

Pastor's Report
Congregation Council
August 2018

Highlights:

- Confirmation program adjustments have been completed and revised. Letters sent to parents and confirmation packets are being assembled. I can't wait for the new year to start!! Yay!
- New acolyte schedule has been created which includes the new confirmation students—hopefully now we will have acolytes on a regular basis starting in September!
- Our rededication service went super well and I had a number of positive comments—including ones from our Bishop—so well-done folks!
- I have begun my work mentoring a Wartburg student who is doing her collaborative learning work in Warren. This is a 3 year commitment. I have also recently been assigned by Bishop to mentor a first call pastor in Forreston—this is a one year commitment. It is an honor to be asked to serve as a mentor to our emerging pastoral leadership and certainly is a positive reflection on you as a congregation.
- Preparations for Holy Hilarity Sunday/Rally Day are nearly complete! It is going to be a great day and I hope you all plan to be there!
- Presided at the reception of two new members. Side note—work toward have a more formal “new members class” is starting to take shape—this is a very good thing!
- Offering a “1st Communion” class to be held on Aug 26th. I have four people signed up, two of whom are adults.

A couple of side notes: I will be gone on vacation Aug 27-Sept 3, Pr. Nord in Pec. is taking my emergency call. Also, I will be gone for PLC Sept 10-12.

Additional Info: this is for your information and because of the sensitivity of it, not something I would want discussed outside of Council—we have a student (Julia Evenson) who has nearly completed all her confirmation requirements—she has a few more things to be done with her mentor Dawn Hendon (who is an excellent mentor by the way). It has recently come to my attention that Julia was never baptized—how this happened I am unsure, but it is what it is. I have given the parents two options-1. We can baptize Julia very soon and her parents will make the promises of the faith on her behalf and then she can participate in her Affirmation of Baptism on Oct 28; or 2. On October 28th we can baptize her and she will make the promises of the faith on her own behalf. As of this note to you, I have not heard back from the parents directly and have since followed up with an email. That being said, Dawn has chatted with them and she indicated the parents were leaning toward having her baptized on Oct 28th. Because of the irregularity of this situation I thought it prudent to let you know what is going on, but please do not discuss this with others outside of Council—I do not wish to embarrass Julia in any way or upset her parents if they were to hear rumors etc. I appreciate your willingness to maintain confidentiality—thank you.

Parish Administrator Report

Weekly Sunday Attendance

July 1 – 54

July 8 – 49

July 15 – 54

July 22 – 63

July 29 – 47

I have been ordering items needed for Sunday School and Confirmation. Also doing other prep work for the start of another year.

Compiled a final report for VBS 2018.

Arranged the Prayer Shawls on railing for blessing on August 12.

I did some more cleaning and organizing of storage room next to Pastor Pat's office.

Every issue of The Traveler has links in it that take you to the Council's meeting minutes & reports, and the church's calendar. Both of those are on Trinity's website.

Respectfully submitted,

Shannon Brown

August 2018 Pastoral Care

Distributed communion to two members in Medina.

Attended Trinity Caring Hearts team meeting.

Led devotions and singing along with Bev Miller at Presence Adult Day Care.

Follow up phone calls with three members and one non member to say hello.

Sent three note cards expressing condolences, get well and thinking of you.

E-mailed many private prayer requests and updates to team members- 10 new individuals are being prayed for this month. We currently pray for 29 individuals.

Respectfully submitted,

August 22, 2018

Trinity Lutheran Church and Durand United Methodist Church

Thank you to everyone who helped make this a great experience for the children!

This year it was held at Trinity Lutheran Church on June 11 – 14 from 9-11:30a.m.

There were 30 kids registered for VBS.

Attendance was: Mon. - 23, Tue. - 20, Wed. - 21, Thur. - 20

FINANCIAL REPORT

INCOME

Trinity Lutheran Church budget	\$400.00
United Methodist Church budget	\$400.00
Registrations	\$151.00
TOTAL	\$951.00

EXPENSES

Curriculum (Concordia)	\$166.49
Bible buddies, posters, skit DVD (Concordia)	\$ 95.81
Imagination Station (Walmart)	\$ 28.24
Misc. supplies (Wendy)	\$ 26.09
Food (thank you meal)	\$ 42.08
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$358.71

Trinity received a Thrivent Action Team grant of \$250.00 for VBS. This one was for decorating expenses.

Trinity received a second Thrivent Action Team grant of \$250.00 for VBS. This one was for education.

Members of Trinity donated some of the building and decorating materials. Members of United Methodist Church donated food needed for snacks.

Ending balance of \$ 592.29 divided among two churches.

A check will be issued for \$296.14 and is being given to DUMC.

Respectfully submitted by Shannon Brown

CSA Garden Report Congregation Council

Since I won't be at the Council meeting I thought I would give you all a quick update on the garden ministry:

We have had a successful season with a pretty steep learning curve for one and all, but we are figuring things out and I have to say that I am so very proud of all of those folks who have been so supportive and active in helping! Our CSA box subscribers have given us a lot of feedback and they have been really happy with their boxes and feel really good knowing that their purchase goes toward eradicating hunger here in Durand and throughout the world.

