



THE  
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**Philosophy of Ministry**

*Our primary goal is to bring lost souls into a personal relationship with Christ and strengthen the faithful in their relationship with Christ. We achieve this by education of all members in the true Word of God through worship, Christian education and day school. We believe that through education, spiritual growth will occur and membership in the kingdom will increase.*

**From the Pastor's Desk**

*"All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation." 2 Corinthians 5:18-19*

*As people reconciled to God by the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we believe that we are called to respond to conflict in a way that is remarkably different from the way the world deals with conflict. We also believe that conflict provides opportunities to glorify God, serve other people, and grow to be like Christ. (Peacemaker's Pledge)*

The above paragraph is taken from a pledge developed by Ken Sande and Ken Kobler who have designed a Bible study called "The Peacemakers Pledge." This study will be led by Rev. David Cloeter, Congregational Care Counselor for the Minnesota North District during several Sundays in January (9, 16, 23).

Are you in a relationship with someone right now that is strained because of something hurtful they did to you or you did to them? Do you have a brother or a sister that you can't get along with and that no matter what you say they're always right and you're always wrong? Did your best friend become your worst enemy? Do you have a brother, sister, mom, dad, son or daughter that you haven't spoken to in years? Is there someone in the church who has sinned against you and hurt you to the point that now you avoid church? Then you absolutely do not want to miss this class!


God doesn't want our relationships with one another to be this way. That's why He sent His only Son, Jesus Christ. He wants us to forgive one another as He forgives us. And don't we want God to forgive our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us? But how can we get to the point of forgiveness when we refuse to talk anymore? Or how can we have a forgiving heart if we are doing all we can to avoid the one with whom we are in conflict?

The purpose of this special study is to help us dig into the Scripture to discover ways God wants us to use confession, repentance and forgiveness to strengthen our relationships with one another here at Trinity and with our family and friends. Sure, we know what these tools of reconciliation are, but just when and how do we use them effectively. If you haven't been to the Sunday morning Adult Bible class in a while you definitely don't want to miss this one. This class can literally change your life. In fact, we believe this study is so important that enclosed in this newsletter on page 5 is a special invitation for you to attend this class.


Is there any better way to start the new year than to put the old years and their sins behind you and to be made new again in your spirit and relationships through the ministry of reconciliation? So come to the class and let's begin the New Year as God's forgiven people working together to serve and glorify God and one another.

Your brother and friend in Christ,  
 Pastor Curtis Deterding

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## Pastor Lange

Fellow Time Travelers:

“It’s going to be a good year for us!” Who in the world would say that? Certainly it would not be the economic prophets of our nation. As a matter of fact, they predict the opposite. Even those who seem to “have it made” are not doing any bragging. And the common man certainly knows better.

So who is saying this? Why, it’s none other than our eternal God. The God who has been with us through all our yesterdays and the God who will be with us for all our tomorrows! He tells us that the coming year will be a good one because He will stay close to us with His forgiveness in Jesus Christ.

So our expectancy should run high as we begin another year. For Christ calls it another “acceptable year of the Lord,” another year of favor from our God. He has many kinds of good in store for us. We will be reinstated as children of God. We will be out of debt to God. We will be free to be what God wants us to be, free to love and forgive even people who make it very hard for us to love them at all. We will have more of God’s kind of life, more of what it takes to be a stronger people, stronger families, and a stronger church.

It’s going to be that kind of year. God wants us to count on Him to make it so. We should expect the best and the highest from Him. And it’s going to happen in the church. So we should be there regularly, with large containers of faith to collect the benefits. It will be an exciting year, a good year for us.

But that’s all in the future, and that presents a problem for us. We can look back in our lives and see the good our Lord has done, especially in His Son, Jesus the Christ. But this looking ahead to good and believing that it will be, is where we don’t have much hope. We feel that it’s just going to be another year. It’s a lot like when we worship. We may come often, but sometimes it’s only to warm a pew. We seriously don’t expect much to happen. And if anything is going to happen, we’re probably going to have to do it.

Meeting us at that point, God treats our weak faith. For He shows us that a good year is possible because we already know how He feels about us. We can see that in His Son. God has forgiven us. He has made us right in His sight. He has taken us back as His forgiven sons and daughters. And He is still with us through His Spirit.

Certainly this is important for us to remember as we begin another year of life on this earth. God has been with us in the past years, but His promise to us is that He will be with us more than even in the days ahead. Since that is true, maybe we should be blowing trumpets as we begin another year, for we know that it will be a year of His highest and best for us. A lot is going to happen— to us and for us. We will be put into place more solidly as children of our heavenly Father.

So a blessed new year is waiting for us. Let’s not hesitate to take God up on His promises!

Pastor Lange

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### Thank You from Pastor & Ginny Lange

Pastor and Ginny Lange wish to thank Trinity members for their good wishes and beautiful cards this Christmas season.

We wish you a Happy, Blessed, and Joyous New Year!

May God bless you all,  
Pastor & Ginny Lange

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### Thank You from Laura Schwarz

Thank you all so much for the Christmas cards, gifts, and goodies! It has been a delight getting to know you all better and serving you in the church office. May God bless you all in the New Year!

