



Trinity Lutheran Church Newsletter

March, 2013

Prayer Requests:

- Judy Heckert
- Tim VerHaar
- Jean & Marilynne Lampson
- Sally Magruder—cancer
- Steve Roche
- Anne Stark
- Myrna & Mack Rankin
- Beverly Ann Davis
- Tim Peterson – Marge
Peterson 's son

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:

How is your Lenten journey going these days? Giving things up for Lent? Finding the deepest darkest secrets of your soul to cleanse before the coming of our Lord on Easter Sunday? I hope this column finds us deeply immersed in this season known as Lent. It is a time of death and life, of rebirth and renewal.

As I quote these words to you, I am sitting in a ranch dining hall at 5:00a.m. on Friday. I am exhausted from all the week's labors where I have had to meet five people for the very first time as part of an educational program I will be participating in for the next five months. We have shared our life stories together, going down the road of Lent in our own way to unearth deep wounds and find God's healing touch through prayer and sharing in God's Word together. It is amazing how a group of unknowns can come together and find healing through each other's personal stories. Yes, we are not alone and yes, we can still find God's light in the midst of our personal darkness. Every day we suffer from what I call "a small death" only to find God just right around the corner extending his hands and saying "come to me".

May I offer up a challenge to you as your pastor and fellow sojourner on the road to Jerusalem and the cross? As you have probably heard me mention in a sermon or comment during our 40 Days in the Lord's Prayer adult study, I have become somewhat disillusioned with how we say words but don't understand the meaning behind them. We have continued to wallow in our comfort zones and refuse to find new perspectives on life. Keeping these words in mind, I offered up a challenge to the Church council during our meeting last month to "think outside the box" when it came to "doing" church. Of course, church is never about "doing", it's always been about "being". I challenged the Church council to come up with some outlandish ways to make Christ known in worship and in the community, moving beyond our comfort zones and being spontaneous with our calling to be "bearers of the Word". One person, during brainstorming, mentioned having a "pajama Sunday" where everybody came in their pajamas to worship. Another idea came from the people I have been sharing my life and time with during this past week. Being that we are in an age of

technology, one person brought up the idea of having the people in the congregation text questions to the Pastor during his sermon. The Pastor, in turn, could stop his sermon and answer the question at hand or wait until after the sermon to share his thoughts with the person who sent the text. Yes, it's amazing what happens when we allow the Spirit to take over our hearts and lives!

So what are your ideas about making Christ more alive during worship where we truly bring the Word of God to life instead of just telling the "old, old story" by quoting mere words out loud? I believe if we capture the true essence and enthusiasm of worship again, our lives will take a turn for the better. Once the Spirit of God comes alive in a community, individual members start becoming alive for others outside the community. You just can't contain God's Spirit or Word, it just wants to "bust out" the doors like Jesus did when he "busted" out of the tomb and brought life again to all people.

Don't let Lent become just another thing we do like just "saying" the Lord's Prayer or the Apostles' Creed on Sunday. Let's challenge ourselves and pray for the Holy Spirit to open our hearts and lives to new possibilities and opportunities for growth. Remember, you are not alone on this journey. God, like that poem "Footprints", is carrying you through those painful times in your life and reassuring you that you will still belong to him in this life and in the life hereafter.

Thanks be to God!

Pastor Davis

ANNOUNCEMENTS!



Lunch Bunch will meet at K-Bob's on March 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!

KRIS & EMILY LAMAN	13 TH
DON & SHARON DAVIS	22 ND
ANN & EUGENE MEYER	31 ST

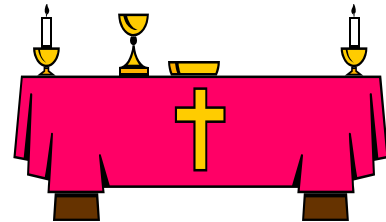
HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

CRYSTAL WIRTH	5 TH
KEVIN WEISS	6 TH
HALEIGH DOYLE	7 TH
CORY VERHAAR	11 TH
BOB JOST	13 TH
BOBBY CANDELARIA	13 TH
BRANDON BAKER	13 TH
JAY PETERMAN	14 TH
LYNAYA GROTH	15 TH
GEORGE HEAD	16 TH
NICOLE BAKER	19 TH
CAROL SANCHEZ	23 RD
JILL CASHON	26 TH
WILLIE BROWN	28 TH
ANN MEYER	30 TH



MARCH ALTAR GUILD

8:00 a.m.	Rose Marie Cole
10:30 a.m.	Carol Sanchez



Calendar of Events:

