



## Trinity Lutheran Church Newsletter

October 2012

### Prayer Requests.

- Marilyn Doyle  
(Todd Doyle's mother)
- Judy Heckert  
(Sharen Glade's sister)
- Krystl Hotze  
(friend of Cindy VerHaar)
- Jean & Marilynne Lampson
- Sally Magruder—cancer
- Steve Roche  
(brother in-law to Ann Jost)
- Anne Stark  
(Sharon Davis' mother)
- Bob Zeismer—loss of his  
beloved wife, Ann
- William J. Davis  
(Pastor's father)
- Kelly Hannon  
(friend of Jessica Doyle)

### Military in Action.

- Wesley Davis
- Matt Head—USMC
- John R. Hill—Air Force
- Matt Olson—USMC
- Jason Sieberg—NM Air

## Pastor's Ponderings

### Dear Friends in Christ:

Instead of focusing our attention on ghosts and goblins that come with Halloween, I thought we might want to look at an issue that is near and dear to many of us, that has more to do with the living, or, as some would say, those things that give us life on a daily basis.

Yes, I'm speaking about our animals—those dogs, cats, horses and other living creatures that God has provided for our enjoyment and companionship. We have many animal lovers within the congregation and my family, I recently returned from Illinois where my sister Bonnie has rescue animals—four cats, five dogs and one horse—with more to be given sanctuary on her five acre parcel of land. Where everyone else grows corn, Bonnie keeps animals that have been abused, neglected and thrown away by their owners. Of course, my daughter Andrea would follow in my sister's footsteps if given the chance to do so. I now we have had many conversations where she has tried to convince me that animals are more important than humans. I would like to go along with her in accepting these arguments as possible fact, but the Bible seems to say otherwise along with my calling as a pastor to be a shepherd of "people".

On Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m., a service will be held in the church parking lot as God blesses our animals. I have been asked the question many a time in my ministry, about the place of animals in heaven. Specifically, do animals go to heaven? Of course, the answer is simple—No and Yes. In the Old Testament, the answer is an emphatic "No"—we were given dominion over animals where they were primarily provided by God as a source for food and needed for the sacrifice of sins. Scripture bears these facts out: *"Everything that lives and moves will be food for you. Just as I gave you the green plants, I now give you everything."* (Genesis 9:3, NIV). Throughout the Book of Leviticus, certain animals were prescribed as a sacrifice for certain sins committed by the people of Israel.

Another argument for allowing animals to enter God's kingdom surfaced not too long ago when it was mentioned by several theologians that God "breathed" life into all of creation including people and animals. The word for breath in Hebrew "ruach" denoted a sense of the

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soul being given unto all living creatures. But, the breath for humans was different than the breath for animals. Humans received an “immortal” soul while animals did not. Later, another argument erupted amongst the scholars about the “soul” being related to “feelings, emotions and intellect”. We all know that our animals bear all of these traits along with a few more. But the argument waned because of the theologians who still could not accept the fact that animals had the same intelligence as humans, thus animals do not have an immortal soul. Christ came to save the human “immortal” souls, not animals.

Don’t give up yet my dear lovers of fur, cold noses, wagging tails and wet tongues. There are some other scriptures that could denote the possibility that our canine and feline friends have a chance at heaven. Isaiah says, “YES!” to the heavenly realm for animals, “*The wolf and the lamb will feed together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox, but dust will be the serpent’s food. They will neither harm nor destroy all on my holy mountain, says the Lord.*” (Isaiah 65:25, NIV). And, of course, the Book of Revelation is laden with animal imagery even mentioning Christ and the armies of heaven “riding on white horses.” Take that you theologians of gloom and doom. Yes, animals will be part of the “end of times” and may they nip at your heels for all eternity!

I have heard many people share their hopes and dreams about what heaven will look like when they die. Most of us can’t picture a paradise of unspeakable beauty without flowers, trees and animals. Would it be right for an avid birdwatcher if there weren’t any birds in heaven? Would a fisherman want to spend eternity without any fish? And would it be heaven for a cowboy without horses?

