

May 2019

Elder: Jerry Toft, Altar Guild: Mindy & Jon Burt, Stewardship: Jon Burt

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 7:00 pm Bible Study	2	3	4 6:00 pm Worship*
5 9:15 am Sun. Sch. & Bibl. S 10:30 am Worship* Usher Team: Larry VW. Greeters: Brian & Kara V. Acolytes: Kelan & Dylan Camera: Dakota Allen A/V: Derek Allen	6 IDW Pastors Conference 	7 Fort Dodge	8 9:30 am Lamplighters 7:00 pm Bible Study	9	10	11 6:00 pm Worship
12 8:30 am Elders' Mtg. 9:15 am Bible Study & last day of Sun. School (awards) 10:30 am Worship Usher Team: Bill Buryanek Greeters: Larry & Joann B. Acolytes: Tessa & Jessen Camera: Dakota Allen A/V: Jon Burt	13	14 10:00 am Hillcrest	15 7:00 pm Bible Study	16	17	18 6:00 pm Worship*
19 9:15 am Bible Study 10:30 am Worship 4-6 pm Youth Group Usher Team: Dave Aldrich Greeters: Derek & Mandie Acolytes: Graduates Camera; Mary Aldrich A/V: Randy Klaus	20 7:00 pm LWML	21	22 7:00 pm Bible Study	23	24	25 6:00 pm Worship
26 9:15 am Bible Study 10:30 am Worship Usher Team: Denny Peters Greeters: Mike & Linda B. Acolytes: RJ & Jayden Camera: Katrina Burt A/V: Duane Aldrich	27	28	29 7:00 pm Bible Study	30 2:00 pm Hillcrest Bible Study	31	

May 5 airing

This is the Life – “The Big Little Lie” - Curiosity and a little “white lie” result in very serious unintended developments for the Fisher family.

Worship Service – Rev. Randall Cormeny, of St. John's Lutheran Church in Battle Creek, Iowa, delivers the message “No One's Beyond Redemption” based on Acts 9:1-22. Additional information is available on the web site:

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May 12 airing

This is the Life – “To the End of Time” – A physicist working on nuclear weapon development is confronted with the reality of the weapon, the utility of radiation and the blessing of Christian hope.

Worship Service – Rev. Richard Merrill, of St. John Lutheran Church in Charter Oak, delivers the message “Learn To Be Still” based on Psalm 23. Additional information is available on the web site: www.mainstreetliving.com.

May 19 airing

This is the Life – “A Face from the Past” – A man struggles to come to terms with the memory and feelings of guilt with his estranged father.

Worship Service – Rev. James Travis, of Calvary Lutheran Church in Sioux City, delivers the message “Restoring Relationships” based on Luke 15:11-32. Additional information is available on the web site:

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May 26 airing

This is the Life – “Love is Not Enough” – A young couple struggles mightily with the decision to marry, exploring what truly is important.

Worship Service - Rev. Richard Salcido, of St. Paul's Lutheran in Ida Grove, delivers the message “Plain Talk From the Risen Lord” based on John 16:23-33. Additional information is available on the web site:

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Hymn of the Month

LSB 482 "This Joyful Eastertide" This is a Dutch hymn with words that express the reality of the Resurrection of Jesus by contrasting what would happen if Christ had not been raised. The refrain crescendos- that means builds- with the certain confidence that Christ is risen and everything is changed. You should imagine this refrain getting louder which each phrase. Sing it like you mean it.

Roof Repair/Replacement

Please remember to give to the Building Fund to help pay off the new roof on the sanctuary and the soon-to-be renovation work done on the Education Wing roof. We need about \$6200 more for the sanctuary roof and \$15802 for the Education Wing roof. Thanks!!

Treasure's March Report

2019 Yearly Budget - \$193,000 approx. (Includes Missions)

	HOME	MISSION
Budget to Date	\$ 44,200.00	\$ 4,550.00
Amt. Needed/Week	\$ 3,400.00	\$ 350.00
Amt. Received to Date	\$ 29,827.00	\$ 4,407.00
Amt. Ahead (Behind)	\$(14,373.00)	\$ (143.00)

TRINITY LUTHERAN VOTERS MEETING

SUNDAY April 14, 2019, 11:30 am

Pastor Lowe opened the meeting with prayer. Minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved.

Present: Pastor Lowe. Roll call was taken with 27 Voter's present.

Unfinished Business: Organ repair or replacement ongoing.

