



Trinity Lutheran Church Newsletter

September, 2013

Prayer Requests:

- Jean & Marilynne Lampson
- Sally Magruder—cancer
- Steve Roche
- Mack Rankin
- Tim Peterson – Marge Peterson 's son
- Margaret Cross – Don Davis' mother
- Ruth Watland – Marilyn Wright's mother

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:

The following story may sound very familiar to many of you, but it seems to capture what we're trying to accomplish together during this month of September. The tale is entitled "The Story of the Spoons":

A man once asked God to shed some light on the mystery of heaven and hell. God said, 'Why not? First I'll show you hell.'

The man suddenly found himself in an elegant, well-lit dining room. Many people were seated around the table set with a mouthwatering feast. The man thought God had made a mistake. He must have meant to say this was heaven, not hell. Where were the fire and the tortured cries of the condemned? Surely hell would not resemble a five-star restaurant. Then he noticed that, in spite of the abundance of food, everyone in attendance suffered from desperate hunger. Their pale skin hung on protruding bones like wet tissue paper. Eyes receded into their sockets, clouded with the faraway look of prolonged agony. The man turned to God with a confused expression on his face.

'Keep looking,' was all the Creator said.

Each person held a spoon with a handle long enough to reach any of the fabulous dishes spread out before them. However, since the handle was longer than their arms, they were unable to reach their mouths with any of the food. Now the man understood: people in hell were doomed to starve in the tormenting presence of enough food to last forever. Like the chain that Jacob Marley dragged into Ebenezer Scrooge's bedroom in Dickens' 'A Christmas Carol', these people must have forged for themselves – by their deeds in life – the horrible and useless spoons that would torture them in death.

'Now I'll show you heaven,' God said.

Upon arriving there, the man was more confused than ever, for he stood in a dining room that was identical to the one he'd just left behind in hell. The table was spread with the same food, fine crystal, and silver – and everyone held the same long-handled spoons. Yet, one detail was strikingly different: Here, each person was well-fed. Their faces were radiant with health and happiness. Whereas hell had been draped with an atmosphere of despair, heaven was full of lively laughter and conversation.

‘I don’t understand,’ the man said to God. ‘How can heaven and hell be the same and yet so different?’

‘Simple,’ God said. ‘It isn’t the length of the spoon that matters, but how one chooses to use it. Here, each guest feeds someone else, not himself.’

In this month of September, God is calling on each and every one of us to “feed someone else.” There will be some special Sundays throughout the month where we will have the opportunity to learn more about World Hunger and the everlasting bread, God’s Word, being shared throughout the world with others who still hunger to be fed and given hope in countries that deny them this privilege.

On Sunday, September 8th, the women of the church will be taking up a special offering to provide the needed “spoons” to the Lutheran World Federation to feed those who hunger in other parts of the world. The music and worship for that day will focus on the theme of World Hunger – God feeding us so that we may feed others. When the plate is passed around, be generous.

On Sunday, September 15th, we will again host the Gideons. Mr. Lenn McQuitty will share a temple talk with us about how the Gideons seek ways to provide bibles to a world that is hungry to be fed by God’s Word. As usual, he will share his own personal testimony along with the testimony of others who entered into those places where the people “suffered from desperate hunger” only to be fed by the hands of the Gideon society. Again, a special offering will be taken after both worship services to help the Gideons provide bibles to people and countries kept from reading and studying God’s Word.

While sharing our abundance to feed others, let us also give thanks to God!

Pastor Davis

ANNOUNCEMENTS!



Lunch Bunch will meet at Arches on September 2nd 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]

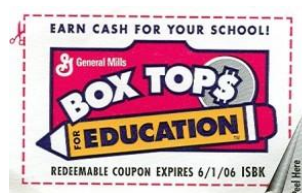
Barbara Barr [325-3124]

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!