While theologians may be stubborn in classifying animals’ “souls” as inferior to those of humans, those learned scholars must admit that the descriptions of heaven in the Bible are sketchy at best. The Bible does not give a definitive answer on the question of whether or not we will see our pets in heaven, but it does say, “...with God, all things are possible.” (Matthew 19:23, NIV).

Come and let God bless the animals on Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup>!

*Pastor Davis*

### Trinity Lutheran Church

**Pastor:** Larry Davis  
**Sunday School Leader:** Tami Baker  
**Youth Leader:** Richard Baker  
**Newsletter Editor:** Terri Cross  
**Website Editor:** Terri Cross

#### 2012 Church Council

**President:** Bruce Glade  
**Vice President:** Carla Lich  
**Financial Secretary:** Joan Emrich  
**Council Secretary:** Sharen Glade  
**At-large members:** Gary Rollstin  
 Marie Schumacher  
 John Penney  
 Cindy VerHaar  
 Richard Baker  
 Terri Cross  
 George Head  
**Youth Representative:** Sarah Head

## ANNOUNCEMENTS!



Lunch Bunch will meet at K-Bob’s on October 1<sup>st</sup> at 11:45 a.m.

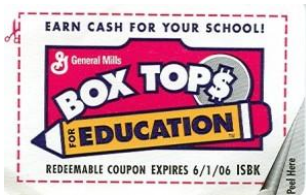
The Women’s Bible Study meets on the 1st and 3rd of each month. Please come for some great fellowship. They also have a prayer chain. If you have prayers, please call one of the following:

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.

JIM DUNLAP	7 <sup>TH</sup>
BRENDAN CANDELARIA	7 <sup>TH</sup>
DALE WIRTH	8 <sup>TH</sup>
GEORGE SIEBERG	8 <sup>TH</sup>
DON DAVIS	11 <sup>TH</sup>
HAROLD COLFAX	11 <sup>TH</sup>
DANNETTE CANDELARIA	12 <sup>TH</sup>
MARIAN PAULSON	13 <sup>TH</sup>
PHIL KINDGREN	13 <sup>TH</sup>
SANDI ALIGARBES	13 <sup>TH</sup>
LUANNE DAVIS	15 <sup>TH</sup>
SARAH HEAD	15 <sup>TH</sup>
ALEX CANDELARIA	24 <sup>TH</sup>
MARILYNNE LAMPSON	29 <sup>TH</sup>
TAMI BAKER	30 <sup>TH</sup>

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

SANDY & FRED SAMSON	4 <sup>TH</sup>
LARRIE & LINDA WRIGHT	11 <sup>TH</sup>
KNUT & JAN MEHL	15 <sup>TH</sup>
WAYNE & SANDY MIETTY	17 <sup>TH</sup>
LLOYD & SALLY MAGRUDER	24 <sup>TH</sup>

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

JOHN PENNEY	1 <sup>ST</sup>
JAMES SCHRYVER	1 <sup>ST</sup>
KADE HILL	2 <sup>ND</sup>
BELINDA GROTH	4 <sup>TH</sup>
NICOLE NOBLE	5 <sup>TH</sup>
CRISTINE MEHL	6 <sup>TH</sup>



“Why We Do What We Do When We Worship”

(running series, part 3)

Prayer of the Day

A brief salutation between the presiding minister and congregation precedes the prayer for the day. This salutation is a Christian greeting before doing something in common and is a responsive introduction to a new part of the service. We move from the opening period of prayer and praise to the hearing of God's Word. The prayer relates to the Scripture readings for the day and sets the tone for the service. We set our needs, hopes and desires before God based on the theme. It is a devotional preparation for the lessons which follow.

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THE LESSONS

We are gathered by God’s Word into a community of the spirit. We listen to the Word proclaimed through the reading of the lessons. It is true, as someone pointed out: “Yet this Word is more than mere words, and we hear more than just what God did centuries ago. For the God who spoke to Israel and to the early Christian community, speaks to us now, through the Word, revealing His will for our lives. We are not only being instructed in the history of God’s dealings with humanity, but we, too, are being called and grasped by His life-giving word.” There are two lessons. The first usually comes from the Hebrew scriptures and it is from these passages which our Lord himself read as a young man. The second lesson is generally one of the New Testament writings, primarily from Paul, and serves to instruct us Christians on how we should live our lives. Prior to the reading of the Gospel, there is a short verse in which we praise God for His presence in our lives. We stand for it as a sign of respect in preparation to hearing the Gospel which means the Good News. In it is presented to us the very words and acts of Jesus himself and the Word does become flesh for the people who are gathered together.