Laura Schwarz

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### Thank You from Pastor Deterding & His Family

Again, many of you have overwhelmed us with your kindness and generosity. There were so many gifts and cards we received this Christmas we just were not able to respond to them all. Thank you for the thoughtful cards and the gifts of food, the gift certificates and the specially made gifts—all of them mean so much to us and remind us of how thankful we are to serve you and with you here at Trinity Lutheran Church and School. You have blessed our lives with your Christian care and love. God bless you all during this coming year with His strength and peace.

### Voters Meeting

**Sunday, January 30, 2011 at 1:30pm**

At this meeting, the congregation will be electing new church council officers and board chairmen. The Constitution Committee, will also be reporting and giving us an update on the constitutional review. Ballots with the names of those willing to serve in the various offices will be made available two Sundays before the meeting. We need everyone who is a voting member to attend this very important meeting

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### Installation Sunday for Newly Elected Church Officers and Chairpersons February 6, 2011

All those who will be newly elected to serve our congregation as church officers and board chairpersons for 2011 will be asked to come forward during the worship service on Sunday, February 6 to be installed as officers and chairpersons of our congregation. Praise and thanks be to God for those who will be closing their time of service and also thanks be to God for those who have prayerfully considered and are willing to serve in these important positions in our church.

## 4 to the 4th Sign-Up Beginning

New groups are beginning to form again for 4 to the 4th!

- **What is it?...** This is an opportunity for members of Trinity (singles, families with children, and couples, to gather in homes for fellowship.
- **Four family units...** Again singles, couples, or families with children.
- **Four Months...** We try to meet once a month for four consecutive months, but this can be altered depending on schedules...it's up to the group.
- **For Fellowship...** 4 to the 4th is set up with a rotation of bringing a different food item to the host's house each time you meet. However, there are no set rules. If your group would like to go to a concert or another event then all meet for dessert and coffee after, that works also.
- **For God...** As fellow members and Christians at Trinity, we are always for God. Building friendships within the church body leads to working relationships that will always strengthen and work together towards the mission of the church.

Starting Sunday, January 9th, there will be a sign-up sheet in the narthex for new groups. There have been as many as 14 different family units (including singles) that have met over the past year or more. The comments from those that have participated are very positive and they want to continue this program. Again, we stress that this is for EVERYONE! If you have been a member of Trinity for a long time, I am sure there are some new households that you would like to get to know or other long time member households that you would like to get to know better. We would love to see your household sign up!

Please sign up by January 23rd so we can form groups and begin meeting in February.

-The Fellowship Board

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## Update on Trinity's New Directory

The new Trinity Pictorial Directory books, as of printing this newsletter, have not arrived yet. We will announce their arrival in the Sunday bulletin and let you all know when you will be able to pick up your copy.

-The Local Outreach Board

## Family Bean Bag Tournament & Beef Stew

We will be having our second annual bean bag tournament on Sunday, January 30th, at 2:30 pm following the voters meeting that day. We will be serving a beef stew dinner after the tournament. Other snacks and board games will be available for your enjoyment during the tournament also. Everyone is invited— it's a fun day for all ages. Please sign up in the narthex if you plan on joining us.

-The Fellowship Board

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## Joint North Theological Conference



Would you like to meet the newly elected Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod president? Would you like to hear about his vision for the Church as he talks about **Witness, Mercy, and Life Together?** Harrison will talk about how we, The Church, can boldly witness the Faith in this post-Christian culture. He will talk about how the local congregation can show mercy to those outside her walls. He will talk about what the Church looks like in our "Life Together" as congregation, circuit, district, and synod. If this has your interest, please go to [www.regonline.com/911837](http://www.regonline.com/911837) to register for this January 13-14 **Joint North Theological Conference** in Fargo, ND. This conference is intended for laypersons, commissioned ministers, and pastors. Please ask your pastor for a full brochure of this conference.

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## Support a Missionary

We have an opportunity to personally support one of our LCMS missionaries today! Look for a member of the Board of Global Outreach in the narthex after Sunday morning worship services and learn more about Will Schumacher, one of our LCMS missionaries who is raising support to allow him to go out into the Lord's harvest field. Any support, large or small, will be appreciated by Will. The Board Of Global Outreach will provide the opportunity to support a featured missionary once each quarter.

*"The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."* Matthew 9:37-38

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## 2011 LAMP Organizational Meeting

If you are interested in participating in the 2011 Lutheran Association of Missionaries and Pilots (LAMP) mission trip to Norway House and Shamattawa, Manitoba, to teach Vacation Bible School to the First Nation children in July 2011, please join us for a planning and organizational meeting on January 23rd, at 7:00 pm at the church. If you have any questions beforehand, please feel free to contact a member of the Global Outreach Board.

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# TRINITY BRIEFS

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## LCMS World Relief and Human Care Letter

Trinity Lutheran Church,

Blessings to you this Advent Season.

