

## Synodically Authorized Minister's Report

Sharon's March 2019 Report (through March 22, 2019)

- Met with Merritt family, attended visitation and officiated at Grace Merritt's funeral and burial
- Led Ash Wednesday Service with Imposition of Ashes and Communion
- Took home communion to five families
- Attended Congregational Resource Event in Malta Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup>
- Continue to meet monthly with Pastor Pat
- Attended Lenten Noon Luncheons at DUMC
- Scheduled to lead noon Lenten luncheon Wednesday, March 27<sup>th</sup>
- Visited two members in Medina
- Attended Durand Ecumenical Council meeting
- Talked with two individuals and provided with gas and food vouchers
- Attended Stewardship Team meeting
- Attended Medina birthday party hosted by Caring Hearts with Larry, Jerry R., Jerry L., and Bill M. singing
- NW Conference meeting I had listed last month was cancelled due to snow.
- Mike Bolen read the reading on the carpenter from our Lenten dramas at the noon Lenten luncheon at the Durand United Methodist Church and it was very well received by those in attendance. Those from St. Mary's will be calling Shannon to ask where she found the script. Great job Shannon on selecting our Lenten dramas! Some may attend our Lenten services.
- The Lifescape class on Chronic Diseases was cancelled due to lack of interest. They will present another Maintaining Balance class beginning May 6<sup>th</sup>.

Note: I am taking three days of vacation Friday, Sunday, and Monday April 26<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, and 29<sup>th</sup> after Easter. I have arranged for Pastor Art Stees to lead worship April 28<sup>th</sup>. Since this was short notice, I arranged my replacement. (Kim Schuldt was not available.)

Respectfully submitted March 20, 2019

Sharon Beksell  
Synodically Authorized Minister

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## Parish Administrator Report

Weekly Sunday Attendance

February 3 – 53

February 10 – 69 (baptism)

February 17 – 39

February 24 – 40

I have been making copies of drama booklets and individual monologues. This year our dramatic program for Lent is called "Artisans of the Crucifixion". Have ordered mementoes to go with weekly poem. I have been doing set-up for dramas along with decorating with props. Louise Owen is our director for these dramas. She has cast all the parts, given them their readings, helped with set-up for dramas, attached mementoes to weekly poems and handed them out. A big thank you to Louise for all her help!

I helped Pastor Pat with a portion of confirmation class in March. The students decorated the sanctuary for Lent. I got everything out of storage and helped guide the decorating.

I created, printed, and folded funeral bulletin for Grace Merritt.

Found an idea for Good Friday's worship service that we will be using this year.

Palms were ordered by me for Palm Sunday.

I have created worship helper sign-up sheets for Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday.

Respectfully submitted,  
Shannon Brown

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#### **Worship Team**

*March meeting was cancelled.*

Team meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month at 11am.

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#### **Mission and Social Concerns Team**

Trinity Caring Hearts met on March 5th. Medina visits are not going well; currently only one member has been visiting monthly. Hopefully once the weather improves, so will the visits. We will do the Medina Birthday party on March 19th. Barb Lindvall is providing a cake. Larry Judd will play piano, with Jerry Rogola assisting him. Partners in Prayer has started. Names were offered to the congregation on the 1st two Sundays of February. Members that were left were divided up between those of us that signed up for this ministry. Two of our families were provided meals due to health issues/death in family. The card ministry is going well.

DEC Wed. Lenten luncheons at UMC started on March 13 and run through April 10. They are from 12:00p-1:00p. Trinity Church will host on March 27th. Food collection has started for the Easter food drive. Packing and delivery date is April 13 starting at 9:00 a.m.

#### **TAG2**

On Feb 9th, nine ladies decorated heart shaped cookies and made special Valentine cards for our homebound members, members living at Medina nursing center and college students. We also made cards for some Medina residents. Cookies were delivered by Valentine's Day.

The Fire Barn brunch outing will be after church on April 28th.

Respectfully submitted,  
Paula Rau

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

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**Budget/Finance Team**

Monthly Report: February 2019

Members: Jerry Lindvall, Susan Wendel. Liaison: Jerry

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

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**TMM**

February report.

