

TRINITY TIMES

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PRAYER LIST

Please pray for those of our community of faith and our friends in Christ.

Shut-ins

At Sibley Nursing And Rehab: Ruth Johnson, Berniece Nachtigal

At Country View Manor: Ed Dammann, Erma Duin, Leona Gray, Gusta Groenewold, Bert Timmermann.

In Their Homes: Jack & Vi Davis, Judy Eckhoff, Agnes Feldman, Thelma Gaarder, Irene Runia, Carol Schnepf, and Tena Tiesler.

Funerals: Iola Grave

FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR

Members wishing to provide flowers for the altar are welcome to do so. Please contact Eileen Grave & Shelley Stofferan.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY **Saturdays at 8:00 a.m. at Trinity**

Coffee Fellowship List

April 6 Luther League grades 9 & 11

April 13 Joy Work group

April 20 Sunday school students Prek-1st grade

April 27 Relay for Life

Please remember the coffee fellowship is self-supported. We appreciate your contribution to offset the cost of the cookies & doughnuts!!

WOMEN'S CALENDAR

Apr 8 2:00 p.m. Crafts at Country View Manor

Apr 8 2:00 p.m. Crafts at Sibley Nursing & Rehab

Apr 10 1:00 pm Do-Day

Apr 13 9:00 am Board Meeting

Apr 13 Coffee Fellowship served by Joy Work Group

Apr 15 7:30 p.m. Ruth Rebecca Bible Study

Apr 16 9:00 a.m. Priscilla Bible Study at Thelma Gaarder

Apr 27 Packing of quilts – Compassion work group

Apr 30 Spring Cluster Event at Trinity Lutheran

We will be packing all kits, soap & blankets in April.

SPRING CLUSTER EVENT

This year our church is hosting the Women's Spring Cluster Event. It will be on April 30 at 6:30 pm.

The event starts with a meal and then there is a short program and a short business meeting. Please look for details in the church bulletin—we will be needing your help!

SPRING FUNDRAISER

Plans to have a Spring fundraiser are just in the planning stages so be watching for more information and please be willing to help when asked.

THANK YOU

A big thank you to all who helped in any way with the Women's World Day of Prayer Service this year! A special thank you to Lola Sjogren who willingly accepted added responsibility at the last minute!!

GOOD WILL TEAMS

A new ministry at Trinity Lutheran is under way. Good Will Teams have been organized to take the next step to *Extend the Love of Christ* to our church family. During the next few months, every member household will be contacted to arrange a home visit. These visits are intended to be informal, with the purpose of opening dialog, exchanging ideas, and exploring the needs of our members. Please welcome these teams into your home to share your dreams for the future of our church.

ADDRESS CHANGE:

Rev. Jay Grave, 8070 90th Ave NW, Milan, MN 56262
320-269-1000 cell 320-793-6622 home

ACOLYTE TRAINING

There will be an Acolyte training session after Logos from 7:30-8:30 p.m. on April 2nd in the Sanctuary. If any one cannot make this session, they should contact Don Hibbing any evening at 712-754-3362 and we can set up an additional time. Also, this session is for any untrained 6th, 7th, or 8th grader who would like to acolyte, or for anyone who would like to sit through a refresher session, or for any parent or anyone else who would like to know what an acolyte must know.

SUNDAY SCHOOL & LOGOS TEACHERS MEETING

The education and youth committee is planning a meeting with all Sunday school & Logos teachers on Sunday, April 6th, following worship in the Family Room.

WEB SITE FOR KARLA & TRAVIS CRICHTON & FAMILY

A website is available for those wanting to send a note to Karla & Travis at
<http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/karlacrichton>

THRIVENT ACTIVITIES

Activities and projects the Thrivent Group of Trinity Lutheran is in charge of: Quiet bags - the month of March: Peg Van Kley. Thank you to the Graduation recognition volunteers, Maureen Breuker and Peg Van Kley. Graduation will be on May 18.

RELAY FOR LIFE 2008

Celebrate. Remember. Fight Back. You are invited to become a member of Team Trinity, our church's American Cancer Society Relay For Life team. Please support the fight against cancer as we serve for coffee fellowship at the end of each month and organize other fundraisers. Let Brenda Kraehling, Cindy Onken, or Jennifer Beyer know if you would like to become a member of Team Trinity.