On behalf of World Relief and Human Care our thanks to you for your collective gift of \$564.05 to assist with the Soldiers of the Cross program.

The ministry of Soldiers of the Cross provides help to LCMS church workers who are struggling financially. Many times these workers are in danger of losing their Concordia medical plan and thus their health insurance. Your dedication to help our servants is greatly appreciated.

God exalts the church to be a mercy place and share Christ's mercy arm with those who are less fortunate and in need both physically and spiritually. This ministry is grateful that Trinity has been a long time supporter of mercy work through World Relief and Human Care.

As you continue with your Advent walk I pray that your congregation experiences great joy in the celebration of our gift from God— the birth of Jesus! Have a blessed Christmas—

With Jesus,

*Charlie Kiersch*

LCMS-World Relief and Human Care  
Ministry Representative— Central States

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## 2010 Trinity Preschool Christmas Program

The children from both Trinity Preschool classes presented a Christmas program on December 21st. They shared songs and finger plays that they sing in the classroom as learning tools and performed Christmas carols during their performance, like "Away in a Manger" and "We Wish You a Merry Christmas." The children did a wonderful job! Parents, grandparents, brothers, sisters and Trinity members that attended the performance were delighted to see what the children have learned.



**Back Row:** Mason Braun, Jack Ratz, Luke Pearson, Caleb Carlson, and Logan Bradenberg  
**Front Row:** Marissa Tostenson and Jasmin Torvinen  
**Not Pictured:** Isaac Pitman and Gage Treinen

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# MINISTRIES

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## “The Peacemakers Pledge” Bible Study

Dear Members of Trinity Lutheran,

*“If possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.” Romans 12:19*

At the request of Chairman Rick Drevlow, and in consultation with Pastor Curtis Deterding and our Minnesota North District President, Rev. Dr. Donald J. Fondow, Trinity congregation will have a special three week Bible study, taught by Rev. David C. Cloeter, Congregational Care Counselor for the Minnesota North District. The scheduled dates for the Bible study are Sundays of January 9, 16, and 23. Announcements with additional information will appear in your worship bulletins.

The Bible study, based on “The Peacemakers Pledge,” focuses on how to resolve conflict in the biblical manner. The Bible study is based on the four “Gs” of the Peacemakers Pledge: Glorify God, Get the Log out of Your Own Eye, Gently Restore, and Go and Be Reconciled.

Life has clearly taught all of us that things get said and done that cause hurt. Sometimes we are the cause of the hurt and sometimes we are the recipient of the hurt. One of the tragedies of life is that people carry their personal hurts with them. They form their grudges and hold on to them as though they are the most precious things they possess. When your hurts are not resolved, they slowly but surely become destructive to every aspect of your life, including your faith. Thankfully, God, in His Word, has told us how we can deal with these hurts in a loving and compassionate manner. Pastor Cloeter will teach us how we can forgive those who have hurt us and receive forgiveness from the people we have hurt. All of your relationships will benefit, be they here at church, at home, at work, at school, in the community, among friends— anybody, anywhere!

You are strongly encouraged to attend the 10:30 am Bible studies on the Sundays of January 9, 16, and 23. When Jesus heard the words of confession and offered forgiveness, He would respond by saying, *“Your sins are forgiven. Go and live in peace.”* That is what Jesus wants for you— to live in peace. Jesus died and rose again so that we can be forgiven and experience the peace and joy that comes from forgiving and being forgiven.

Watch for further bulletin announcements. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Curtis Deterding, Pastor Roger Lange, or your Congregational Chairman, Rick Drevlow.

*“Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins.” I Peter 4:8*

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### LET’S GO TO CAMP



**Lutheran  
Island  
Camp**  
218-583-2905

The 2011 Summer Camp Schedule for Lutheran Island Camp has been posted to their website at [www.islandcamp.org](http://www.islandcamp.org). Registrations for camp can begin anytime, although the online registration is not ready to go yet. The theme for 2011 camp season is “Reflecting His Light.”

*“Let your light shine ...glorify your Father in heaven.”*  
Matthew 5:16

For more information will be available soon on the bulletin board in the narthex or see Gene Prause.



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[www.islandcamp.org](http://www.islandcamp.org)

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# MINISTRIES

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## Trinity Men's Network

*"Be on the alert, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong. Let all you do, be done in love."*

I Corinthians 16:13-14



Trinity Men's NetWork will meet at 7:00 am on Saturday, January 15, 2011 in the fellowship hall for a hot breakfast, fellowship, and a stimulating program. Watch the bulletin for more information. Bring a friend. Please sign up in the kiosk if you plan on attending.

Thank you,  
Gene Prause

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## "JOY" Fellowship

JOY Fellowship will meet on January 17, 2011 in the fellowship hall for lunch (soup, sandwich and dessert) at 11:30 am. Please sign up on the yellow sheet in the kiosk if you plan on attending. Everyone 55 and older is invited. We need volunteers to bring desserts, please sign up on the bottom of the sheet to do so.

