



TRINITY TIDINGS

A monthly newsletter for the people of Trinity Lutheran Church of Athens, WI

Pastor's Corner – May 2019

The joy of Confirmation, officiating my niece's wedding, Mother's Day, and celebrating our granddaughter's 1st birthday. What an incredible way to begin the summer season! And that's just our lives - I know that some of you have even more going on. *God is good! All the time!*

To survive all of this, we need... a survival kit – a **Trinity Member Summer Survival Kit!**

Here's what I would suggest you put in your survival kit...

First off, a good survival kit must provide the essential nutrition to sustain life. For our spiritual survival – the Word of God. Now that we've (hopefully) put winter and snow behind us, and all of those complications that go along with winter, we all should have a little more time to use for other purposes. In this case, why not give yourself the best spiritual nutrition possible – a Chapter a Day in God's Word. You could feed on: John, Proverbs, and Genesis. That's a little over little over 100 chapters, enough for entire summer from June through August.

Second, a good survival kit includes some way of communicating with the outside world. For our spiritual communication – how about adding three minutes of prayer to your five minutes of Bible reading? To make the blessings of prayer real, I would suggest a small spiral notebook to use as a Prayer Journal. One page each day. As you go through your day, take note of the prayer needs around you and add them to the next day's prayer list. You'll be amazed at how enjoyable intentional praying becomes and how God answers prayer.

Add to your survival kit one dose of intentional service - an act of kindness to someone around you. Take the love you have for Jesus and turn it into an action of love toward another. You could note this in your Prayer Journal.

Finally, put enough money in your survival kit so that you can make your regular offerings to the Lord. Trinity's monthly expenses never take a vacation. Faithful stewardship is something we need every month of the year. Don't forget – you can make regular or one-time gifts to Trinity through our electronic giving service (click on the "Give" button on the Trinity Website).

It is my hope and prayer that we all have a wonderful, enjoyable, and safe summer. By taking advantage of the items in your Trinity Member Summer Survival Kit, you give yourself the best possible chance of nurturing your faith.

Have a blessed summer!
Pastor Mark

Our Mission:

Knowing Christ personally...
and making Him known.

WORSHIP TIMES

Saturday 7:00pm
Thursday 7:00pm

(The Summer Schedule will begin Thursday, May 23rd, and go through Labor Day – there will be no Saturday evening Worship during the summer months)

Sunday 9:00am

With Holy Communion
every 1st & 3rd weekend

Church Phone: 715-257-7526

School Phone: 715-257-7559

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Trinity Lutheran Church & School

Mark Schwalenberg
Pastor

Dean Frick
Principal / 7th & 8th Grade

Karen Trench
Teacher / 4th, 5th & 6th Grade

Becky Van Rixel
Teacher / 1st, 2nd & 3rd Grade

Deb Frick
Teacher / 3K, 4K & Kindergarten

Sara Paul
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Judy Weise
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School Cook

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Child Care Director

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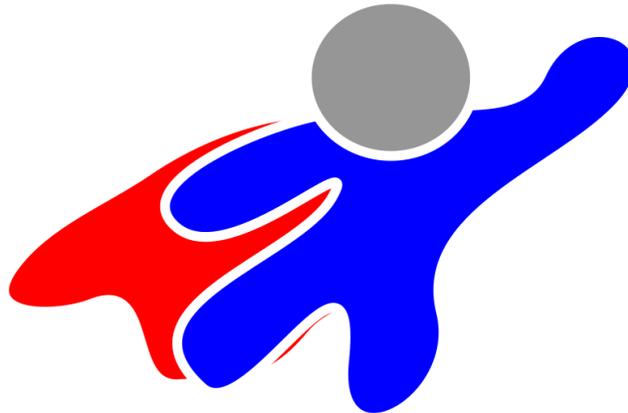
Principal's Message



As we finish the school year, there are many things on the horizon for Trinity Lutheran School. The possible participation in the Wisconsin Parental School Choice Program and finding an 5th-6th homeroom teacher/technology coordinator are the most pressing decisions that will be made in the next couple of months. National Lutheran Schools Accreditation is also a major undertaking that will be completed over the next couple of years. We will also continue to expand our technology program through additional chrome books and increased use of our 3D printer.

