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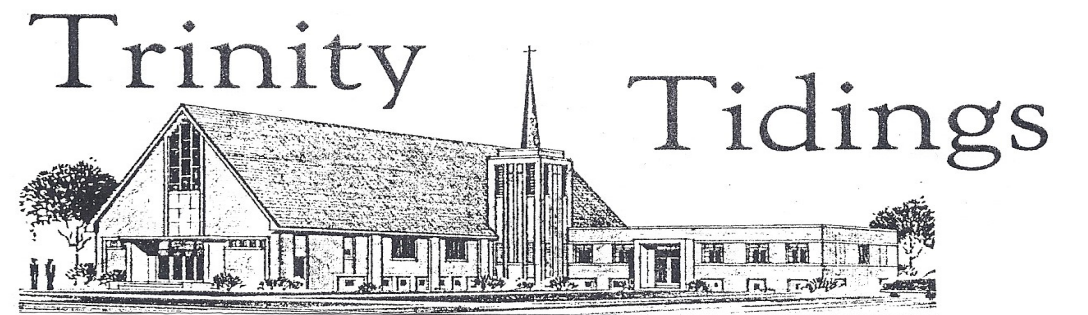
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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Psalm 121

¹*I lift up my eyes to the hills— from where will my help come?*

²*My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.*

³*He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.*

⁴*He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.*

⁵*The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade at your right hand.*

⁶*The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.*

⁷*The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.*

⁸*The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore."*

This is one of my favorite Psalms. I often suggest it as an alternative to Psalm 23 for funerals. This Psalm especially called to me when I was mourning and trying to make sense of my brother's suicide. I could not understand his choice and I was struggling with what I could have done differently, called more often, reached out. Watching my family hurt and my mother trying to climb in the coffin with him at the viewing was very difficult. Yes, it is true, parents should not have to bury their kids. However this Psalm pulled and pushed me through this time. It gave me hope. It reminded me of whose I was, and who has my back in all things no matter what.

I have turned to this Psalm for reassurance in the times we are in now. I will admit that I am struggling as a leader not being with people, not visiting, not administering the sacraments, not "doing" enough. Being isolated, even as an introvert, has been hard and I have struggled and am still struggling if I am honest. But revisiting this text is a good reminder that no matter what, God is here. God is here to help, to strengthen, to keep me in all things, to encourage, to shade, to hold me steady when I cannot. Yes, God is Good.

As we approach Pentecost I am filled with hope. The Holy Spirit came to the disciples and the Holy Spirit comes to you. We come with open hearts and open minds ready for the Spirit to work in and through us. We know that the advocate is sent to us for comfort, counsel, assurance, help and encouragement. I pray that in these times, such as they are, you would experience the Holy Spirit in new and wondrous ways. We do not know what that will be or how it will look, but yet we pray: *Come, Holy Spirit, come.*

