

## Reports for Council

March 2019

### Synodically Authorized Minister's Report

Sharon's April Report (March 23 – April 18, 2019)

- Attended Noon Lenten Lunches at DUMC March 27<sup>th</sup> & April 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Attended Monroe Clinic Spring Advisory Meeting
- Attended NI Synod Continuing Ed Event in Dixon April 9<sup>th</sup>
- Opened church April 10<sup>th</sup> from 1 pm – 3 pm and from 7:30 pm – 8:30 pm for time of prayer – five persons attended evening prayer time.
- Participated in Lenten evening suppers and services March 27<sup>th</sup>, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, April 10<sup>th</sup>
- Followed up with phone calls on members' birthdays
- Home visit to member now living in Rockford
- Visited two members in Medina and followed up with two members at home
- Attended Christian Education meeting discussing confirmation and plans for Sunday School

Respectfully submitted April 18, 2019  
Sharon Beksell

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### Parish Administrator Report

Weekly Sunday Attendance

March 3 – 80

March 10 – 50

March 17 – 51

March 24 – 60

March 31 – 53

Palms that we received were in bad shape when they arrived. That hasn't happened before so it must have been a bad crop this season.

I post on Trinity's Facebook and make changes to Trinity's website.

Pastor Pat received permission from DEC so that I can hand out vouchers for gas and food.

Went to Sam's Club to do the kitchen shopping. I purchased coffee, lemonade, cups, plates, paper towels, etc. This is the first time that I have had to do that.

I have made bulletins for Holy Week and decorated sanctuary for each day of Holy Week.

Respectfully submitted,  
Shannon Brown

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## Christian Education

I met with the Sunday school teachers, parents and education team on Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>. There were 12 in attendance. We discussed several topics including current Sunday school program, confirmation, making the kids more visible to the congregation and Sunday school/confirmation for next fall.

This is some of what was discussed-

The teachers want to continue with our current WHIRL curriculum next fall. I have enough WHIRL materials left to use for 2019-2020 Sunday school year. I will follow up with the families via email after each class time to tell them what the kids learned and how they can reinforce the stories during the week at home. I can also share interesting articles that I have found that might interest parents. Kids will help with ushering duties again next fall and continue to sing during service.

I would like an area on the upstairs bulletin board to display the kid's artwork. Also add a "getting to know you" article in the Traveler for each Sunday school and confirmation family. We can add a picture, each child's grade, their likes, if they play sports or an instrument etc.

For the summer my goal is to keep in touch with the kids. I am going to create packets of activities, stories and crafts for each child that I will send out to them each month of the summer. Each month will have a theme like The 10 Commandments or Lord's Prayer etc. This is still in the works so I will have more info soon. This project qualifies for a Thrivent card which would be a great to have. Unfortunately I am not a Thrivent member so I will need to find a member to apply for one for me.

My second summer plan is giving each child a flat Jesus. What is a flat Jesus you ask? It is similar to flat Stanley. Flat Jesus is a picture of Jesus printed on cardstock that is laminated. The kids will take Jesus with them wherever they go

like the park or on vacation and have a picture taken with him on his travels and share the picture with us. This will remind them that Jesus is always with them! We will then share the pics on our Facebook page and in the Traveler. The kid's names will not be published on the Facebook page. We do have parental permission to use the kid's pictures.

The education team will meet 4 times a year.

Aug (before rally day), November (Advent and Christmas), Feb (spring, Easter season and VBS) and May (year end wrap up). The education team is a wonderful group and we can accomplish so much together!

Your friend in Christ,  
Wendy Tunak

If we don't teach our children to follow Christ, the world will teach them not to.

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### **Worship Team**

*April meeting was cancelled due to attendance.*  
Team meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month at 11am.

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### **Evangelism Team**

While there has not been a formal meeting, Sharon did discuss a couple of ideas she learned at the CRE event. Because of a team member's hospitalization, Sharon polled team members individually and it was decided to move forward with distributing cards that members could hand out inviting friends, neighbors and family to our Easter worship service.

Shannon printed Easter post cards off the ELCA website and cards were handed out the two Sundays prior to Easter. It will be interesting to see if members actually handed out the cards. Cards can be handed out whenever there is something special going on at Trinity.

Another idea presented was a "business card" that contained info about Trinity's worship times and pertinent information on links to our web site, Facebook etc. Members could carry these with them and when discussing Trinity, hand out. The team will discuss this at a future meeting. Council Members, did you take the opportunity to hand out the cards? If not, what prevented us from doing so? Let's discuss at our meeting.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sharon Beksell

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**Audio Visual Media Committee Report**  
**Members: Louise Owen, Jerry Lindvall, Coltin Rau, Noah Chatfield**  
**Monthly Report March 2019**

1. The team continues to prepare and operate the AV equipment for Sunday services.
2. We have requested the following announcement be printed in the Sunday bulletin. If anyone on council has suggestions, please express them at the November meeting. The AV team is looking for a member to join the team who can create and present the power point slides we show for worship service. Requirements are: knowledge of using Powerpoint, creating the slides from the order of worship, sending the slides to AV members, and expect to make the slides about fifteen times per year. Contact Sharon Beksel, Jerry Lindvall, or Louise Owen if you can assist

**Budget/Finance Team**

Monthly Report: March2019

Members: Jerry Lindvall, Susan Wendel. Liaison: Jerry

The team will meet after the first quarter to review the financial status of our budget.



March report.

We are seeking candidates for a leader for the building and grounds crew. We are also looking into a May or June baseball outing for a game at the Rockford Rivets. Look for additional information.



1. **Last Meeting held April 11**
2. **Update.** Members met to plan the fundraising all church garage sale again this year, **May 31, June 1. Sign up sheets for volunteers to help with the various tasks will be posted soon.** Save those treasurers that we can sell at the garage sale.
3. **Next meeting:** TBA

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**Mission and Social Concerns Team**

Trinity Church hosted the Medina Birthday party on March 19th. Barb Lindvall hosted, with assistance from Maureen Witte and Bev Miller. Larry Judd played piano, accompanied by singers Jerry Rogola, Bill Merritt, and Jerry Lindvall. The card ministry is going well.

DEC Lenten luncheons at UMC started on March 13 and ran through April 10. They are from 12:00p-1:00p. Trinity Church hosted on March 27th. A big thanks to all of my helpers! We served 28 families at the Easter food drive. Trinity members did an awesome job of donating items and/or money.

The Baccalaureate service for the Senior class will be held on May 15 at UMC at 6:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Paula Rau

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## **TAG<sup>2</sup>**

Our Fire Barn brunch outing will be after church on April 28th. We hope to have a great crowd!

In June, since it is our 175th Anniversary, we will be doing posters for the July 4th parade. We will be collecting items for our Blessing boxes.

Respectfully submitted,  
Paula Rau

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