Happy New Year!  
Jan & Gene Prause

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## LWML Circle Meetings

- Circle 1 will meet at 2:00 pm on Wednesday, January 5th at Clara Boldt's residence.
- Circle 3 & 4 will meet at 7:00 pm on January 6th at Shirley Pribbernow's residence— 1528 N Park Lane. Now is a good time to join a Circle! Please call Shirley at 739-2010.

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## LWML Meeting in 2011

The first meeting of the New Year of LWML will be January 20th, at 2:00 pm. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend. The main business of the day, after the Bible study, will be the distribution of our annual donations to the various organizations and scholarships to those studying for work in the Church.

The LWML national convention will be held in Peoria, Illinois, this summer, June 23-26, 2011. There will be a bus going from MNN and it would be a great adventure to be on that bus! Think about it! See registration forms on the bulletin board in the narthex.

We, again, invite all women of the congregation, especially those who received a special Quarterly this past October, to come and visit our gathering. (Watch for Penny's picture in upcoming Quarterlies.)



## 2010 LAMP Mission Team Blog Entries

### Friday, July 30th— Shamattawa

It's another beautiful morning in Shamattwa, the town is quiet and so is our apartment here in the teacherage. Most were up quite late last night. It's 7:00 AM. This morning we will need to pack up and be ready to fly out before we go to Vacation Bible School, as we will have little time for packing after class today.

Today's lesson for us and the children is about how Jesus keeps us close. The story is the parable of the lost sheep from Luke 15:1-7. Our craft for the day is making cotton ball sheep. The main song for the day is Jesus Loves Me.

We may not finish this blog for a day or so, because internet connections are not always available. Our travel plans are not yet certain for the trip home. We know we fly out at 6:20 PM from here in Shamattawa, going straight to Thompson. Dave's vehicle is in Thompson, so can pick that up, but then we are not yet where we will stay tonight, Friday, before driving to Winnipeg with the Norway House Group on Saturday.

Keep us in prayer as we say our sad goodbyes to these people of Shamattawa. We also ask for your prayer support for the many hurting people here that do not know Jesus.

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[The following was added on August 1st by Lori.]

Our last day teaching at Shamattawa...makes us feel sad that this awesome week is almost over. We got up and showered, which was a good thing, as they shut off the water in the city right after that. Radio said that we should boil the water when it comes back on at noon, then refrigerate it before drinking it. We have been filtering all of our drinking water anyway, so we had quite a bit in the fridge already.

We were happy to see Chasity today, as she just flew in from visiting her Mom in God's River Narrows. She was a special VBS student from last year and we had missed her this week. We were so glad we got to see her again and note how she'd grown. Sure didn't take her long to warm up to us again!

We packed up most of our belongings before VBS, ate grilled cheese sandwiches and headed out for our last day of teaching. We had 53 kids today and I think most of them had sugar for lunch....very wiggly today! But by craft time, they had settled down pretty good and enjoyed making their lambs with cotton balls...today's lesson was the story of the Lost Sheep. We were surprised when we asked who had ever seen a sheep and only a few kids raised their hands! After class, we cleaned up the schoolroom and headed back to the apartment to finish packing up there as well.

We had a handful of kids with us the entire day, especially our two special kids for the week, Tristian and Karien...and a special thank you to our airport shuttle crew...um, that would be the five of us adults, Tristian, Karien, Dyrell, and Greg carry/drag all of our gear/sleeping bags, etc. across the field and the loose gravel field, over the road and up to the airport...dusty and hot! Pretty funny sight, though, all of us straggling along, dragging our stuff...

More kids gathered at the airport so they could see us off and say goodbye. Their plane coming in was over 1/2 hr. late, so they were there for a long time...I think the airport employees were getting a little annoyed with the crowd we had in there. It could have been the balls that were bouncing around, too, maybe.

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We finally said all of our farewells and gave last hugs and headed out to the plane for departure from Shamattawa...what a feeling, flying off over the town, looking down at it from the air and knowing that part of your heart will be staying there with the children for another year. We have committed to pray for the people there, especially those kids on the fringe...praying that God reaches out and gathers them to Himself before the dark side does. We had a safe flight to Thompson, arriving at 8 p.m. Al Anderson, Director of Ministry for LAMP, met us at the airport and gave us a ride to the place where he is staying for the summer in Thompson. He and his wife, Darlene, gave us a delicious supper and offered us the opportunity to shower before heading over to the church for the night. Al got us to the church, where we settled in and had our popcorn/devotion time.

The original plan had been for us to drive to Norway House from Thompson, but with all of the road construction and the fact that our team there had to move out of the church where they had been staying for a funeral, we decided it would be best for our team to stay in Thompson and meet up with them on Saturday.

