

Trinity Lutheran Church

JUNE 2017

TRINITY CONNECTIONS

"If you want to walk fast, walk alone," goes an African proverb, "but if you want to walk far walk together." I find special meaning in this proverb because it speaks to the power of community over the efforts of the individual. This is especially true when it comes to changing the world. None of us are meant to go it alone.

God wisely chose to organize his followers into communities - churches - to carry out his purposes in the world. Starting with 12 disciples and continuing with us today, churches are the outposts of God's kingdom. When I read the book of ACTS I'm inspired by the example of the first century Christians. Preaching, teaching and praying they also paid special attention to the needs of their community, including widows, elderly and the poor. These believers lived and loved with such power that God's glory spread like wildfire. Their example provides lessons for us in the church today.

By serving those no one else served and embracing those who society discarded, Christians reflected the very nature of Christ. Tertullian, a 3rd century Christian author observed, "It is our care of the lonely, the helpless our practice of loving kindness that brands us in the eyes of our opponents. 'Only look,' they say,

'look how they love one another!' Love was their brand.

If love is not our brand at Trinity, let's change that. In the name of Christ, we can stand in the gap for the unwanted, the unwelcome, the unloved. We can open our doors, share our blessings, give of our time and resources. Trinity can be a community of believers that inspire people to exclaim, "Look how they love!"

See YOU and your guest in worship!

Pastor Ralph



**Coffee Chat with the Treasurer
– Rachel McHenry**

Spring is really here and before you know it kids will be out of school and summer will be in full force!
General Balance in Checkbook as of April 30, 2017 was \$13,508.

Incoming Funds	15,108.31
Outgoing Expenses	(10,335.24)
Total	\$ 4,773.07

What a difference a month can make!

It's always great to see our numbers in this direction for the month.

Thanks to all for your generous giving!

The fundraising efforts for the 2017 Suicide Awareness Project have come to an end. On June 4, 2017, Trinity Lutheran Church will be presenting a check to the St. Croix Central School District for the continued efforts in preventing suicide and bringing awareness to our youth.

Suicide Awareness Fundraiser
Collection: January-May 2017

Waffle Breakfast	2,448.50
Blanket Raffle	275.00
Window Clings	125.00
Donation	719.91
Women of Trinity	500.00
Sunday School Jars	6.54
Silent Auction	1,515.00
Total	\$5,589.95

Please keep Trinity Lutheran Church in your prayers this summer if you are busy and on the go. Remember you may set up offering options even if you can't be in attendance with us. We have the following options available, U.S. Mail, Simply Giving and Electronic Kiosk Giving. If you need any help with any of these options, please see Sarah Pommerening or Rachel McHenry and we will be happy to help you out. Until next month, take care and God Bless!

Your Treasurer, Rachel McHenry

**Council President's Corner
-Dave Lindquist**

Beginning Tuesday, May 23rd, Pastor Ralph and I are going to start having small group meetings with members of the congregation. We are going to review the CAT survey which 92 members filled out in April. As the results of the survey are being reviewed we hope to be able to guide each of you through some problem-solving exercises. This process won't be very difficult or time consuming, but we feel that it will be very important for each of you as a member to have the opportunity to have input in the future direction of Trinity.

While the CAT assessment survey is a great tool in helping to determine our needs as a congregation, it also helps to prepare us to start the call process by helping to determine what our needs are relating to a new pastor.

So hopefully we will see you when we hold your small group session.

Your council president,
Dave Lindquist

**Mission & Human Needs
Marti Peterson, Chair**

On Sunday May 22nd, we announced that we shared the list of needs for the Tornado Victims in Chetek and said that we would take both item and monetary contributions up to the Cameron Disaster Relief Site at 2:00 p.m. that afternoon. We filled the backseat and trunk of my Dodge Avenger (photos on Facebook). We also had \$238 in contributions. Thank you so much for your quick response and your generosity toward those in need. Those interested in making a monetary contribution can make out Checks to Mosaic Telecom and note in the comment section: Disaster Relief Barron County Event.

They are overwhelmed but what they are receiving to assist those in need. Buses depart from the Catholic Church to help with the cleanup daily. There was a steady line of cars contributing items. A local furniture store donated beds, box springs, and mattresses.

Thank you so much for what you gave....
Marti

Education-Kelly Browning, Chair

Hello Sunday School Families –

The Sunday School finished up on May 21st, we sang during worship and celebrated the successes of our graduating seniors. We had a great year learning about the Old Testament and God's Love. I want to thank all the parents for bringing their children this past year along with the all the teachers and volunteers who have assisted. We will be gearing up Rally Day on September 10th! More details will be coming this summer.



