

September 2019 Elder: Dave Zierke, Altar Guild: Ardis Huebner & Teresa Sperle, Stewardship: Jon Burt

| | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
|---|---|-----------|---|-----------|-----------|---|
| 1 10:30 am Worship* Usher Team: Denny Peters Greeters: Larry & Joann B. Acolytes: Tessa & Jessen Camera: Derek Allen A/V: Tom Murren | 2 11am Youth Labor Day Hamburger Stand 1:15 pm Parade | 3 | 4 5:15 pm Catechism 7:00 pm Bible Study | 5 | 6 | 7 6:00 pm Worship |
| 8 8:30 am Elders' Meeting 9:30 am Sunday School Pan- cake Breakfast 10:30 am Worship 6-7 pm Family Group Usher Team: JP Breugem Greeters: Don & Marge D. Acolytes: Logan & Keira T. Camera: Dakota Allen A/V: Dan Tentinger | 9 | 10 | 11 9:30 am Lamplighters 5:15 pm Catechism 7:00 pm Bible Study | 12 | 13 | 14 6:00 pm Worship* |
| 15 9:15 am Sun. Sch. & Bible St. 10:30 am Worship* Usher Team: Lester Janssen Greeters: Derek & Mandie A. Acolytes: Emma B. & Karlee Camera: Katrina Burt A/V: Jon Burt | 16 7:00 pm LWML | 17 | 18 5:15 pm Catechism 7:00 pm Bible Study | 19 | 20 | 21 6:00 pm Worship |
| 22 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship Usher Team: Rodney Matz Greeters: Carol & Jessica C. Acolytes: RJ & Jayden Camera: Ian McManaman A/V: Randy Klaus | 23 | 24 | 25 5:15 pm Catechism 7:00 pm Bible Study | 26 | 27 | 28 LWML Fall Rally@ LeMars 6:00 pm Worship* |
| 29 9:15 am Sun. Sch. & Bible St. 10:30 am Worship* Usher Team: Larry Van Wyhe Greeters: Jerry & Sharon W. Acolytes: Ani & Brielle Camera: Jaxton Jungers A/V: Duane Aldrich | 30 | | | | | |

LWML

Monday August 19, 2019 • 7:00 PM meeting

Janice led a Bible Study on 1 John 5:13-21
Jeanette Kircher led a devotion called Headed Homeward.
Roll was taken with 7 members present. No minutes from the previous meeting were read.

Treasurer's report from Terry with a balance on hand of \$212.54.

OLD BUSINESS

Audree purchased the health kit items. Each LWML member should reimburse our treasury for \$10.50 to cover those costs. The kits were assembled. They will go to Orphan Grain Train for distribution.

NEW BUSINESS

The fall rally will be held in LeMars on September 14. There is a Mission Central Retreat being held in Mapleton on September 21.

Thanks to Jean and Jeanette for serving tonight. Janice and Corinne serve in September.

Project for this month is Mission Central.

We said our pledge and prayers. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Terry Zierke (in Lycia's absence)

Treasure's July Report

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

| | HOME | MISSION |
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| Budget to Date | \$102,000.00 | \$10,500.00 |
| Amt. Needed/Week | \$ 3,400.00 | \$ 350.00 |
| Amt. Received to Date | \$ 72,086.00 | \$ 9,515.00 |
| Amt. Ahead (Behind) | \$ (29,914.00) | \$ (985.00) |

Hymn of the Month

LSB 782 "Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings" This hymn is written by LCMS pastor Rev. Gregory Wismar and is a new addition to Lutheran hymnody. This hymn reflects the generosity of our Heavenly Father who graciously provides all things. We bring glory to God as we share the gifts He gives with others. It is paired with an early American hymn tune from the early 1800's Appalachian region.

!NEW! Family Life Group

NEW! We will be gathering to grow in faith, to learn and discuss family issues! See the flyer in the Narthex! Please bring a food item to share and join us Sunday, September 8, 6:00 p.m. at the Parsonage!

