

*Trinity Lutheran Church*  
**Trinity Connections Newsletter**

**A Message from Pastor Mike:**

*"All (the apostles) were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers." Acts 1:14*

Trinity's Comprehensive Ministry Review was April 22-24. A 5-member Synod Review Team (SRT) made up of clergy and lay people from nearby congregations spent the weekend with staff, council and worshippers, studying the ministry we do together. Our goal in inviting them was to have another set of eyes take a look at what we're doing, notice what we're doing well and name some things we might consider working on or changing. None of the SRT's recommendations are binding. They are to help Trinity shape its mission and ministry going forward.

I'd like to share the SRT's Affirmations and Recommendations in this space over the next few months. They studied our ministry in 14 different categories. I'll print 2-4 categories a month. Let the affirmations wash over you. We are doing many things well! Prayerfully consider the recommendations. We cannot do all of them - at least not right away. What is God's preferred future for Trinity? What do you hear God calling us to be and do? Talk about it over coffee. Listen to your neighbors. Pray. Dream.

## AFFIRMATIONS

The Synod Review Team (SRT) thanks the members of Trinity of Hammond and its staff and pastor for their openness and willingness to participate in the Comprehensive Ministry. We hope and pray that our reflections on our time with you will be helpful to you as you continue to move faithfully forward in God's mission. First and foremost:

- The SRT affirms Trinity's openness to change and willingness to discover a new vision that will move the congregation forward in God's mission.

### Learning and Faith Formation

- The SRT affirms the strong confirmation program with small groups and mentors
- The SRT affirms puppet ministry
- The SRT affirms all efforts in adult education and small group ministry

### Children and Youth Ministry

- The SRT affirms the strong tradition of big events with sr. high youth and partnering with area churches

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## Giving Station

**HAVE YOU TRIED THE GIVING STATION YET?** It's located at the secretary's office window and it's available 24/7. With the swipe of a debit or credit card you can give regular offerings, pay for youth events, give a memorial gift and much more. You'll receive a receipt by email. Instructions are on the window. Come give it a try and let us know how you like it!

**LUTHER POINT BIBLE CAMP SUMMER SCHEDULE IS ONLINE!** From guitar camp to canoe trips, from servant projects to drama camp, there's something for everybody!

Pick up a brochure on the front door display or go to [www.lutherpoint.org](http://www.lutherpoint.org) to see what weeks are available and to register.

**Remember:** All Trinity members receive Trinity's camp association member discount of \$55 plus a \$100 Trinity Youth campership. Luther Point & Trinity believe everyone should be able to go to camp, regardless of their ability to pay. Full camperships are available! Apply on the LPBC website or contact Pastor Mike.

Luther Point's mission is "Forming Faith, Pointing to Christ." Remember how Bible camp inspired and molded you? Don't miss this opportunity to give your child a faith forming outdoor ministry experience!

## Luther Point News

July 2016

### Greetings from Luther Point Bible Camp! Mark Peters, Executive Director

Follow us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

#### For More Information

Be sure to visit [www.LutherPoint.org](http://www.LutherPoint.org) for more information!



#### It's not too late to register for summer camp!

While this coming summer is filling up, we still have registration open for various sessions and for all ages! Adventure filled options for on and off site camp programs include Outpost Pioneers and the 35-40 Mile Canoe Trip on the Saint Croix River. Younger campers, who want to experience camp but not commit to staying an entire week away from family, can be signed up for options such as Day at Camp and 1st/2nd Grade Overnight Camp. Senior High Camp opportunities include Night Life, Horse, and Lake Superior Kayak Trip. For these camps we offer a wider variety of atypical camp activities, off site as well as onsite. Family Camps are for the whole family, including Grandparents! Try out our weeklong camp, or consider our weekend camp, if you cannot dedicate an entire week.

Contact our program staff who are glad to help you navigate your choices and/or visit [www.LutherPoint.org](http://www.LutherPoint.org) to view a brochure and to register.

