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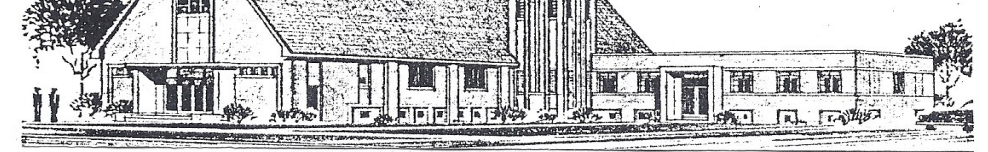
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Trinity Lutheran News

Trinity Tidings



Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Over the last few weeks we have heard Jesus say to the disciples, “Peace be with you.” He doesn't just say it as a greeting or a platitude, he is not just being nice, he wants the disciples to have peace. Maybe partially because he is visiting them in locked rooms after his death and resurrection or maybe because this is what he truly wants for them. Peace.

In our busy lives we need peace. But how do we find that peace? What are we doing to balance our lives and get some peace? Parents, how many times have you become your parents and said you just want some “peace and quiet”? How many times do you want “Calgon to take you away”? We run from place to place, work project to project and keep our schedules as full as possible. In fact, this “need” to be busy is quickly becoming a mental health issue in the United States. God so desires us to have peace He even models what it should look like; after all, even He rested on the seventh day of creation. So, how do you find peace in your day?

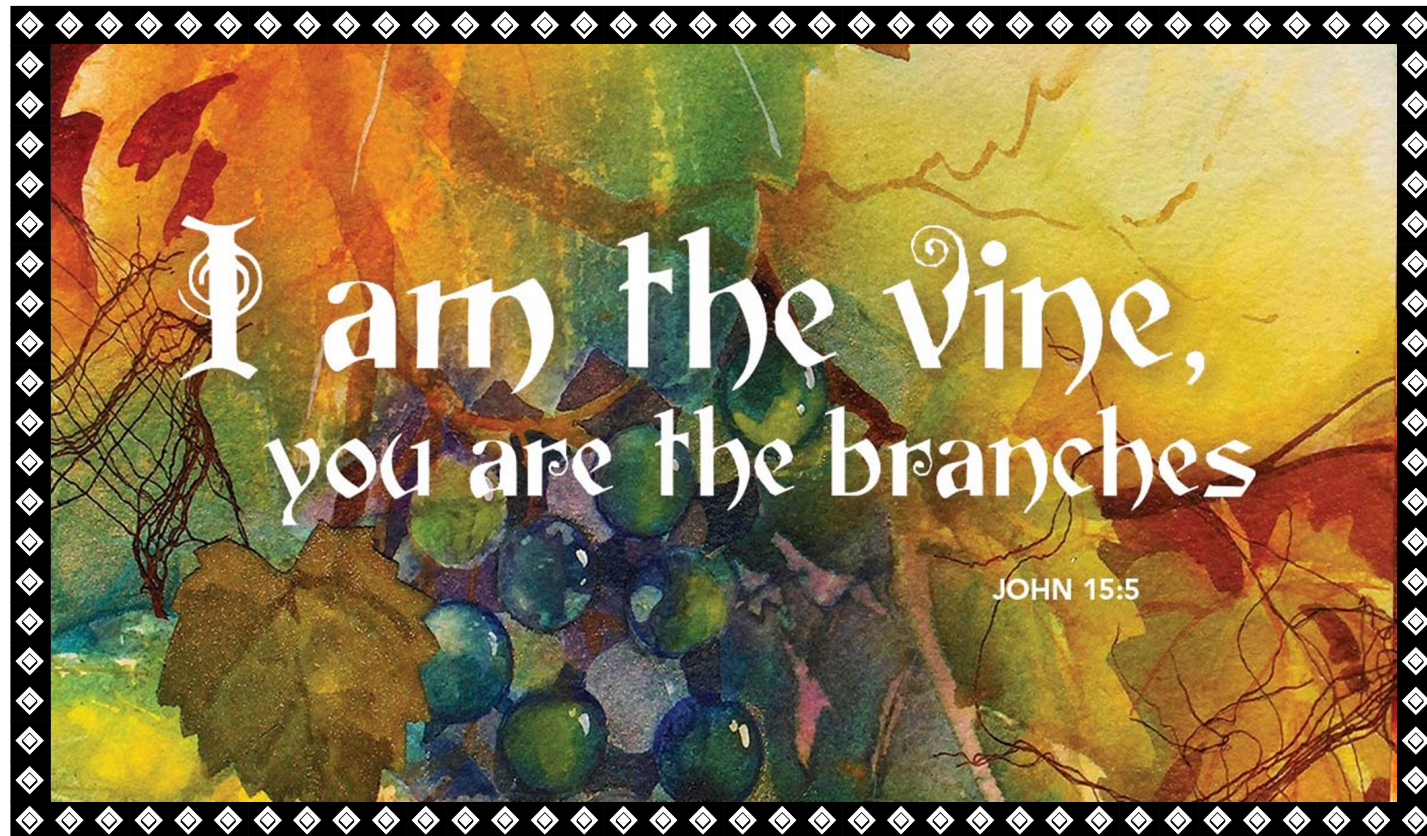
During Lent we tried to provide you some peace through guided prayer and meditation. You can find more of those types of exercises on podcasts and YouTube. You can take a nice hot bath or set time aside early in the morning for a cup of coffee and a devotional. Maybe along with peace you need human interaction and perhaps family time. That is ok, as long as it is refreshing and not much work to do. Peace does come in many forms and will be different for everyone.