Catechism

Catechism begins September 4th with a meal prior at 5:15-5:45 for 5-8th Graders. Parents of 8th Graders are asked to join their children. Everyone is invited to sign up to either sponsor or prepare a meal. Sign up sheet is in the Narthex.

!New Bible Class- Acts!

What happened after Jesus' ascension? Come explore the New Testament life in the Church, the missionary journeys of Paul, and sharpen your witness of Jesus Christ. New people always welcome! You never go wrong studying God's Word!

Sunday School Pancake Breakfast

Join the Sunday School children and parents to celebrate the beginning a new year of growing in God's Word. Breakfast starts at 9:30, Sept.8th!

Sunday School Teacher installation

The Sunday School Teacher installation will be Sunday, Sept. 8 during worship. Thanks to all the teachers that volunteer their time to help educate our youth! We appreciate you!! If you would like to volunteer to be a teacher please contact Kara Vaner-Hamm.

Sunday School

Pre-K-8th Sunday School begins September 15! Please make Sunday School a critical part of your children's lives. Parents join Pastor for Adult Bible Class and grow together in Christ as a family!

Trinity Lutheran Special Voters' Meeting
to Address the Purchasing of a New Organ
Sunday August 8, 2019, 11:30 am.

Pastor Lowe opened the meeting with prayer.

Present: Pastor Lowe. Roll Call with 29 Voters present.

This meeting was called to present information from the representative of Rodger's Organ Company, Lincoln, Nebr. He brought an organ to Trinity where the organ committee and Pastor were able to test some of the features. For example: 1) ability to record the service if organist not available with a memory stick, 2) 350 built in hymns, 3) head phone's for practicing, 4) ability to use keyboard independent of pedals if so desired, 5) roll top that locks. This is only a few of the features. Organ Committee and Pastor all agreed it was a beautiful full organ sound. Quote of \$40,000 with ½ payment due with the order and second ½ due upon delivery and installation. This pricing is good until October of this year. This includes installation and new speakers. Discussion also included installing the new organ where the present piano is. There might be the need to remove one pew.

Our current organ is an Allan brand and purchased in 1976. We are blessed to have four organist in our congregation. Our organ has been having more issues that could not be repaired. One major issue, the organ not shutting off properly, which was creating a fire hazard.

Discussion from the group on the projects that have been completed already this year and how we are behind in the budget. We need to educate our members on designating organ funds separate from the Sunday offering. The church council will be evaluating our financial situation and speaking to the congregation in the upcoming months.

A proposal was made by President Larry Bauder to borrow against a CD at the bank and purchase the Rodger's organ for \$40,000 with \$20,000 upon ordering and \$20,000 at completion of project. Majority of Voters' verbalized yes. Carol Coffalt made motion to accept with Lynn Thorpe seconding. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned. We closed with the Lord's prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Deb Kratochvil

September Birthdays

1. George Hugh
4. Cheryl Lewison, Chris Waterman
6. Randy Ballard
7. Amy Cason, Mark Hazel, Mike Kruid
9. Jennifer Kooi
10. Jeanette Kircher
16. Barb Janssen, Makiya Schurman, Tessa Schurman, Jerry Toft, Brenden Weinmann
18. Boe Boyer, Lisa Danielson
20. Frank Peterson
21. Bernadine Danielson, Tyler Van Wyhe
22. Jean Toft
23. Kara Bultman, Howard Schoellerman, Pam Weyer
24. Phil Van Wyhe
25. Mary Aldrich, Betty Brandsma, Scott Jungers, Trevor Schelling
27. Lynn Eitls, Alexa Star
28. Roger Johnson
30. Justin DeBruin



