

# TRINITY NEWSLETTER



Trinity Lutheran Church—ELCA

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**MAY 2019 - No. 314**

Members of Holden & Trinity:

This time of searching for an interim pastor and then calling a pastor is a special time for reflection and prayer for our congregations. As communicated by the Southwest Minnesota Synod office, the process can take some time, and is an opportunity for our congregations to reassess our church's needs and ministry. It's a time to remember that we are a community of people who share one thing in common, to follow Jesus Christ our Lord.

Currently we do not have an interim pastor in place or in consideration. We currently have pulpit supply coverage for the immediate timeframe. The council will continue to try and fill with pulpit supply until an interim pastor can be considered. If you have an idea or would like to lead the congregation in worship, please contact one of the church council leaders.

In order to assess our future needs, we are asking for a call committee to be formed. Please contact the church council leaders and/or church office to volunteer. Initially, a ministry site profile will be considered and filled out for the congregations to help with the search process.

We continue to pray for Pastor Bev's health and recovery. As she stated in last month's newsletter, her recovery is expected to take several months. We will plan individual retirement celebrations with her and John for some time later this year. Once plans are finalized, announcements will be made to each congregation.

Times of transition are difficult. It's a time of prayer, lament, spiritual growth, fears, and hope. Through all the seasons, God journeys beside us. Through especially the difficult times, we give thanks that we have a Lord who knows suffering and has the power to resurrect us from all of our graves.

Mike Folk  
Holden Council Chairman

Josh Bohlen  
Trinity Church Council Chairman

## BACCALAUREATE - Sunday, May 19, 2019

TRINITY  
Worship at  
8:45

followed by lunch in  
honor of graduates.

*Emma Botker*  
*Jasmine Cloos*  
*Elizabeth Davis*  
*Dylan Finberg*  
*Jordan Kellen*  
*Mackenzie Wills*  
*Mason Zimmel*



*Congratulations!*

HOLDEN  
Worship at  
10:30

followed by a potluck  
dinner in honor of the  
graduates

*Caleb Cardwell*  
*Chandler Comblick*

### ***Words for graduation...***

*People are the stocks into which we are to invest our time ... the best of all investments you can make is to help people come to know Jesus as their Lord and Savior. You can make a commitment right here and now ... I'm asking you today not to graduate but commence a new life for God every step of the way."*

~ Rev. Billy Graham

*"Education which stops with efficiency may prove the greatest menace to society. ... We must remember that intelligence is not enough. Intelligence plus character—that is the goal of true education."*

~ Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

*"When we rely upon organization, we get what organization can do; when we rely upon education, we get what education can do; when we rely upon eloquence, we get what eloquence can do. And so on. But when we rely upon prayer, we get what God can do."*

~ A. C. Dixon

*"An unschooled man who knows how to meditate upon the Lord has learned far more than the man with the highest education who does not know how to meditate."*

~ Rev. Charles Stanley



# Summer Schedule

Services are going to remain the same during the summer months:

**HOLDEN 8:45 TRINITY 10:30**

There is a sign up sheet on Trinity's bulletin for serving coffee hours throughout the summer. The women are sponsoring them, as the youth are taking the summer off.

HAPPY   
MOTHER'S  
Day! 

## **Trinity Sunday School MOTHER'S DAY Program & Lunch**

**Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup>  
Program starting at  
9:30 with lunch  
following.**

**ALL Women of Trinity  
are invited to attend.  
(And so are the dads)**

*Happy  
Mothers  
Day*

### A Mother's Day Prayer

I thank you God for my mother.  
I thank you that she gave me life and  
nurtured me all those years. She gave  
me my faith, helping me to know you  
and to know Jesus and his ways.  
She taught me how to love and how to  
sacrifice for others. She taught me  
that it was okay to cry and that  
I should always tell the truth.

Bless her with the graces she needs and  
which you want to give her today. Help her  
to feel precious in your eyes today and to  
know that I love her. Give her strength and  
courage, compassion and peace.  
Bless her this day with your love!