#### Everyone should be able to afford to go to camp!

A core belief of Luther Point is that everyone can go to camp, regardless of their ability to pay. To help make this a reality we established a "Campership" fund. To help defray the cost of camp, families can apply for a full or partial scholarship, based on need. All requests are confidential. Applications are available on our website, keywords: CAMPERSHIP FUND. Camperships have allowed countless families to attend camp, and it is through continued support from our generous donors and member congregations that this is made possible. We invite you to prayerfully consider a donation to Luther Point benefiting camperships.

#### 2016 Quilt Auction & Summer Celebration

Join us Sunday, August 7th for our **2016 Quilt Auction & Summer Celebration!** Exact times for the event will be announced in the near future. This year, we are focusing on several categories for our auctions: **High Quality Quilts** **Specialty Baskets-** Theme baskets are always a hit! Example categories are: spa, sports, hunting, Italian dinner, movie night etc.... **Wants and Needs Auction-** New last year was our needs auction. It worked so well that we are bringing it back! This is a great option if you want to support camp without a physical item. **Dessert Auction-** New this year! Do you have a secret recipe passed down from generation to generation? Do you think everybody needs to experience your favorite cake? Or that delicious bread pudding? We will be taking dessert items to auction off. Start thinking about what special item you would like to make! If you have questions about getting involved or donating to the Quilt Auction & Summer Celebration give us a call at (715) 689-2347 or email Amy Merchant at [Amy@LutherPoint.org](mailto:Amy@LutherPoint.org)

**Join us on Wednesday, July 13th at 5:30 pm** to make greeting cards and have an outdoor worship around a bonfire. See Deb Henry for more details!



## MONTHLY FINANCIAL UPDATE

2016 <u>Date</u>	Offerings <u>Received</u>	Weekly Ministry <u>Planned Spending</u>	Above (Below) <u>Planned Spending</u>
1/1-5/15	\$60,653	\$67,015	(-\$6,362)
May 22	1,387	3,338	(-1,951)
May 29	1,680	3,338	(-1,658)
June 5	1,109	3,338	(-2,229)
June 12	1,575	3,338	(-1,763)
June 19	2,575	3,338	(-763)
Simply Giving	2,480		2,480
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$71,459</b>	<b>\$83,705</b>	<b>(-\$12,246)</b>

*Thank you for all the ways you give to God through Trinity and the ministries we do together!*

### Church record Update *Weddings*

**David Aune & Catherine (Katie) Mahoney,**  
Married: June 18, 2016  
at White Ash Lake in Balsam Lake Township

### Save the Date:

**September 18:** Chicken Tailgate Party – after church  
Watch the bulletins for more details!!

### JUMPSTART!

**Jumpstart!** is a great way to start your day with coffee and prayer. We have decided to extend our meetings through the summer months. We meet every 2nd and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday at 9:00am in the church library. Come join us as we share daily devotions and various materials along with personal issue discussions.

For more info, see Vera Grant.

### Crop Walk Fundraiser

There is a brat feed fundraiser for the Crop Walk at Nilssen's Foods in Baldwin on July 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. They would love to have anyone volunteer to work at the fundraiser to raise money to fight hunger locally and globally! If you can work on either day, please contact Colleen Kimberly at [ckimberly@norlake.com](mailto:ckimberly@norlake.com) and get on the schedule. Please tell your neighbors, friends, co-workers, family that they are raising money to fight hunger globally and locally! Buy a brat, fight hunger.

### No Tuesday Community Supper @ Gethsemane, Baldwin in July!

### JOIN IN THE FUN!

Bid on beautiful quilts and other artesian items made by groups and individuals. If you've already got enough quilts, consider offering financial support to our "Needs and Wants" fund.

### Schedule for Sun, Aug. 7

11:00	Lunch Silent Auction Quilt Viewing Quilt & Craft Sale Canteen is open for Business
12:30	Praise Time led by Summer Staff
1:00-3:00	Auction!  Money raised at this important fundraiser goes toward everyday expenses as well as helping campers come to camp. Every dollar raised helps Luther Point

### Interested in Donating?

Monetary donations are always accepted, as well as donations for the live auction, silent auction, and the quilt/craft store. We appreciate gifts of all kinds as well as prayers for our ministry!