Vacation Bible School which will be held July 31-August 3. If you are interested in volunteering during this week, please let me know as soon as possible. Every night we serve a meal for the family starting at 5:30 pm and VBS begins at 6:00 pm. We have created a website that we will be using for registration this year, please check it out.

<http://www.myvbs.org/trinityvbs2017/>

We have a [Facebook event](#) for our VBS, so please share and help us get the word out.

Thanks again for a great year and God's Blessings to all!

Trinity Sunday School Staff



Evangelism Betty Johnson, Chair

The evangelism team had been busy planning Hammond Heartland Days events. There will be a kazoo band in the parade. This is not only for the Sunday School children, Bible School children and youth. ANYONE is invited to join in. NO AGE LIMIT. After the parade, there will be a FREE kids' carnival in the church parking lot. There will be games with prizes. Everyone is a winner. Will be asking for people to help with the games. Will also be a dunk tank. There will be a charge for this. Looking for volunteers to sit in the tank. If interested get in touch with Pastor Ralph or Betty Johnson. Please support this first-time event. With your help, it will be a SUCCESS.

Blessings to you from the Evangelism Team

Youth- Darla Feyereisen, Chair

Houston Youth meeting on Sunday, June 25th after church! We will be making tie blankets and crafts.

Be there or be square!

Not going to Houston, but want to help make blankets and crafts?

Have questions? Contact Darla Feyereisen at darlafeyer@hotmail.com.



QUILTER'S CORNER

Blankets of Love

Seven High School Senior Graduates received quilts on Sunday, May 21st.

Thank you to all of our wonderful quilters. We are so fortunate to have you and your talents here at Trinity!



FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

On May 26th, 44 pounds of food was donated to the food shelf from Trinity!

The school year is almost over, we will resume collecting food for the backpack program this fall!

Thank you for your generosity to the food programs that help so many people in the community.

Calling all Moms!!

A new mom's book club is starting on June 29th!

Book Title: Redeeming Love
 Author: Francine Rivers
 Date: June 29
 Time: 10am-12pm

It will be at a local mom's home(rotating), bring the kids and dish to pass for potluck after.

Questions?
 Contact: Jamie McCulloch (themccullochs2008@gmail.com) or
 Rebecca Fowler (fowlerra@frontiernet.net)

Mission & Human Needs - Marti Peterson, Chair

Thank you to the Sunday School for helping distribute pansies to all the "moms" on Mother's Day. I had 100 pansies and only brought home 13. Hope everyone enjoyed their Mother's Day flowers.

Fellowship-Deb Henry, Chair



Our youth went around the Village of Hammond on April 30th and handed out 150 May Day baskets! They had so much fun! Thanks to the Sunday School students, staff, youth and Fellowship teams for working together on such a successful project!!



Join us at Trinity on Sunday, June 18th at 9:30am as we celebrate Father's Day and Scholarship Sunday!



Thank you!

We couldn't have done it without you!



Want to know what is going on at Trinity?

Like Trinity Lutheran, Hammond, WI to get updates on what is happening and see photos of the great things happening here!



Church Record

Baptism

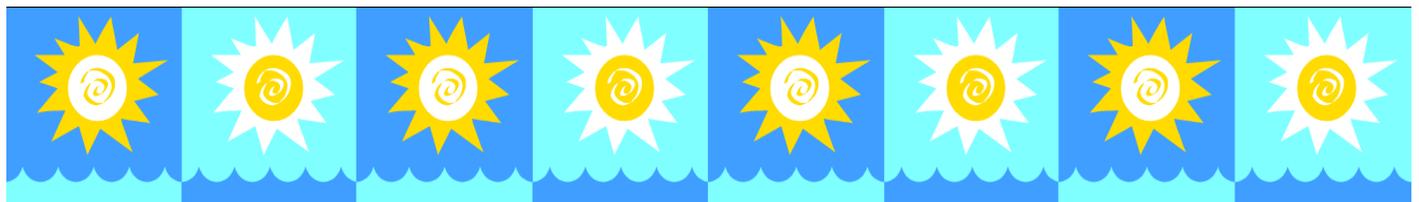
On April 30, 2017

Harper Lucille Payne

DOB: 05/23/2016

Parents: Duane & Erica Payne

Sponsor: Martha Northwick



TRINITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MAY 8, 2017

Present: Pastor Ralph Olsen, President David Lindquist, Treasurer Rachel McHenry, Marti Peterson, Deb Henry, Sue Frank, Darla Feyereisen, Betty Johnson, Mark Iverson, Office Secretary Sarah Pommerening, Tim Haugen, Bob Bodelson

Absent: Lois Worbes, Scott Post, Kelly Browning

Call to Order: President David Lindquist called the meeting to order at 7:03p.m.