Our theme for this school year has been Joshua 1:9, "Be Strong and Courageous"; ***Superheroes in Christ***. It takes many "superheroes" to do all the things that we do here at Trinity. Both staff and volunteers put in many hours to make sure all our programs here at Trinity help us to know Christ and make Him known to others. We have student "superheroes", parent "superheroes", congregation "superheroes" and community "superheroes". All who put in endless amounts of time and financial resources to help Trinity Lutheran School be a successful ministry.

Mr. Dean Frick



TRINITY'S LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

**** Friday, May 31st ****

Our end of the school year picnic will be on the last day of school at Erbach Park (weather permitting). Games & pot luck lunch ☺
All families, grandparents and friends, are welcome! *Please join us...*



Church / School News & Events



April
Memorials

Trinity Ladies Aid/LWML

Trinity LWML met on April 3rd at Athenian Living. Bible Study "Caring for the Body of Christ" was led by Pastor Mark. Mites and gifts for LCMS Global Mission and Orphan Grain Train were gathered. Preparations were finalized for the LWML Zone 10 Spring Rally to be held here at Trinity on April 6. Confirmation Banners will be prepared to be given to all Confirmands.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kaye Schwalenberg, Secretary



Confirmation – Sunday, May 5, 2019

Congratulations to the 6 young men and women being confirmed this month –



Confirmation

Celina Lynn Ellenbecker
Emma Claire Ford
Blake Vonne Hein
Connor Anthony Lewandowski
Dominic Darrell Lewandowski
Jacob John VanDerLinden

Please keep these young men and women in your prayers as they begin their next journey of faith.



Happy Mother's Day!



There were no Memorials during the month of April.

Save the Date!

Sunday, June 30, 2018 – 150th Anniversary Celebration at St. John "High Steeple"! Dinner 12:00pm – Worship 2:00pm – Fellowship 3:00pm. RSVP for dinner by calling 715-352-2888

Official Acts & Monthly News

Birth: Jackson Raymond Perkins, son born to Michael and Dana Perkins Wednesday, April 3, 2019 at Aspirus Wausau Hospital.

Baptism: Raedynn Jean Fredrickson, daughter of Ryan Fredrickson and Chayce Sauter, baptized before our altar Saturday, April 6, 2019.

Nadia Nikkol Drewek, daughter of Daniel and Kara Drewek, baptized before our altar Sunday, April 28, 2019.

Released / Deaths: none

New Members: Randal Richard and Nancy Eileen Jeppesen and sons, Adam Joel Jeppesen and Matthew James Jeppesen – transfer from Trinity Lutheran Church, Medford

Hospitalized during April: Dana Perkins and son, Jackson Raymond Perkins

Recipe for a Family Pie

- 1 Handful of **FORGIVENESS**
- 1 Heaping cupful of **LOVE**
- 1 Full pound of **UNSELFISHNESS**

Mix all together smoothly. Then, with **COMPLETE FAITH** in the **PROMISES of GOD'S WORD**, add:

- 2 T. **WISDOM** (given by CHRIST)
- 1 t. **GOOD NATURE** to flavor

Sprinkle all with **THOUGHTFULNESS**

This makes a **WONDERFUL FAMILY PIE!**

2019 High School Graduates

Jonathan Albrecht Carter Meddaugh
Derek Czech Aaron Passehl
Jordan Decker Olivia VanDerLinden
Mason Halopka Lee Woiak
Carley Lipinski Mariah Zinkowich

2018 Eighth Grade Graduates

Celina Ellenbecker Connor Lewandowski
Emma Ford Domonic Lewandowski
Blake Hein Jacob VanDerLinden



All graduates will be recognized during Sunday Morning Worship on Mother's Day, May 12th. They are to meet in the gathering area and process in together as a group.

Each graduate has received a questionnaire to complete, and these results will be shared with the congregation on the day they are being recognized.

These fine young men and women are entering a new phase of their lives. May they continue their walk with Christ ~~ as they pledged on the day of their Confirmation.