*(In the November issue of the church newsletter, we will discuss why we have the Sermon and The Hymn and Creed in our worship service. Thanks to Gary Rollstin for this information.)*



Calendar of Events:

- Oct. 1.....K-Bob’s Lunch, 11:45 a.m.
- Oct. 1 .....Church Council, 6:30 p.m.
- Oct. 5.....Women’s Bible Study, 9 a.m.
- Oct. 19.....Women’s Bible Study, 9 a.m.
- Oct. 29.....Worship & Music, 7 p.m.

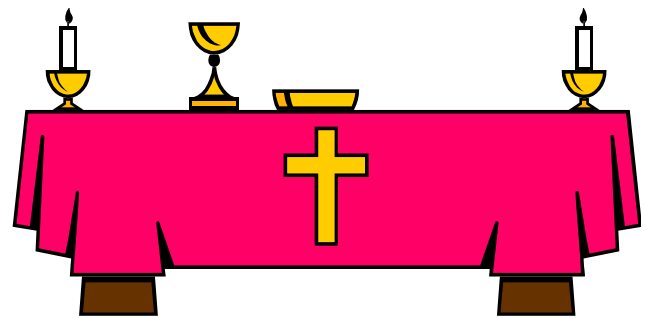
Coffee Hour Host List:

7 <sup>th</sup>	8 a.m.	Joan Emrich
	10:30 a.m.	Carol Sanchez
14 <sup>th</sup>	8 a.m.	Carol Forman
	10:30 a.m.	Nicole Baker
21 <sup>st</sup>	8 a.m.	Rosemarie Cole
	10:30 a.m.	Irene Zygmunt
28 <sup>th</sup>	8 a.m.	Linda Crabtree
	10:30 a.m.	Carol Sanchez