Devotion: Pastor Ralph Olsen led devotions.

Approve minutes from March 13th meeting: Motion by Deb Henry. Second by Marti Peterson. Carried.

Secretary's Report-Sarah

- **Building Requests:** Sarah Pommerening's request to use the church on Sat. June 24th for Christine's graduation party was approved. Motion made by: Deb Henry and seconded by Sue Frank. Carried.
The other Building request was moved to new business to be discussed.
- **Reminder:** Newsletter items will be due on the 18th of every month

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Review Treasurer's reporting:** Rachel reported March had an ending balance of \$13,574.03. April's ending balance was 14,428.18. April was a good month for offering.
2. **Administrative actions:** Some business administrative items do not need council approval, but do need administrative approval from council president.
Things you wish to have on the agenda for discussion and possible action need to be discussed and approved in the appropriate committee before having the committee chair send it to the council president or pastor to be placed as an agenda item.
3. **Review Committees missions, members, and schedules**
 - a. **Working together:** David Lindquist went to Walking Together and went to Pastor Keith Anderson's session different Council structures.
 - b. **Combine some committees:** One of the Council structures was about combining some of the council groups that do not have enough members or that overlap some of the other committees.
 - c. **Financial reports to Council:** David requested that each committee put together a wish list of items/projects they would like to fund.
 - **Youth:** The Sunday School, Houston Youth and Fellowship teams assembled 150 May Day Baskets and distributed them out in the Village of Hammond. A good time was had by all. The Youth are excited to do this again next May and they want to do more than 150 May Day Baskets.
 - **Church Properties:** Clean-up day was May 6th, not too many came to help clean. There are still many things that can be done to help make Trinity continue looking beautiful! See Betty Johnson or Mark Iverson if you would like to help!
 - **Mission & Human Needs:** Silent Messenger event was very successful! Plan on having them come back for an Advent Service.
 - **Fellowship:** Deb reported she is getting 2 updated quotes from places for a new sign out front. Linda Lindquist had shared some information about a grant to be applied for it has a June 1st deadline. There will also be cake for Mother's Day and Graduate Sunday.
 - **Evangelism:** Betty reported an update on the Waffle Feed and Silent Auction. The hope is to present a check to the school district on June 4th and Sandy Brecht will take picture. Her team is also working on a carnival and parade float for Hammond Heartland Days. She has a team meeting scheduled this week.
 - **Stewardship:** No Report.
 - **WELCA:** Lois shared her team update by phone with Sarah. Sarah reported on behalf of Lois that she is working on organizing Team Leaders for the Funeral Teams.

- **Worship & Music:** Sue reported 36 plants were purchase in honor or memory of someone for the Easter garden. She is working on Special music for worship and the musician schedule is completed through the end of August.
- **Education:** Tim Haugen reported on behalf of Kelly Browning that the Sunday School kids will be making projects for Mother’s Day on the 14th and Marti will be doing the Children’s Sermon and will have the kids hand out flowers to all of the moms in church. May 21st will be the last Sunday for Sunday School and the kids will be having a Scavenger Hunt and sign cards for the graduating seniors. They will also be singing Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes and I’ve got the Joy, Joy, Joy on that Sunday.

The Education team will be meeting in early June to prep for Vacation Bible School which will be July 31-August 3. Linda Lindquist is submitting a Thrivent Grant for VBS and we will be getting a banner to advertise our VBS soon. Our VBS will be starting at 5:30 with dinner for the whole family and then 6-7:45pm the activities. More details to come soon. We will be asking for donations and volunteers soon.