#### Luther Point Bible Camp & Retreat Center

11525 Luther Point Rd, Grantsburg, WI 54840  
(715)689-2347 Fax: (715)689-2348  
Email: [info@LutherPoint.org](mailto:info@LutherPoint.org)

**Special Dates:**

July 4: Independence Day  
 July 17: National Ice Cream Day  
 July 30: International Day of Friendship

**REMINDER: 2016 Offering Envelopes will be mailed to your home** every other month. Please notify the church office if you have not received a packet of offering envelopes.

**Adult Small Groups**

**SEVERAL ADULT SMALL GROUPS ARE MEETING** and growing in faith together. They study the Bible, engage in lively and caring conversations, pray, and serve together. The groups' meeting times are:

**Hope Study** - 2nd Thursday of the month at 9:30 a.m. in the Fireside Room, using the WELCA "Gather" Bible study. Facilitated by Pastor Mike.

**Jumpstart** - 2nd & 4th Wednesday's of the month at 9AM in Trinity's Library, using various Bible studies. Facilitated by Vera Grant.

**Yadda Yadda Prayer Group** - Tuesday mornings at noon at the home of Irene Burch, American Heritage Care Center, Apt. 111.

**Men's Breakfast Club** – Sat. July 2nd & 16th at 9:00 a.m. at Hardee's in Baldwin. Facilitated by Peter Gazelka

**Bulletin Sponsors**

July 3rd BULLETIN: Happy Birthday Harold Moll from Bruce, Jo, Carl, Lauren, Livvie and Claire.  
 WELCA: Praying for a safe and happy 4th of July  
 July 10th BULLETIN: Daryl and Susan Frank in celebration of granddaughter Haylee Schone's birthday on July 10th.  
 July 17th BULLETIN: Happy Birthday Livvie from Mom and Dad, Carl, Lauren and Claire.  
 Roger and June Lindquist in honor of their wedding anniversary.  
 July 24th BULLETIN: Charlie and Vera Grant in honor of children and grandchildren  
 July 31th BULLETIN: WELCA: In celebration of our many blessings.

**2016 Bulletin Sponsors**

Betty Johnson is looking for bulletin sponsors! They are still only \$8!  
 See Betty at Church or email her at [alsgal63@baldwin-telecom.net](mailto:alsgal63@baldwin-telecom.net).

**Thank You,  
Sponsors**

**T-Shirts for Sale!**

Youth sizes are now available!!

Small-X-large

**Show your Trinity Pride!**

Get your Trinity T-shirt NOW!

Sizes are: Adult small to 3XL

Cost is \$12.00

Contact Deb Henry to purchase or fill out the order form at church!

Proceeds will go to the Sign Marque fund!



Like Trinity Lutheran, Hammond, WI to get updates and photos of what is going on at church!

## Trinity-Orville Owens Scholarships Awarded

**THE 6th ANNUAL TRINITY-ORVILLE OWENS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS** were awarded on June 12<sup>th</sup> during worship. Recipients of the \$1,000 Ag scholarships were Ariel Backes and Morgan Leen. Recipients of the non-competitive \$500 Trinity member scholarships were Gabby Henry, Sam Johnson, and Ellen Lindquist. God's blessings to these and all of our students as they go on in their studies!

Managed by Trinity's Endowment Committee, the Orville Owens Memorial Fund seeks to preserve and grow the principle, using a portion of the growth to do ministry outside the congregation's normal budget and according to the giver's wishes. Orville, a lifelong farmer, directed Trinity to use a portion of his gift to provide scholarships to students, especially those studying for agriculture related vocations.