OCTOBER ALTAR  
GUILD

8:00 a.m.	Miriam Cowman
10:30 a.m.	Becky Davis



**OCTOBER WORSHIP LEADERS**

**Assistant Minister:**

7<sup>th</sup> 8:00 Gary Rollstin  
10:30 Dale Wirth

14<sup>th</sup> 8:00  
10:30 Carla Lich

21<sup>st</sup> 8:00 Cindy VerHaar  
10:30 Carla Lich

28<sup>th</sup> 8:00  
10:30

**Lector:**

7<sup>th</sup> 8:00 Knut Mehl  
10:30 Cindy VerHaar

14<sup>th</sup> 8:00  
10:30 John Penney

21<sup>st</sup> 8:00 Larrie Wright  
10:30 Terri Cross

28<sup>th</sup> 8:00 John Penney  
10:30 Terri Cross

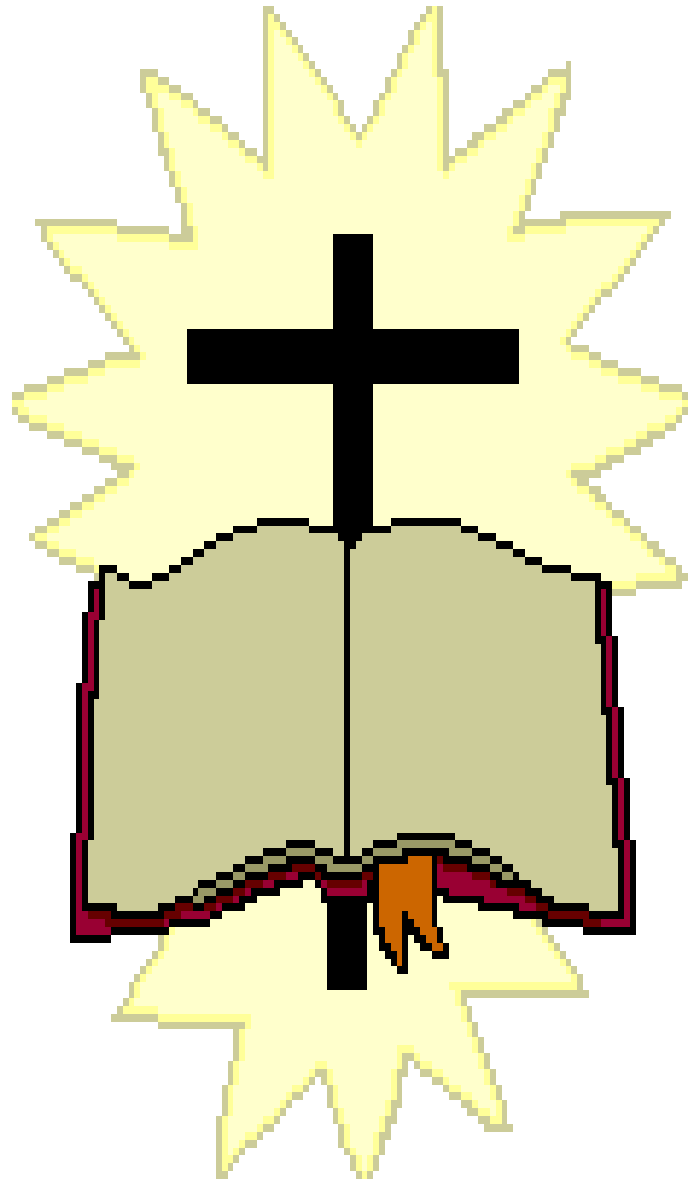
**Ushers/Greeters:**

7<sup>th</sup> 8:00 Knut & Jan Mehl  
10:30

14<sup>th</sup> 8:00  
10:30 Nicole Baker

21<sup>st</sup> 8:00 Tami Baker  
10:30

28<sup>th</sup> 8:00 Reggie & Linda Crabtree  
10:30



*Thank you volunteers for  
Serving the Lord!*

**TLC**  
**Youth Group**  
**Reverse Trick or Treat**

Our Youth Group is once again gearing up for their

**REVERSE TRICK OR TREAT**

This will be the *8<sup>th</sup>* year that they have visited the area nursing homes  
distributing goodies bags to the residents.

You should see the excitement and smiles our youth bring  
to the faces of not only the residents, but the staff, as well.

Who wouldn't want to be visited by Cinderella  
or Spiderman??!? Our youth have been faithful in their efforts  
to bring a ray of sunlight into these lives.

Please help them continue their ministry to providing any of the items  
on the list below. There will be a basket in the Fellowship Hall  
to collect the donations.

Combs, lotions, toothpaste, hand gel, sugar-free gum and candy



*Thank you for your support!!*

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH  
COUNCIL MINUTES  
September 3, 2012

Bruce Glade, President, called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm

Pastor went over an article on “Releasing a Child of God.” Being people of faith and living out that commitment relationship. We need to get back to the Bible and get back to the word. Where are we personally in our walk with God? Challenge is for us to be recommitted in our journey. We all have a commitment – we have to get back into Church. Devotion is inward reflection and we each need to search that out.

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

Absent: Marie Schumacher

Kris Head, Sarah Head, Lexi Aligarbes, Jessica Wright and Brandon Baker were guests.

Gary Rollstin made motion to accept Minutes of August 6, 2012 meeting; Carla Lich seconded motion; motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Joan has no unpaid bills. The balance is lower than it has been in a long time. Offering was good yesterday. When you back out the landscape and gift, we aren't too bad. Carla Lich made motion to accept Treasurer's Report; Terri Cross seconded motion; motion carried.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Building and Property: We are in reasonably good shape. David Pike is going on vacation, so Bruce is going to fill in. On September 9<sup>th</sup> after the second service, someone needs to check that the Church is taken care of. Richard Baker offered to do this. Bruce and Richard will double check this. If anything else needs to be done, get ahold of Bruce.