Help **Alden Anderson** celebrate his 90th birthday on June 14th by sending him a birthday card at –
North Central Healthcare, Lakeview Hts
1100 Lake View Drive
Wausau – WI 54403

Nondiscriminatory Policy for Trinity Lutheran School

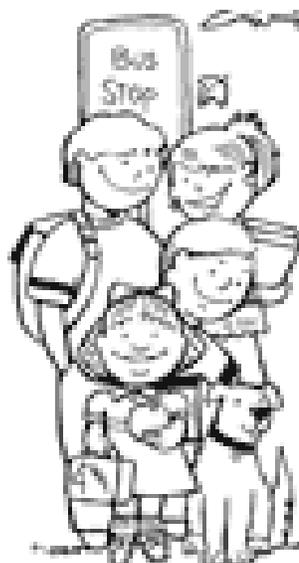
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- (2) Fax: (202) 690-7442; or
- (3) Email: program.intake@usda.gov.

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**Registration
2019-2020 School Year**

**3K, 4K, 5K, and
1st through 8th Grade**

**Wednesday
May 8th
5:00pm – 7:00pm**

Trinity Lutheran School

A black and white illustration of a group of diverse children standing at a bus stop. One child is in a wheelchair. A sign above them says "Bus Stop". The illustration is framed by a decorative border.



Youth News

Crusaders for Christ 5th & 6th Grade Youth Group

The Crusaders had their monthly meeting on Sunday April 14th, 2019. Meeting opened with prayer and devotion centered around Ruth 1:16-17. Youth continued marking their bibles. Lock-In from last month was discussed.

Crusaders volunteered at the Marathon County Humane Society in Wausau on Wednesday, April 24th, then stopped McDonald's for supper.

Youth will meet for their May meeting Sunday, May 12th at 6:30pm and will begin decorating Luminaries to illuminate the track during the Cancer Walk at the Athens High School May 31st.

Jesus Is the Bread 7th & 8th Grade Youth Group

To close out their year the youth will be participating in a servant event to serve others in our community. This is a way to praise and give thanks to God for all the gifts He has blessed them with. This will be on Sunday, May 19th at 1:00pm. They will have a cookout at the Schaer house after their servant event is completed.

NYG Update

We have under \$1,000 to raise to meet our goal! *To God be the glory!* Thank you everyone for your support so far. As we head into the home stretch our last fundraisers will be June 7 & 14 serving food at the Old Timer's Concert. Please come out and support our youth! If anyone would be willing to bake some pies for us, please bring them to the Gazebo by 5:30 those nights. We will be meeting in May to continue our Bible study of Psalms. Everyone picked a Psalm that they will be sharing with the group to help us look at how others have talked with God and build our relationship.

2020 Mission Trip

Plans are beginning for the 2020 Mission Trip to the **Benton Harbor, Michigan**, located on the Michigan shore. There will be an informational meeting on Sunday, May 12th, 7:30pm in the church basement. All youth currently in 7th grade through 11th grade are able to participate. Join us on May 12th to learn more! Spots fill up fast 😊 Eighteen youth and four adults will be taking on this adventure.

2018 Cancer Walk – May 31st, 7:00pm

Please join us in raising money for the Aspirus Regional Cancer Center! We will begin the Walk at 7:00pm, at the Athens High School track area. New this year is a "Survivor Walk" at 7:00pm, where all Cancer Survivors are invited to kick-off the Cancer Walk by walking one time around the track as the everyone else follows them. Each Cancer Survivor will then be given a package with a Monarch butterfly enclosed to release, as a symbol of new beginnings.

Guests are welcome to stay and walk up until 10:00pm. Youth will stay overnight and try to have someone walking the track the entire night. The Walk will conclude at 7:00 Saturday morning. 100% of the proceeds will go to the Aspirus Cancer Center.

Congratulations to Carley Lipinski & Derek Czech
– PTL Scholarship recipients for 2019!

2019 Vacation Bible School

Miraculous Mission - "Jesus Saves the World" is the theme for our 2019 Vacation Bible School.

VBS will be held from

Monday, July 22 – Thursday, July 25

9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Registration forms will be available soon. VBS is open to children 4 years old through 6th grade.

We are in need of volunteers to help! Teachers, Game Leaders, and Shepherds (leaders who take groups of children around the VBS program). Please let Kaye Schwalenberg know if you can help.

We are also in need of financial donations to help defray the cost of VBS.

Our VBS is open to all children of our community!

Please invite your neighbors and friends!