As you know we will be prepping boxes until the first Sunday in October when the subscriptions then expire. We have made about \$1800 dollars and have had many people donate monetarily to the fund as well for our overhead costs. We anticipate that we will continue to be self-sustaining.

Jody and Rich Steinke have generously offered to allow us to expand our garden to a secondary site on their property. We are grateful for their generosity and if you see them, please thank them on behalf of the Council. We will be doing part of the site preparation this fall and then be up and running with it for the 2019 summer growing season. It will allow us to expand our offering to include our DEC voucher recipients and quite possibly expand the number of CSA subscribers which in turn help us to fund the Blessing Boxes and ELCA World Hunger. As many of you already know our raised beds in the back were vandalized and destroyed. Jerry Lindvall repaired them and Angie Berg replanted, so all is well but the Steinke location will afford us not only the ability to expand but also an increased level of security.

As I am sure you have guessed, with expansion comes some added costs—mostly one-time start-up costs. In an effort to minimize the possibility of draining our existing garden fund I have written a grant proposal to the NISynod Social Ministry Committee. My prayer is that we will receive at least some funding (I've requested \$1000 on your behalf) by the first of the year. In addition, I will apply for another Thrivent Card for the coming year. Regardless, I am not worried because we have had tremendous support by so many people in this congregation—it really has been heart-warming.

Well, that is everything in a nutshell. On behalf of the team I would invite you all to tour the Trinity site location or to come over to the Steinke site location and take a look at the progress. If you come across members of the Team, please do thank them for their ministry—these are really amazing people!!

Respectfully submitted,
Pastor Pat

August 2018 Evangelism Team Meeting

Vesta, Lyle, Pastor Pat and Sharon met Sunday, August 19th. We are planning on offering a one-time gathering quarterly for those interested in joining our congregation. The informal meetings will begin in 2019 and the team continues to put together the material that will be presented. A reception will be held on the Sunday they are received as new members

The team would like to offer more outings to support our youth's sporting, musical or other events as a congregation. We are in the process of contacting parents to get their child's schedules.

We are continuing the "Getting to Know You" articles in the Traveler and the Greeter Reminders will be published in the September newsletter.

Respectfully submitted
Sharon Beksell
8/23/18

Audio Visual Media Committee Report

Members: Chris DeSchepper, Kiley DeSchepper, Louise Owen, Jerry Lindvall, Coltin Rau
Monthly Report July 2018

1. The team continues to prepare and operate the AV equipment for Sunday services. The team recorded the 40th anniversary special service August 4.

Budget/Finance Team

Monthly Report: July 2018

Members: Jerry Lindvall, chair. Liaison: Bill Konigsfeld

The team met July 23 to review the congregation's requests from the adult forum July 22. A report was prepared and presented to council July 24.

TMM

Dates for our future events:

n September 9 TMM breakfast and God's Work Our Hands event



1. **Meeting held July 19.**
2. **Oktoberfest.** This fundraiser is our next event.
 - a. We have added apple sauce to the menu served in prepackaged 4 oz. cups. The rest of the menu remains the same as 2017.
 - b. Need an additional 10 x 10 tent to shelter the band. Thanks Judds for arranging the live music addition.
 - c. The main entrance to the fest will be the rear entrance and where to buy tickets. We will need usher upstairs for people coming in main entrance to direct them to elevator for handicapped or to the rear stairs to purchase tickets.
 - d. Beer and soda available outside the lower level.
 - e. No change in ticket prices. Planning on 300 guests this year. 40 kids meals.
 - f. We will try a 50/50 drawing. \$1 or 5\$ for six.
 - g. Will have take out available.
 - h. Desserts. Will have the black forest cake and pumpkin sheet cake.
3. **Next meeting:** Aug. 23 at 6:30 p.m. at church. New members welcome.

**Memorial Team
(and Council Report)
Notes of August 13, 2018**

Present: Louise Owen (Recorder); Lucy Duerst; Shannon Brown; Pr. Pat Esker.
The meeting was called at 12:05 a.m. asking Pastor to open with prayer.

Memorial Fund report of July 31, 2018 totaled \$9,118.79. At that time Designated funds were: Christian Ed. \$174.74, Trinity Stitchery \$37.66, Organ \$400, and Memorial Garden \$300. Balance of Undesignated Funds \$8,206.39.

The Memorial Garden was designated by Rau Family in honor of Paula's dad. Two benches have been purchased by Chuck Wiley so that Fund has \$0 balance.

Discussed Registry items: The last registry update was in 2017. Shannon will update and add Organ Fund.

Keep pew editions of ELW on Registry (One hymnal was donated by a member due to article in Traveler. would like three more)

Banners - Still would like another Christmas Banner and an Epiphany Banner. Team asked Shannon to come to next meeting with her suggestions and cost of these banners.

