

Pastor's Report
Congregation Council
September 2018

Highlights:

- Took a week of vacation! It was great—thank you
- Conducted Confirmation Orientation
- Attended Professional Leadership Conference
- Hosted the Northwest Conference Mtg
- Attended the DEC mtg at the UMC
- Met with the new pastor at the UMC and began building a partnership
- Presided at the Holy Hilarity Sunday and Rally Day with distribution of bibles
- Attended the Wartburg Seminary planning meeting for the Collaborative Learning student I've been assigned
- Served as the parliamentarian at the Synodical Women of the ELCA convention
- Attended the Synodical Fall Gathering
- Attended the Bishop's taskforce on Synodically Authorized Ministry
- Attended the DuPec/Dakota football game with the Evangelism Team

Parish Administrator Report

Weekly Sunday Attendance

August 5 – 72

August 12 – 49

August 19 – 57

August 26 – 51

For Holy Hilarity Sunday I ordered kazoos and purchased Laffy Taffy. Added cartoons to the printed bulletin. I emailed ushers to let them know how service would be a bit different and what they needed to do. Also did set up for the special worship service.

Reminder – people who want an article in The Traveler or an announcement in the bulletin are supposed to write the article themselves. I am responsible for editing what I receive to make it fit.

I have been helping with the planning and doing my part of the work for getting ready for Sunday School and Confirmation starting back up.

Respectively submitted,

Shannon Brown

Christian Education

Rally Day went well! Actually I had 2 different Rally Day celebrations. I used the theme "creation" from the book of Genesis so I did creation days 1-3 on September 16th and creation days 4-7 on September 23rd.

Bibles were given to our pre-schoolers, 3rd grade students and new confirmation students during the service on September 16th.

There are 5 pre-school age children, 12 elementary age children and 8 confirmands who on the student roster.

I am changing the area of ELCA good gifts program that we have been designating the kids offering to. We had been doing the back pack food program and we are changing to collecting the offering for purchasing a piglet. The cost of each piglet is \$30. Louise Owen has sent for some free items that we can use to promote it to excite the kids.

October 28th will be the annual Harvest Party for the kids. The kids will be able to wear "tasteful" costumes to the party that day.

Your friend in Christ,

Wendy Tunak

September 2018 Pastoral Care

Visited with two members and three non members at Medina with Paula Rau for Caring Hearts visit.

Led devotions and singing with Bev Miller at Presence Adult Day Care in Freeport for 23 adults.

Euchre club is now meeting on the second and fourth Tuesdays. We had 8 adults play cards September 11th. Two card players were from the community, six our members.

Followed up with phone calls to three members.

Delivered donuts and short visit with a couple from church.

Visited with member who resides in Medina after attending "stocking decorating activity for Vets" with three other Trinity members.

Sent articles to the Volunteer, Free Press, and Lake Summerset News about two additional classes Lifescape offers on Managing Chronic Diseases and Diabetes. Persons interested are to contact Danica Gray at Lifescape. If enough interest, classes will be offered at our church. These classes are provided free of charge and will meet

2.5 hours for six weeks.

I am attending the seven week, 2.5 hour weekly training on Hospice Care provided by FHN Hospice. The training has been excellent.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Beksel

September 2018 Evangelism Team Report

Lyle, Vesta, Nicole, and Sharon met Sunday, September 16th.

Only three member have signed up to attend the Du-Pec vs Dakota football game on September 21st at Dakota to support Coltin, Jeremiah, Liam, Cody and Kiley. Parents of players were informed we would be attending the game. Sharon is still in the process of contacting parents to obtain schedules of extra curricular activities. These will be on going events throughout the year and next so we can show support to all our youth.

Sharon informed Coach Manning's wife that we are unable to provide meals for 70 people at the Fellowship of Christian Athletes gatherings. Liam is participating in the gathering.

Pastor and Sharon are to set dates for new member classes in 2019.

Judy and Jerry Kloster, Susie Wendel, and Dale Vincent will be interviewed for the "Getting To Know You" Traveler articles.

Members will be contacted asking if they are willing to present a short temple talk or write a short article for the Traveler on how they share the "Good News."

There will be no meeting in October; our next meeting will be November 18th after worship.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Beksel

Audio Visual Media Committee Report

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

1. The team continues to prepare and operate the AV equipment for Sunday services.
2. Noah Chatfield is learning the operation of the AV equipment as part of his service requirement for confirmation. He is a tech aware young man who hopefully can join the team for the future.

