



Trinity Lutheran Church Newsletter

May, 2013

Prayer Requests:

- Jean & Marilynne Lampson
- Sally Magruder—cancer
- Steve Roche
- Mack Rankin
- 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:

In one of the Christian devotions published by an author on *Guideposts*, a conversation took place between he and a friend concerning God's plan. The author was having a bad day where he was not getting things done as he so desired and was feeling rather low until his friend called him up out of the blue. The friend, you might say, was having a "bad life" where her mother was suffering from cancer, her fiancée decided to postpone their wedding, and the new job she had just started was not working out the way she thought it would. The author of the devotion then said that his bad day was nothing compared to his friend.

Here is part of the conversation that took place between these two individuals:

'What happens,' she wanted to know, 'if the things you hope for most in your life, the things you've dreamed about since you were little, are not part of God's plan for you?'

It was not a question I was prepared for in the middle of a busy workday, and I groped for something reassuring to tell Sarah. But while I was fumbling with a well-meant platitude, she interrupted me and answered her own question. 'I guess the thing I have to pray for is to accept God's will for me.'

I knew Sarah well enough to know that she really didn't believe that she was having a bad life, and that when she hung up the phone she would do exactly what she said: Say a prayer of acceptance rather than a prayer of demand. What she probably didn't know was that because of her call, I would be praying the same prayer.

God, you made me flexible so that I can bend. I must remember: Thy will, not mine.

As a pastor and fellow sojourner with you in Christ, I have had a real problem with people saying it is "God's plan". Yes, I believe God has a plan for our lives but we must choose those moments of opportunity that God gives us to fulfill His plan. It all boils down to

that thing known as “free will”. We decide for ourselves whether we want to live for God or for ourselves. If we live for ourselves, then we can’t complain to God when things go wrong or blame him by saying it was “God’s plan” when things didn’t go right.

God does know what is best for us. Since the beginning of time, God has provided many opportunities for his people to flourish and be blessed. He even sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, to teach us how to live for Him and for others by way of a sacrificial life of love. I believe it’s not a matter of God’s plan for our lives as it is answering this question in every waking moment of our lives, “How God, can I serve you?” Then, at night, give God thanks for the day and the opportunity to serve Him.

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God’s will be done.

Pastor Davis



ANNOUNCEMENTS!



Lunch Bunch will meet at K-Bob’s on May 6th 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.



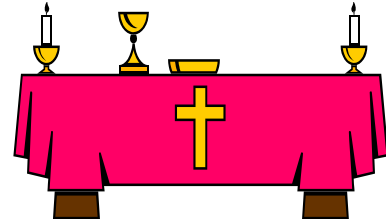
HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

FRANCIS & KYLA JOHNSON 4TH
RICHARD & TAMI BAKER 20TH



MAY ALTAR GUILD

8:00 a.m. Susan Wykoff
10:30 a.m. Linda Pike



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

SANDY SAMSON 2ND
AMINA JOHNSON 5TH
KYLE CANDELARIA 10TH
BOB ZEISMER 14TH
SHARON DAVIS 20TH
KRIS HEAD 21ST
CHRISTINE DUNLAP 31ST



Calendar of Events:

May 3.....Women’s Bible Study, 9 am
May 6.....K-Bob’s Lunch, 11:45 am
May 6.....Church Council, 6:30 pm
May 11.....Thrivent Join Hands Day, 8:30-1:00
May 16.....Thrivent Lunch Meeting, Noon
May 17.....Women’s Bible Study, 9 am
May 27.....Worship & Music, 7:00 pm



Coffee Hour Host List:

5 th	8 a.m.	Miriam Cowman
	10:30 a.m.	Linda Weiss
12 th	8 a.m.	Rose Marie Cole
	10:30 a.m.	Nicole Baker
19 th	8 a.m.	Tami Baker
	10:30 a.m.	Carol Sanchez
26 th	8 a.m.	Sandra Mietty
	10:30 a.m.	Emily Laman



Lector:

5 th	8:00	Rose Marie Cole
	10:30	Dale Wirth
12 th	8:00	John Penney
	10:30	Carol Sanchez
19 th	8:00	Lynaya Groth
	10:30	Nicole Baker
26 th	8:00	Larrie Wright
	10:30	John Penney

Ushers/Greeters:

5 th	8:00	Bruce & Sharen Glade
	10:30	
12 th	8:00	Bruce & Sharen Glade
	10:30	Carol Sanchez & Shawna Cuevas
19 th	8:00	Belinda & Lynaya Groth
	10:30	Nicole Baker
26 th	8:00	
	10:30	Carol Sanchez & Shawna Cuevas

MAY WORSHIP LEADERS

Assistant Minister:

5 th	8:00	Gary Rollstin
	10:30	Dale Wirth
12 th	8:00	
	10:30	
19 th	8:00	Gary Rollstin
	10:30	
26 th	8:00	
	10:30	



Thank you volunteers for serving
the Lord!

THRIVENT NEWS

Thrivent will hold their next meeting on Thursday, May 18th at noon at TLC. Everyone is welcome. Bring your lunch and join us!



Thrivent's "Join Hands" Day will be on May 11th from 8:30-1:00. Meet at Trinity. Please sign up on the bulletin board as we are providing lunch. If you can help with yard work, please contact Gary Rollstin, Carol Forman or Barbara Barr for more information.



CONFIRMATION SUNDAY is May 19th at the 10:30 service. Please join us in welcoming Brandon Baker and Thomasina Johnson as adult members of TLC.