Trustees Report: Roof on Educational wing in need of repair. Dave Huebner reported that cost of repair would be \$15,802.00 with an extended warranty of 10 years. Dallas Huebner made a motion to approve repairs to Educational wing and Curt Anderson seconded with motion carried.

Elders Report: Dave Zierke will be Representative at the National Circuit. Discussions will include guidelines for the facility and Pastor's time.

Board of Education and Youth Report: Larry reported in Kara VH absence that they would be serving breakfast after the Sunrise Service Easter Sunday. Trinity VBS will be June 10-17 from 6pm to 7:30pm with the theme Miraculous Mission. Signup sheet will be placed in the narthex asking volunteers to provide snacks.

Stewardship Report: no report

Finance Report: no report

Building Fund Report: Lycia Anderson reported as of December 31, 2018 Balance on hand \$48,374.45. (Donations \$8,792.33, disbursements \$22,658.04, Interest \$1.25). Balance on hand March 31, 2019, \$34,509.99. Balance in checking \$33,229.23, (\$31,674.42 was designated for interior renovations, leaving \$1,554.81 undesignated). Balance in savings \$1,280.76.

Ladies Aid: no report. At Council meeting Kay Borchers reported with dwindling membership and age of members, they will not be meeting. They will continue to manage the funeral committees, greeting cards and towels.

Lutheran Women's Missionary League: Members attended the Rally in Kingsley, Pie night on Maundy Thursday, and food pantry contributions.

Treasurer's Report: Jennifer reports VANCO, the online pay process for giving, currently has one donor participating. Working on adding the Building fund for online giving. Quotes from Marco & Century Business Products presented. See attached flyer for quotes. Discussion on what fund this would come out of. Derrek Allen makes a motion to table the copy machine for now and concentrate on the roofs. Joann Bauder seconds with motion carried.

Endowment Report: no report

Memorial Fund Report: Duane Aldrich reported as of 3/24/19 \$1,582.25 designated memorials. Undesignated memorials of \$6,447.33 were moved to the building fund.

Other or New Business: none

Pastor's Report: for January (attendance 132, February attendance 109 and March attendance 132) 2019: Official Acts: Baptism: 1, Christian Burial: 1, Transfer out: 3, Baptismal Transfer in: 2, Profession of Faith: 1, Adult Confirmation: 2.

Meeting adjourned.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Deb Kratochvil

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING SUNDAY, April 7, 2019

Pastor Lowe opened with prayer. Minutes from the previous Council and Voter's meeting were read and approved.

Present: Pastor Lowe, Larry Bauder, Dave Huebner, Deb Kratochvil, Bill Buryanek, Kara Vander Hamm, Ashley Bultman, Kay Borchers, Jennifer Kooi.

President Bauder called the meeting to order.

Unfinished Business: none

Trustees Report: Roof on Educational wing in need of repair. If it is re-coated, the warranty could be extended another ten years. Dave Huebner has received a bid of \$15,802.00.

Elder's Report: Jennifer reported in Dave Zierke's absence. The Elders served breakfast the morning of 3/17/19 with Gary Thies's presentation

Board of Education and Youth Report: Kara VH reported that they would be serving breakfast after the Sunrise Service Easter Sunday. She is asking volunteers to help. Trinity's VBS will be June 10-17 from 6pm to 7:30pm. The theme is Miraculous Mission (space ship theme). There will be a sign up sheet asking volunteers to provide snacks

Stewardship Report: none

Finance Report: To be presented at next week's Voter's meeting.

Building Fund Report: Lycia will report at next week's Voter's meeting.

Ladies Aid Report: Kay reported that with the dwindling membership and age of members, they would not be meeting. They will continue to manage the funeral committees, greeting cards and towels. Their bank account will be designated to the memorial fund.

Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) Report: None

Treasurer's Report: Jennifer is working on adding the Building Fund on VANCO for online giving. Currently there is one donor participating in general fund. Discussion on purchasing a new copy machine. Quotes from Marco & Century Business Products will be brought to next week's Voter's meeting.

Endowment Report: none

Memorial Fund Report: Duane Aldrich will report at next week's Voter's meeting.

Other or New Business: none

Pastor's Report: Report will be presented at Voter's meeting.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer, meeting adjourned.
Respectfully submitted, Deb Kratochvil

LWML

Monday, April 15, 2019 • 7:00 pm meeting

Pastor led a Bible Study on 1 John 3:11-24.