## **Friday, July 30th– Norway House #1, #2, & #3**

### **Team #1**

Team #1 packed up all of their VBS-related things, drove over to their new location, the multiplex, and got set up by the big indoor stage. Today's lesson was the parable of the lost sheep. What was ironic was that Jane had brought along a stuffed sheep to use for the lesson today... and they couldn't find it! The sheep was actually lost. Jane and Joanie drove back to the other churches to look for the "lost sheep" and still couldn't find it, so they returned empty-handed. As they looked through everything at the multiplex, it looked to them as if some kids had come in during the night and messed around a little with some of their VBS things, including the sheep, which they finally found hidden elsewhere on the stage. Because of all the sheep searching, Team #1 didn't have enough time left to get totally prepared for VBS, but it sounds like everything still went well. Again, VBS today also included songs, a craft, which was a bead bracelet today, and a game, which today was musical chairs. They took a group photo on the bleachers with the kids holding the Bibles that had been given to them today. Pamphlets on Luther's Small Catechism were also given out to some of the older kids. Although it was more challenging for Team #1 to hold VBS in the very large and sometimes "distracting" multiplex, it sounds like their last day was still very successful.

Team #1 had to clean up quickly because Sara, Kayla, and Olivia told the kids that they would meet them at the beach for a 4:00 swim. "That was kinda a neat way to end it," said Shari. "Quite a few kids showed up to swim." While at the beach, they could see the funeral procession moving through town toward the United church. As Shari said, "It was a big deal here for the body to be coming in. All of the kids, even the really young ones, kept talking about 'the body coming into town.'"

### **Team #2**

Team #2 had 7 new kids today. They had 110 different kids over the 5 days of VBS, with their average attendance in the upper 70s. "And that's all we had room for," said Pastor Lange. "So many kids give you a hug. They say, 'We're gonna miss you. Will you come back next year?' It's a wonderful experience."

Team #2 acted out the story about the lost sheep today. "The kids like role playing," said Pastor. "Tim took one of the little boys out into the trees to hide, then I started the story of the lost sheep. I was telling the kids that the sheep only know the Shepherd's voice. Then I said, 'Wait a minute, there's a sheep missing.' We had 50 or 60 kids today, and the kids thought everyone was there. 'Well, someone's brother or sister must be missing,' I said. Then here around

the corner comes Tim with the boy slung over his shoulder like a sheep. The kids loved it. We told them that we can't lose track of each other and that Jesus doesn't lose track of any of us either."

"We have nice facilities," Pastor added, "but we had no room for more kids. If more would've come on days two and three, I don't know what we would've done."

"I'm so glad I came up here. I would recommend this for everybody. If you really want a mission experience, this is the way to do it."

### **Team #3**

Commenting on this last day of VBS, Chuck Dale said, "The puppets are always a big deal. The kids are always mesmerized by them. The kids also loved doing the hokey pokey dance today. Even the little ones... watching them try to spin around was a riot (laughs). This is a new site for the group. We didn't really know what to expect. We had 18 kids on Monday, 25 on Tuesday, 35 on Wednesday, then only 19 yesterday, but we jumped back up to 23 or 24 today. For the first year at this new location, we're quite pleased." To tell the story of the lost sheep, Team #3 cut some sticks into staffs, seated the kids on the floor, and acted out the dialogue from the lesson plan. "It worked pretty well," said Chuck.

"This has really been a very different experience for us," added Chuck, who, along with his wife and a handful of members from the Norway House teams, are "first-timers" with LAMP. "We didn't really know quite what to expect, but it's been a fantastic experience. We've had more fun this week than we've had in a long time. Those kids are just the most precious. They're a joy to be around."

Once the three teams were back together, they went to a home in Norway House for the fish fry they had been invited to, where they were served pickerel, fries, and beans. "Oh my goodness, it was a wonderful outdoor meal," said Shari. Pastor Lange put it this way: "We had a fish supper to top all fish suppers." As a fisherman himself, Pastor added, "Our meal was at 6:00. They had gone out to catch the fish at 2:00... There's no lake in Minnesota where you could fish for 35 people and have it ready for supper!" Dan Carlson joined some kids in an outdoor pool during the meal, and everyone had a laugh when one of the little boys ran up and said "Daddy! Daddy!" to Dan. He probably thought "Dan" sounded a lot like "dad." Some of them played football and the rest just visited for a long time. They also took more photos, and then, after everyone joined in singing the common doxology, everyone stood in a big circle, holding hands, and the locals presented the LAMP team members with T-shirts from the Cree Nation that say "Norway House." Shari said, "They even had a cake for us at the end of the meal that said something about VBS on the top. It was a wonderful evening. It takes a while for groups to get accepted up here, so this is a pretty big step from last year."

"Now people have scattered to take food and left-over VBS supplies to different churches," said Shari. Some went off to the rectory to take showers and some went back to the dump to see the bears again. "Dan's plan for tonight is to stay up late playing games, because we've had very little downtime," said Shari. "We have to get up at like 5:30 or some terrible hour tomorrow anyway, and there should be plenty of time to sleep in the vehicle on the way home."

Pray for safe travels for the Norway House and Shamattawa teams as they begin the long journey home tomorrow.