4. Review current budgets and talk about future budgets
 - a. Pledging- Council members need to encourage members to fill out their pledge cards. This is important for us to be able to put together a working budget.
 - b. Stewardship Campaign- There will be a Stewardship Campaign starting this fall.
 - c. Part-time Secretary-Dave would like us to hire a part-time Secretary, but we currently do not have the fund to do this at this time.
5. Thrivent action dollar grants: Betty and Sue: Betty handed out a spreadsheet from Joy Lutheran that shows the different “Action Team” project that are going on at their church. This gives those who are Thrivent members a chance to apply for a Thrivent Action Team grant of \$250 to be used towards the project. Sue Frank mentioned for \$20 you can become an “Associate” member and you will be able to apply for one grant a year. If you are an established member you can apply for 2 “Action Grants” a year. Sue and Betty are trying to put together a list of Thrivent members here at church. If you are a member, they encourage you to sign up on their list.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Develop a Mission Statement for our Church/Council-move to new business next month.
2. Develop a Vision Statement for our Council/Committees
 - a. Short range goals- move to new business next month
 - b. Long range goals- move to new business next month
3. Building Use policy
 - a. Who are our outside user groups? Boy Scouts and Leaders, Girl Scouts and Leaders, Adoray
 - b. Where are the majority in the group from? Local area
 - c. Do we charge? Why or why not? If they are a non-profit, they normally pay a reservation fee and do not get charged a fee to use the building.
 - d. Who monitors the building when they are using it? Sarah just realized there needs to be a monitor present when another group is using the building. Going forward there will be a person assigned to be available to open the building and lock up.
 - e. Building Usage request: Rachel Welsh from Cross Lutheran in Roberts requested to use Trinity’s Kitchen/Fellowship Hall, Sanctuary and Education Wing for a fundraiser on June 29th. Their building will be under construction at the time of the fundraiser. Pastor Ralph has been in contact with Pastor Durk and suggested that the church give a monetary donation to the food shelf for the use of Trinity. After much discussion, Darla Feyereisen made a motion to approve the building usage request. Second by Deb Henry. Motion Carried.

Other Business- no other business at this time.

COMMUNION HELPERS

May 21: Rachel McHenry, Marti Peterson

June 4: Marti Peterson

TELLER VOLUNTEERS

May 14: Marti Peterson

May 28: Marti Peterson

June 11: Marti Peterson

May 21: Jill Foster

June 4:

June Ministry Calendar

Please consider how you might do God's work with your hands. Sign up at the Communication Corner or call the church office. Instruction available for every role & a reminder call or email a few days before your commitment.

	JUNE 4	JUNE 11	JUNE 18 Scholarship Sunday	JUNE 25
GREETERS	Brian & Joan Ramberg	Jim & Karen Riley	Bev Medes	Kathy Gustafson
Adult Ushers (2)	Dan & Sally Doornink	Bev & Arnie Jacobson		
Youth Ushers				
Reader	Wanda Hodnefield	Bev Jacobson	Ron Pratt	
Acolyte				
Power Point	Ron Pratt	Ron Pratt	Ron Pratt	
Communion Helpers	Marti Peterson	+ +	Betty Johnson & Evangelism Team	+ +
Communion Set Up	Worship Team	+ +	Worship Team	+ +
Bread Baker		+ +	Glenda Pratt	+ +
Offering Counter 1		Marti Peterson		Marti Peterson
Offering Counter 2				
Bulletin Sponsors	<i>☞ To Sponsor a Bulletin, please see Betty Johnson ☛</i>			
Sunday School Sponsors				
Fellowship Servers	Team D-Chris & Judy Larson	Team E-Travis & Laurie Posey	Team F-Steve & Vickie Holzer	Team G-Dave & Becky Fowler
Exterior Property Team	Team #7-Mike & Micki Larson Family	Team #7-Mike & Micki Larson Family	Team #8-Bruce & Jo Moll	Team #8-Bruce & Jo Moll

June Bulletin Sponsors

See Betty Johnson to sponsor a bulletin! Just \$8.00!

- June 4th BULLETIN:** Laura Koosmann in honor of Laura Koosmann's birthday.
Kirk Lyksett & Jill Foster in celebration of Connor Lyksetts Birthday on June 10th.
- June 11th BULLETIN:** Lance and Cindy Olson in celebration for the youth of Trinity Lutheran.
- June 18th BULLETIN:** Terry Thompson remembering Judy on her birthday on June 17th.
Pastor Ralph and Andrea in honor of their 39th wedding anniversary on June 17th.
- June 25th BULLETIN:** WELCA -For all the women of trinity.



June Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
*Starting June 5th, Church summer office hours will be 9am-1pm.				7:00-9:00pm Congregation Small Group		
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
9:30am NTF Worship w/Communion † 10:45am Coffee Fellowship	7:00-9:00pm Congregation Small Group	9am SCV Pastors Noon Yadda, Yadda Prayer Group @ American Heritage, Apt. 111	7:00-9:00pm Congregation Small Group	9:30am Hope Bible Study 11-1pm WELCA Salad Luncheon		
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
9:30am ELW Worship † Food Shelf Sunday 10:45am Coffee Fellowship 6:00pm Girl Scout Leaders	1-3:00pm Congregation Small Group 7:00pm Church Council	10am Heritage Noon Yadda, Yadda Prayer Group @ American Heritage, Apt. 111	9:00am Jumpstart! 10:30am Evangelism Team 6:00pm VBS meeting			
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Newsletter items due 9:30am WOV Worship w/communion † 10am Coffee Fellowship		Noon Yadda, Yadda Prayer Group @ American Heritage, Apt. 111				2-6pm Pommerening Grad Party
25	26	27	28	29	30	
9:30am WOV Worship † 10:45am Coffee Fellowship	11:00am Newsletter Folding & Treats	Noon Yadda, Yadda Prayer Group @ American Heritage, Apt. 111	9:00am Jumpstart!	5:00pm Cross Lutheran event		

Delight yourself in the
Lord and He will give you
the desires of your heart.

PSALMS 37:4



Trinity Council Minutes Continued

Motion to adjourn by Deb Henry, Sue Frank second. Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm.

The gathering closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Next Meeting is Monday, June 12, 2017 at 7:00 pm at Trinity

Recorded by: Sarah Pommerening, Office Administrator

Approved by: Darla Feyereisen, Council Secretary

Subject to approval by full Council on June 12, 2017

Addendum A

New 2017 Facility Request Reservations

For May 8, 2017 TLC Council meeting

Date Received: March 16, 2017

Christine's Graduation Party

Saturday, June 24, 2017

12-8:00 pm (Party is from 2-6pm)

Kitchen, Fellowship Hall

Education Wing

Sarah Pommerening, Ph: 715-796-5673

Christine Pommerening,

150

targetvolunteer54016@yahoo.com

Date Received: May 1, 2017

Comedy Show, dessert Fundraiser

Thursday, June 29, 2017

7:00 pm

Kitchen, Fellowship Hall, Sanctuary

Education Wing

Rachel Welsh, Ph: 612-743-2192

Cross Lutheran WELCA group

250

RJSSWELSH@gmail.com

Taking Faith Home

www.vibrantfaithathome.org

Trinity Kool-aid

By: Julie Filby

This simple activity will help illustrate the concept that God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit—while three persons—come together to form one God, which we call the Holy Trinity.

Activity Plan

Items Needed: Clear pitcher, cups, water, sugar, powdered drink mix, spoon, ice (optional), snack (optional), Apostles' Creed (see text page)

1. Start by saying this prayer together:

"Glory be to the Father, to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen."

2. Gather the supplies: a clear pitcher, water, sugar, drink mix and a spoon. Explain to your children that you are going to make a drink from three ingredients.

- Hold up the sugar and ask: "Is this the drink?"
- Hold up the sugar and drink mix and ask: "Is this the drink?"
- Allow the kids to respond and ask them to explain how they think the drink should be made.

3. Then mix the powder and sugar with the water in the pitcher; hold it up and say: "See how it took all three ingredients to make one drink."

4. Discuss how each ingredient contributed to the drink. For example, the powder adds flavor and color, the liquid makes it drinkable, and the sugar makes it sweet. Emphasize that each ingredient had a unique, yet equally important, role.

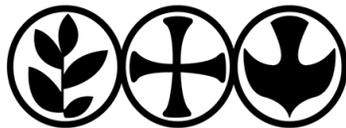
5. Compare this analogy to the explanation of the Trinity: While God is one God, there are three distinct persons: God the Father, Jesus the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Each is holy, all-powerful and eternal.

6. Discuss some of the distinct roles of each person of the Trinity: God the Father lives in heaven and He created the world. He sent his Son, Jesus, to earth to show us what He is like. When Jesus was on earth, he was both God and man. Variation: If your kids are appropriately mature, explain that He died on the cross for us. The Holy Spirit is a friend who lives in our heart, tells us right from wrong, and helps us make good choices.

7. Pour everyone his or her own cup of Kool-Aid and toast to each person of the Trinity. Variation: Toss in a snack, like some cookies, as well. Optional: end with a recitation of the Apostles' Creed (see text page).

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TRINITY CONNECTIONS
NEWSLETTER



Trinity Lutheran Church



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