

November 2019

Elder: Denny Peters, Altar Guild: Kay Borchers & Ruth Benda, Stewardship: Ashley Bultman

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1	2 6:00 pm Worship*
3 9:15 Sun Sch & Bible Study 10:30 am Worship* 11:30 Nominating Committee Usher Team: Mark Weyer Greeters: Cassie & Rita Acolytes: Grace & Emrie Camera: Derek Allen A/V: Jon Burt	4	5	6 5:15 pm Catechism 7 pm Bible Study	7	8	9 6:00 pm Worship
10 8:30 am Elders' Meeting 9:15 am Sun Sch & Bible Study 10:30 am Worship 11:30 Nominating Committee 2 pm Jr. Youth/Parent Group Usher Team: Rodney Matz Greeters: Jeanette & Audree Acolytes: Emma & Ani Camera: Katrina Burt A/V: Randy Klaus	11	12	13 9:30 am Lamplighters 5:15 pm Catechism 7 pm Bible Study	14	15	16 6:00 pm Worship*
17 9:15 am Sun Sch & Bible Study 10:30 am Worship* 11:30 Nominating Committee Usher Team: Larry Van Wyhe Greeters: Larry & Linda VW Acolytes: Tessa & Jessen Camera: Ian McManaman A/V: Derek Allen	18 6:30 pm LWML	19	20 5:15 pm Catechism 7 pm Bible Study	21	22	23 6:00 pm Worship
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LCMS Convention Highlights

For the next few months we will highlight passed by the LCMS convention in July that especially speak to us. As resolution was passed—"Shared Ministry among Rural Congregations." This resolution encourages congregations in rural areas to partner together so that the Lord's work is done in efficient and beneficial way among rural congregations. We are used to partnerships here at Trinity. For years we partnered with St. Paul's, Ireton and Faith, Orange City by hosting a Lenten preaching rotation. St. Paul's and Trinity held joint communion services at Hillcrest. Our youth groups participate together at the district youth gatherings. Pastor Boothby and I are in continual conversation about ways to continuing partnering in the future. If you have ideas of future ways to partner, let me know!

Special Jr. Youth Event

Bethany from Lutheran Family Services will be here to discuss "Dating and Social Media" on November 10 at 2:00 p.m. Parents and kids encouraged to come! The Parent Group is encouraged to attend as well!

Thanksgiving Eve

Please join us for Thanksgiving Eve worship at 7:00p.m. We gather together to give thanks to God for our nation and for all He does to support our body and life.

New Organ Payoff Sunday

The weekend of November 10 we will collect a special offering to help pay the remaining balance of our new organ! The remaining payment is \$16,000 out of the \$40,000 purchase. Please give generously to support this purchase.

Hymn of the Month

"Come Ye Thankful People Come" LSB 892 This hymn expresses themes of harvest and thanksgiving we celebrate throughout November. However, God's theme of harvest is tied to judgement over sin and death bringing the rescue of God's people safely home with Him. The theme of accounting and judgment are dominate themes in the Church's scripture readings at the end of the Church Year.

Treasures September Report

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

	HOME	MISSION
Budget to Date	\$ 132,600.00	\$13,650.00
Amt. Needed/Week	\$ 3,400.00	\$ 350.00
Amt. Received to Date	\$ 94,202.00	\$ 11,838.00
Amt. Ahead (Behind)	(\$38,398.00)	\$ (1,812.00)

Prayerfully consider donating more to the general fund and missions as we are behind on the budget considerably. Thank You!

