



T.L.C. LINK-LETTER

May 2021

BACCALAUREATE SERVICE

Boone High School is planning their High School Graduation service for Sunday, May 30th.

We would like to recognize all high school graduates of Trinity on Sunday, May 30th at the 10:30 am service.

If you have a graduate in your family, please send or email the church office some information with highlights from their high school career, and what the graduates plans are for the future.

Thank you!





NEWS

By Marilyn Westrum

Our LWML has a new Mission Statement: “As Lutheran Women in Mission, we joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, and equip women to honor God by serving others.”

At our General Meeting on April 20th, we gave \$2,600 to our local mission projects. We also did 33 Birthday Bags for IMPACT. Sharon Sturtz used her Thrivent Action card. Thanks Sharon! We held election of officers for Vice President and Treasurer. Marilyn Westrum will continue as Vice President and Mari Lynn Cain will continue as Treasurer for the next two years.

May 1st is the Spring Zone Rally at Christ, Bouton from 8:30 to 11:30 am. The cost to attend is \$5.00. Their theme is “Covid Fatigue” and Toni Larson will be the guest speaker. The ingathering is Fareway, HyVee, and Walmart gift cards for the Perry Lutheran Home’s Acorn & Oaks Christian Daycare. The offering will go to Lutheran Family Services because our guest speaker is from LFS.

The Boone Zone churches met to load our Lutheran World Relief boxes. We loaded 27 boxes from Trinity, Boone containing 53 mission quilts, 57 personal care kits, 3 baby care kits, 6 fabric kits, and 75 school kits. In total we gathered 80 boxes weighing in at over 500 pounds! The trailer was full and thanks to the Ackerman’s for taking the trailer to the drop off at Windsor Heights.

We usually do May Baskets for our shut-ins in May, but due to Covid restrictions we aren’t able to do that. Let’s all send our shut-ins a “Thinking of You” card or letter. It would really brighten their day!

The National Convention in Lexington, KY, on June 24-27, is limiting the attendees to 2,000, so right now the registration for more is on hold. There are 34 grant proposals, totaling

\$2,739,475, voting for the mission grants and spending goals will take place prior to the Convention and will be announced at the Convention. We will report the results in July.

The next Circle meetings are:

~Sisters In Christ meet on May 10 at 12:30 pm for a picnic/potluck at Marilyn Westrum’s home.

~Sarah Circle will meet on May 17 at 6:00 pm for at potluck at Bev Olofson’s home.

Our Family Picnic/General Meeting will be on June 8 at 6:00 pm. We will have the installation of officers then. Please watch for details coming soon.

Mother’s Day

[Kelly’s Treehouse]

Your Mother is your mother,
nobody can replace her.

Nobody can do half the things she does
or has done for you.

Nobody can compare her, only God can love
you more than she does.

She is only one person, but she’s the person
who matters the most.

No matter where she is, in Heaven,
or here on earth,

There is nothing like a Mother’s love.



♥ May Anniversaries

	Years
08 Jason & Lisa Borkowski.....	17
14 Chad & Stacey Huedepohl.....	10
19 Mark & Judy Laubscher	5
19 Pat & Laura Shaw.....	37
20 Denny & Sue Ackerman.....	43
22 Scot & Wendy Kinne.....	28
28 Conner & Makenzie Larson	5
28 John & Connie Smith	60
31 Kevin & Marilyn Westrum	41

+ May Birthdays

Deegan Grant	05/01
Daniel Sprengeler	05/01
Pam Baumgardner	05/02
Robert Brown	05/02
Mary Dufelmeier	05/02
Kyle Johnson	05/02
John Smith	05/02
Conner Nordholm	05/03
Philip Yox	05/03
Linda Olson	05/04
Mason Zimmerman	05/04
Carol Crouse	05/05
James Schroeder	05/05
Sarah Anderson	05/06
Ajay Arringdale	05/06
Colby Naeve	05/10
Kaitlyn Chadourne	05/11
Kira Majak	05/12
Steve Messler	05/12
Lorrain Blakeley	05/13
Charlie Fitzgerald	05/13
Virgil Frye	05/13
Kolson Kruse	05/13
Michael Schminke	05/13
Jackson Zehr	05/14
Jill Bass	05/15
Cooper Naeve	05/15
Jim Turbes	05/15
Angela Angeles	05/17
Abel Tungesvik	05/17
William Hasstedt	05/18
Bret Kinne	05/18
Erin Kinne	05/18
Roger Temple	05/18
Dale Egeland	05/19
Jacey Hull	05/19
Thomas Sinclair	05/20
Kaleb Misner	05/21
Kaitlyn Misner	05/21
Katelin Thompson	05/23
Ruth Thompson	05/23
Sloan Westrum	05/23
Marcus Campbell	05/24
Heather Davis	05/24
Owen Hill	05/24
Christopher Davies	05/25