FROM THE PASTOR

"For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day..." 1 Corinthians 15:3-4

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

Easter Sunday has come and gone, but the season of Easter continues until May 11th, the Day of Pentecost. In other words, resurrection and new life will be the subject of much of what we do and talk about here at church for the next several weeks. But for us as Christians, that's what the Good News is all about, is it not?

That's especially true this time of year when springtime and rebirth are already on our minds.

With the exception of some recent late-March snows, winter is past and the temperatures are gradually getting warmer. Soon we will all be spending time working in our yards, getting our gardens ready, or starting fieldwork. Springtime is full of reminders of new life!

But there are also reminders that the old life is still very present. Various members of our church are continuing to deal with financial difficulties, family issues, serious illnesses, and even the death of loved ones. What does springtime and the resurrection mean to them?

For Christians, Easter is a very powerful proclamation that sin and death are no longer the final word. Even though the problems and hardships of being human continue to weigh us down, Jesus' resurrection means that we too are raised out of death to new life. In other words, we are no longer bound by our sins and weaknesses and mortality, but enjoy the freedom and promise of the risen Christ.

I would ask that you please pray for those who are going through various hardships or difficulties this spring, and that you extend to them your love and support when possible. And let us all remember to share God's love and the Good News of the resurrection with everyone we meet.

Enjoy the springtime, and may you have a blessed Easter season!

Pastor Scott

TABLE & CHAIRS

NOTICE: When taking the church tables and chairs, you will need to write your name and phone number on the sheet in the janitor's room. In case of a big funeral, we will need all of the tables and chairs in the church, so we will need to know where the table and chairs are at all times. None of the tables and chairs are to be taken out of the fellowship hall at anytime. Contact Steve Onken at 754-2797 for taking tables and chairs out of the Sunday school rooms. Tables and chairs should be returned within 24 hours of usage. If not please contact Steve. Please return tables and chairs to the storage room where you got them. Thanks for your cooperation!

MEMORIALS

In memory of Orrin Carstensen, Sylvester Holle, and Walt & Mildred Peters from Sheryl & Ron Peters given to the Building Fund.

LOGOS

Logos is from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday evenings.

Board Member in Charge

April 2 Dan Berkland

April 9 Tina Bugay

Themes:

April 2 Favorite Color

April 9 Grandparents Night/meal

The last week of Logos is fast approaching on April 9th, Grandparents night. We are serving a meal which all grandparents are invited. It will run from 5:30-7:30p.m. In order for us to plan how much food will be needed to prepare, we are asking you to call the church office, contact a Logos Advisory Board member or fill out the form that was handed out at Logos.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

Remember the Pizza Hut fundraiser on **Tuesday, April 1** Bring in the certificate and Luther League will receive 20% of your purchase all day.

Coffee fellowship will be served on **April 6** grades 9 (Willemssen's) and 11 (Glade's).

Shop Locally through Scrip! We have many local retailers and restaurants on hand, along with national scrip.

ATTENTION SUNDAY SCHOOL STUDENTS

All 4th, 5th and 6th grade Sunday school students will be working on the ceramic nativity sets on Sunday, May 4th and May 11th during Sunday School. Please let Barb Seivert know if you will not be able to make it.

All 7th graders will be working on the stables for the nativity sets on Sunday, May 11th and May 18th during Sunday School. Please bring a hammer with you. Please let Barb Seivert know if you will not be able to come those Sundays.

CHURCH CAMP INFORMATION

Please contact Julie Johnson with any of your camping questions.

Attention Campers! If you are headed to Ingham/Okoboji Bible camp for this summer, use Scrip to help you pay your way. You may earn the percentage of the certificates sold towards your Bible camp fee for the months of March and April. For those using Scrip, you can write down a campers name and have your percentage go toward their fee. For questions, talk to Regina or any Scrip team member.