God desires us to be in relationship with Him. God also desires us to have peace and rejoice in the Lord and all that He has given us. We can attain some of this as we come before God and ask for what we need and pray and praise Him in all that we do. He wants the best for us in every aspect of our lives. Bottom line, *God loves you!*

This last year has been a tough one for all of us. The virus and life in general made navigating tricky. As a pastor, coach and Red Willow board president every decision came through the lens of COVID and the stress of that. This was not something they taught in seminary I can assure you of that. However, in all aspects the congregation, school and Red Willow were supportive of council, team and board decisions and we made it through. Your support has been amazing and I thank you for it.

I pushed my personal life to the back burner for most of the last year, something I swore would never happen. It is in this light that I now find that I need to take

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some time. Time to relax, time to renew, time to reconnect and time to reload. In March, I asked the Executive Committee for an extended leave of absence using my accrued sick time. They took it to the council in April and it was motioned and approved for me to do that. I want to be clear that I am taking this time so that I can come back and be a good leader for Trinity and in our community. It will be a time for healing (mental, physical and relationship) for me and my family. We will be spending time in Florida as well as visiting my Mom and siblings in Colorado. It has been almost three years since we've been to Colorado.

So what is that going to look like? I will be on already scheduled vacation from May 22-31 and on leave from June 1-26. During this time we have SAMS and pastors lined up to lead and preach at worship. In the event that emergencies arise and pastoral care is needed we are covered there as well, just contact the church office.

I thank you for the love and support you have given us as a family and thank you for the love and support you continue to pour out. Peace be with you.

Blessings,
Pastor Rick

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:4-7



WE ARE THANKFUL TO HAVE RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING MEMORIALS:

In Memory of Gladys Odegaard

Trish Brager-Pew Cushions
Connie Louden
Bryan & Amber Hedstrom

In Memory of Joan Anderson

Trish Brager-Pew Cushions
Joan Anderson family-SAMs & Kitchen appliances

In Memory of Dennis Lura

Connie Louden

In Memory of Doug Dahl Jr.

Connie Louden

In Honor of Gladys Anderson's Birthday

Vernon & Lois Knudson

In Memory of Gretta Fahey

Ken & Mary Eli-Music

In Memory of Terrie Lura

Vernon & Lois Knudson
Ken & Mary Eli-Music
Clayton & Louise Heinz
Dave & Judy Zimprich-Music
Lois Johnson-Music

In Memory of Phyllis Lovejoy

Lois Johnson

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, Rock Garden, SAMs 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 Lutheran Church Council

Bob Schlotman—President
Jill Larson—Vice President
Scott Tranby—Treasurer
—Education

Paige Hanson—Evangelism
Charles Olson—Property-Building
Scott Loge—Property-Grounds
Dane Mueller—Social & Fellowship
Karen Hornung—Stewardship
Nicky Wathne—Worship

Next Council meeting—May 5, 7:00PM



**OFFERING
COUNTERS**

**SUNDAY OFFERING
COUNTING TEAMS**

* May—Beverly & Shirley
* June—Ruth & Lois
* July—Julie & Delores

“POP”

Pastor Rick has met his goal and has lost 40+ pounds. Thank you to everyone who has supported Pastor Rick.