Our March 9 breakfast had a St. Patrick's theme this time. We will plan a baseball outing this spring to the Rockford Rivets. Our next meeting will be Lutherfest 4 in May. The pot of gold contest was won by the great team of Jerry Rogala, Lyle Clark, Stan Beksel, and Jerry Lindvall. We humiliated the adversaries :}. We are seeking candidates for a leader for the building and grounds crew. We are also ready to help any needing member with spring clean up projects.



1. **Last Meeting held October 24**
  2. **Update.** We plan to have a fundraising all church garage sale again this year, **May 31, June 1.**
  3. **Next meeting:** April 11, 2018, 6:30 p.m. at church New members welcome.
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**Special Stewardship Team Meeting**  
**March 15, 2019**

Present: Paula Rau, Mary Nuss, Debra Preston, Sharon Beksel

This meeting was called so that Debra and Sharon could acquaint themselves with the members of the Team and learn any plans that had been made for the fall stewardship campaign.

Past stewardship campaigns have been somewhat negative, so the team was asked to be more positive in their approach. Last year's campaign was the best of the past few years in numbers of pledges and number of people increasing their pledge. There is a need to encourage members to increase the amount they are giving to the church so that sufficient funds are received to fund the budget.

We need to be aware that some of our members give most of their offering during the last quarter of the year after crops have been harvested and sold. Many of our members only contribute on the Sundays they are in church and do not make up for missed Sundays.

The team members noted that the congregation needs to receive reports on the status of funds received versus the bills paid so that they are aware of the need for additional funds and the status of our budget. The Council should be the one to report this to the congregation, not just the Treasurer.

At the CRE Paula attended some workshops which did not offer much in the way of small parish stewardship. They did mention the 'church song' – I am the church, you are the church, we are the church together. All who follow Jesus, all around the world, yes, we are the church together.

The Stewardship Team publicized the Keeping Northern Illinois Beautiful clothing drive in May as a way members could show stewardship of the earth by recycling items instead of throwing them in the trash.

Mary Nuss

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**Christian Education**

The kids will be joining in with the Easter Sunday processional. I will meet with the kids by the library at 8:45 to line up.

There will be Easter festivities on April 9<sup>th</sup> during Sunday school. I usually like to have the party on Palm Sunday but since that's our low attendance Sunday I moved it back to the 9<sup>th</sup> so we have good attendance that morning.

I continue to be in touch with UMC for VBS planning. It seems like everything is falling into place. I'm still waiting for info on the online registration. They are waiting for Pastor Nicole to get it set up.

The dates that UMC chose for VBS, which is June 17-20, I will be on vacation. I will be gone all but the last day. We've had our reservations for vacation since last year and unfortunately that happens to fall on the dates they chose. Bummer.

There is a large Christmas tree in the outside storage shed that Sunday school had used in the past. This past year I used a small tree which worked much better since the big tree is a beast to haul in and "fluff" up. I'm not sure who it belonged to but if more space is needed in the shed it can be gotten rid of.

Easter Blessings to you all

Your friend in Christ,  
Wendy Tunak

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### **Preparing for 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations**

The 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Team met Sunday, March 17, to discuss ideas for the year. We need your help in volunteering to help with several things. Please contact Mary Nuss if you are interested. We need to get started on some things soon and others not quite as soon.

We would like someone(s) to volunteer to contact (mail or email) former pastors inviting them come back during the year, either for the October 20 celebration or another Sunday.

We need several volunteers to contact by mail or email former members of the church inviting them to attend any of the services during the year. Looking at the confirmation pictures there are lots of people to invite, along with other former members.

We need people to fix up the two churches on the front porch – paint, etc.

We need people to help plan the Senior Discipleship service during one of the summer months.

We need people to submit designs for the anniversary year which will be used on a banner and reusable tote bags. We will have a congregation vote for the winner. We will announce a deadline for submissions.

We are going to do the grocery carts on July 4<sup>th</sup>, like we did last year. TAGS will make posters for the carts at their June meeting.

We need volunteers to help put together a simple booklet about Trinity. It won't be as 'elaborate' as the ones done for the 125<sup>th</sup> and 150<sup>th</sup> anniversaries.

We need someone(s) to contact a restaurant about catering a meal. (A suggestion was Tony's in Winnebago that does food with a Scandinavian flair). We can order lefse online!!

We would like someone to contact the Sons of Norway (Janesville chapter, maybe) to see if they have people who could provide entertainment the afternoon of October 20.

If you have other ideas you would like the Team to consider, please let Mary know.

Mary Nuss

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