TRINITY LUTHERAN VOTERS MEETING – SUNDAY October 20, 2019 11:30 am
Pastor Lowe opened the meeting with prayer. Minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved with one correction Carol Aldrich reporting for LWML. Present: Pastor Lowe. Roll call was taken with 31 Voter's present. One new voter signed in: Chris Waterman. Larry Bauder motioned to accept this new member. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business: Organ has been ordered and check for ½ (\$20,000) has been paid. No delivery date known yet but Pastor anticipates before Christmas. Decisions of where it will be placed yet to be decided. Mary Orton reports of proposal from Dan Shipper (Electric) for tract lighting to the front of the Church. Bid of \$1959.00 was submitted. Discussions of whether lights can be dimmed will be brought to Dan. Funds will be obtained from the Interior renovations. Curt approved the motion and Lorraine seconded the tract lighting to the front of the Church. Mary will contact Dan with the go-ahead.

Trustees Report: Dave Huebner reports Nohava Roofing will be fixing 2 areas in the North end of the Educational wing doors. No added expense to this repair. Three new lights will be installed in the Educational Wing. A request was discussed on reminding the custodian to clean the balcony. There are several ceiling tiles needing replacing in Woman's bathroom. Dave will contact carpenter this fall.

Elders Report: Dave Zierke reported on the Elder's activity with Miss you cards to absent members.

Board of Education and Youth Report: Continue in need of volunteers to provide meals or money to cover expenses for Catechism. Signup sheet located in the Narthex. Council had reviewed having one person responsible for checkbook for Sunday school and Youth group and this person would report annually. No new discussion in Kara's absence.

Stewardship Report: none

Finance Report: no report

Building Fund Report: Lycia Anderson reports as of 9/30/19 Building fund balance of \$28,226.04 minus \$29,938.07 designated for interior renovations, leaving \$-1712.03. During previous Council meeting, Larry made a motion to close out the savings account of \$1283.33 and place it in the building fund checking account. Janice made the motion to accept this transfer of money to the building fund checking account with Dave seconding. Lamplighter's reported they have \$6500.00 in their account. We are short \$15,550.21 on paying off new Organ.

Lutheran Women's Missionary League: Janice reports that the third Monday in November (Nov 18) will be guest night with a potluck. Recent projects have been assembling 38 health kits for the homeless shelters.

Treasurer's Report: Jennifer Kooi presented the 2020 Church budget. Several line items from the Board of Ed have been removed from the Budget due to having their own account. Secretary/custodian was given a \$0.50 per hour raise with organists earning an extra \$10/service. Mary Ortnr motioned to approve the 2020 Budget. Denny Peters seconded and the motion carried. 2 CD's have been cashed out. One for the Roof and one for the Roof and Organ. If the CD of \$21,353.17 were cashed out for the rest of the Organ, there would be an \$89.50 penalty. Discussion to group on cashing out the \$21,353.17 CD for Church expenses. Mary Ortnr motioned to cash out above CD with Dave Zierke seconding. Discussion on sending out a Stewardship letter in November to the Congregation on current expenses and funds needed to operate. Motion to send letter approved by Lynn Thorpe and seconded by Terry Zierke. Motion carried.

Endowment Report: no report

Memorial Fund Report: Duane Aldrich reported as of 9/31/19 account balance of \$1584.57.

Other or New Business: none

Pastor's Report: July attendance was 109 average, August 99 average, September 112 average. Official acts: Marriages: 1, Funerals: 1
Meeting adjourned.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING SUNDAY, October 6, 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, Jennifer Kooi, Dave Zierke, Lycia Anderson, Kara Vander Hamm, Janice Kitchenmaster, Bill Buryanek, Holly Breugem.

President Bauder called the meeting to order.

Unfinished Business: Organ has been ordered and check for ½ (\$20,000) has been paid. No delivery date known yet. Decisions of where it will be placed yet to be decided.

Trustees Report: Dave Huebner reports Nohava Roofing will be fixing 2 areas in the North end of the Educational wing doors. No added expense to this repair. Three new lights will be installed in the Educational Wing. Several ceiling tiles to this area need replacing at a later date.