September Anniversaries

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| 3. Larry & Linda Van Wyhe | 48 years |
| 5. Jerry & Sharon Wakeman | 27 years |
| 6. Randy & Becky Klaus | 44 years |
| 7. Dave & Shelly Aldrich | 23 years |
| 11. Jack & Kay Borchers | 57 years |
| 11. Charlie & Nikki Frye | 9 years |
| 26. Rick & Joanne Boyer | 27 years |
| 29. Clark & Lisa Danielson | 18 years |

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Camp Okoboji has a special offer for congregations and their youth. Izaak Wendorff, Assistant to the Ministry Director, will work with pastors, DCEs, and youth leaders to lead a lock-in at your church. REVIVE is the theme for this event! Please check out the Camp website for available dates, information, and forms to register for this event. Our first lock-in will be at Trinity Lutheran Church in Odebolt on September 6-7, 2019.



This is the Life

Sept 1-"Run Away"-Away we go, back to where we started from?

Sept 8-"The Sin of Sue Bradley"-Misguided meddling leads to jealousy, threatening a loving relationship

Sept 15-"Old Smiley"-For over 40 plus years, Charlie Grebs was certain that his "Happiness God" from the orient brought him good luck. In less than a day, he fully realizes that things are not what they seem to be.

Sept 22-"To Take a Life"-A devoted son's loving father is terminally ill, suffering severely and pleading to die.

Sept 29-"Sharing the Gospel"-Sharing the Gospel is neither swift or easy, but truly rewarding in the end.

declining offerings to the everyday work of the congregation have left a significant deficit to our budget. This is concerning and it should concern you, too. It is our prayer, that the Lord is gracious enough to free us from our concern for self and remember who feeds, clothes, provides strength, employs, and sustains us.

In the next few months we will examine from the Scriptures what it means to be grateful, and even "pig-headed" about living and giving the things that God gives us.



Each month we will have opportunity to reflect on God's goodness and how we may respond in thankfulness.

Points to ponder-

What does it mean to thankful?

What has the Lord given me?

Why does it matter that it comes from God?

Consider writing one thing you're thankful for each day. Or consider starting a 365 days of thanks hashtag on Facebook; #365daysofthanksTLC *TLC is for Trinity Lutheran Church

From Pastor's Desk... Several years ago, I ran across this beautiful quote of Martin Luther's. Living Sioux County we live in the heart of "pig country." With so many hogs around, perhaps we can appreciate what Luther is saying. Even if you don't have pigs, this is critical for Christian life.

Dear people, condescend to praise your God; He certainly deserves it, and it is such a fitting and becoming service. There are so many who make use of all God's benefits every day and see and know very well that they have great gifts and all that is good. But not once a day do they consider from whom they have these things, or that it is God who gives them. They take them as though these things just happened, or as though they had earned them through their own labor, diligence, and wisdom. They imagine that God must give them these things and that they owe Him no thanks.

No animal would live as disgracefully as does this world, no not even a sow. For a sow knows the housewife or maid from whom she receives her slops and swill; she runs after her and cries to her. But the world does not know and honor the God who so richly and bountifully blesses it; much less does it thank and praise Him (Martin, Luther, *Selected Psalms III*, 112).

I know what he's talking about. I raised several bottle calves as a kid. One of those calves, Molly, lived in the grove near our house. Every morning she would stand outside my window and moo for her breakfast. She wouldn't stop until I came out to feed her. She was relentless. Once the bottle was finished she'd grab my fingers and hold on. She'd follow me anywhere I wanted to go. She knew I was her life's supply of food and who cared for her every need. Do you?

In the next few newsletters, I'd like us to consider what it means to live our Christian life out of gratitude. Gratitude is an acknowledgement that God is the giver of ALL things. Without His generosity we have NOTHING. Gratitude is a lifestyle- it's more than words... it's a way of living. Each day Luther taught us to begin and end with "I thank you my Heavenly Father..." The first article explanation of the Creed teaches us that without God, we have nothing. And with Him, everything is given to us to be used for the good our neighbor and praise to our God. Gratitude is life in the Gospel (Psalm 50:23).