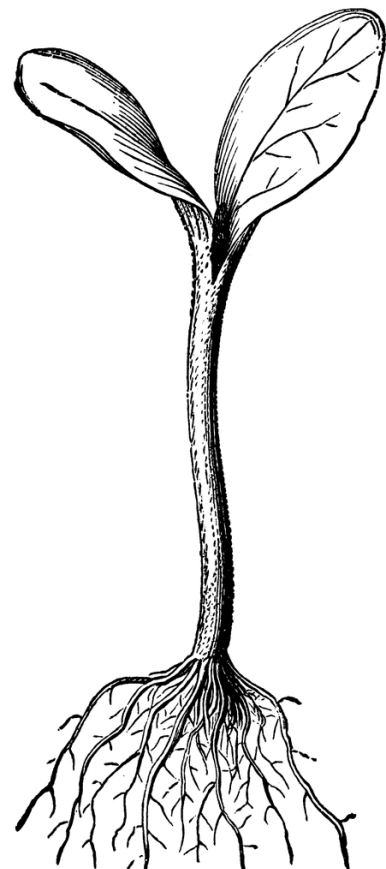
In Christ,

Pastor Rick

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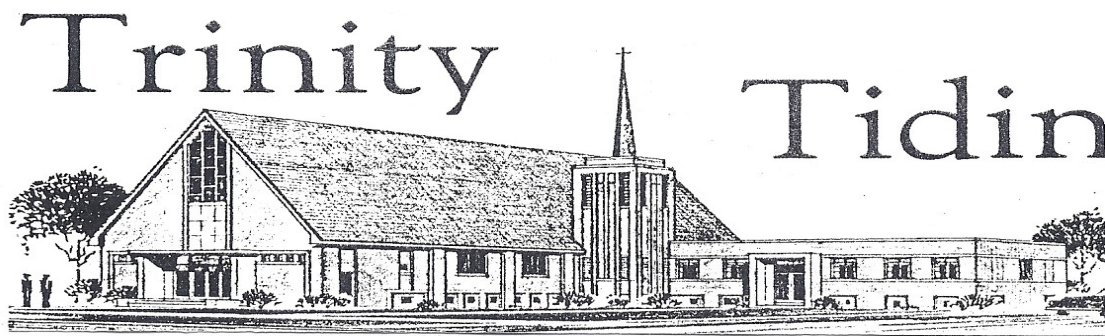
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Don't Worry About
ANYTHING
Instead, Pray About
EVERYTHING
Tell GOD What
YOU NEED
Thank HIM For All
HE HAS DONE.

Philippians 4:6

Trinity Tidings



WE ARE THANKFUL TO HAVE RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING MEMORIALS:

In Memory of George Vigesaa
Kent & Kim Dick

In Memory of Kurt Chaput
Kent & Kim Dick

In Memory of Bruce Gronneberg
Garfield & Beverly Clemens

In Memory of Nissy Bakken
Lois Johnson-Music
Les Stromme
Shirley Norgard
Curtis & Pamela Sommer
Clarence & JuliAnn Sandvik
James & Irene Mork
Jerry & Karen Johnson
Kay & Al Larson
Kyle & Lois Bednar
Floyd & Lucille Borchert

In Memory of Janis Hagen
Tom & Ardys Dahl
Diane Weispfenning
Lois Johnson
Arleen Retzlaff
Mark & Nancy Lunde
Roger & Alice Schilke
James & Irene Mork
Tim & Deb Soma

In Memory of MacKenzie Hagen
Tom & Ardys Dahl

In Memory of Gordon Ashland
J. & Carolyn Post
Clarence & JuliAnn Sandvik
Shirley Norgard
Tom & Ardys Dahl

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In Memory of Gordon Ashland

Arleen Retzlaff
Mark & Nancy Lunde
Tim & Deb Soma

All memorials received are deposited to the Trinity Lutheran Church Memorial Fund. These funds are used to pay for special projects as designated by the donor. Designations currently established are: Banners, Altar Guild, Pew Cushions, Music, Quilters, Rock Garden, SAM Program, Sunday School, Youth and Undesignated. Please indicate if you would like your memorial designated to one of these or another of your choice. Your giving in honor or memory of loved ones is greatly appreciated.



TRINITY THANKS:

Thank you all for your prayers and good thoughts for me during my earlier hospital stay.—*Ruth Evans*

Thank you for your patience, faithfulness and vigilance.—*Trinity Church Council*

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drain tile. The council directed that the Capital Improvement Fund as well as dollars donated especially for the project and any additional fund raising be used. Brent Ellefson will begin the project as time and weather allow.

2. Office Manager's Report-Motion to approve the report by Scott L., second by Larry. Motion carried.

3. Secretary's Report-Motion to approve the report by Scott L., second by Paige. Motion carried.

4. Property/Building Committee Report

- The sump discharge hose on the NW side of the building was recently frozen. Seth Hanson repaired the hose temporarily. Larry replaced the sump pump on the east side of the sanctuary.

- Some moisture was found in the Fireside Room – the carpet in this room will be professionally cleaned after the drain tile is installed.