May Acolytes

- Saturday, May 5 4:00pm
Jenna Handscke & Addison Lavicka
Sunday, May 5 9:00am
Andy Schaer & Malaina Telschow
Saturday, May 11 4:00pm
Aleah Frahm & Kyren Schug
Sunday, May 12 9:00am
** Connor Lewandowski & Domic Lewandowski
Saturday, May 18 4:00pm
Ava Zettler & Abby Diethelm
Sunday, May 19 9:00am
Jacob VanDerLinden & Paige Westaby
Thursday, May 23 7:00pm
Emma Ford & Blake Hein
Sunday, May 26 9:00am
Celina Ellenbecker & Jenna Handscke
Thursday, May 30 7:00pm
Addison Lavicka & Malaina Telschow
Sunday, June 2 9:00am
Ava Zettler & Kyren Schug
** school children sing

May Birthdays

- 1 - Jake Denzine, Nancy Ellenbecker,
- 2 - Lonnie Becker
- 3 - Dylan Gruna, Marion Oldenhoff, Tanner Westfall
- 4 - Brett Albrecht, Kevin Albrecht, Vicki Halopka,
Sandy Martyn
- 5 - Brandon Bartelt, Jenny Lipinski
- 6 - Betty Bunkelman, Garrett Frahm, Keri Salber,
Jennifer Schmidt
- 7 - Rebecca David, Doug Riske, Lora Rudolph
- 8 - Bruce Wassmann
- 9 - Cheryl Eckert, Lynn Luetschwager
- 10 - Erwin Schoenrock, Jr.
- 11 - Kyle Kottke, Cody Murkowski, Nichole Natzke;
JaNae Schug
- 12 - Kooper Frane, Ken Gauerke
- 13 - Tiffany Sodoma
- 14 - Chaise Beilke, Brent Radloff, Se
- 15 - Louetta Lavin, Nicole Tolk
- 18 - Mark Ewan, Jacob Riemer
- 19 - Karen Marcon
- 20 - Starr Guralski, Carley Lipinski
- 21 - Kevin Weise
- 22 - Elaine Mueller
- 24 - Sabrina Bunkelman, Sheila Lewandowski,
- 25 - Nathan Heller, Mindy Diedrich, Pastor Mark,
Sherri Tessmer, Renell Wassmann,
Linda Zettler
- 26 - Steve VanDerLinden
- 27 - Samuel Hartwig
- 28 - Gwen Becker, Dakota Venzke
- 30 - Mavis Nehrbass



May Baptism Birthdays

- 1 - Kim Kottke, Heidi Nowacki,
Sheila Scheffler, Kris Venzke
- 3 - Mark Mroczenski
- 5 - Patty Riske
- 7 - Joe Scheithauer, Linda Westfall
- 8 - Rachel Ostrander
- 9 - Matthew Wassmann
- 10 - Bryana & Phillicia David, Erwin Schoenrock, Jr.,
Derek Sprotte, Anna Wheatley, Owen
Hansen, Kian Ellenbecker
- 11 - Kim Kottke, Kelly Nowacki
- 12 - Rachel Berry, Michele Swanson
- 13 - Abby Diethelm
- 14 - Jenna Handscke
- 15 - Jesse Call, Nancy Ellenbecker, Bitsy Ewan
- 16 - Keri Salber
- 17 - Tyler Brodziski
- 19 - Shannon Boesl
- 20 - Glenn Belanger
- 21 - Vicki Halopka
- 24 - Lynn Luetschwager
- 25 - Jake Denzine, Ken Gauerke, Pam Tessmer
Easton Punke
- 26 - Nichole Natzke
- 28 - David Frahm IV, Stevie Jean Schreiner
- 30 - Christie Cronick, Blake Hein, Cody Murkowski
- 31 - Sandy Martyn, Sandy Schmidt