## Building Fund Shortfall

Trinity's Building Fund, which covers the cost of the Education Wing and the new metal roof on the worship and fellowship areas, is beginning to run short. So far this year we have received about half of the \$2,909 monthly mortgage payments from designated offerings plus another \$400 per month dedicated from the rent for the 4-year old Kindergarten. That means we have been running about \$1,000 per month short, and have used up most of our reserve funds. The current mortgage balance is a bit under \$375,000. The new space has been a great tool for education, confirmation, quilting, community ministries, and much more. Please prayerfully consider renewing, increasing, or beginning planned giving to Trinity's Building Fund.

## Create-n-Sip

Come create a masterpiece with Tom M.

**Date:** Wednesday, July 20, 2016

**Where:** Trinity Lutheran Church  
Hammond, WI 54015



**Time:** 6:30 pm

**Cost:** \$50.00 per person

Snacks and Beverages provided

Must be 18 or older to participate.

See Betty Johnson for More information

## SPRING ON OVER FOR PIE

Our annual pie social is sure to put a spring in your step! Please plan to attend and enjoy a picnic-type meal with an assortment of delicious pies.



**DATE:** Wednesday – July 27, 2016

**TIME:** 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Free-will  
donation



**The NW SYNOD OF WI ASSEMBLY** was May 21 at Trinity in Eau Claire. 406 voting delegates from our synod's 200 congregations gathered for worship, inspiration, business and fellowship. Trinity's delegates were Claire Yurek, Bob Bodelson, and Pastor Mike. Please ask them about the decisions that were made and keep our synod in your prayers as we work to carry out our mission together in NW WI. Be sure to see the assembly report included in this newsletter.

## Ministry Team Reports

### Education – Kelly Browning, Chair

Hello Sunday School Families –

I hope everyone is having a great summer. We are getting geared up for Vacation Bible School, which will be August 1-4. Please see the Registration Form in the newsletter or at the Communication Table. VBS will start with dinner for the family at 5:30pm with the activities beginning at 6:00pm and wrapping up by 7:45pm.

**VBS 2016 is “farm-tastic!”** In this summer’s VBS, your children learn that Jesus gathers us together! They’ll look into the Bible, God’s Holy Word, and explore five Bible accounts where Jesus graciously gathers us together to be with Him with His abundant provision and saving protection, now and forever.

VBS is August 1-4 in the evening. More details and registration forms will be out soon.

**Be part of Barnyard Roundup VBS!** God’s children of all ages will learn that Jesus gathers us together at *Barnyard Roundup* VBS. AND, every child will hear the Good News that Jesus, their Savior, is with us and abundantly provides for all our needs. He also protects and saves us—now in this world and forever too! At *Barnyard Roundup* VBS, as VBS staff you can live out the theme “Jesus Gathers Us Together” as you share the message and the fun with kids! If you can help full or part time, we have many ways to be involved to suit your schedule and interests. Please contact me for more information. Join us to see how Jesus gathers us together!

**Please mark your calendars for Rally Sunday which will be September 11<sup>th</sup>!**

God’s Blessings to all!  
Trinity Sunday School Staff



### Stewardship – Scott Post, Chair

**July 10, 2016**

Theme: "Stewards of a Vibrant, Growing Faith"  
(Exodus 20:8-11, Colossians 3:16-17)

Inspiring and renewing our faith through regular worship  
Story teller: Worship & Music Chairperson

### Youth-Darla Feyereisen, Chair

Looking to schedule a trip to Valleyfair, another youth overnight and possible “Feed My Starving Children” in August.

**Watch for more information!!**

ALSO, the Youth Heartland Days Garage Sale will be Thursday, August 11- Saturday, August 13. Start saving your items to donate! Drop off dates starts on August 1<sup>st</sup>!  
Remember, NO ELECTRONICS!!

Youth Pancake Breakfast is Saturday, August 13<sup>th</sup> from 7-11am.  
Both the garage sale and breakfast are great ways to earn funds to go to camp, Christ Jam, GodStock or the National Youth Gathering!