MISSION TRIP

Conference 1 of the Western Iowa Synod is planning another work/mission trip to the Mississippi coast this summer. The dates are June 14 to 22. Arrangements have been made to stay at Camp Coast Care. We are looking for additional volunteers to go on this trip. This is open to anyone 16 years and over. People with construction skills are especially needed however, everyone who volunteers will be welcomed and fully utilized. It is important that anyone interested contact us soon so plans can be completed. For more information contact Lowell Heibult at 754-3934, email lowemt@hickorytech.net or Pastor Scott at 754-3645. Information on the camp and types of work involved can be seen at www.campcoastcare.com

PAPER DRIVE

Remember to continue to bring in your papers (colored, shiny, telephone books, catalogs, magazines, wrapping paper and junk mail.) The trailer will be open all the time and if it works for you to bring your papers directly in the trailer it would be greatly appreciated. If you are unable to load your papers into the trailer, boxes are located by the east door of the Sunday school wing or in the fellowship hall. Thanks for your help!

HEAD START PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

Applications are now being taken for the Sibley Head Start preschool program, which will begin in the fall of 2008. Any child who is age 3 or 4 by Sept. 2007 is eligible to apply. Please call the classroom at 754-3348 or the main office at 800-245-6151 to request an application.

TRINITY LUTHER CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES OF MEETING March 11, 2008

The regular monthly meeting of the Trinity Lutheran Church Council was called to order by President Ed Mayland at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 11, 2008. The following members were present: Tami Ackerman, Linda Fick, Lowell Heibult, Mary Laverman, Diana Lemke, Ed Mayland, Greg Onken, Gerald Pieper, Ray Schuster, Brenda Tutje, and Pastor Scott. Absent were: Patty Ferguson, Scott Gaarder, and Paula Leinen.

It was moved by Ray, seconded by Brenda, to approve the minutes of the February 2008 meeting. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's Report was submitted by Ed. Checking account balance is \$1,522.81. Savings account balance is \$13,795.40. Benevolence paid is \$1,628.15 for 2008. The Memorial Report was presented by Ray. A Treasurer's Report for the building project was submitted.

Income Received	\$289,880.93
Expenses	<u>\$192,492.99</u>
Balance	\$ 97,387.94

A motion was made by Linda, seconded by Brenda, to approve all reports. Motion carried.

Old business: Hoping to have the web site updated within the next 60 days.

Committee Reports:

Worship and Music:

1. Palms have been ordered
2. Will plan to have the Sedar meal next year.

3. Will have intinction on Easter for both services. Education and Youth:

1. There will be no Sunday School on Easter Sunday
2. The last day of Sunday School will be May 18, 2008
3. Logos last day will be April 9, 2008
4. VBS committee: Angie Ackerman and Michelle Wilson
5. Will need two more to serve on the committee, 2 yr. term
6. Bible school will be June 9-12, 2008 from 9:00-2:00 p.m.
7. Received approval from council to commit to camp for 2009 VBS.
8. Received approval from council to purchase bells for the youth to use. Funds will come from undesignated memorial money.

Stewardship:

1. Game night was held on Feb. 17 another one is planned for April 20.
2. A potluck is being planned for the last Saturday in June to be held at the park.
3. 100 copies of the Stewardship pamphlet will be printed. These will be distributed to new members, ATLAS, Welcome Wagon bags.
4. Loren Bell and Dan Berkland are looking into the possibility of having the worship tape on the Ocheyedan cable.
5. The visitation teams have their assignment packets and will start going out. The goal is to be completed by June 15.

Property:

1. Greg has talked with Alan Onken on getting the timer fixed on the outside lights.
2. Scott has talked with the hospital on the lawn care.
3. The water heater at the parsonage needed to have a heating element replaced.

Executive:

1. Becky will be on vacation the week of March 17, Lois Timmerman will help out if necessary.

A motion was made by Greg seconded by Lowell, to approve all Committee Reports. Motion carried.

New Business:

1. Ed read a letter from the synod office thanking us for our participation in the Rural Immersion project.
2. Lowell has checked into going on another mission trip this summer. It would be at the same location they were at last year, Long Beach, Mississippi. They can stay at a camp for \$20/day which would include 3 meals/day and a cot. The dates would be June 14-June 22. The minimum age requirement is 16 years old. This would include anyone from the NW Conference. They have a tentative commitment for 20 people.

A motion was made by Ray to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Tami. Motion carried. Next meeting will be April 8, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

Refreshments for April – Linda Fick
Teller for April – Linda Fick

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Fick, Secretary