May Wedding Anniversaries

- Dave & Kathy Kulas – 43 years May 1st*
Dave & Sherri Tessmer – 28 years May 4th
Ryan & Jessica Frahm – 15 years May 8th
Mike & Karen Zenner – 26 years May 8th
Randi & Stacey Thom – 10 years May 9th
Matt & Tabitha Hartwig – 10 years May 9th
Greg & Lisa Nowicki – 25 years May 14th
Kelly & Lois Bunkelman – 37 years May 15th
Glen & Cheryl Steen – 43 years May 15th
Kevin & Katie Murkowski – 6 years May 18th
Bob & Michelle Wheatley – 23 years May 18th
John & Carol Fritz – 12 years May 20th
Tim & Heather Krueger – 9 years May 22nd
Doug & Wendy Brodziski – 28 years May 25th
Al & Michelle Natzke – 40 years May 27th
Rick & Tammi Westfall – 19 years May 27th
Craig & Kim Heller – 26 years May 29th
Eugene & Doreen Weise – 67 years May 31st
Corey & Kelly Westfall – 22 years May 31st

Council Meeting – April 10, 2019

Meeting was called to order by President Rick Guralski. Pastor Mark opened with prayer.

Officers

President-Rick Guralski (P)

Vice President- Neil Marthaler (A)

Secretary- Renee Tessmer (P)

Admin Assistant- Judy Weise (P)

Principal- Dean Frick (P)

Rev. Mark Schwalenberg (P)

Board of Elders- (P)

Board of Christian Education- (P)

Board of Trustees- (P)

Board of Stewardship- (P)

Youth Coordinator-Renell Wassmann (P)

Secretary Report: Renell Wassmann made a motion to accept the secretary report as printed in the March Newsletter seconded by Dwight Tolk. Motion carried.

Financial Report: Total Income for March was \$53,617.77, total expenses were \$45,734.20, with a gain of \$7,883.57. Checking account \$3, Petty cash \$90, Savings Accounts: Organ Fund \$592, Major Building Fund \$12,806, Church Basement Fund \$0, Air Conditioning Fund \$16,924, Endowment Fund Thrivent \$105,946, Special Interest Fund LCEF \$306, Credit Line Balance \$26,378, Brokerage Account at Scottrade \$18,821. Olson Carpet installed carpet in front of church which cost \$4259.00 Urban Construction fixed leaks on the roof this cost \$695.25. School Lunch and Child Care Accounts are both currently paid. Motion made by Ken Punke and seconded by David Trimmer to approve the financial report as read.

Boards of Elders: There were 4 adults that were confirmed March 17, 2019. Christie Lynn Harder, Michael Raymond Perkins, Dana Leigh Perkins and Tiffany Amber Sodoma. There were six baptisms. Raedynn Jean Frederickson daughter of Ryan Fredrickson and Chayce Sauter, baptized 4/6/19. Sterling Daniel Aschbrenner, son of Justin Aschbrenner and Emily Dassow, baptized 3/30/19, Styles River Becker, son of Tim Becker and Jacquelyn Bloch, baptized 3/24/19, Preston Leroy Manecke, son of Brandon and Samantha Manecke, baptized 3/16/19, Brooks Edward Beilke son of Chaise and Jamie Beilke, baptized 3/17/19, Jason Mark Mroczenski, son of Joel and Kim Mroczenski baptized 3/9/19. Transfer from Trinity Lutheran Church in Medford, Randal Richard and Nancy Eileen Jeppesen and children, Adam Joel Jeppesen and Matthew James Jeppesen from Medford. Talked about Holy Week. Maundy Thursday service with communion, Good Friday services and Easter Sunday 3 services all with communion. Fourth of July is on a Thursday this year so service will be on Wednesday. Polka Service will 7/28/19 at Doug and Jean Krueger's house.

Board of Christian Education: Meeting was held on 4/3/19 and started with a devotion. School Choice was discussed, next step is a meeting with Terry Brown which will be held on 4/17/19 at 7:00 p.m. Prepare questions and bring along to meeting. Continue to search for a 5/6 teacher/Tech Coordinator. Dawn called two candidates, one was not willing to consider the position and the other one Dawn was waiting to hear back from. We have no other new names that have been brought forward. Process will include an interview and then a call meeting. Friends of Christian Education (FOCE) Funds. Math Books -currently review sampled. Most likely will go with Saxon Series Chromebooks- hoping to get another set of 10 by the end of the year so every 4th-8th grader would have one. Dean will get a new estimate from Seth. Scholarship fund has been set up by using the original savings account at the credit union. Hot lunch program review: Food Service Director Evaluation-all the paperwork from applications are fine. There were some things that were not taken care of from last time. There is a \$600 forgiveness and hopefully the issues will fall below that threshold. If the students serve, they need 2 hours of training per year. Regarding the school freezer, continues to work but not well. PTL will donate \$1350. Can drive proceeds will also go towards the freezer. Total cost would be around \$3,300. Tuition: Dean doesn't think we have any graduating students to worry about. Dean will put together reminder letters. Child Care: Tom received positive feedback about the transition from one child care teacher to another. Still would like one more part time employee. Summer care list is started. Another family inquired and visited about 3K, that would be spot 9 of 10. Asked Dean to start tracking how families are hearing about us. Sunday School is winding down, the party will be April 28, 2019.