Elder's Report: none

Board of Education and Youth Report: Volunteers are needed for the catechism supper and/or monetary donations. Sign up sheets in the narthex. Discussion regarding 1 person responsible for the check book for Sunday school and youth group. Suggested that this person report annually. Guidelines would be set up on what they are responsible for.

Stewardship Report: none

Finance Report: none

Building Fund Report: Lycia Anderson reports as of 9/30/19 Building fund balance of \$45,659.53 minus . \$29,938.07 designated for interior renovations, leaving \$15,721.46 designated for the organ. Motion was made by Larry to close out the savings account of \$1200.00 and place it in the Church's checking account. Janice made the motion to accept this transfer of money to checking account with Dave Zierke seconding.

Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) Report: Janice Kitchenmaster reports that the third Monday in November (Nov 18) will be guest night with a potluck. Third Sunday in October will be mite offerings. Recent projects have been assembling 38 health kits for homeless shelters.

Treasurer's Report: Jennifer Kooi presented the 2020 Church budget. 2 CD's have been cashed out. One for the roof and one for the roof and organ. If the CD of \$21,353.17 is cashed out for the rest of the organ, there would be an \$89.50 penalty. Discussion regarding several line items that could be removed from the budget.

Memorial Fund: Duane Aldrich provided the Trinity Memorial account statement of \$1584.57 in his absence.

Other or New Business: Discussion regarding having Pastor contact the District Treasurer to assist us with providing clarity on some line items of our Budget.

Pastor's Report: Will be reporting at our next Voter's meeting October 20, 2019.

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

LWML

Monday, October 21, 2019 • 7:00 PM Meeting

Pastor led a Bible Study on our vocations—our calling from God. Jeanette gave a devotion entitled, "Living Sacrifices".

Roll was taken with 10 members present.

The treasurer's report was read and will be filed for audit. Our balance on hand is \$288.04

Old Business

Thank you to Carol for taking the health kits to Norfolk.

Thank you to all that participated in LWML Sunday.

New Business

We discussed Guest Night, set for Monday, November 18 at 6:30. It will be a potluck meeting and we will eat first. We signed up for a salad, casserole or dessert. We are invited to Fort Dodge on Dec. 2 for a Christmas party at Lutheran Family Services. St Paul's Ireton is going and invited us to join them. Janice filled out a donation sheet for our Zone. It included hours worked and projects completed. We are now accepting eye glass donations. There will be a box in the narthex to deposit eye glasses in to be sent to those in need. We discussed Christmas shoe boxes for the shut-ins. Terry will get plastic shoe boxes and we are to bring the items to fill them to the November meeting. We will wrap the boxes at the meeting so they are ready to be distributed in December. Project for tonight is Mites. We thanked Linda and Audree for serving. We sang our song and said the pledge and prayers.

Respectfully submitted,
Lycia Anderson

Pig Headed Stewards

Lutherans give not merely out of obedience to God, but, because we have the Gospel, we our giving is a response to God's gifts to us! Consider how you might share God's gifts with others this season of Thanksgiving!

1. Consider inviting a friend or extended family member to Thanksgiving dinner.
2. At thanksgiving, go around and ask what people are thankful for and ask them to be specific.
3. Consider taking up a collection of food items or money at your family thanksgiving to give to someone in need or the local food bank (Christmas is coming!).
4. Surprise someone by buying them a ham or turkey and dropping it on their doorstep.
5. Write a special note to someone or send them a text to let them know how grateful to God you are for them!
6. Because your body is part of God's stewardship consider joining a gym or starting an exercise routine to keep during the winter months and holiday eating.

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Mark your calendars for these upcoming events.

November 8-10 Fall Women's SPA Retreat
November 9 Fall Volunteer Day
December 6-7 REVIVE Lock-in at Our Savior in Denison
December 7 Advent by Candlelight Women's Event
January 10-11 REVIVE Lock-in at Holy Trinity in Farnhamville
January 24-26 Family Ice Fishing Retreat
January 25 Winter Games Family Festival

Fall Women's SPA Retreat! November 8-10, 2019

Women of all ages are encouraged to attend this fabulous weekend of "Defiant Joy"! Our weekend Bible study will be led by Judy Gronbach and Angela Naeve.