Pledges should be submitted to the church office in May.



"whoever welcomes a little child like this in my name welcomes me" ~Matthew 18:5

**We appreciate our
Sunday School Teachers:**

Bethany Eberhardt
Tina Johnson
Jodi Larson

Nicky Wathne—music
Brandi Schock—helper

***If you would be willing to be a Sunday School teacher when the program starts up again in Sept., please visit with Pr. Rick.**

**RED WILLOW
MINISTRIES**

Camp Clean Up Day!

Saturday, May 8

9 am—3 pm

RSVP with the office
(701.676.2681)

or Frank

(redwillowbiblecamp.org)



COUNCIL MINUTES



Edited Trinity Church Council Meeting Minutes March 3, 2021

Present: Pastor Rick, Bob Schlotman, Jill Larson, Charlie Olson, Paige Hanson, Karen Hornung, Nicky Wathne

Called to Order: Bob

Devotions: Pastor

Old Business:
Bob suggests going back to sharing in devotions at the council meetings and has created a schedule. Council members can sign up.

Office computers: Allison's is in. Pastor is still waiting on his. Allison's will be installed now and Pastor's when it comes in.

Council vacancies: Pastor has not heard of anyone interested.

Office Manager's Report:
Motion to approve: Paige; Second: Jill
Approved

Secretary's Report:
Motion to approve: Charlie; Second: Karen
Approved

Property/Building:
There have been issues with three phase boiler. Heat was out earlier in the month. They switched to fuel and burned 121 gallons of fuel. It was the coldest time of the year. It will be checked on again next week.
Parts are coming. Mike Hanson got down payment and should be receiving parts.
There is one detector with issues. We will verify whether an insurance claim needs to be made.
Charlie will check with Roger on things.
Charlie fixed the countertop in men's bathroom.
Up light was changed in the sanctuary.

Property/Grounds: Tabled

Evangelism:
The committee is working on a few new ideas for the church for the upcoming year focusing on getting people involved.

Social and Fellowship: Tabled

Stewardship:
There are a few cookbooks left. Reorder minimum is 100 so we will hold off on that. We are looking for ideas for where

the proceeds from the cookbook can go.
Bob brought ELCA stewardship of God's Creation and would like council to look at it. We should think about a smart thermostat.
Karen brought up the idea of having a Bingo night. She will check to see if anyone does it around town.

Education: Tabled

Worship:
Assigned song leaders and hymns through Easter
Nicky has done script for puppets.
We will have two services on Easter.

New Business:

Soup suppers: will they be started again? Bob and Pastor have both been approached.
Coffee and Fellowship: when will we start this again?
Motion to start soup suppers and coffee and fellowship:
Motion: Paige; Second: Jill
Approved

Easter Breakfast:
Services at 7:00 and 9:30
Easter breakfast will be in between.

Masks: Pastor will announce in church that masks are not required, just recommended.

Pastor's time:
Pounds off Pastor going well. Currently at \$51 per pound.

FCA camp in happening in Minneapolis. Pastor will be talking to kids. It is a possibility for the summer.

President's Remarks:
Bob spent five hours on the Zoom conference with the synod. We have core values and a published mission statement. There was a lot of talk on Stewardship: Ask, Thank, Tell. Brought up the idea of sending out thank you notes.

Lutheran Social Services in North Dakota is shutting down.

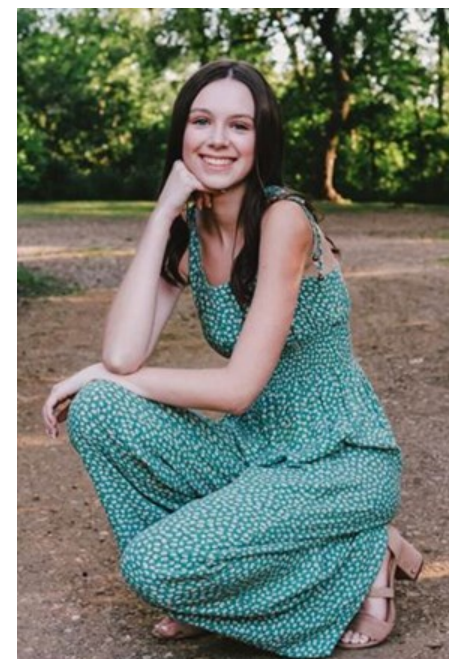
ELCA Assembly is August 13th-15th.