Principals Report: Dean Frick reiterated that the School Choice meeting will be on 4/17/19. If attending bring questions along that you may have. Trinity Wausau has agreed to be our sponsor school, they will oversee us for 2 years while we accept applications at any level. Achievement tests are out of print before we purchase a newer form of the test we will wait until we know more about school choice because a different test will need to be purchased. We will continue to do twice a year math testing. Hot Lunch program reviewed. Looking for volunteers to sit on a wellness committee could include a cross section of teachers, community members parents and people involved in healthcare. When potential parents inquire about a Christian Education at Trinity we would like to know how they heard about us and if they heard about us from the ad on 89.Q so this question has been added to a form that prospects are required to fill out. School Safety: Door and Security System at top of the ramp: Dean will look for more potential companies as some are not calling him back. He has a number for a company in Weston that he will call. Public schools had safety drills. Trinity will be doing one more this year.

Board of Trustees: Pleased with the work that Urban Construction did on the roof. They fixed where the tar was pulling away from the roof, fixed some holes in the roof, nail heads were popping up all over these were fixed. There was no structural damage. Rick suggested that the roof should be checked possibly yearly or at least every two years. All the light bulbs have been changed and furnace filters will be changed this week. Getting ready for the aluminum can drive coming up.

Board of Stewardship: Palm Sunday April 14, 2019. Will be wrapping up the time, talents and treasures. This is also Commitment Sunday. We will have Bingo and a Scavenger hunt.

Pastor: Pastor enjoyed the Mid-Week Lenten Services, the Gospel in 7 Words. There were many good comments about the congregation's participation. Pastor is also looking forward to Holy Week. St. John's Bethlehem call to a Pastor was turned down. Pastor will be working with them to place another call. Still working on the vacancy at Trinity in Spencer. Pastor is still helping out at Trinity Medford with their call process. Pastor shared that he volunteered to help out with the National Youth Gathering this year and was offered the job as AV manager for the Convention Center. Pastor will be attending an organizational planning meeting for the convention which will be held 5/1-5/4. Pastor will also be at the Youth Gathering 3 days prior to its start to help set up.

Youth: Jesus is the Bread: Last two meetings were cancelled due to the weather. Next meeting is 4/14/19. They will plan their servant event which will be helping community members with Spring clean-up projects. Date yet to be set. National Youth Gathering: Youth needs \$1700 to fully fund everything. One soup supper left. They will discuss ideas for funding. They will have bible study and team building activities at their next meeting. Crusaders: They will meet April 14, 2019. They also had cancelled meetings due to the weather. Upcoming events will include: 4/24/19 volunteer at the Marathon County Humane Society. Friday May 31st, 7:00 pm - Saturday June 8th 7:00 a.m. is the 14th Annual Cancer walk at A.H.S. 100% of proceeds go to the Aspirus Cancer Center in Wausau. Sunday School finishes April 28th with games in the basement.

Old Business: Brochures of "Life at Trinity" were passed out which were also well received. Proud of Trinity for all they do.

New Business: Judy noted that it was time to set up the Voters Assembly Agenda. Judy will add the usual financial and board reports. Dwight would like to add an update on the agenda about the air conditioning financing. Judy asking permission for Cancer Walk door collection to be held on 5/11/19 and 5/12/19. Dawn Mroczenski made a motion to approve a door collection and seconded by Cheryl Eckert. In honor of American Legion Post 4's anniversary, they are offering to give all of the schools flags and flag poles in Athens and all schools will be getting new flags that are uniform in size. The only cost would be for concrete around the base of pole. SD Ellenbecker will be installing the new flag poles. Motion made by Renell Wassman made a motion and seconded by Ken Punke to approve flag pole installation. Motion made by Renell Wassmann to adjourn the meeting seconded by Dawn Mroczenski. Motion carried, meeting adjourned.