### *Calling All Trinity Women*

Circle for all Trinity women on  
Monday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.



### Trinity 5<sup>th</sup> Graders

who will be offered the First Communion Class after worship service on Sunday, June 2nd and will receive communion for the first time on Sunday, June 9th.

#### TRINITY

Makaya Hennessy  
Isabella Ross-Strand  
Jordan Wright

*Coffee, lunch, and fellowship will follow after the worship service.*

### **GREAT NEWS.**

Bonnie Stotesbery will be back in the office on Monday, May 6th!!

**~~~WELCOME BACK BONNIE~~~**

### **Trinity members...**

A sign up sheet can be found in the Narthex for mowing the church lawn this summer.

There is a sign up sheet on the north hallway bulletin board for serving a coffee hour during the months of June and July. The Youth are taking a couple of months off during the summer.

### **THANK YOU TO**

The youth and their parents for preparing and serving the Lenten suppers!!



### **BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH**

### May

- 2 Sandy Gillespie, Justin McAlister
- 3 Jeffrey Athey, Felicia Athey  
Brian Wentland, Dale Wentland
- 4 Melissa Nordick, Larry Huselid
- 7 Amanda Stattelman
- 10 Nicole Fuhrman, Trudy Martig
- 12 Matthew Athey, Lowell Larson  
ShaRaye Redfield
- 13 Kylie Lick
- 15 Wayne Herberg
- 16 Dennis Lindholm
- 17 Kody Pullis, Anita Ronning  
Rick Schneck, Jordon Thorson
- 18 Danny Kleindl, Piper Sanasack
- 20 Levi Nelson
- 22 Mareya Doschadis, Dale Martig
- 23 Macey Ebnet
- 26 Deb Sandberg, Kathi Tharaldson
- 27 Mary Ann Arndt, Julia Davis
- 28 Craig Doschadis

These birthdates come from the computer membership program, *Revelations*. Please give your information to the office if your name has been missed.

# National Day of Prayer - May 2

Almighty God, You are God of heaven and earth. We honor you today.

We come before you praying for our beloved country.

We have strayed far from your principles and from your plans for this country.

Help us to find our way back to your paths of righteousness.

We pray for our leaders. We pray that they will take a serious look at their personal integrity. We pray that they will become dissatisfied with any area, in their personal character, that is in rebellion to you.

Inspire them to be men and women of prayer.

Inspire them to passionately pray for wisdom.

Inspire them to be hungry for your guidance.

Inspire them to rise up with godly boldness and determination to be the best leader they are capable of being.

Almighty God, we lift up to you the needs of our brave military men and women - those presently serving *and* our veterans. Draw our attention to their needs. Show us how to cooperate with you in meeting those needs.

Forgive us for - often - overlooking the needs of our nation's heroes. Forgive us for putting their health needs and their financial needs on the back burner.

Remind our leaders - and remind each one of us - to treat our veterans and our current military heroes with the honor, respect, and appreciation that they deserve.

Almighty God, today we take this opportunity to re-dedicate ourselves to you. We want to spend our days walking before you in integrity and obedience.

We want to show love and respect toward you and toward each other.

Today, we dedicate ourselves to the goal of listening to your voice more closely.

Almighty God, you have given us a great country.

We thank you for our freedom and our liberty.

We thank you for our beautiful land and for our natural resources.

And we thank you for giving us a nation of men and women with the capacity to work together to build a better future through strong bonds of cooperation and unity. In Jesus name we pray. Amen



## Honoring The Dead Of Unknown

As Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr. said in his Memorial Day address in 1884 at Keene, Memorial Day 'celebrates and solemnly reaffirms from year to year a national act of enthusiasm and faith.' With changing times, Memorial Day is more celebrated as a holiday than the glum occasion it was meant for. We must remember that the day means the honor of America's defense personnel who lost their lives in various wars. Though, people used to honor the graves of the war dead even before the Civil War, the National Memorial Day holiday, originally known as 'Decoration Day' was first observed on May 30, 1868.