Mar. 1.....	Women’s Bible Study, 9 am
Mar. 4.....	K-Bob’s Lunch, 11:45 am
Mar. 4.....	Church Council, 6:30 pm
Mar. 6.....	Soup Supper, Lent Service, 6:00 pm
Mar. 11.....	Worship & Music, 7:00pm
Mar. 13.....	Soup Supper , Lent Service, 6:00 pm
Mar. 15.....	Women’s Bible Study, 9 am
Mar. 20.....	Soup Supper, Lent Service, 6:00pm
Mar. 21.....	Thrivent Lunch Meeting, 12 pm
Mar. 25.....	Worship & Music, 7:00 pm

Coffee Hour Host List:

3 rd	8 a.m.	Jan Mehl
	10:30 a.m.	Nicole Baker
10 th	8 a.m.	Larrie Wright
	10:30 a.m.	Shawna Cuevas
17 th	8 a.m.	Carol Forman
	10:30 a.m.	Ann Jost
24 th	8 a.m.	Susan Wykoff
	10:30 a.m.	Marilyn Wright
31 st	Easter Pancake Breakfast after each service	



MARCH WORSHIP LEADERS

Assistant Minister:

3 rd	8:00	Gary Rollstin
	10:30	Sandy Samson
10 th	8:00	Gary Rollstin
	10:30	
17 th	8:00	Luanne Davis
	10:30	
24 th	8:00	Gary Rollstin
	10:30	
31 st	8:00	Luanne Davis
	10:30	Carla Lich

Lector:

3 rd	8:00	Joan Emrich
	10:30	
10 th	8:00	John Penney
	10:30	Terri Cross
17 th	8:00	Luanne Davis
	10:30	Terri Cross
24 th	8:00	Lynaya Groh
	10:30	Terri Cross
31 st	8:00	Rose Marie Cole
	10:30	John Penney

Ushers/Greeters:

3 rd	8:00	Knut & Jan Mehl
	10:30	Nicole Baker
10 th	8:00	Bruce & Sharen Glade
	10:30	
17 th	8:00	Bruce & Sharen Glade
	10:30	
24 th	8:00	Lynaya & Belinda Groth
	10:30	
31 st	8:00	Knut & Jan Mehl
	10:30	Shawna Cuevas



Thank you volunteers for serving the Lord!

LENT SERVICE LEADERS

	<u>Accompanist</u>	<u>Leader</u>
2/20	Luwil Aligarbes	Cindy VerHaar
2/27	Todd Doyle	Jill Cashion
3/6	Todd Doyle	Terri Cross
3/13	Christine Dunlap	Terri Cross
3/20	Jan Mehl	Cindy VerHaar



2013 Summer Camp at Rainbow Trail!

RTLTC's theme for 2013 is
"Blessed to be a Blessing"

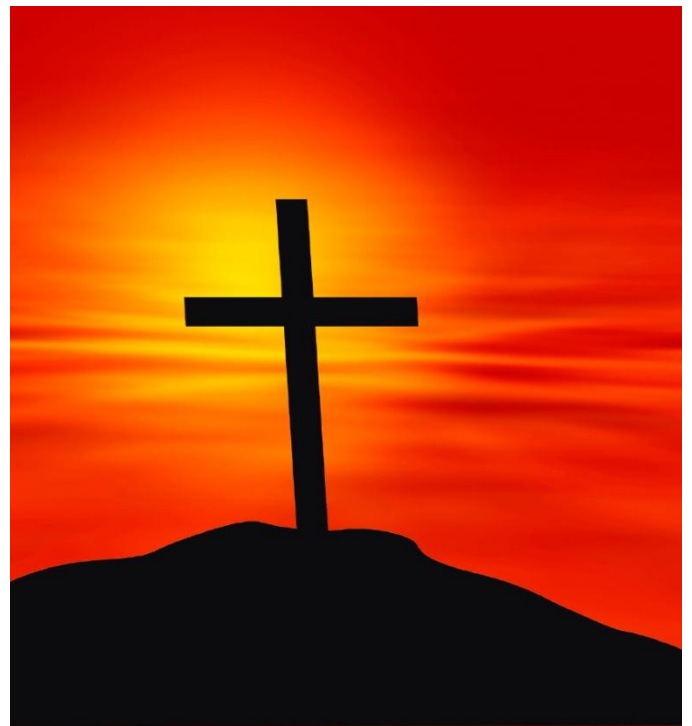
Many programs available for youth groups,
families, adult groups, etc. Check out the
summer brochure in the Fellowship Hall. Call
RTLTC at 719-276-5233 or their website at
www.rainbowtrail.org for more information.