- The wax ring was replaced on the toilet in the narthex bathroom. Leaking had damaged the ceiling below. Larry replaced the ceiling tiles.

5. Property/Grounds Committee Report

- Scott will be replacing the parsonage mailbox.

- Scott will see that any additional snow will be moved away from the building. He will consult with Ness Plumbing for ideas on installation of the water detectors at the outdoor sump wells.

6. Evangelism Committee Report-nothing to report.

7. Social & Fellowship Committee Report

- Dane will keep in mind a potluck in the future to celebrate when we can all be together once again.

8. Stewardship Committee Report

- The game night planned for March was postponed due to the pandemic. Karen and Bob will revisit the plan when things return to normal.

- Bob will be setting up an online giving option (Tithley) for our website.

9. Education Report

- Current plans are for VBS to be the first week in June.

10. Worship Committee Report-nothing to report.

11. New Business

- IRET – as advised by our bank and the executive committee, these funds should be kept in a money market account or in a CD at our local bank. Kelly will check into this.

- Possible extension of closure-Scott Loge made a motion to keep with federal guidelines and keep the church closed until April 30, second by Bob. Motion carried.

- Tithely-Bob will work with Pastor Rick to set up.

- Fund for local support-Pastor Rick asked that the council be aware of needs in our community that Trinity might help with. Nicky will check with the Food Pantry. Bob made a motion that up to \$500 be ear-marked and given to the Food Pantry if needed, second by Scott L. Motion carried.

- Ideas for online worship-Pastor Rick is open to any ideas for this. The council encouraged him to keep up the good work.

- Cares Act-the Paycheck Protection Program loan with the possibility to become a grant opportunity will be looked into by Kelly and Pastor Rick.

12. Pastor's Time

- As a part of the ministry of Trinity, Pastor Rick assigned each council member a list of members from our latest membership directory to contact by phone. Point of contact email addresses should be collected also.

- Due to the pandemic, the council discussed locking the church doors. This would allow Tammy to keep most high contact areas disinfected. The council recommended that the doors be kept locked during this time of social distancing.

- Pastor Rick thanked all for the prayers and commitment to our church. He shared words of encouragement and told all that "God's got this."

13. President's Remarks

- Kelly thanked all for their work through this difficult time.

Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Allison Anderson, Office Manager

8. Stewardship Committee Report

- Karen and Bob will be planning and hosting a game day at Trinity from 3-5pm on March 29. They would like to continue game day once a month for people age 16 and up.

9. Education Report

- Bethany is planning VBS for the first week of June. It will be held for four days from 5:30-8pm. The hope is that more volunteers would be able to assist with an evening program.
- The Sunday School plans to sing at the care center on Sunday, April 5. They are also planning a bowling day to celebrate the last day of Sunday School in April.
- Pastor Rick would like for the Sunday School curriculum to coincide with Sunday worship scripture. He would like to become more involved with Sunday School lessons.

10. Worship Committee Report

- The committee has planned worship up to April.

11. New Business

- IRET – considering the current market trends and with the approval of the council, the council executive committee sold these shares. The funds are being held in a money market account. The executive committee will research options such as a certificate of deposit.
 - The GCC Post Prom committee sent a request for support of the 2020 prom party. Dane made a motion to give \$100 in Cooper Bucks, second by Scott Loge. Motion carried.
 - Easter Breakfast – Kelly will call Lyle Andel who has organized the breakfast for several years. The breakfast will take place between the Easter Sunday worship services.
12. Pastor’s Time
- The Ullman Bike Riders have asked to stay at our church again on Friday, June 26. The council agreed that the riders should be allowed to stay at Trinity. Pastor Rick will contact them.
 - Pastor Rick will be attending a continuing education event March 15 – March 18. He will be back in time for Lenten worship.