Budget/Finance Team

Monthly Report: August 2018

Members: Jerry Lindvall, chair. Liaison: Bill Konigsfeld

The team will need to meet in the end of fall to prepare the 2019 budget. It would be helpful for the new treasurer to attend and transition to lead that process.

TMM

Dates for our future events: August report.

At the September 9 TMM breakfast and God's Work Our Hands event a good attendance of members shared fellowship around the breakfast table and worked wonders in efficient time to complete some fall and deep cleaning for our building. A big thank you to all who were able to lend a hand in that endeavor.



1. **Meeting held September 12**
2. **Oktoberfest.** This fundraiser is our next event.
 - a. The team met to finalize plans for Oktoberfest.
 - b. Tickets are now available. The team encourages all council members to attend and volunteer to help make the event a success.
3. **Next meeting:** To be announced. New members welcome.

Mission and Social Concerns Team

Trinity Caring Hearts will meet again on Oct. 2nd at 9am. We will discuss our team continuing the card ministry for sure now, starting in 2019. We did receive a monetary donation to put towards purchase of stamps.

Upcoming DEC events: Nov. 17 - Pack and delivery day for Thanksgiving food drive.
Nov. 20 - Thanksgiving Service at Trinity Church at 6:30p
Nov. 30 - Live Nativity at 6pm, downtown at the mural.

Respectfully submitted,
Paula Rau

Worship Team Meeting

Council Report

September 24, 2018

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

Shannon opened discussion at 11:08 a.m.

Worship Calendar of Events:

~~October 28 - No Confirmand in 2018

~~November 4 - All Saints Day - Naming of the Names. No additional conversation this meeting.

~~November 11- Women's Thankoffering Service; Blessing DEC Thanksgiving donation, Veterans Day acknowledgement, Women's Choir

Women may have additional fall decorations.

~~November 20 - DEC Thanksgiving Service at Trinity. Choir will sing. DEC plans fellowship if desired.

~~December 16 - Children's Christmas Program being planned. Choir anthem

~~December 24 - Christmas Eve worship at 4 p.m.; Shannon said she had not heard of any feedback about the new time. Shannon will continue publicity in *Traveler* to make congregation aware of time.

~~December 30 - First Sunday of Christmas - annual Hymns and Reading service. Mary Jane would like Choir sing at this time.

Old Business:

Feedback on Worship:

~~Rally Day - Holy Hilarity service was a "joke"!!!! People did bring jokes/stories/comments.

New Business:

~~Choir will have first anthem October 7

~~ Fall decoration schedule: Fall Tree after worship November 4-Have nice display at DEC service.

Christmas up after worship November 25 - Christmas tree will be progressive

Christmas down after worship December 30

Epiphany on Thursday, projected day January 3

~~keep eyes open for Gold Stars for Epiphany tree.

~~Shannon told Mary Jane she can print out pages of songs if from hymnals so choir doesn't have to hold books.

~~Was suggested that if there are long announcements or temple talks, speakers should have "mic", or at the lectern or pulpit. No matter how loud we think we are, some members still cannot hear well.

~~Mary stated Stewardship October schedule.

Upcoming Ideas and Comments:

Next Team Meeting - Monday, October 15, 2018, at 11:00 a.m. We adjourned at 11:50.

Worship Team Recorder,
Louise Owen

Trinity Lutheran Church Women -
September 2018 Council Report

~~School supplies donated thru September.

~~October thru December mission project will be ELCA Good Gifts. Decided to have a "barn yard" backdrop in West hallway and display all ELCA animals and other ELCA Good Gifts options.

**PieMake is October 6. Dawn has new ideas. Members can still donate fruit (that can be frozen, like rhubarb, strawberries, blueberries, etc.) and aluminum pie plates. Requested Thrivent card received

**September 8 Bake Sale went very well... for Organ Fund and Women's treasury. God bless those who helped in any way...couldn't have done it without you!!!!

** September 23 is the Women's General meeting with majority of conversation towards the Women's group ending at the end of 2018.

**Thankoffering Service November 11. Loretta contacting speaker (s), worship helpers, and bulletin set up to Shannon.

**All Women's Christmas Party will be Monday, December 3, at 6 p.m. Fun plans being formed. This is for all women of Trinity....friends and members. Thrivent card will be requested.

**Christmas Cookie/Candy Walk December 7-8, decided venue to be at the church. At the April General Meeting a motion that one-half to World Hunger and one-half to our treasury. After discussion, the Board recommending to revise motion at September General Meeting to read one-half to World Hunger and one-half to Organ Fund.

We welcome any input.

Louise Owen
2018 Trinity Women's Board President