Pastor opened the meeting with prayer.

Jeanette Kircher led a devotion called "He Bore It All".

Roll was taken with 13 members present. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Terry Zierke gave the treasurer's report with a balance on hand of \$697.14, and will be filed for audit.

OLD BUSINESS

Still a few members need to get their \$15 "dues" to Terry for the projects of 2019.

Audree will call Jan Cain about dropping off our pantry items for the Food Pantry.

NEW BUSINESS

Janice attended the Spring Rally in Kingsley on April 6. Our LWML district sent \$177 to LCMS for flood relief in Nebraska.

LWML National convention will be in Mobile, AL in June.

Fall Rally will be held at Grace LeMars September 14.

They will hold a quilt auction in June at Camp Okoboji.

There is a Retreat at Mission Central on September 21.

We discussed some new ideas for our Lenten Coffees for next year. We will announce which mission project will receive the donations from each Coffee during Lent. Pie Night for Lent in 2020 will be held on the last Wednesday of regular Lenten services, not after a somber Maundy Thursday evening service.

We need to choose which mission projects will receive support from our Lenten coffees this year.

It was also decided to continue giving the Christmas boxes to our congregation's nursing home members as we have in the past.

Our next project will be health kits for Orphan Grain Train.

The project for April is Mites.

Thanks to Ruth and Jan for serving tonight.

Servers for May are Kay and Carol.

We sang our song, said our pledge and prayers. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Lycia Anderson

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May Events!

May 1-2 Mt. Olive Lutheran School 7th Grade Class Retreat
May 5 Omelet Brunch 9:30 AM to 1 PM
May 18 Volunteer Work Day
May 19 Summer Staff Arrives
May 20 Summer Staff Training begins
May 22-24 Continuing Education Workshop
May 27 Memorial Day Commemoration at 9:30 AM
May 31 Kids Kamp begins!

Junior Youth Gathering

"Come to the Table" October 19-20 Sheraton - West Des Moines

Senior Youth Gathering

"Foundations Prepared" November 15-17 Embassy Suites - Des Moines

Register Now

FOR ALL CAMPS!!

Trinity VBS

June 10-14 Register kids today or to volunteer! You can register online via Trinity's Facebook page or on print forms in the back. Please sign up to bring snacks in the narthex.

Youth Group

End of the School Shin-Dig at the Parsonage 5-19; 4-6

May Birthdays

1. Gayle Gregg, Randy Klaus
2. Corinne Lowe
3. Alex Osterkamp
4. Grace Allen, Kay Borchers
6. Rodney Matz
7. Luke Huebner, Lydia Lowe
8. Clarissa Hedden
9. Roger Olson
10. Logan Vander Hamm
13. Camden Star
17. John Breugem
18. Al Mace
19. Meghan Danielson, Dallas Huebner
20. Lydia Anderson, Jett Boyer, Conner Van Ballegooyen
21. Opal Keiser
23. Jill Vander Feen
24. Bailey Ver Mulm
25. Brielle Aldrich
26. Jayden Burt
27. Sally Hantsbarger
30. Sara Graves, John Van Ballegooyen
31. Lois Meether, Tucker Vander Feen



May Anniversaries

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| 7. Al & Julie Mace | 25 years |
| 18. Marlin & Barb Janssen | 51 years |
| 21. Mike & Casey Finch | 25 years |
| 23. Jerry & Wendi Ruhland | 38 years |
| 23. Brian & Kara Vander Hamm | 10 years |
| 24. Billy & Amanda Huls | 11 years |
| 30. Pastor & Corinne Lowe | 9 years |

From Pastor's Desk...

What does Jesus do after the resurrection? There's so much build up during the events of Holy Week, so much drama and so much tragedy and hope. What was impossible- the crucifixion and death of Jesus is overcome with the miracle of miracles- His resurrection from the dead. Life has overcome death! The curse brought to humanity and the world through Adam and Eve has been conquered. True and everlasting peace is made between God and man through the life-sacrifice and bodily resurrection. Everything is changed. Everything is different. Jesus is risen, alive from the dead.

But what does Jesus do after the resurrection? First, Jesus appears to the disciples in the locked room. The glorified body of Jesus is no longer limited to earthly space and physical barriers. He can and does go anywhere. Appearing to the disciples in the locked room bringing peace and instituting the office of the Holy Ministry to bring the forgiveness of Jesus and His crucified and resurrection to all nations is the beginning. They behold and touch His hands and side. In the weeks that follow, Jesus is found at the Sea of Galilee cooking breakfast enjoying life with the disciples. Jesus seems almost laid back and enjoying life. After all, His saving work is done, this is what it means to lead an Easter resurrection life.