- The dormant youth funds in the amount of approximately \$700 was discussed. The fund owners will be contacted to determine if the owners would like to designate the funds. Kelly will make contacts and report back.
- Pastor Rick would like to increase his focus on the youth this year. He is asking for the formation of a youth committee. The committee would help to plan activities such as mission trips. He would like the youth to be involved in some of the decision making as well as to help implement changes. He is looking at making changes to the confirmation program possibly to include the setting. He would like to be more involved in Sunday School. A set of six puppets has been ordered and will be used in the Lenten worship series. The puppets will also be making appearances during the Sunday children’s sermons.
- Pastor Rick has had some positive comments regarding the Faith 5 concept he has been introducing – he hopes it will help to equip us to be leaders and learn to lift each other up.

13. President’s Remarks

- Kelly thanked all for their hard work and commitment to Trinity in these busy times.

Meeting adjourned with the Lord’s Prayer.

Edited/Approved TLC Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 1, 2020, 7:00pm via Zoom

Present: Pastor Rick, Kelly VenHuizen, Larry Grandalen, Dane Mueller, Paige Hanson, Scott Loge, Nicky Wathne, Bob Schlotman, Karen Hornung, Allison Anderson

Meeting was called to order by president, Kelly VenHuizen.

Devotions

1. Old Business

- Water detectors-the detectors on the 3 outside pumps have not yet been installed.
- Drain tile project- the congregational meeting to get approval for the project was cancelled due to the pandemic. In order to remedy the water problem and best care for our church home, the council voted unanimously by email to approve the installation of



KYRSTEN JOY SHERLOCK
Daughter of Josh & Jackie Sherlock.
Kyrsten plans to attend UND for nursing.



MATTHEW (MAX) HALL
Son of Rick & Cathy Hall.
Max plans to attend VCSU to become a social studies teacher and coach.

HONORING:
ANGELA DAHL
(BRIDE-TO-BE OF BRAXTON MEEHAN)
JUNE 7, 2:00 PM
TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH BETHANY HALL
EVERYONE IS WELCOME!
THE COUPLE IS REGISTERED AT TARGET AND
BED BATH & BEYOND.

COUNCIL MINUTES

Edited TLC Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 5, 2020, 7:00pm

Present: Pastor Rick, Kelly VenHuizen, Larry Grandalen, Paige Hanson, Scott Loge, Nicky Wathne, Bob Schlotman, Scott Tranby, Karen Hornung, Bethany Eberhardt, Allison Anderson

Meeting was called to order by vice-president, Kelly VenHuizen.

Devotions

1. Old Business

- Organization of council:

President – Kelly VenHuizen

Vice-President – Bob Schlotman

Treasurer – Scott Tranby

Education – Bethany Eberhardt

Evangelism – Paige Hanson

Property/Building – Larry Grandalen

Property/Grounds – Scott Loge

Social & Fellowship – Dane Mueller

Stewardship – Karen Hornung

Worship – Nicky Wathne

Motion to approve the council organization by Scott Tranby, second by Scott Loge. Motion carried.

- Wedding Policy update - tabled.
- Insurance quote – the executive committee will review.
- Financial audit – Scott Tranby has arranged for Citizens Bank to complete the audit.
- Noise Offering – the council designated the funds collected in the next six weeks to the Youth FCA camp fund. The next collection will go to the Food Pantry followed by the Homeless Veterans.

2. Office Manager's Report-Motion to approve the report by Scott Loge, second by Bethany. Motion carried.

3. Secretary's Report-Motion to approve the report by Scott Tranby, second by Paige. Motion carried.

4. Property/Building Committee Report

- Soot found near the wall heaters is normal – the units would need to be taken apart to clean.
- A wi-fi moisture detector has been installed. In the event of moisture, an alert will be sent to the cell phones of Pastor Rick and other building committee members. Our insurance company sent us two additional detectors at no cost. Scott Tranby made a motion to purchase five more detectors, second by Bob. Motion carried.
- An access panel will be installed in the balcony multi-media area.

5. Property/Grounds Committee Report

- Scott will check the latch on the parsonage mailbox.

6. Evangelism Committee Report

- The committee continues to prepare birthday cards. Paige will be ordering Trinity magnets to give to the community club welcoming committee.