Claire Dunker	05/25
Maren Lafollette	05/25
Kathy Larue	05/26
Brooklynne See	05/26
Bradley Stolte	05/26
Krista Briley	05/27
Ione Brown	05/27
Steve Naeve	05/28
Heather Davis	05/29
Bob Wulf	05/29
Carleen Gunion	05/31
Bill Martin	05/31

Please contact the church office with any corrections or additions.

Change of Address



If at any time your address, phone number, or e-mail address change, please contact the church office, 432-5140. Corrections will appear in the next newsletter. This month's changes include:

Thank you

**Thank you
to everyone who said prayers and
all who have reached out to me
with comfort upon the death of my
granddaughter, Cheylin.
Please continue to keep me and my
family in your prayers and that the
Lord will comfort us and help us
find peace with our loss.
~Darlene Ferguson**

**Thank You
for all the phone calls, cards, and
visits upon the death of my
brother.
~Jo Boehm and the Family of
R. Melvin Hanson**

June articles should be submitted to the church office by May 21st.



“Let’s Celebrate Jesus!”

Vacation Bible School at Trinity

Dates: July 19-23rd

Time: 12:30 – 3:30 pm

Come join us for a fun week of Bible stories, crafts, music, recreation, and snacks!

Free for children ages 4 (and toilet trained) – those going into 6th grade!

Please fill out the registration sheet included in the newsletter and return to the church office. All are welcome!

α Official Record

Baptism: Elena Jo Sobolik was baptized on April 1, 2021.

Confirmation: Six youth were confirmed in April: Dylan England, Brock Godzicki, Xianne Godzicki, Ethan Halverson, Kira Majak, and Addie Tungesvik.

Transfer In: Cody Reinsel transferred to Trinity from Zion Lutheran in Mayport, Pennsylvania.

Baptized: 702

Confirmed: 568

HELPING HANDS

Please remember that we have people who are willing to help members of our congregation who are in need. If you need errands run, a lightbulb changed, or a small job done, please be sure you contact the church office!



The new piano for the sanctuary has been delivered. The funds to purchase the piano were from member donations, the Easter breakfast, the Darrell Tingwald memorial and the Arnold Geske memorial. We thank all the people who donated!

MASK MANDATE

At the Voter’s Meeting in April, it was approved that the Mask Mandate be lifted as of June 1st. Masks will still be recommended, but not required.

Social distancing measures will remain in place for the time being.

Trinity Parish Planning Meeting
April 5, 2021

Present: Jake Zehr, Dave Casotti, Dan Pratt, Rev. Lindsay Watkins, Gerald Luedtke, Bob Jones, Denny Ackerman, Sharon Sturtz, Marilyn Westrum, Jim Grabau, Loren Wilhelm, John Smith, Jo Boehm, Megan Messler and Sue Ackerman

President Jake Zehr called the meeting to order.

Rev. Lindsay Watkins lead a devotion on the resurrection of Christ that proves that he was declared to be the Sone of God.

Reports:

Elders: Along with our regular meetings, several special interview meetings were held to talk to perspective associate pastors and explain the work here at Trinity. We talked with 5 perspective candidates (and spouses) about Trinity and answered their questions about us. The seminary call day is April 28th at 7 pm and will be live streamed on csl.edu/call day. Let your prayers and requests be made known to God, that he would grant us the pastor we need.

We are encouraged about the numbers of members who are returning to regular Sunday worship. Now that the vaccinations have proceeded so well, we are getting ready to remove the mask mandate (with voter's approval) and rely on social distancing alone. We also have agreed to reinstate the common cup for communion services starting on the Maundy Thursday service.

Concerning the seminary calls, we received a letter from IDW President, Pastor Steve Turner. With the synod wide shortage of pastors there are limits on which congregations will receive new pastors. Once the associate position is filled, we will proceed with the senior pastor position. Remember, Pastor Watkins will be retiring in 6 months. (Oct 2021)

We are still working to get current addresses for our out of state inactive members. We want them to attend a church near where they live and transferring as if appropriate. An updated address list is being worked on, and a worship reminder letter will be sent to all members. COVID is no longer a valid excuse to ignore Sunday worship.