**Daylight Savings Time begins at 2:00 a.m.
on Sunday, March 10th!**

Set your clocks AHEAD one hour!!!



**TLC Youth will once again host a
Pancake Breakfast on Easter Sunday
between the services. Join us for
delicious food and wonderful
fellowship on March 31st, Easter!**



HE IS RISEN!

*May you and your family celebrate a
joyous Easter in our Redeemer's
presence and through His grace and
mercy.*

**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
COUNCIL MINUTES
JANUARY 7, 2013**

Bruce Glade called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Pastor Davis opened the meeting with prayer.

Present were Bruce Glade, Terri Cross, Carla Lich, Pastor Davis, Jessica Doyle, Gary Rollstin, Rose Marie Cole, Marie Schumacher, Cindy VerHaar, Sarah Head, and George Head. Joan Emrich was also in attendance.

Bruce welcomed Jessica Doyle and Rose Marie Cole to Council.

Election of President and Vice-President:

Terri Cross nominated Bruce Glade to serve as President. He was elected by acclamation. Nominations for Vice-President. Carla Lich volunteered to serve as Vice-President. She was elected by acclamation.

Council Minutes: Correction to Minutes. “Joan” (not he) noted that there is a sum of \$113.50 designated for debt reduction only. Cindy VerHaar motioned to accept Minutes as corrected; Carla Lich seconded motion; motion carried.

Treasurer’s report:

Joan Emrich reported we ended year with no unpaid bills. We ended with \$6,391.00 in current; \$25,000.00 in reserve fund. Balance is \$352.00 for malaria nets; \$203.00 for soup supper. . Mortgage balance is \$54,000.00; Joan sent an additional \$450.00 for debt reduction in December. Cindy VerHaar made motion to accept Treasurer’s Report; Gary Rollstin seconded motion; motion carried.

Last month Council approved moving \$5,000.00 to be designated for carpet. Bruce would like to move \$5,000.00 to a special account. Joan will do this.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Property Committee - Bruce Glade called Lloyd’s Carpet to come out to give us an estimate for the common area, and down both hallways. Also, he would like to purchase some extra carpet tiles for replacing carpet squares as need be.

Worship and Music - Gary Rollstin stated it is quiet for now. Christmas services went well. There will be a Baptism this Sunday.

Evangelism - Couple of visitors Christmas Eve. Terri Cross will get in touch with them.

Youth - Sarah Head, youth representative to Council reported that the youth plan to still do Valentine’s Dinner (Tami wants to do southwest style). Instead of going to Uncle Cliffs, they want to go to Hinkle’s Family Fun. Bruce would like to have an itemized statement what the costs are before the event happens. Sarah will talk to Richard Baker about matching funds for malaria nets. The youth went to Bridge and caroled in December.

Old Business:

Pictorial Directory – Linda Pike handled this on Sunday. Marie brought up a question as to a sheet in packet talking about Feed the Need. Bring food and get \$5.00 off your portrait package. Joan Emrich will call the portrait company and inquire about this advertisement. Linda is going to call everyone that didn't sign up for pictures.

Congregational Meeting – January 27, 2013. Reports need to be at Church by 10th of January. It has to be an open meeting. We need to look at last year's Annual Meeting Minutes. Any vacancies that should occur on Council during this year, the next person on the ballot should be the new member to fill vacancy.

New Business:

Servant of the Month - Picked in advance last month.

Council Credit Card - Joan Emrich thought maybe if the Church had a credit card for the office, it would make it easier to buy supplies, etc. Carla brought up the idea of a pre-paid card. Pastor said if we go with a credit card there will have to be strict guidelines. It was tabled until next month.

Other New Business – Marie Schumacher is still in school and it is on Monday nights. Do we want to replace her or go with the flow until May? It was the consensus to keep meetings on Monday night. Marie will rejoin us in May or June.

Terri Cross brought up fact that in the past Council members took turns doing devotions and/or prayer. She would like to see that reinstated. After discussion it was reinstated and the calendar was completed for the year.

Pastor's Report – Went over highlights. Possibly service for new members soon. Council members will be installed on January 27, 2013. Need to have more people sign up and step up, bringing more people into worship. People need to be asked to do things at the Church rather than just volunteer on their own. Discussion involving these issues will be tabled until next month.

Closing Prayer – Meeting ended with Lord's Prayer.

Adjournment – Motion made by Cindy VerHaar; Marie Schumacher seconded; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Next meeting **February 4, 2013** at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharen Glade