Loop Hearing-Assisted Equipment

Keep on Registry but recognized the ones that would be most beneficial are expensive.

Tools for Trinity's Garden Ministry

Blessing Box Ministry

Ceramic Communion Ware for use during Lent

Paraments - Pastor will check on current Paraments to see which ones could/should be replaced. Shannon again brought out 2 pieces of material, purple and red, that was purchase in 2005. It was decided that Shannon and Pastor ask Judy Norling if she would consider making new paraments from this material. We knew of this material in 2016 but didn't act upon it.

Trinity Building Improvement Fund

Trinity's Mortgage Fund - Bessie Fehr memorial designated towards mortgage.

**The Team asked Pastor Pat if an article in Traveler would be beneficial to remind congregation about the memorial fund.

**Memorial Team recommending to Church Council to transfer \$5,000 of undesignated funds to the Organ Fund.

**A date will be set to dedicate the Memorial Garden Benches and Fehr's donation to Mortgage.

No future meeting date was set at this time. Adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

**Worship Team Meeting
Council Report
August 13, 2018**

Present: Shannon Brown, Chair; Louise Owen, Audio Visual & Recorder; Mary Nuss; Pr. Pat Esker
Mary Jane Koch, Choir Director

After a prayer from Pastor Pat, Shannon opened discussion at 11:05 a.m.

Worship Calendar of Events:

- ~~September 16 - Rally Day will be a special service; Bibles have been ordered for 3-year olds and 3rd graders, still looking for teachers, and Wendy is planning kids' activities downstairs.
- ~~October 28 - Reformation/Confirmation, possible one young person being Confirmed.
- ~~November 4 - All Saints Day - Naming of the Names. Including those who died this year. Have set up one table of candles. Ask Lucy and Dawn to light the candles. Shannon will have in *Traveler*/bulletin for congregation to order white carnations in memory; use All Saints Banner
- ~~November 11- Women's Thankoffering Service; Blessing DEC Thanksgiving donation and possible Trinity Stitchers Potholders and Dishcloths. Will ask their opinions; possible display items before service so congregation can see these gifts of knitting. Note: Pastor on Continuing Ed.
- ~~December 16 - Children's Christmas Program; Pastor will ask Wendy if she would like the Adult Choir to participate in program; Mary Jane will ask Choir's opinion.
- ~~December 24 - Christmas Eve worship at 4 p.m.; Shannon will begin publicity in *Traveler* to make congregation aware of time.
- ~~December 30 - First Sunday of Christmas - annual Hymns and Reading service

Old Business:

Feedback on Worship:

- ~~40th Anniversary of Building Dedication and potluck considered a success.

New Business:

- ~~First choir appearance - perhaps September 23.
- ~~No cantata in 2018.
- ~~DEC Thanksgiving Service may be at Trinity; we will volunteer or say "yes" if asked. Choir possibly will sing.
- ~~DEC topic led to fall decoration discussion, will look at previous schedule when we had DEC Service.
- ~~keep eyes open for Gold Stars for Epiphany tree.

Next Team Meeting - Monday, September 24, 2018, at 11:00 a.m. We adjourned at 12:05.

Note date change from normal date.

Worship Team Recorder,
Louise Owen

~~School supplies were divided up between Durand and Dakota schools. This project will continue thru September but school is starting next week so decided to distribute them now just in case kids need supplies to begin the new year.

~~October thru December mission project will be ELCA Good Gifts. Discussing best way to present to members.

**Dawn making PieMake announcements for fruit (that can be frozen, like rhubarb, strawberries, blueberries, etc.) and aluminum pie plates. She had not told us a date of PieMake

~~The 2018 Women's Christmas Party plans are beginning, going to be loads of fun.

**Motion that will be presented at the September 23 Women's General meeting that essentially says "step up or we get out". As of this writing don't have copy of minutes for exact motion.

**NISWO Annual Convention September 22 in Trinity, Harvard. Delegate needed.

**September Bake Sale is September 8 - asking for all members to help by bringing bakery items. Organ Fund people are including the donut fundraiser at same time.

**Christmas Cookie/Candy Walk December 7-8, discussing venue.

~~Motion to take \$500 from savings account and put towards the Organ Fund. There was a difference of opinion for this amount. Discussion included more \$\$\$ could/would be added later.

We welcome any input.

Louise Owen
2018 Trinity Women's Board President

Trinity Lutheran Church
Funds Report 08/12/2018 10:47 AM

Fund #	Description	Amount
10	General Fund	11,873.50
11	World Hunger	172.50
12	Mission:Benevolence/NISynod	10.00
13	Missionary	20.00
14	Sunday School / VBS	151.00
17	Pass Thru	1,856.43
18	ELCA Ministries/Disaster	21.00
21	Mortgage	2,097.50
30	Improvement Fund	1,602.00
40	Memorial Fund	1,960.00
	Grand Total	19,763.93

Paula Rau