Come experience the Joy of being with other women...laugh, cry, relax, and build relationships!

November Birthdays

2. Marcella Brandhagen, Helen Kool, Claudia Olson
3. Rick Boyer, Mike Van Ballegooyen
4. Derek Benda
5. Amanda Mace, Carolyn Puhl
7. Sutton Janssen, Emma Pulfrey, Dylan Stevens, Amy Topete
11. Shelly Reece
13. Julie Kool
14. Gloria Finch
17. Holly Breugem
18. Karina Pulfrey
19. Tristen Topete
20. Cassie Lachmann
21. Terry Zierke
22. Kendra Schelling
23. Jim McKee
24. Janissa Baas, Rev. Joshua Lowe
25. Audree Olson, Paul Olson, Alyssa Peterson, Dillon McKee
26. Kelcie Wakeman
27. Kurt Bultman, John Jacobs
28. Stan Hendricks



November Anniversaries

11. Derek & Mandie Allen 6 years
24. Dallas & Ardis Huebner 57 years

From Pastor's Desk...

Do I have to Tithe? That is an interesting question: do we have to tithe under the New Testament? After all, tithing, that is, giving 10% of our income to God's work in the Church, is a regulation of the Old Testament. We live under Christ in the New Testament so does this apply to us today?

We might approach our answer to this question by asking whether or not we have to keep the Third Commandment – which reads in full from Exodus 20:8-11 Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

So do we have to keep this commandment? Should we cease from all labor on Saturday as the people of the Old Testament did? Of course not! That was one of the Old Testament prophecies of Christ – and since Christ has fulfilled the Sabbath rest by resting in the tomb on Holy Saturday, we are free from the Old Testament Sabbath regulations. Thus St. Paul writes, “Let no one pass judgment on you in questions of food and drink, or with regard to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath. These are a shadow of the things to come, but the substance belongs to Christ” (Col. 2:16-17).

And yet, there the Third Commandment stands in our Small Catechism: Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy! What's going on here? Well, look at Luther's explanation of the third commandment: “What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not despise preaching and His Word, but gladly hear and learn it.” So the form of the commandment, the letter of the law, has passed away as a shadow: but the spirit still remains. We are to honor God by our worship, by gladly receiving His Word and Sacraments in His Church.

So it is with tithing. The New Testament nowhere lists the precise regulations about giving this tithe and that tithe to the Levites and the Temple and so on. Those precise regulations were to point us to Christ: who represents the fullness of humanity though He is one Man, just as the tithe represented the fullness of the income of the people of Israel though it was only 10% thereof. We are in no way bound to these precise legal regulations of Old Testament Israel.

And yet, just as the fulfilling of the Sabbath Day doesn't mean that going to the Lord's House for worship once a week is obsolete – so also the New Testament does not make faithful financial stewardship obsolete. Rather, the New Testament is full of admonitions on this point: “On the first day of every week, each of you is to put something aside and store it up, as each one of you may prosper.” (1 Cor. 16:2); “But just as you excel in everything-- in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us --see that you also excel in this grace of giving.” (2 Cor. 8:7); “The point is this: he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that you may always have enough of everything and may provide in abundance for every good work” (2 Cor. 9:6-8).

So just as the Old Testament's once a week worship became the benchmark for New Testament worship, so also the Old Testament's tithe becomes the benchmark for New Testament stewardship. Not in the way of inflexible, minute regulations – but in the way of pattern and fulfillment. If in the New Testament we are called to give proportionally (“as each one may prosper”), weekly (“on the first day”), and “generously” - then surely the Old Testament tithe is the floor level of Christian giving, not the ceiling. As our worship in the New Testament is a greater fulfillment of the Old Testament Sabbath, so also our New Testament stewardship is called to be an even greater sacrificial fulfillment of the Old Testament tithing regulations.