Worship & Music: Gary reported that Worship & Music Committee was going to drop Weave Us Together at early service. Some members felt it was awkward. Consensus is that it will be reinstated for the early service. Gary voiced his opinion as to little things that the Committee recommends should be able to be done without Council approval. Interim Pastor should not be able to bring in new things in Church. Thought on blessing of animals – do it on Saturday, October 6, 2012 at 10:00 am and then take them back home.

Evangelism: Only visitor is Christine Harrington, here for baptism of her daughter; not looking for a Church.

Youth:

Freedom Fest was awesome. Richard will locate receipts and bring them. 9-10 kids went and 6 chaperones. Youth Meetings are open to anybody who wants to sit in. First youth meeting will be September 12, 2012. Richard will be gone on 16<sup>th</sup> of September. Saturday night youth talked about what they want. Sarah Head stated “we don’t need a Big Brother; we need someone to support us.”

## OLD BUSINESS:

Pictorial Directory – New dates - February 1 and 2, 2013. Same hours.

Other Old Business – Servant of Month and Bible school Helpers will be given gift cards.

## NEW BUSINESS:

Guidelines and Expectations Regarding Youth: This is coming from Pastor. This is a working document, not set in stone. Church Council has authority over issues but Congregation has ultimate decision. Youth will look at this, make any changes/corrections to document; Terri Cross will bring it back to Council. This is to keep lines of communication open. Focusing on grades 6-12 right now. Cindy is starting Sunday School class for the youth and she can’t find curriculum to combine junior high and senior high together. Cindy is trying to do Rally Day on September 16, 2012. Senior High has a potential of 19 – 20 kids. This is why Pastor is trying to get youth to take a part in this. Mission, Bible Study, and fun activities are three areas for youth direction. Youth that don’t participate in Youth group shouldn’t be included in the fun activities. Youth talked that youth group was a place for friendship; wanted to do more mission activities and some don’t want to come to Church. If youth don’t want to come to church and bible study, they won’t be allowed to participate in fun activities. Over 2/3 of confirmands are not here. Youth is part of our family; some things are not acceptable. Pastor feels we have become disjointed. Big Brothers, Big Sisters was mentioned; mentoring was mentioned; everybody is suffering. We have to do something. Several youth are here, If there is gossip going around there is something going on. Bruce addressed this question. There will be some concrete information before the youth engage in activities. Got budget last Thursday before leaving on Saturday morning; there were several unanswered questions; activities need to be planned in advance. Last minute plans were made; this is not how you run a business or church. There are national and regional youth activities. We have never sent delegates. Need recognition from Church as a whole. Pastor pointed out it is expensive but there are smaller events that aren’t that expensive. Pastor is the resource person. He has a few concerns – communication between rest of Church and youth. Also understand we have youth meetings and we don’t see each other face to face. Have core and we need to build on it. Sarah Head volunteered to be youth representative on Council to replace Jessica Wright. Cindy agrees there is a difference between youth and Sunday school. We have to keep trying to engage them. Pastor’s fear is that in six years we won’t have any Sunday school. Carla reiterated what Bruce said about events. Have to comply with it. Richard has concern to purchase a van. Bruce brought up we don’t have support. Tabled it for now.

Recommendation from Executive Committee concerning hiring Terri Cross as new church Secretary –

Part of duties of Executive Committee is to hire personnel and compensation. Bruce passed out Budget for Secretary. There is a balance of \$6,580.00 remaining for the year 2012. To arrive at what was presented for budget, Executive Committee authorized \$9.50 per hour. Executive Committee recommended hiring Terri at a little higher rate. Should be flexible with hours due to Pastor’s situation and will still be below budget. Gary made motion to hire Terri at \$10.00 an hour; John Penney seconded motion; motion carried. Terri will accept position but can’t do it forever. Will address it before next budget.



Other New Business – None.

Pastor's Report

Pastoral Letter – Pastor feels it needs to be said. Pastor was asked to condense the letter to 1-1/2 pages. Report is self-explanatory.

Closing Prayer

Adjournment

Richard Baker made motion for adjournment; George Head seconded; motion carried. Adjourned at 8:00 pm

Next Council meeting – **October 1, 2012 at 6:30 pm**

Respectfully submitted,

Sharen Glade