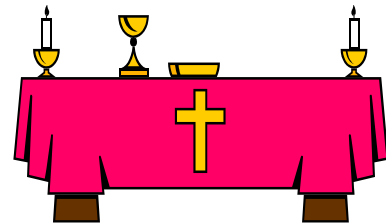
MEL & JOYCE GRIMM	3 RD
DALE & CRYSTAL WIRTH	5 TH
CINDY & JEFF VERHAAR	24 TH



SEPTEMBER ALTAR

GUILD

8:00 a.m.	Jan Mehl
10:30 a.m.	Linda Weiss



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

SANDY MIETTY	1 ST
DEANDRA TRUJILLO	9 TH
BLANCH STEWART	11 TH
KEVIN SCHNEIDER	15 TH
LLOYD MAGRUDER	20 TH
WAYNE MIETTY	20 TH
SHAREN GLADE	23 RD
BRUCE GLADE	24 TH
LINDA WRIGHT	29 TH



Calendar of Events:

Sept. 2ndArches, Lunch, 11:45 am
 Sept. 6thWomen’s Bible Study, 9 am
 Sept. 9thCouncil Meeting, 6:30pm
 Sept. 20thWomen’s Bible Study, 9am
 Sept. 30thWorship & Music, 7:00 pm

Coffee Hour Host List:

8 th	8 a.m.	Jan Mehl
	10:30 a.m.	
15 th	8 a.m.	Larrie Wright
	10:30 a.m.	Nicole Baker
22 nd	8 a.m.	Rose Marie Cole
	10:30 a.m.	
29 th	8 a.m.	
	10:30 a.m.	Daisy Penrod & Carla Jordan



SEPTEMBER WORSHIP LEADERS

Assistant Minister:

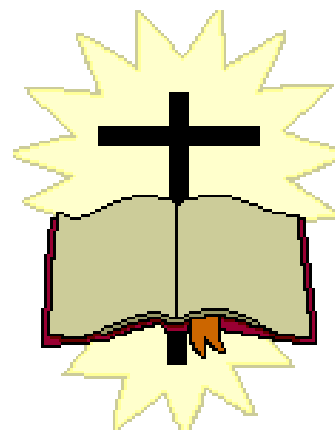
8 th	8:00	Luanne Davis
	10:30	Luanne Davis
15 th	8:00	Gary Rollstin
	10:30	Gary Rollstin
22 nd	8:00	Luanne Davis
	10:30	Luanne Davis
29 th	8:00	Gary Rollstin
	10:30	Dale Wirth

Lector:

8 th	8:00	
	10:30	John Penney
15 th	8:00	Larrie Wright
	10:30	Marilyn Wright
22 nd	8:00	John Penney
	10:30	Carol Sanchez
29 th	8:00	Rose Marie Cole
	10:30	Dale Wirth

Ushers/Greeters:

8 th	8:00	Bruce & Sharen Glade
	10:30	Sandy Samson
15 th	8:00	Bruce & Sharen Glade
	10:30	Carol Sanchez & Shawna Cuevas
22 nd	8:00	
	10:30	Carol Sanchez & Shawna Cuevas
29 th	8:00	
	10:30	Sandy Samson



Thank you volunteers for serving the Lord!



TLC's Youth Group invites the younger kids to a night out with the "Veggie Tales" live at the Civic Center on October 14th. There will be a sign-up sheet posted on the board. Please see Richard for more information.

Join the Merry Makers on October 6th for OCTOBERFEST following 2nd service.

Brats, sauerkraut, german potato salad, german chocolate cake & much, much more!

Sign up on Volunteer Board!

Upcoming activities:

Special Treats – Nov . 17th

Cookie Exchange – Dec. 15th

Festival of Trees – Merry Makers Tree

COFFEE HOSTS NEEDED

for both services. Please sign up on the Volunteer Board. Linda will no longer be making phone calls.

Thank you Linda for your years of service!

New Members

Please welcome the following new members to TLC and add them to your directory:



Choir will meet on Wednesday, Sept. 4th at 6:00pm to plan rehearsals. We are planning to sing once a month and will plan our rehearsals accordingly. No need to read music – just have an ear for the tune and make a joyful noise. All are welcome to join us!

**Tara Kuehn (Braden & Brevan Kuehn-Risner)
4321 Cardon Drive, Farmington, NM 87401
325-1588**

**Michael Hall
71 Rod 6080, Farmington, NM 87401
970-302-0807**

**Sherrie Peterson
1200 E. Cooper, Farmington, NM 87401
402-5759**

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
COUNCIL MINUTES
JULY 1, 2013

Bruce Glade called meeting to order at 6:30 pm on July 1, 2013. Marie Schumacher led devotion on Mark 35:45 and Psalms 143:10.