### Fellowship – Deb Henry, Chair

**CHURCH Directories are completed! Available at Church for Pick-up!**

### Mission & Human Needs – Marti Peterson, Chair

#### **Food Shelf:**

Don’t forget the food shelf as you leaving for church on Sunday.  
Grab a food item to add to the shopping cart as you leave home.  
Thank You.

LET THE WORD DWELL IN YOU RICHLY TEACHING & ADMONISHING ONE ANOTHER >>> IN ALL WISDOM <<< SINGING PSALMS & HYMNS & SPIRITUAL SONGS WITH THANKFULNESS IN YOUR HEARTS TO GOD & WHATEVER YOU DO IN WORD OR DEED DO EVERYTHING IN THE NAME OF THE LORD JESUS >>> GIVING THANKS TO GOD THE FATHER, THROUGH HIM

*Colossians 3:16-17*



## Building Use Policy Meeting

**On Sun. July 10 at 10:00 a.m. following worship.** The council needs to hear what you think as they develop a policy for opening our building to various community groups. **Please plan to attend!**

### Have You Heard About THRIVENT ACTION TEAMS?

In April, an Action Team provided \$250 seed money to purchase meat for the Little Red Shovel Meat Raffle. In May, an Action Team provided \$250 to purchase card stock and supplies for the Card Making project. In June, action teams provided \$250 for supplies and advertising for the Women's Salad Luncheon and another \$250 to purchase batting for graduate quilts. This month an action team will provide \$250 to provide groceries, advertising and supplies for the Pie & Ice Cream Social. Any Thrivent member can sponsor 2 action teams per year and receive \$250 seed money, up to 25 t-shirts, invitations, thank you's and lots more for each project.

Talk to Pastor Mike or go to [thrivent.com](http://thrivent.com) for more details.

### Heartland Days Pancake Breakfast

**HEARTLAND DAYS PANCAKE BREAKFAST** is Sat. Aug. 13<sup>th</sup> from 7-11AM at Trinity. The menu includes pancakes, Olson's Meats from Woodville sausage & bacon, fruit, coffee, juice & milk. Free will donations enable youth to earn their way to youth gatherings, Bible camp, service projects and many other youth program events. Youth and adult workers are needed for all shifts on Saturday 5:30-9 a.m. & 8:30-11:30 a.m. Workers earn work credits worth \$7/hour for future youth events. Sign up in the Fellowship Area.

**Pastor Mike will be on vacation through July 9.**  
In case of emergency, please call Pastor Durk Peterson from Cross Lutheran in Roberts. His cell number is 612-702-5509.



### Quilting

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The quilters will be meeting the 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month@ 9 am.

The next dates for quilting are July 13<sup>th</sup> and July 27<sup>th</sup>!

Everyone is welcome!



### St. Croix County Fair Help

**Do you go to the St. Croix County Fair? Would you like to be more involved? If you answered yes to either of these, please consider volunteering on entry day (July 20<sup>th</sup>) as a judge's assistant.**

Volunteers will be able to learn from the judges as well as see projects that 4-H youth have made. There are many spots open in many different areas, so we will find something that you would like to do! Time commitment varies and we will accommodate your schedule.

If you are interested or have questions, please call Anne Frank at the UW-Extension Office at 715-531-1936 or send an email to [anne.frank@co.saint-croix.wi.us](mailto:anne.frank@co.saint-croix.wi.us). Thank you!

## Trinity Council

### Trinity Lutheran Church Council Minutes June 6, 2016

Present: Kelly Browning, Rachel McHenry, Deb Henry, Mark Iverson, Darla Feyereisen, Kirk Hodnefield, Sarah Pommerening.

Others in attendance: Betty Johnson, Lois Worbes, Harold Moll

Absent: Scott Post, Wanda Johnson, Autumn Afdahl, Marti Peterson, Pastor Mike.

Kirk called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Kirk led devotions. We discussed Called Forward Together in Christ. We decided to bring this to Sunday's worship and get input from the congregation and Sarah will put the notes together and send to the ELCA.