The Elders had our regular meeting in March; however, we have been making only limited direct house calls. We have been using phone calls to keep in touch with homebound people.

Weddings and funerals are still on hold or restricted, due to COVID guidelines.

Several elders have chosen to step away from the elders committee, so new service opportunities are available for men to serve your fellow believers. Please consider being a reader and distributing communion only if you are unsure about calling fellow members. Past Elders are encouraged to help out during this pastoral transition.

Please keep the seminary calling process in your prayers. Now more than ever, we should 'Trust in the Lord with all our heart and lean not on your own understanding. (Prov. 3:5) Gerald Luedtke, Chairman

Evangelism – no report

Parish Education:

The Parish Education Board sponsored an Easter Egg Hunt after both Easter services on Easter Sunday. I will report before the Voter's Meeting about the attendance for the event.

Vacation Bible School will be July 19-23. Come "Celebrate Jesus" with us! VBS will be from 12:30 – 3:30 for 4 year-olds through 6th Grade. Mark your calendars and plan your summer activities to include Vacation Bible School! Cathy Sprengeler, Chairman

Day School:

Enrollment: Preschool: 33 K – 8th Grade: 73

We are so thankful that the year has gone so well, considering all that has been going on with the pandemic. We continue to sanitize and be mindful of pandemic precautions. We thank all who have donated items used for the extra precautions we have had to take.

The Trinity Gala has been moved to Sunday, April 11th. We are hoping for a good attendance and will report back on how the event went.

We are looking ahead to the end of the school year, our closing service, and summer break. We are promoting an early registration event at the end of May so we have a better idea of who will be returning next year and what our class sizes will be so teachers can order supplies accurately.

We are also pushing to review/revise our School Board Policy Manual. We will need to have that done before our next Accreditation visit in a couple of years.

Again, thank you to our congregation and all who help support our Trinity Lutheran School. We truly appreciate it!
Megan Messler, Chairman

Trustees:

In January we discussed our budget. We recommended a 4% increase for Bill. We had some dishwasher issues; we may need to replace it in the near future. The quoted 2019 price was \$9,300.00. Amy may check for a grant available to pay for some or all of it. Amy applied for and received a grant for a new Delta Dental water bottle fill station drinking fountain.

In February we talked about needing more new members for the board of Trustees. Amy is seeking another grant to replace more windows; the next ones will be in the 1-2 grade room and the window by the SW entry. Our current bid on that is \$7,000.00 Dave Casotti will order and install them. Amy reported 2 staff members tested positive for COVID, plus 1 student in the month of February.

In March the new water bottle station is to be installed. The retaining wall by the house is in need of attention. We are still working on installing the security cameras. Denny Ackerman and Bob Jones, Co-Chairmen

Older Adult Ministry:

We have not been able to meet since last Spring. We hope to be able to resume our meetings in the near future. Jo Boehm, Phyllis Nordholm, and Francis & Jo Simmerman, Co-Chairmen

Stewardship Committee:

The Stewardship Committee met on March 8, 2021 to discuss the following:

Open Positions on the Board

Commitment of Time, Treasure and Talents: Jake Zehr will contact Pastor and Elders to determine appropriate time during year where we can focus on a month-long campaign on Stewardship. This will culminate in a Commitment Sunday with Lunch Afterwards. Hoping to have this in place for September.

Member Education: Committee is investigating the option of establishing two dates for Estate Planning and Endowments and how to incorporate Charitable Giving during life and at death. Committee is investigating the option of offering "Ramsey +" which is a program offered to help families gain control of their finances.

Electronic Giving Challenge: Committee is formulating a push to challenge members to try electronic giving by donating \$5 per week.

Youth – no report

Social Action:

Discussion on how the funds were distributed and questioned the security of the process. Sharon Sturtz said that she did not feel that she was in danger distributing the funds. Sharon Sturtz, Chairman

Parish Fellowship:

The committee will remain the same: Marilyn Westrum, Deb Lebo, and Gerrie Martin. If anyone else would like to join us, please let us know. Hopefully soon we can plan an event for some in person fellowship. Marilyn Westrum, Chairman

Public Relations – no report

Assimilation – no report

Treasurer – The report is included with the packet of materials.