*To be continued in February's edition of  
The Trinity Tribune...*

# MEMBER LIFE

## January Birthdays of Our Physically Limited

January 4      Manford Sampson  
1821 N Park Street  
Fergus Falls, MN 56537

January 20     Frances Max  
802 S. Mill Street, #217  
Fergus Falls, MN 56537

January 23     Janette Koebernick  
4255 30th Ave South, #251  
Fargo, ND 58104

January 24     Alpha Mahler  
222N Whitford, #605  
Fergus Falls, MN 56537

*Let's shower them with birthday cards on their "special day!"  
Thank you for caring and sharing Christ's love.*

Dear Friends in the Fergus Falls Circuit:

We are very thankful for your prayers, encouragement and financial support for our agricultural missionary work in Africa.

Because of your support for missions, you are ambassadors for Jesus in the same way as others who are sent to far away lands. You have made a difference in the kingdom of God and have lived, not for yourselves, but for Jesus our Lord and Savior.

"Jesus Christ died for all; that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for Him who for their sake died and was raised." II Corinthians 5:15. "So we are ambassadors for Christ, God making His appeal through us." II Corinthians 5:20.

These verses are fulfilled in Africa as believers live for Jesus their Savior and bring the Good News to their neighbors.

Linda and I retired from full time missionary service with LCMS on October 31. We are reflecting upon 16 years of service in West Africa and realize, we could not have done anything of value had it not been for our Savior's guidance and protection. Also we could not have gone if you had not helped send us. Thank you for being there for us.

In Jesus our Lord,

Delano & Linda Meyer  
61203 150th St  
Chokio, MN 56221

Thank you to all who donated their containers and cookies to fill the containers this year. The cookies were delivered to our physically limited members by the Pastors when they visited them before Christmas.

Thank you also to all of you that filled the bus and went Christmas caroling with us! It was a true pleasure watching how we brought holiday cheer and put bright faces on our physically limited members we visited.

-The Fellowship Board

The members of the Trinity Human Care Board wish to extend a sincere thank you to the congregation for the very positive response to the "Adopt-a-Family" Christmas project. We were overwhelmed by your generosity and willingness to share your blessings with 35 kids and moms and dads who are in need. We all are truly blessed to be a blessing to others! Thanks be to God for your expression of Christian loving and caring.

-The Human Care Board

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# MEMBER LIFE

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## ***First Nation Children we prayed for over the past month...***

**Norway House #1:** Dallas, age 10; Ethan, age 6; Alex, age 4; Elton, age 9; Shavon, age 9; Savannah, 11; Shakur, age 4; Dylan, age 7; Brayden, age 4; Brianna, age 10; Tim, age 9; Shyla, age 8;

**Norway House #2:** Brittany, age 11; Cheyenna, age 7; Trista, age 8; Hannah, age 10; Nelson, age unknown; Nikki, age 6; Cassidy, age 10; Jordyn, age 5; Alex, age 10; Skylar, age 5; Aidan, age 10; Jade, age 4;

**Norway House #3:** Angel, age 10; Therese, age 11; Kissina, age 10; Kelsey, age 4;

**Shamattawa:** Drayton, age 6; Desiree, age 5; Shirley, age 6; Skyler, age 4; April, age 14; Chad, age 7; Shania, age 14; Claudia, age 15; Nikeesha, age 2; Mandy, age 4; Angelica, age 3; Shinea, age 4;

## **Pray For...**

### **All those prayed for over the past month.**

- ◇ Will Schumacher, who is a LCMS missionary in Africa coordinating seminary and leadership development among the African Lutheran Seminaries
- ◇ Charlene Hendrickx, whose kidneys are failing and doctors are working with her medications.
- ◇ Gene Elshaug, who has been hospitalized and is undergoing tests.
- ◇ Mabel Knutson, who is dealing with heart problems and other health issues.
- ◇ Don Luhman, who will undergo a bone marrow test.
- ◇ Marilyn Boese, who is recovering from a benign vertigo.
- ◇ Dakota Dewey, who had tubes put in her ears this past week.
- ◇ Walt Gaugert, Linda Babcock's brother, who underwent surgery and is suffering from internal bleeding.
- ◇ Elsie Soronen, who fell and injured her head and wrist and is recovering in a short stay unit.
- ◇ Peyton Rooney, Gene Prause's niece's 6 year-old son, who is recovering at home from Kawasaki disease.
- ◇ Karin Zahnnow, who fell and injured her tail bone.
- ◇ Art Hoffman, who suffered a stroke and is undergoing therapy.
- ◇ Meta Schwarz, who fell and fractured her pelvis and is receiving nursing care.
- ◇ Rhoda Wellbrock, who continues to recover from eye surgery.
- ◇ Jo Nell Kolle, Donna Kolle's daughter-in-law, who is recovering from side effects from chemo treatments.
- ◇ Aggie Froehlich, who is receiving treatment for a chronic carcinoid tumor.
- ◇ Frances Timian, Lois Fitzner's mother, who is receiving hospice care.
- ◇ Ruth Luhman, who is still battling severe muscle pain.
- ◇ Shelly Minge, who is in the midst of another round of chemo.
- ◇ Physically Limited: *Penny Beske, Clifford Boese, Wallace Boese, Emma Bradow, Patrina Carlson, Viola Frees, Helen Freier, Neil Gerhardson, Agnes Halverson, Beryl Hames, Lucille Harworth, Harold & Mae Haugen, Lorise Hume, Gladys Kenyon, Janette Koebernick, Vivian Kugler, Wallace Lubben, Ruth Luhman, Alpha Mahler, Frances Max, Delaine Neubauer, Alma O'Meara, Manford Sampson, Arthur Schmidt, Martha Schultz, Meta Schwarz, and Gertrude Smith.*

Call our prayer chain with special requests you might have during the week. Phone numbers are on back of bulletin.  
If you would like to be included in Sunday prayers, please fill out the prayer request form in mailbox by office.

*Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective. James 5:16*

# Church Council (minutes not yet reviewed or approved)

Trinity Lutheran Church  
Church Council Meeting  
November 11, 2010

**Statement of The Philosophy Of Ministry:** Our Primary goal, as God's redeemed children, is to bring lost souls into a personal relationship with Christ and strengthen the faithful in their relationship with Christ. We achieve this by education of all members in the true Word of God through worship, Christian education and day school. We believe that through education, spiritual growth will occur and membership in the kingdom will increase. Call to order, President Rick Drevlow. Pastor Deterding opened with devotions.

**Present:** Rick Drevlow (President), Jon Schoening (Vice President), Linda Schmidt (Acting Secretary), Ronald Schulz (Treasurer), Rev. Curtis Deterding, Schan Sorkness (Elders), Tim King (Capital Campaign & Youth Ministry), John Haugmo ( School Board), Charles Dale (Local Outreach), David Hauser ( Education), Geoffrey Melby (Stewardship), Jan Prause (Human Care), David Schneeberger (Global Outreach), Char Dale (Fellowship), Blaine Rasmussen (Trustees), Ray Wick ( Cemetery Board).

**Absent:** Boards not represented

**Approval of Minutes:** Moved by Dave Schneeberger and seconded by Jon Schoening to approve the October Council meeting minutes. MC

**Treasurers Report:** Ron Schulz presented the report. Moved by David Hauser and seconded by Tim King to accept the report as presented. MC

Monthly Recap	October 2010	Fiscal Year Recap	July 10- June 2011
Starting Balance	\$33,629.18	Starting Balance	\$22,667.76
Budget Receipts	\$23,224.41	Budget Receipts	\$89,722.50
Balance	\$56,853.59	Balance	\$112,390.26
Day School Support	(\$118.59)	Day School Support	(\$5,338.89)
Total Operating Expense	(\$16,570.20)	Total Operating Expense	(\$70,432.86)
Accounts Payable Carry Over	(\$4,014.02)	Accounts Payable Carry Over	(\$467.73)
Accounts Payable (10/30/10)	\$4,446.59	Accounts Payable	\$4,446.59
Total Budget Expense	(\$16,256.22)	Total Budget Expense	(\$71,792.89)
Borrowed-Upkeep Fund		Borrowed-Upkeep Fund	
Payments-Upkeep Fund		Payments-Upkeep Fund	
Ending Balance	\$40,597.37	Ending Balance	\$40,597.37
		Budget for Year	\$327,863.00

**Special Funds Report:** Margie Rasmussen provided the report. Things are looking good. There is a three month cushion for payments. The bells have been refurbished, and some funds from the children's chimes funds were used to do this. Motion by Tim King Second by Dave Schneeberger. MC

**Stewardship Board Report:** Geoffrey Melby presented the report. Ron's report showed that all bills were on time and expenses were being covered. Sandy's report showed that over \$13,000 was received for the capital fund during October. Margie had gotten a report to Jeff but he forgot to bring it along. Last month's report was reviewed. Ron and Sandy reported that the on line giving application did not get completed but will try to get that done this month. There are about 125 giving units to be contacted and names are still available if anyone is interested in assisting. Pastor had set up a conference call with Pastor Nicely regarding KLV Enterprises. Pastor Nicely said that he was involved with KLV about 13 years ago for three years. He did not feel that it was a monetary success but it did promote stewardship of all kinds the year around instead of just for a couple of weeks once a year. His congregation felt that it was not Lutheran enough but said that there is a revised Lutheran version which he thinks is a bit wordy. He did feel that it was cost effective as stewardship is more than coming to church and giving money. He does not know any other congregation that has used the program. Joe will try to set up a conference call with Ken from KLV for next meeting and perhaps we can get the names of other congregations similar to ours who have used the program. The Board took a break to organize and put labels on the 2011 envelopes which were then left displayed for members to pick up. The Board reconvened to discuss the 2011 Strategic Plan. New items added to the plan our work on electronic giving, research into a long term stewardship program, and assistance with the ongoing capital campaign. Added to the future goals was promoting a financial planning series and perhaps a marriage series of bible studies.

**Old Business:** Strategic Planning Reports – Just a gentle reminder to stay on track. Perception in Ministry Inventory Deadline: There are still some that need to be turned in. Please do so ASAP.