Secretary's Report: The May 3, 2016 Council Minutes were reviewed.

Action: Motion by Mark to approve; Deb second. Carried.

Treasurer's Report: Rachel reported the May 31 ending balance is \$2,652.80. \$250 was sent to the Synod for Benevolence. All expenses have been paid with the exception of some outstanding items to reimburse Pastor Mike. Action: Motion by Deb to approve. Kelly Second. Carried.

Building Fund Report: Rachel reported the May deposit was \$5,148.00. Claire stated \$3,000 was transferred from the Mission Investment Fund. Without that transfer we would be about \$761.00 short of making the building payment for the month.

### Old Business

One Step & Good Neighbor Days Worship-June 5. Rachel reported only about 5 Trinity families there. She brought her IPad and the card swipe, didn't get any takers to use. There were a lot of people there, the tent was pretty full. Darla heard feedback from some of the older congregation members did not like being out of their comfort zone. One Step was good.

Comprehensive Ministry Review Feedback. What to do? Next Steps? Tabled.

Mission Teller-May 15. Not sure it was beneficial.

Facility Use Form. Flat fee regardless if member or not. A committee was formed to revisit and update the Facility Use Form. Darla Feyereisen, Mark Iverson, Betty Johnson and Sarah Pommerening will be meeting to propose

Background Checks. Sarah reported everything is in place for us to do background checks. Pastor Mike and Sarah have the authorization to initiate a background check when needed. Tabled until next month to decide when to run and where funds would come from to initiate the check.

4K Price & Lease update. The lease has been signed by all parties.

Christmas Eve & Day Services-tabled until October

### New Business

Building Requests Received. Reviewed. (See Att. A)-

Synod Assembly Report. Claire attended with Pastor Mike and Bob Bodelson. It was her 1<sup>st</sup> time going. Normally is a 2-day event, but the event was one day and held at Trinity Lutheran in Eau Claire. Attendance doubled and were able to have corporate sponsors to cut cost down. Nothing new for ideas for Stewardship. Overall was good.

Malawi Famine Relief. Tabled until August.

Council & Committee Structure. Council feels this is a good idea. It should help bring new and fresh ideas. Need to check with Pastor Mike to see if he was able to meet with Pastor Keith from Zion to get more information.

Synod Mission Support Report. Tabled

Homeschool proposal. Michelle Johnson from the Hammond Library is requesting to use Trinity on Tuesday's (8:30-1:30) and Friday's (8:30-3:30) starting this fall for some Homeschool groups. The Council discussed the proposal. Sarah relayed that Michelle would be having the homeschool parents provide paper towels, toilet paper and cleaning wipes that would be given to the church to help offset the usage. Motion made by Mark Iverson, second by Kirk Hodnefield: Recommend charging \$75 per day use with cleaning checklist. No classrooms will be used. Will work out 3-4 dates that work for the church. If church is not cleaned to specifications, one warning will be issued. If a second warning needs to be issued, it will cancel their facility use request. Payment for usage: plan can be worked out if they would like to pay at the end of the week or twice a month. Should there be a funeral or wedding, the group would have to flexible in finding an alternate site. Motion carried.

Inactive List. Sarah reported it is a work in progress is should have a list of people for Council members to call for the August meeting.

Chicken Feed. Mark reported he has team excited about having another Chicken Feed. They have met and decided to hold the Chicken feed on Sunday, Sept. 18 after church. It is going to be a "Border Battle" Tailgate party. The Vikings play the Packers that night. They will be having another meeting on June 13 at 7:00pm. The money raised from the Chicken Feed would come back to the church.

Alcohol Usage Policy. Betty Johnson asked about the Alcohol Usage Policy. She has scheduled a Sip & Create for July 20 and would like to serve wine at the event. The event will for people age 18+. She said she would give tickets out to people and it would be controlled about how much people could have. Council wanted to check the bylaws and would get in touch with Betty.