From *Stewardship Under the Cross*, Rev. Heath Curtis

The Pull of the Heart from God and from the World

Jesus said, “*No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money*” (Matthew 6:24). We are caught between two masters and two distinct, opposing ways of life. The ways of the world which focus on money and what money can buy and God's ways. The world builds life on the accumulation of material possessions for today, whereas God wants us to have a loving and devoted relationship with Him through Jesus and to develop relationships with others.

God's Word does not condemn the possession of material stuff, but Scripture reminds us that these are gifts of God to sustain our lives and to help those in need and to extend God's kingdom. Our possessions are to be accepted with thanksgiving and used wisely. Our Christian faith draws us away from the self-oriented values of our society. God calls us to abandon self-centered lives and value systems, as we recognize ourselves as managers of all that He has given to us. God admonishes waste and careless destruction of His resources by pollution and injustice caused by people. While sin brought destructive forces into our lives such as earthquakes, floods, tornadoes and hurricanes, these remind us to stay close to God and depend on his grace, love and mercy for our needs. They are all reminders of the brevity of life and that we are foreigners on earth and that heaven is our true home. People who make possessions and money their security and who desire more than they need will be disappointed: “*Your riches have rotted and your garments are moth-eaten. Your gold and silver have corroded, and their corrosion will be evidence against you and will eat your flesh like fire. You have laid up treasure in the last days*” (James 5:2-3). Their riches gave evidence to their greed for which they were judged.

The attractiveness of the material world makes us blind to the glory of God all around us which fills heaven and earth. Some have nothing left to quiet their own worries and feelings, except chemicals or alcohol which drug their minds from reality. The consumer world is a tempting merry-go-round that makes no sense. The world promises things that only God can provide and give! No matter how dazzling the things of this world appear, they offer no long-lasting peace, joy, and hope. God alone meets our needs by the riches of His glory (Phil. 4:19), and we need to remember the warning that Luke shares in his Gospel: “*For what good does it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses or forfeits himself?*” (verse 9:25).

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

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| 1. Exodus 15:1-18 | Hosea 8-10 |
| 2. Psalm 122 | Hosea 11-14 |
| 3. Psalm 123 | Joel |
| 4. Psalm 124 | Amos 1-5 |
| 5. Psalm 125 | Amos 6-9 |
| 6. Psalm 126 | Obadiah, Jonah |
| 7. Psalm 127 | Micah 1-3 |
| 8. Psalm 128 | Micah 4-7 |
| 9. Psalm 129 | Nahum |
| 10. Psalm 130 | Habakkuk |
| 11. Psalm 131 | Zephaniah |
| 12. Psalm 132 | Haggai |
| 13. Psalm 133 | Zechariah 1-5 |
| 14. Psalm 134 | Zechariah 6-10 |
| 15. Psalm 135 | Zechariah 11-14 |
| 16. Psalm 136 | Malachi |
| 17. Psalm 137 | Matthew 1-2 |
| 18. Psalm 138 | Matthew 3-4 |
| 19. Psalm 139 | Matthew 5-6 |
| 20. Psalm 140 | Matthew 7-8 |
| 21. Psalm 141 | Matthew 9-10 |
| 22. Psalm 142 | Matthew 11-12 |
| 23. Psalm 143 | Matthew 13-14 |
| 24. Psalm 144 | Matthew 15-16 |
| 25. Psalm 145 | Matthew 17-18 |
| 26. Psalm 146 | Matthew 19-20 |
| 27. Psalm 147 | Matthew 21-22 |
| 28. Psalm 148 | Matthew 23-24 |
| 29. Psalm 149-150 | Matthew 25-26 |
| 30. Exodus 15:1-18 | Matthew 27-28 |



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