God's Work, Our Hands is September 12th.

It is a time of high stress and anxiety. Be good to each other.

Adjourn with the Lord's prayer.

Submitted by Paige Hanson



Class Of 2021

On Sunday, May 16, 2021 we will honor Trinity's GCC Graduating Seniors:

**Jaycee Andel, Jacey Carlson,
Hunter Gronneberg,
Brooklyn McCullough,
Maezy Myers, Tianni Pfeifer,
Jayden Sherrard**

Please plan to stay after worship for refreshments and a chance to congratulate our graduates. The Trinity Quilters will be recognized that day also as they present each senior with a quilt made especially for them.

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BACCALAUREATE
SERVICE

May 16 - 6:00 p.m.
Trinity Lutheran Church

All high school seniors, their parents, families and friends are encouraged to attend this meaningful event.

LILLIAN YOUNG

Trinity library has received a copy of a newly published book, *Young in Africa*, about Lillian Young Otte. Lillian Young grew up two miles east of Cooperstown, was confirmed in this congregation known at that time as Cooperstown Lutheran Church. She graduated Cooperstown High School in 1919, attended college, taught school and felt the call to become a missionary to the Zulus in South Africa. From the time she arrived in Untunjambili in 1929, until her death in 1969 she kept her home congregation connected to the Zulus. We sent donations from the Sunday School birthday bank. Children gave a penny for each year of their age, and women of the congregation organized a mission circle. They contributed 15 cents a meeting to send to Africa, supplemented by bake sales, and one time a clothing drive.

Lillian married Pastor Carl N. H. Otte, a third-generation missionary in South Africa. They were parents of six children, all of whom attended college in the U.S. Carl Jr., deceased, and Solveig returned to South Africa permanently. Elsa, Daniel, Paul and Ruth have lived in the U.S. Solveig, now in her mid-eighties, wrote and edited the book. Elsa did the illustrations and Ruth is handling sales and distribution. For many years after Lillian's death, Solveig maintained the connection with Trinity Sunday School.

It should be mentioned that after she married, Lillian's income stopped. The Norwegian Lutheran Church in America saw no need to pay married women. She kept on providing medical care, delivering babies, growing large gardens to share with others, and seeing to the needs of young Zulu student pastors.

Lillian's parents, Charles and Hattie Young, had died by the time the Ottes first visited Cooperstown in 1939. They sailed on the *Robin Goodfellow*. World War II was beginning and sea travel was already getting risky. Lillian and Carl and three children, Carl Jr., Solveig and Elsa came to our house for noon dinner on a rainy May day. My sister and I were excused from school and spent the afternoon entertaining three preschool kids indoors. As I recall, Elsa was not yet walking.

Their next trip to the U.S. was in 1953, I suppose they flew. There were three more children by that time. At the end of the furlough, the three older siblings remained in the U.S. to attend school. When they graduated, Elsa stayed on to work as a nurse in the Twin Cities area, Carl and Solveig returned to South Africa. Later Paul, Daniel and Ruth came for education. Since Lillian's death, Solveig has made at least two visits to Cooperstown and has kept us informed about her post-retirement work with Zulu children orphaned by the Aids epidemic, and kept us in touch about the Rainbow election when South African voters turned out to elect Nelson Mandela their first Black president, representing the African National Congress.

I have a personal connection with Lillian Otte and her family. The Young farmstead, now occupied by Pam and Rob Ressler, faced the Thor Hagen home half a mile north and east of them. Thor and Ingeborg Hagen were my grandparents and several members of the Hagen family are mentioned in Lillian's journal. Many other people are mentioned by name, and will be recognized by some people still here.

Submitted by Duna Frigaard



NOTE: Duna has provided the book, *Young in Africa* to Trinity. Anyone is welcome to borrow this book from our library.

TRINITY THANKS:



♦ Thank you to the gentlemen pictured above. The Easter Breakfast was delicious!



- ♦ Thank you to the musicians pictured above. We appreciate you for bringing back the bells!
- ♦ Thank you to the folks who help me with my walker at the steps each Sunday. I appreciate you.—Richard Trostad
- ♦ Thank you to the Trinity Council for remembering me on Admin. Day. The flowers were beautiful.—Allison
- ♦ Mary Eli sent more prayer shawls. Thanks, Mary. You do great work!

Submit your thank you wishes to the church office by email to: trinityofcooperstown@mlgc.com



To view our Sunday worship: tlccooperstown.com