Trust Committee:

The Trust Committee has 4 accounts with the LCMS Foundation in St. Louis:

	Beginning Balance	February 26, 2021
1. Future Generations Fund	\$ 27,280	\$ 30,871
2. School And Education Fund	\$ 22,224	\$ 25,149
3. Unrestricted Fund	\$101,496	\$165,328
4. Knodle Fund	\$376,000	\$387,272

We continue to put \$1,200 per month in the General Fund. John Smith and Loren Wilhelm, Co-Chairman

Unfinished Business

- a) **Script** – Megan Messler was asked to do a demo on using Scrip on your cell phone
- b) **South House and Property** – work is scheduled for when school is out for the summer due to the construction equipment

- c) **Update on Associate Pastor Search** – Moving expenses have been put aside. The call date at Concordia is April 28. Rev. Turner from the District Office will inform us of the results of the call day. There has been \$50,000 donated for the Associate Pastor’s salary.
- d) **Update on Piano** – Megan Messler will email an update on the piano fund. (\$1,202) and the Memorial Committee has funds given for the piano and the remaining will be from the Arnold Geske funds. The board gave the go ahead for the school secretary to purchase the piano and have it delivered and, if possible, take the old piano with them.
- e) **Board Position Gaps** – The Nominating Committee is still looking for someone for the Treasurer position.

New Business

- a) **Review Committee Nominations** – The ballot was presented to the board. Added Paul Noelck to the Trustees. The Elders will approve and present the list at the Voters Meeting.
- b) **Review 2021-2022 Budget** – The budget was present and discussed.

Other Items

Mask Requirement – There was discussion as to who has the power to remove the mask requirement for the services. According to the motion that was made in the previous Voters Meeting, the voters would be the ones to remove the requirement. Parish Planning is presenting to the voters to have June 1 as the end of the mandatory wearing of masks. Masks will become voluntary if passed by the voters.

Meeting was adjourned.

Pastor Watkins closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Ackerman, Secretary

**Trinity Lutheran Voters Meeting
April 19, 2021**

Members present: 37

President Jake Zehr opened the meeting with prayer.

Minutes from the previous meeting were accepted as printed.

Additions to reports presented to the Voters from the Parish Planning minutes:

Parish Education – The Easter egg hunt was attended by 3 children first service and 25 children second service.

Day School - There are currently 106 students enrolled in the school. The Gala was a success with a good turnout. The profit exceeds the goal of \$10,000. Monies are still coming in so there is no total at this time.

Trustees – Four security cameras have been installed with more to be installed. These will cover the doors, parking lot and the playground. These will start recording when all cameras are installed.

Trust Committee – They have switched to a more conservative fund to secure more interest. They hope to add \$200 more per month that is given to the unified budget.

Unfinished Business:

- a) **Script** – Megan Messler talked about the ease of using Script from your phone. In the last year, the funds paid back to Trinity are: \$100.79 to tuition, \$41.32 to Praise Him Choir, \$24.13 to the Bell choir, \$228.77 to the hot lunch program and \$1,423.66 to the unified budget. 19 families use the program.
- b) **South House** – scheduled to be taken down when school is out
- c) **Associate Pastors Search** – The Call Night for the Fort Wayne Seminary is April 27 at 6 pm and the Call Night for the St. Louis Seminary is April 28 at 7 pm. These are live streamed for all to watch.

There was discussion on the difference between receiving a candidate and extending a call. We would have no choice in a candidate but would call a specific pastor when extending a call.

- d) **Piano Update** – The new piano for the Sanctuary has been delivered. The funds came from donations from members, the Easter breakfast, the Darrell Tingwald memorial and the Arnold Geske memorial.
- e) **Board Position Gaps** – There is need for two more Elders per the constitution

New Business:

- a) **Nomination Committee** – The vice president position should be changed to Dan Pratt on the ballot. The election of officers was approved.
- b) **2021 - 2022 Budget** – A motion by Cathy Spengeler to accept the budget as submitted. Second by Marilyn Westrum. A paper ballot was used with 30 yes, 4 no and 3 abstain.
- c) **Mask Mandate** - Discussion about the use of masks during the services. A motion was made by Dan Spengeler to lift the mask mandate for the worship services after June 1 or sooner if the CDC warrants discontinuation sooner and seconded by Dave Casotti. A paper ballot was used with 26 yes, 9 no and 2 abstain

Other items for Discussion:

All of Trinity's worship services are on UTube to watch. There was a presentation to show how to search for the services. A link to the Trinity channel is <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPqkR16m7qwYkd62dzc72Lg>.

Meeting was adjourned and closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Ackerman, Secretary