As 21st Century Americans we easily forget from whom comes our "slops and swill." As members of Trinity Lutheran, Hawarden, we can forget it, too. In the last year we've had to number of projects which have been necessary to confront years of wear and tear. While these projects are necessary to maintain our church building, they along with

Living Life at its Best

Jesus tells us that He came in order for us to have life and have it more abundantly (John 10:10). Just as we as parents are pleased and thrilled to see our children thrive and do well in their careers, with their families, and in their churches, our Heavenly Father, in a much more profound way, is pleased that we are experiencing **life at its best** in the years, months, and days that God has given us. We are His children and His amazing love for us was shown to us on the Cross where Christ won for us the forgiveness of sins and eternal life through faith in Him. This gift empowers us to live abundantly. It is God's desire that we live abundant lives. Just as we want the best for our children, He wants the best for us. He is so pleased when we walk by faith in ways of obedience, compassion, selflessness, and seek to follow His ways. By God's grace, we can be contented people who live **life at its best** aware of His presence and enjoying the intimacy of His companionship. **Life at its Best** is the rich life that God wants for us.

In contrast to the abundant life that Jesus came to give us, we find Satan (thief) doing all he can to make us live life at its worst. "*The thief comes only to steal, kill, and destroy*" (John 10:10a). Satan comes to steal our joy, kill our faith, and destroy our hope. He attempts to separate us from Jesus, and he wants us to live lives of despair and gloom.

In this tenth chapter of John, Jesus tells us that He is our Good Shepherd. As our Shepherd, He feeds us, guides us, and takes care of our needs. He even lays down His life for us! What a humbling and staggering thought that Jesus the Creator of the universe wants to be our Shepherd! He wants us to be His children in spite of our sinful and evil ways. He invites us to follow Him and to receive His affection and attention.



He tells us that we, His sheep, know His voice and follow Him. As part of His flock or family, we acknowledge His authority and seek to follow His direction. Out of gratitude we attempt to live lives that please Him through our serving, witnessing, and giving. Because Jesus is our Good Shepherd we can live **life at its best**.

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

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| 1. 1 Chronicles 29: 10-13 | Job 31-33 |
| 2. Psalm 86 | Job 34-36 |
| 3. Psalm 87 | Job 37-39 |
| 4. Psalm 88 | Job 40-42 |
| 5. Psalm 89 | Proverbs 1-3 |
| 6. Psalm 90 | Proverbs 4-7 |
| 7. Psalm 91 | Proverbs 8-10 |
| 8. Psalm 92 | Proverbs 11-13 |
| 9. Psalm 93 | Proverbs 14-16 |
| 10. Psalm 94 | Proverbs 17-19 |
| 11. Psalm 95 | Proverbs 20-22 |
| 12. Psalm 96 | Proverbs 23-25 |
| 13. Psalm 97 | Proverbs 26-28 |
| 14. Psalm 98 | Proverbs 29-31 |
| 15. Psalm 99 | Ecclesiastes 1-3 |
| 16. Psalm 100 | Ecclesiastes 4-6 |
| 17. Psalm 101 | Ecclesiastes 7-9 |
| 18. Psalm 102 | Ecclesiastes 10-12 |
| 19. Psalm 103 | Song of Solomon 1-4 |
| 20. Psalm 104 | Song of Solomon 5-8 |
| 21. Psalm 105 | Jeremiah 1-3 |
| 22. Psalm 106 | Jeremiah 4-6 |
| 23. Psalm 107 | Jeremiah 7-9 |
| 24. Psalm 108 | Jeremiah 10-12 |
| 25. Psalm 109 | Jeremiah 13-15 |
| 26. Psalm 110 | Jeremiah 16-18 |
| 27. Psalm 111 | Jeremiah 19-22 |
| 28. Psalm 112 | Jeremiah 23-25 |
| 29. Psalm 113 | Jeremiah 26-28 |
| 30. 1 Chronicles 29:10-13 | Jeremiah 29-31 |



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