Present were: Jessica Doyle, Terri Cross, Bruce Glade, Pastor Larry Davis, Cindy VerHaar, Rose Marie Cole, Marie Schumacher, Carla Lich, and Gary Rollstin. Jarod Peterman and George Head were absent. Joan Emrich was also in attendance. Marie Schumacher made motion to accept Minutes of June 2013 meeting; Cindy VerHaar seconded; motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

June was good; it was a 5-Sunday month. Gift received from Thrivent for \$1,920.00 and put it in the Council fund. Insurance was due also. Joan has paid all bills. Balance is \$951.00 for end of month. Benevolence will be sent for the quarter. Joan will carry the amount we pay Luwil's aunt until August as Luwil is going to be out of town for three Sundays and she has to pay to receive this money. \$7,896 taken in; Thrivent \$3,273. Offerings are up \$2,759 over a year ago. Cindy VerHaar made motion to accept Treasurer's Report; Gary Rollstin seconded motion; motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Building and Property:

Fire Department would like to have another nozzle in the cabinet. We are out of code without it. Cost is \$220.86 approximately. After discussion, Gary Rollstin made a motion to buy another nozzle; Rose Marie Cole seconded motion; motion carried. Pigeon problem has subsided. Sharen brought up the matter of the stove. Gary Lee from SJC told us one way to avoid the Fire Department issue was to have a sign made stating "Warming Stove Only." Terri Cross made motion to purchase sign for stove; Cindy VerHaar seconded motion; motion carried.

Worship and Music:

Jan Mehl will play the three Sundays that Luwil is on vacation. She will play old songs for both services. Feedback will be considered. In the Fall Setting 3 will be used at the first service. It was suggested we try to learn some new songs for fall. Need to incorporate talents of Church into service, i.e. music and instruments. Nursery – no accountability when attendants are in Nursery. Joan suggested we pay \$100.00 flat per month for the video and nursery. Jessica is willing to note whether there is a nursery attendant. After discussion Gary made motion to pay Tami and Richard Baker an amount of \$100.00 per month starting October 1, 2013; Carla Lich seconded motion; motion carried. Carla stated Ann Hardy will teach First Aid and CPR for a fee of \$40.00 per person. It was suggested we try to get a group together at the Church to get certified for First Aid and CPR. It was also asked by some of the council if Ann would be willing to teach just the First Aid to those who already hold a CPR card. Carla Lich will check with Ann Hardy on dates and times. She will also ask about the First Aid only portion.

Evangelism:

There was only one visitor who signed the Guest Book, Margie. Terri hasn't had any luck getting in touch with her.

Youth:

Jarod not here. Pastor reported Elaine Martin called Avis and she told Richard Baker regarding the youth from Red Rock, AZ in reference to them staying in our Church for 19 youth on a Saturday evening. Richard will get back with Pastor regarding this. Marie got the check book from Richard. There has been no control over the receipts, etc. Marie would like to have the statements to use to balance the checkbook.

OLD BUSINESS:

Merry Makers: Marie Schumacher reported on the Progressive Dinner. Dinner went very well; approximately 25 individuals attended. Next event is “Grease”. Sign-up sheet is on the board with more than one date. Party in the Park is another event they have planned. September 1, 2013 is the date for Party in the Park. It is at Brookside Park. Merry Makers will need a small budget. Terri Cross made motion to give Merry Makers \$150.00 out of council budget for activities; Carla Lich seconded motion; motion carried. We will be having our Sunday service on September 1, 2013 there. Worship and Music will take this as to the particulars for the day. Merry Makers will plan the fun stuff. A big “Thank You” to Merry Makers for their hard work on the events and the work that they have done on these events. They have other things planned but will report on other events later.

NEW BUSINESS

Servant of the Month: Gary made motion to have John Penney as servant of the month for July; Carla Lich seconded motion; motion carried. Bruce Glade and Cindy VerHaar are the designees to give Servant of the Month out.

Picture Directories are available. Joan Emrich has list of who has been them and who hasn't.

Bishop's visit in December: Bishop Gonia is available on December 1st, which is Thanksgiving weekend. Pastor will let Synod know that December 1st weekend is okay for him to visit.

Other New Business: None.

Pastor's Report – His report was passed out, no comments.

Closing Prayer: Pastor did closing prayer.

Adjournment: Terri Cross made motion; Cindy VerHaar seconded motion; motion carried. Adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Next Council Meeting: **August 5, 2013 at 6:30 pm.**

Respectfully submitted,

Sharen Glade