July Meeting (July 4). Motion by Rachel to cancel July 4 meeting. Second by Kelly. **Motion passed.**

Other Business: Ariel Backes will be speaking about youth for the Temple Talk on Sunday, June 12 and Wanda will be speaking about Worship and Music on July 10.

Pastor's Report: No Report.

President's Report: Kirk reported he and couple others met with a Rep from the ELCA about our church finances. His take from the meeting is that we need to figure it out. Claire added that she talked with someone from Mission Investment about doing a debt reduction. She also is working on putting together a Capital campaign to help reduce the amount we owe on the building fund.

### Committees

Youth: Darla is planning Valleyfair and a youth overnight for the youth sometime this summer. Annual Garage Sale is coming in August.

Church Properties: Mark reported Sunday clean-up went well.

Mission & Human Needs: No report.

Fellowship: Deb reported the directory is ready to go and is in the process of being printed!! We had cake for New Member Sunday and will be having cake for Mother's Day and Graduate Sunday. We have youth sizes as well as adult sizes for T-shirts, looking into going to a Twins game. We are making cards on May 15 and with help of the Sunday School we made 100 May Day baskets and disbursed them around the Village of Hammond.

Evangelism: No report.

Stewardship: No report.

WELCA: No report.

Worship & Music: No report.

Education: Kelly reported VBS will be Aug. 1-4. Her team will be meeting on Wednesday, June 29 at 6pm.

### COMMUNION HELPERS

June 19: Robin & Katie Marx

July 3: Kirk

July 17: Rachel, Claire

### TELLER VOLUNTEERS

June 12: Claire Yurek

July 3:

July 24:

June 19:

July 10: Claire Yurek

July 31: Deb Henry

June 26:

July 17: Claire Yurek

Motion to adjourn by Darla, Deb second. Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:57 pm.

The gathering closed with the Lord's Prayer.

**Next Meeting is Monday, August 1, 2016 at 7:00 pm at Trinity**

Recorded by: Sarah Pommerening, Church Secretary

Approved by: Darla Feyereisen, Council Secretary

Subject to approval by full Council on August 1, 2016

**Summer Church office hours**

**Effective June 6:**

**Monday thru Thursday**

**9am-1pm**

**Friday's 9-11 as needed**

### Library News

#### **CHECK THIS OUT!**



Our church library has received recently many wonderful donations.

A huge thank you to all who generously donate their books to our library.

So take a moment to stop in and look at our new books or maybe find a must-read oldie but goodie.

### Newsletter Mailing Options



Trinity would like to cut down on paper and postage costs by sending your newsletter via email. Starting this month, those who have specified wanting your newsletter sent via email will be receiving the November Newsletter electronically! This will help Trinity cut down on a lot of cost associated with printing and mailing the newsletters!

### Council Opportunities



**IN NEED OF:** An Evangelism Chairperson. If you know of someone who would be interested in this Ministry, please let Pastor Mike or a council member know.