Pastor closed with prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Renee Tessmer, Secretary

PTL Meeting Minutes April 14, 2019

Jenna Ellenbecker called the meeting to order and Dean Frick opened with a prayer.

Committee and Officer's Report

The **secretary's report** was presented in the monthly bulletin and in the green sheet. The minutes were approved with no corrections after a motion by Laura Ford was made and seconded by Tanya Ellenbecker, all were in favor, motion carried.

The **treasurer's report** indicated an actual balance in the checking account as of 4/14/19 of \$5,634.54. The expenses paid out were \$2,534.34. The revenues were \$4,044.00. A motion was made by Laura Ford to accept the treasurers' report, a second by Tanya Ellenbecker, all were in favor, and motion passes.

Principal's report – MAPP testing will be within in the next month for 3rd - 8th graders. No IOWA basic testing this year. There will be a speaker on Wednesday at 7 pm about Parental School Choice. We are still looking for a 5th/6th grade homeroom teacher and IT person.

Old Business –

- a. Administrative Professional's Day - no discussion
- b. \$1,350.00 will be given towards purchasing a new freezer.

New Business –

- a. Teacher Appreciation Day – Tuesday, May 7th - discussion.
- b. Faith Celebration – A motion was made by Dean Frick and seconded by Ann Thurs to cover the cost of the cake, punch, plates, cups and silverware. All were in favor, motion carries.
- c. Scrip Challenge – The scrip challenge will be April 29th – May 12th.
- d. Field Trips – The 3K, 4K and Kindergarten are going to Wildwood Wildlife Park on May 30th. Tanya Ellenbecker made a motion to cover the cost of the bus and admission to the park for the students. The motion was seconded by Laura Ford, all were in favor, motion carries.
- e. Questions/Concerns

Laura Ford made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Tanya Ellenbecker seconded, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Tabitha Hartwig, Secretary
12 parents, 3 teachers

Quarterly Voters Meeting

April 28, 2019

Meeting was called to order by President Rick Guralski and Pastor opened with prayer. 24 members were present.

Secretary Report: Motion made by Neil Marthaler and seconded by Ken Punke to approve the Secretary's report as printed in the monthly newsletter. Motion carried.

Financial Report: Checking account balance \$3, Petty Cash \$90, Organ Fund \$592, Major Building Fund, \$12,806, Air Conditioning Fund \$16,924, Thrivent Endowment Fund \$105,946, Special Interest Fund at the Extension \$306. Credit Line at Dorchester Bank \$-26,378. Thrivent Gain for the last quarter was \$7,094. March General Fund Income \$53,617. First Quarter Income \$115,303, First Quarter Expenses \$135,898. First Quarter Income less Expense \$20,595. Dedicated Accounts: Both school lunch program and child care fund have been taken care of, everything is current. Motion made Chris Czech to approve the financial report as read and seconded by Mark Mroczenski. Motion carried.

Board of Stewardship: Pastor was pleased with the support of the Lenten services and with the Palm Sunday Potluck/Commitment Sunday and the activities. More events will be planned in the Fall.

Board of Elders: There were 4 adults that were confirmed March 17, 2019. Christie Lynn Harder, Michael Raymond Perkins, Dana Leigh Perkins and Tiffany Amber Sodoma. There were six baptisms. Raedynn Jean Frederickson daughter of Ryan Fredrickson and Chayce Sauter, baptized 4/6/19. Sterling Daniel Aschbrenner, son of Justin Aschbrenner and Emily Dassow, baptized 3/30/19, Styles River Becker, son of Tim Becker and Jacquelyn Bloch, baptized 3/24/19, Preston Leroy Manecke, son of Brandon and Samantha Manecke, baptized 3/16/19, Brooks Edward Beilke son of Chaise and Jamie Beilke, baptized 3/17/19, and Jason Mark Mroczenski, son of Joel and Kim Mroczenski baptized 3/9/19. Transfer from Trinity Lutheran Church in Medford, Randal Richard and Nancy Eileen Jeppesen and children, Adam Joel Jeppesen and Matthew James Jeppesen from Medford. Fourth of July is on a Thursday this year so service will be held on Wednesday 7/3/19. Date for polka service is 7/21/19 at 11:00 a.m. at Doug and Jean Krueger's home. Pastor talked briefly about the Salem Cemetery that Trinity owns and some discussion was held regarding the purchase of additional land for plots. It was then brought to the attention of members present that there is already an existing board that handles the Salem Cemetery its needs and finances. A motion was made by Ken Punke and seconded by Neil Marthaler to table the conversation at this time on the Salem Cemetery until all members of this committee were contacted. Further discussion will be held at upcoming meetings to include the members of the already existing board. Motion carried.