MESSAGE FROM TLC COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Many of you saw the graph posted in the Fellowship Hall this past weekend. It depicts our current financial status with respect to the budget vs. receipts. Our quarterly budget is \$41,195...our receipts were \$36,209...leaving a deficit of \$4,986. Please prayerfully consider the pledge you have made and do all that you can to meet that goal. Trinity is counting on YOU!

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
COUNCIL MINUTES MARCH 4, 2013

Bruce Glade called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Devotions by Jessica Doyle on Ephesians 1:3.

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

Gary Rollstin made motion to accept Minutes of February 4, 2013 meeting; George Head seconded motion; motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Joan reported we ended month in the black, but with less than we have had for quite a few months. In March we have insurance of around \$1,200.00; repairs to stove to satisfy Fire Department of around \$700.00. Youth contributed a total of \$248.00 toward malaria nets. Congregation has contributed \$402.00 towards malaria nets.

Cindy VerHaar made motion to accept Treasurer's Report; George Head seconded motion; motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Building and Property: Bruce reported Farmington Fire Extinguishers inspected the fire extinguishers and the canister above the stove. It will need to be replaced around a cost of \$700.00. Terri and Bruce got estimates for tile in the entry way for a cost of \$4,490.00 with the more expensive tile; cheaper tile would be around \$3,802.00. To do kitchen area tile would be \$5,197.00 for more the expensive tile; \$4,398.00 for cheaper tile installed. To repair tile in foyer is \$2,472.00; \$2,090.00 for cheaper tile. To do the entry and lobby combined, cost would be \$12,315.00; \$10,360.00 for cheaper tile. To replace carpet it would be around \$7,000.00. George Head asked if we would consider someone else to do it. He offered his services. Doug is going to go up on roof to check out leak which will need to be addressed.

Worship and Music: Gary Rollstin reported they are meeting next week.

Evangelism: Josiah and Angela visited two Sundays ago but they didn't sign the Visitor's Book. Michele Huwe has been visiting; says she feels at home.

Youth: Valentines Dinner made \$165.00 including tips. We don't know what the total expenses were. Food was very good. Sarah implores Council to help with Lexi's girls and allow the youth to use money from youth account to give to donations with Christian music with Christian dance. It gives the girls hope, much needed and respected. It is called "Dance for Him." Bruce brought up the youth having an alternate fund raising for that activity, such as a bake sale, cupcakes. Sarah stated the youth have requested to do a fundraiser in the

past and Council always turns it down. It was pointed out that they have promised to match what congregation has raised for malaria. Sarah stated that it will be done. Bruce is concerned that youth activities, including travel, have been very costly. Sarah stated that it will not be done this year as it is repetitive. Council is not getting information about changes in their plans. Lexi and Jessica came after Sarah had reported on request. Lexi shared a story about her dance classes. Lexi's budget is around \$200.00 for costumes. Pastor offered \$100.00 towards this project. Gary Rollstin will donate \$100.00 to make the \$200.00 needed. Rose Marie Cole suggested Sweets and Treats and have girls dance and gather proceeds. Recital going to be in May 17th at Pinion Hills Church or at Sycamore. More people need to be aware of what Lexi is doing. Pastor is going to step in and help with the youth. Nothing else from Youth. It was Bruce's recommendation that the youth develop plan, tell Council what they want to do with funds and Council will try to make funds available for match.

Old Business:

Congregational Direction - How to get people involved? The plays and other activities we have in community are great way. We need someone to head it up. Let's make an appeal to see if we can't get some activities going. Merry-makers note will be put in bulletin and newsletter. Continue to think of ideas.

Update on Carpet/Tile: Given above.

Synod Assembly – Gary Rollstin and Pastor Larry Davis are going. Cindy will look into the dates. Carla Lich can't go. Female delegate open.

New Business:

Servant of the month: Bruce was suggested that we nominate Carla Lich as Servant of the Month for March; George Head seconded; motion carried.

Other New business:

Concern: We could use lay people to cover sermons when Pastor Larry Davis is gone. Discussion took place but no decision was made. See if people are willing to step up and fill need and save money. Need to know in advance. Several people have indicated an interest in doing this. It was suggested we not do it for more than one Sunday in a row. The youth could do it. Next one coming up will be in June. Pastor is going to go to Louisville, Kentucky. George Head has done it before and willing to do it again. George Head, Cindy VerHaar and Carla Lich have volunteered.

Letter from Children, Youth and Families Dept. asking to help be a feeding program for our children in the community. They will help fund it but we need to have people here to work it. Sponsors in rural area can get reimbursement for preparing meals. Need to follow up on this a little more. It would be a good outreach program. Need to be able to do it five days a week during the summer.

Jessica Doyle brought up that TLC wasn't in the newspaper for Easter Sunday services. Who does advertising? Gary Rollstin was sending the notice in and it never showed up. Gary Rollstin will try to get an article in for Holy Week.

Where is outreach gospel when it comes to our Church?

Bill from Lutheran for Council? Go ahead and renew it.

Pictorial Directory - taken care of.

Pastor's Report: Pastor reported that he has changed his day off from Friday to Tuesday morning and Friday afternoon. Maundy Thursday service will be at New Covenant United Methodist Church on March 28, 2013 at 7:00 pm. Good Friday service will be held at Trinity on March 29, 2013 at 7:00 pm. Easter Vigil service will be at St. John's on March 30, 2013 at 7:00 pm. Easter Sunday services will be held as usual with a breakfast between services.

Closing Prayer

Adjournment: Motion made by Cindy VerHaar; Jessica Doyle seconded; motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 7:51 pm.

Next Meeting: **Monday, April 1, 6:30 pm**

Devotion: Terri Cross

Respectfully submitted,

Sharen Glade