## Message from Pastor Mike cont.

# RECOMMENDATIONS

### Learning and Faith Formation

- The SRT recommends that you expand your VBS Program in whatever way makes sense. Set a goal of increasing the number of children that attend by 25% for next year. If you had 30 kids last year, shoot for 37 this year. Grow the program. Intentionally invite all the children in the neighborhood, intentionally follow up with all the visitors to VBS with a phone call and a thank you note and an email to invite the family to come back for Rally Day in the fall. Do whatever you can to get them to come back!
- The SRT recommends that you consider a Sunday School Easter Program/Spring Program to keep the kids coming to Sunday School after the Christmas program is over. Make it a bigger deal than the Christmas program.
- The SRT recommends that you send at least 2 people to Lay School every year. There are scholarships available. Here is the link for more information <http://www.layschoolofministry.org>
- The SRT recommends that you put together a list of podcasts for devotions and Bible study used by commuters and busy families. For example: <Http://workingpreacher.org> Sermon Brainwave Podcast.
- The SRT recommends that you move forward with Intergenerational Sunday School for next fall Faithink.com
- The SRT recommends formation of small group ministries for men, singles, couples, widows, different age groups etc. Invitations to such groups should be made with personal contact (in person, phone) and not just an announcement or sign-up sheet. Recommended resources for such ministries would be the *Unbinding the Gospel* series by Martha Grace Reese, *Cultivating Fruitfulness: Five Weeks of Prayer and Practice for Congregations* by Robert Schnase, *Radical Welcome: Embracing God, the Other, and the Spirit of Transformation* by Stephanie Spellers or *My Neighbor is Muslim* – a free resource put out by Lutheran Social Services of Minnesota. If you choose to use *Unbinding the Gospel* be sure to follow the process outlined in the best practices. See: unbinding series/best practices to start series at <http://www.gracenet.info/>
- The SRT recommends that Trinity Lutheran enhance and grow an intentional prayer ministry in the congregation. Teach prayer, practice prayer, and grow your existing prayer teams. The teams will surround the congregation's visioning/redefinition process as it works to discover its purpose in God's mission. We recommend that the prayer team also begin regularly praying for the needs of the whole community and the congregation. Practice prayer walking the neighborhood, praying for the needs of different places you pass, ex: businesses, community buildings, emergency responders, schools, travelers, people in a particularly poor or wealthy part of town. Imaging people's needs in prayer helps you to think about where God is at work in your community and where you might want to be in mission.
- The SRT recommends that you collect a series of podcast resources for commuters about prayer and Bible study. For example: See <http://textweek.com> podcasts, there are dozens listed. I'd especially recommend *Crossways Bible Studies* by Dr. Harry Wendt.

### Children and Youth

- The SRT recommends that you continue to work with Cross Lutheran in Roberts on joint youth service projects. Try to increase the number of service/learning events with youth. Consider cross-generational service/learning events.

Thank you to the Synod Review Team members, the council and other leaders who spent the weekend in conversation, and to all of you for your continued participation in this project of listening for God's leading. God bless our conversations!

*~Pastor Mike*

## Taking Faith Home

By Beth Gier

School's out, and it's time to ditch the busy schedule. Since prayer is always in season, use this activity to help your family be in conversation with God all summer long!

### Activity Plan

**Items Needed:** Bible, Paper, Pencil

**1. Say this prayer aloud to begin:**

*God of light, we joyfully greet the arrival of summer and the unhurried fun it brings. Remind us to watch for signs of your loving light in all that we do, and help us to be light to others. Amen.*

**2. Say that throughout the Bible, the image of light is used to describe God's love for us. Read aloud [Psalm 119:105](#), [Matthew 5:14-16](#), and [1 John 1:5](#) from your Bible.**

**Discuss:**

- In the Psalm verse, what does God's light do for us and for all people?
- In the Matthew passage, who is the "light" that Jesus is talking about? What does it mean to "be light" to someone else?
- In the 1 John verse, what does it mean to say "God is light"? What does that say about God?

**3. Working together, make a list of the special "lights of summer" you might see. (For example: lightning bugs, campfires, fireworks, lightning, sunshine . . . you may think of others!)**

**4. Talk about how these lights of summer might remind your family to pray. For example, you may agree that whenever you spot a lightning bug, you'll pray for God's loving light to shine on someone who is sick. You may decide that whenever you're sitting around a campfire, you'll pray for God's help to "be light" by doing a random act of kindness the next day.**

**5. Post your list of summer lights and the prayer prompts you've agreed upon in a prominent place in your home.**

**6. Close your time together by singing, "This Little Light of Mine."**

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine! (repeat 3 times)

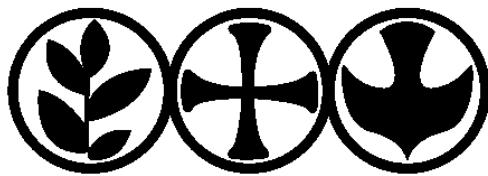
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine! (repeat 3 times)

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

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9:00 am Worship  
10:15 am Coffee Fellowship

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