Jesus now has nothing more to do than to be with you. He is with you in the ups and downs, and the miraculous and ordinary. Nothing better for Jesus to do than to be with you. He is with you delivering what He has won through His Spirit. Delivering Jesus' word and work through the Word and Sacraments is what the Holy Spirit does. Bringing us Himself and delivering us finally and eternally is all that Jesus now does. Let that settle in- Jesus has nothing better to do than to be with you...

Giving God-pleasing Gifts

Scripture provides us with many examples of faithful people, who by God's grace, made God-pleasing gifts. A short list of some of those givers is as follows: the Poor Widow, who gave her last two coins (Luke 21:1-4), Zacchaeus, who gave half of all his money to the poor (Luke 19:1-4), Mary, who anointed Jesus with an alabaster flask of pure nard, (Mark 14:3-9), and the Macedonians, who gave beyond their ability (2 Corinthians 8:1-5).

We can also cite the faithful Philippians who gave gifts to the Apostle Paul. Paul had spent time with the people in Philippi sharing the Gospel. He loved them, and they loved him as a brother in the Lord. Paul's thank you for their gifts is found in his letter to the church in Philippi. Their financial gifts to him expressed their love and gratitude for him and his ministry among them. They had concern for his physical welfare and for his ongoing ministry of sharing the Gospel.

When Paul received the gift from the Philippians, he *"rejoice[d] greatly in the Lord..."* (Philippians 4:10 NIV). He was lavish in his thanks. The church in Philippi was the only congregation to send financial support for Paul. What a joyful surprise it must have been for Paul to receive their support especially during his time of need while he was in prison in Rome. Paul was deeply grateful for the Philippians for their compassion and for their gifts. He commended their desire *"to share"* his troubles. He knew that the Philippians who decided to give gifts were people who felt Paul's afflictions as if they were their own.

Even though the Philippians were poor because of economic distress caused by droughts, their personal compassion could not stop them from giving. They put Paul's needs ahead of their wants. Their giving demonstrated loving and giving hearts. We are told that the Philippians gave multiple gifts. As generous as their gifts to him were, Paul reminded the people in Philippi that the important thing about any gift is not the gift itself but the heart of the giver. The people in Philippi demonstrated compassionate hearts and generous giving spirits. Their gift was a *"fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God"* (Philippians 4:18). May God grant us compassionate and generous spirits as well. Thanks be to God for giving us His grace, so we can be faithful givers.

Read the Bible in one year by reading the following passages this month...

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| 1. 1 Samuel 2:1-10 Titus. | Philemon |
| 2. Psalm 121 | Hebrews 1-4 |
| 3. Psalm 122 | Hebrews 5-7 |
| 4. Psalm 123 | Hebrews 8-10 |
| 5. Psalm 124 | Hebrews 11-13 |
| 6. Psalm 125 | James 1-3 |
| 7. Psalm 126 | James 4-5 |
| 8. Psalm 127 | 1 Peter 1-2 |
| 9. Psalm 128 | 1 Peter 3-5 |
| 10. Psalm 129 | 2 Peter |
| 11. Psalm 130 | 1 John 1-3 |
| 12. Psalm 131 | 1 John 4-5 |
| 13. Psalm 132 | 2 John , 3 John, Jude |
| 14. Psalm 133 | John 1-2 |
| 15. Psalm 134 | John 3-4 |
| 16. Psalm 135 | John 5-6 |
| 17. Psalm 136 | John 7-8 |
| 18. Psalm 137 | John 9-10 |
| 19. Psalm 138 | John 11-12 |
| 20. Psalm 139 | John 13-14 |
| 21. Psalm 140 | John 15-16 |
| 22. Psalm 141 | John 17-18 |
| 23. Psalm 142 | John 19 |
| 24. Psalm 143 | John 20-21 |
| 25. Psalm 144 | Acts 1-2 |
| 26. Psalm 145 | Acts 3-4 |
| 27. Psalm 146 | Acts 5-6 |
| 28. Psalm 147 | Acts 7-8 |
| 29. Psalm 148 | Acts 9-10 |
| 30. Psalm 149 | Acts 11-12 |
| 31. 1 Samuel 2:1-10 | Acts 13-14 |



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