this information.)



LENT SERVICE LEADERS

Accompanist Leader

2/20	Luwil Aligarbes	Cindy VerHaar
2/27	Todd Doyle	Jill Cashon
3/6	Todd Doyle	Terri Cross
3/13	Christine Dunlap	Terri Cross
3/20	Jan Mehl	Cindy VerHaar



TLC Youth will be selling SUPER BOWL subs on Sunday, February 3rd with the freewill offering raised to go toward their Malaria Project.

A big “Thank You” to the members of the Pictorial Directory Team: Joan Emrich, Linda Pike, Jan Mehl and Richard Baker. Many hours were spent contacting members for appointments and confirming all was in place for the photographers.

Great Job Team!

Thrivent Meeting

Next meeting will be **Thursday, February 21st at noon at TLC.** Meetings are open to everyone. Bring your lunch and join in!



Sign up for the Youth Valentine's Dinner on Saturday, February 16th 5:00 and 7:00. Need volunteers to make desserts.



2013 Summer Camp at Rainbow Trail!

RTLC's theme for 2013 is “Blessed to be a Blessing”

Many programs available for youth groups, families, adult groups, etc. Check out the summer brochure in the Fellowship Hall. Call RTLC at 719-276-5233 or their website at www.rainbowtrail.org for more information.

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
COUNCIL MINUTES
DECEMBER 3, 2012

Bruce Glade called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Devotions by Pastor on an article from The Lutheran entitled “Why Don’t People Come to Church?”

Present were: Richard Baker, John Penney, Bruce Glade, Terri Cross, Carla Lich, Pastor Davis, Marie Schumacher, Gary Rollstin, and Cindy VerHaar. George Head and Sarah Head were absent. Joan Emrich was also in attendance.

Bruce asked if youth were helping with soup suppers. It was clarified that they were not. He noted that there is a sum of \$113.50 designated for debt reduction only.

Gary Rollstin made a motion to accept the November 5, 2012 Council Minutes; Cindy VerHaar seconded motion; motion passed.

Treasurer’s Report:

Joan is holding \$351.00 that has been collected for the malaria nets. Yesterday was one of worst Sundays, around \$1,400.00. Bills are paid but offering was low. Insurance is due plus the repair bill for the motor on the furnace. We have 4 more services plus Christmas to catch up. Richard Baker made motion to accept Treasurer’s Report; John Penney seconded motion; motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Building & Property – Furnace motor went out, probably around \$400.00-500.00. Nothing much else to report.

Worship & Music – Gary Rollstin encouraged everyone to come to soup suppers on Wednesday night. It will be a busy month. New banner looks very nice.

Evangelism – Terri Cross reported two young ladies visited yesterday. Not many other visitors. Information Booth is still at Church, but after the first of the year Terri will get it moved to her house to refinish.

Youth - Burrito Sale on December 16th. They will go Christmas Caroling with members at Bridge on 23rd of December, 2012. Malaria nets and Valentine Dinner will be addressed after first of the year. Rainbow Trail has events going on. National Youth Conference is a huge undertaking for youth to go. Thrivent opened new center outside of Cuba. This would be good place for youth retreat.

Old Business:

Council nominations: Nicole Baker, Jessica Doyle, Rose Marie Cole, Kathleen Lamb and Bruce Glade have agreed to run for Council. Nominations will be taken from the floor.

New Business:

Servant of the Month – Two youth were nominated for servants of the months of December and January; seconded by Gary Rollstin; motion carried.

Review of Preliminary Budget – Joan Emrich, Gary Rollstin and Bruce Glade reviewed the budget. The only real modifications were to Pastor and Terri Cross' salaries. Bruce ran several scenarios. The committee settled on 1.7 % increase for Pastor. Pension and health costs went up over \$1,600.00 in addition to his salary increase. Social security increased almost \$900.00. Total compensation package increased about \$3,000.00. Terri Cross' compensation was discussed. The committee recommended \$1.00 per hour increase. Bruce went over budgeted items line by line. He stated that the Youth group cannot watch kids in the Nursery without an adult in the nursery due to liability. Attendant needs to be CPR certified. Bruce will check insurance and worker's compensation amounts. Budget is \$165,000.00 for 2013. We may have to revisit budget half way through the year depending on economy.

Marie made motion to accept budget with modifications; John Penney seconded motion; motion carried. Bruce went over budget changes with Pastor and Terri. Compensation package for Pastor was 1.7% recommendation. Budget for Terri went with 10% increase to \$11.00 per hour. Budget will be taken to congregation.

Other New Business:

Thrivent money was down – they changed policy. Gary will do first service, second service and congregational meeting informing congregation of Thrivent changes.

Annual reports: Need to be turned in no later than January 10th, 2013 for January 27, 2013 Annual Meeting.

Pastor's Report: Before us. December is busy month. Pastor took ladies out for lunch today.

Closing Prayer: Meeting ended with Lord's Prayer.

Adjournment: Motion made by Cindy VerHaar; seconded by Richard Baker; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm

Next meeting: Monday, January 7, 2013 at 6:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Sharen Glade