7. Social & Fellowship Committee Report-tabled.

8. Stewardship Committee Report

- Bob would like to try a game night once a month for adults. Kelly suggests a sign-up sheet.
- The council welcomed Karen Hornung with discussion of the purpose of the stewardship committee. The committee is something of a cheerleader of the congregation – encouraging people to share their time, talent and treasure to further the church in its mission.

10. Education Report

- Bethany remarked that Sunday School attendance has been down. Karen suggested including a children's calendar in the monthly newsletter. This will let parents and kids know what is going on each Sunday. Bethany and Nicky will coordinate with Allison to create the calendar.

11. Worship Committee Report

- Worship has been planned through April 1st. A new Lenten series by Faith Inkubators will be used. Pastor Rick is excited to do something a little different and "Unexpected"-which is the theme. The services may be held downstairs after the soup suppers. Two services are planned for Easter Sunday.

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12. New Business

- Drain tile-members of the congregation would like to have it installed. Larry will obtain an estimate of the cost of the project to present to the congregation for approval. Resurfacing of the church parking lot should also be done in the near future.
- Bank signature cards-due to reorganization of the church council, Carl Sad's name should be removed as a signer on the church checking accounts. The signers on the checking accounts at Bank Forward, Citizens State Bank and First Financial should be Kelly VenHuizen, Scott Tranby and Bob Schlotman.
- Kelly would like to have a contact list formed to announce cancellation of worship due to weather. Allison will gather email addresses and telephone numbers of radio and television stations for announcements.

13. Pastor's Time

- Pastor Rick is excited about Lent. He continues to look for continuing education opportunities.
- He is looking at some new things for the confirmation program. He would also like to have the Sunday School lessons correspond and be a continuation of our weekly worship service.
- He reminded the council that new computers are needed and asked for direction.
- An interim executive director has been hired at RWBC.
- Pastor Rick has been attending school events. He and Cathy will look at options for draperies for the parsonage and a washing machine.

14. President's Remarks

- Kelly thanked the council for their faith in him as he was elected to serve as president. He asked for patience as he learns about his new position. He thanked the council for taking their job seriously and doing the work of the church.

Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Edited TLC Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 4, 2020, 7:00pm

Present: Pastor Rick, Kelly VenHuizen, Larry Grandalen, Dane Mueller, Paige Hanson, Scott Loge, Nicky Wathne, Bob Schlotman, Scott Tranby, Karen Hornung, Bethany Eberhardt, Allison Anderson

Meeting was called to order by president, Kelly VenHuizen.

Devotions

1. Old Business

- Wedding Policy update - tabled.
- Insurance quote – tabled.
- Financial audit – tabled.
- Drain tile – Larry met with Brent Ellefson regarding the project which would include insulating and sealing the walls on the north and west sides of the church. The project is estimated at \$12,000. The other option to consider would be to deepen the sump holes. After discussion, Scott Tranby made a motion to call a special meeting of the congregation on March 22, 2020 for approval to install the drain tile. If approved, the congregation would decide what funds would be used to pay for the project. The motion was seconded by Scott Loge. Motion carried.

2. Office Manager's Report-Motion to approve the report by Larry, second by Bob. Motion carried.

3. Secretary's Report -Motion to approve the report by Bob, second by Scott Loge. Motion carried.

4. Property/Building Committee Report

- The toilet in the narthex has been leaking. The wax seal was replaced. The ceiling tile below the room will be replaced.
- Wi-fi sensors for all sump pumps will be installed.

• The snow will be moved away from the building this Saturday at 9am.

• The city crew has cleared away ice at the parking lot entrance.

5. Property/Grounds Committee Report

- Scott L. will be replacing the parsonage mailbox.

6. Evangelism Committee Report

- The committee has mailed birthday greeting cards. They are also discussing putting tissues and hand sanitizer in the pews.

7. Social & Fellowship Committee Report

- Dane will plan a potluck for some time after Easter.

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