The concept originated in the mind of General John Alexander Logan, who dedicated this day to decorate the graves of the American Civil War dead. Later, it encompassed all those who sacrificed their lives for their nation, from the Revolutionary War to the present. May 30<sup>th</sup> every year was celebrated as the Memorial Day until 1971. Later, the federal government issued the orders of holding the Memorial Day on the last Monday of May.

Seeing the Memorial Day losing its importance in the minds of younger generations, the concept of the National Moment of Remembrance was hatched by a national humanitarian organization known as the 'No Greater Love' based in Washington, D.C. It was introduced in 1997 and is recognized by the President and Members of Congress. Since then, 'Taps' is at 3 p.m. throughout America to honor the contributions of our dead soldiers. All Americans are encouraged to pay respect to them by keeping silent for one minute in their memory at 3:00 pm

**Trinity Lutheran Church Council**  
**March 13, 2019**

Present: K. Stattelmann, R. Stotesbery, J. Morrill, J. Bohlen, H. Zimmer

Also present: M. Trulson, R. Erickson, D. Herberg, M. Folk, Pastor Kathryn Skoglund from Synod

Call to order Josh

Secretary's report approved as submitted. Motion by Kelly, second Randy.

Treasurer's report approved as submitted. Motion Deb, second Kelly.

**Committee Reports:**

\*Education: Confirmation is covered thru March. Senior youth group will meet early April.

\* Evangelism, Worship and Music: None

\* Property and Management: Leaks have appeared in the roof. The weather stripping on the south door needs attention.

\* Stewardship/Finance: None

\* Outreach: None

**Other Reports:**

\* Parish Board: None

\* St. Pauli Committee: None

**Old Business:**

1. Review annual meeting - Josh has meet with Val Hoffman regarding selling the two properties. Motion by Randy to go ahead. Second Haley.

**New Business:**

1. Minister Bev's resignation. Pastor Skoglund outlined what would be happening in the future as far as the call process. Worship is covered for March and she has agreed to lead us in worship on April 7, and also on Easter Sunday. We can fill in with pulpit supply until we reach an agreement with an interim Pastor.

2. April council meeting will be April 10, 2019 at 6:30 pm Close with Lord's Prayer  
 Motion to adjourn Kelly, second Haley.

Respectfully submitted by Debra Maher, secretary

**Trinity Activity of Funds – March 2018**

General	Bal. 3/1	64,399.95
	Income	13,421.83
	Expenses	- 9,495.27
	Trans. to Special Funds	- 514.00
	Bal. 3/31	67,812.51
Chaperone	Bal. 3/31	10,904.18
Discipleship	Bal. 3/31	13.14
Long Range Repairs	Bal. 3/31	7,265.00
Olai Steen Scholarship	Bal. 3/31	5,093.65
TLC Scholarship	Bal. 3/31	1,584.66
Memorials	Bal. 3/31	2,941.00
Bible Camp	Bal. 3/31	22.00
Thrivent	Bal. 3/1	6,859.33
	Income	514.00
	Bal. 3/31	7,373.33
Improvement Fund	Bal. 3/31	- 6,539.28

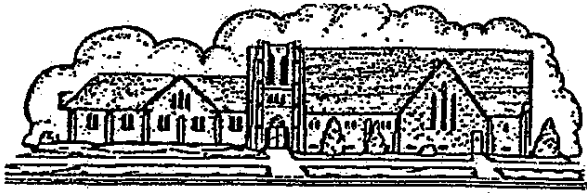
Total balance of all special funds: \$28,657.68  
 Combined General & Special Funds: \$96,470.19

**St. Pauli Maintenance Fund:**

Bal: 3/1	\$ 7,128.94
Donations	.00
Interest	.29
Bal. 3/31	7,129.23

**Memorial Money Market**

Bal. 3/1	\$99,953.16
Interest	8.22
Bal. 3/31	\$99,961.38



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