Board of Christian Education: School Choice meeting was discussed. A meeting was held on 4/17/19 and several attended when Terry Brown joined us to better educate us about school choice. St. Anthony's is already on board with school choice. No final decision has been made yet on whether we would proceed with getting involved in school choice. Per Dean Frick hope to have a decision made prior to the next voters meeting. We would like to visit our area churches to speak about a Christian Education at Trinity. Continue to search for a 5/6 teacher/Tech Coordinator. Dawn called two candidates, one was not willing to consider the position and the other one Dawn was waiting to hear back from. The school freezer stopped working on 4/26/19. PTL made a donation of \$1350 and the proceeds from the aluminum can drive will also go towards the freezer. The freezer needs to be a commercial freezer. Plan to order a new freezer week of 4/29/19. Math Books currently reviewed and sampled. Most likely will go with Saxon Series Chromebooks-hoping to get another set of 10 by the end of the year so every 4th-8th grader would have one. Scholarship fund has been set up by using the original savings account at the credit union. School Safety: Door and Security System at top of the ramp. Dean will continue to get quotes. Sunday School will finish up today 4/28/19.

Principals Report: Same as Christian Education report. See above.

Board of Trustees: The first aluminum can drive held on 4/27/19 was a success. A second aluminum can drive will be held the weekend after Labor Day. Pleased with the new water fountain that was installed in the back as we now have cold water.

Pastors Report: Pastor enjoyed the Mid-week Lenten services and commented on how delicious the Lenten suppers were. Pastor shared that he volunteered to help out with the National Youth Gathering this year and was offered the job as AV manager for the Convention Center. Pastor will be attending an organization planning meeting for the convention which will be held 5/1-5/4. Pastor asked that the congregation continue to welcome new visitors that are attending church and to make them feel welcome. Future plan to have a bulletin board placed in the back of the church with pictures of new members on it. President Rick Guralski thanked Pastor for all that he does for our congregation and for the continued inspirational sermons and services.

Youth Report: National Youth Gathering held the Lenten suppers and pizza sales and also did Easter Breakfast. Held team building activities to prepare the youth to go to the gathering. Crusaders: Held their annual lock in. They had two meetings cancelled due to the weather. In April they volunteered at the Marathon County Humane Society. Looking forward to the upcoming Cancer walk on May 31st. Jesus is the Bread: They held a lock-in. Meeting cancelled due to weather. They hope to help community members with Spring clean-up. Sunday School made Valentines to send to college students.

Old Business: Discussion was held on the installation of the air conditioning in the church. Bid for air conditioning is around \$26,593. Discussion had been held that we could move forward with the project once we had 75 percent saved which would be \$19,944 we have \$16,924. Pastor will check on an updated bid as the bid was several months old. Dawn Mroczenski wanted to thank Kaye Schwalenberg for being the Sunday school superintendent.

New Business: Friday night dinners will be changed to Friday Night Dinner at the Gazebo instead of Friday Nights on the square, due to Hartman's changing their name to Hartman's on the Square. We will be posting a menu for dates of, June 21, 28 and another date in July. Cindy Wrucke our missionary will be visiting us in October to speak at a Saturday Evening service possibly 10/26/19 with a pot-luck being held after. President Rick Guralski will be attending the Lay meeting on 5/15/19. Discussion was held about whether members feel safe when we are in church and school.

Motion made by Dawn Mroczenski to adjourn the meeting seconded by Linda Punke. Motion carried. Pastor closed with prayer

Respectfully Submitted
Renee Tessmer, Secretary