**New Business:** Rick Drevlow thanked Char and Chuck Dale, and John Haugmo for taking on chairmanship duties. We need to approve new members Sherri Bernard for fellowship board and David Slicker for school board, as well as accept Elroy Anderson's resignation from cemetery board. Motion by David Hauser and second by Jan Prause to do so. MC. The congregation's commitment to Minnesota North this current year is \$16,000. What do we want to do for this up-coming year? Motion by Ron Schulz and second by David Hauser to increase the amount to \$18,000 for this coming year. MC Ron mentioned that Cindy Schmidt would like to combine the upkeep fund with the general fund for tracking. There were no objections, so let this be done. The constitution committee consists of Phyllis Jastram, Norm Schoening, Calvin Johansen, and Pastor Deterding, with David Hauser as legal counsel. Pastor said they are hoping to get changes with the language and have it ready for the January voter's meeting.

**Capital Campaign Report:** Tim King presented the report: They met last week and had about a dozen people at the meeting. Names were picked and contact calls have started to be made.

**Constitution Committee:** The constitution committee consists of Phyllis Jastram, Norm Schoening, Calvin Johansen, and Pastor Deterding, with David Hauser as legal counsel. Pastor said they are hoping to get changes with the language and have it ready for the January voter's meeting.

**Nominating Committee:** We need to get the slate of candidates by the next council meeting. Names need to be nominated two weeks prior to the voter's meetings as they cannot be nominated from the floor at the meeting only. This is so that contacts can be made to assure those nominated are willing to serve. Jon will put announcements in the bulletin.

**Board of Global Outreach:** David Schneeberger provided the report. Jerry and Carol Loewe – LCMS Missionaries who served in Kenya and Nigeria did a presentation at the Adult Bible Study to share their experiences with us. \$237 was raised with all proceeds going for the LCMS Missionary effort. 1) LAMP VBS Trips – We will have an informational meeting on Sunday, Nov. 14 as we begin putting together our team for 2011. The 2011 trip teaching dates have tentatively been set for July 25-29. 2) Missionary Moments – We are including names of the children from all four locations in Norway House and Shamattawa on a prayer list in the weekly bulletin over the upcoming year to keep them in the thoughts and prayers of our congregation members as well as the team participants. 3) We held an informational meeting for prospective volunteers on October 24 to discuss the 2011 St. An-

draws Mission Work Outreach trip that has been tentatively scheduled for Jan. 22-30 to Villa Mainero, Mexico and will include opportunities for a building project as well as helping with VBS. We had interest from approx. 12 individuals in getting more information on the trip. After receiving additional information from Kirk Rosin, group leader from SAM's about the safety concerns, political unrest and issues along the border, we have decided to postpone our involvement with this mission at this time. We will look at future trips with their organization as they are made available to us. 4) We are looking into forming a new Disaster Response Team to prepare ourselves for quick response to outreach needs that may arise in our area and will be discussing this in further detail after the first of the year. 5) Seven volunteers attended the LAMP 40th Anniversary Banquet on October 23. Lori and Leon Dawkins, Shari and Kyle Sorkness, Donita Kimball, Shawn and Dave Schneeberger participated in the event which featured the LAMP founder as the guest speaker. The banquet was very interesting and it was also an opportunity for us to meet a lot of the LAMP staff that we have been in communication with over the years. 6) Jerry and Carol Loewe – Retired LCMS Missionaries who served in Kenya and Nigeria shared their experiences with us on 11-7-10 during the bible study hour. A continental breakfast fundraiser was held with all proceeds going to support our LCMS Missionaries. 7) Upcoming events – a) Pastor Mark Peske, Red Lake Indian Reservation ministry, will preach the service and teach adult bible study on March 27, 2011. Mark has been a pastor/missionary on the Red Lake Reservation near Bemidji for many years and will talk about his experiences working with the Native American culture on the reservation.

**Board of Fellowship:** Presented by Char Dale. We could use some help with the Heritage Sunday German meal for November 14. Sherri Bernard has agreed to join the board. Can the council vote on this? Review Halloween Party: There were 54 children, several from outside Trinity membership. We had 28 volunteers helping with the event and it went well. We definitely want to be in the Fellowship Hall/gym from now on. Heritage Sunday German Meal planning is going on. Advertising will be done by Phyllis J in the church news. We will also try to get it on the service food, and PRTEL boards. We will give KBRF the information as well. Laura will do a bulletin insert and send that to the area churches also. We will be making cookie boxes for the shut-ins We will set a date for Caroling...to include youth and choir. We will not do a progressive dinner but try this in summer-time. Pastor report: Pastor would like the board to think of renaming the 4 to the 4th program to make it clearer and to make sure singles as well as couples feel welcomed to join. Pastor would like to also include new members and to have a group of leaders or mentors that will invite the new members. Pastor will meet with Char to teach her how to do the strategic planning and will get this done ASAP since it is already late.

**Board of Human Care:** Jan Prause presented the report. The board met November 9th. 1. Everything is all set to go for LCMS, World Relief-Human Care Sunday, November 21<sup>st</sup>. The Human Care Board members will serve the fellowship time. The theme for the day is "Soldiers of the Cross". 2. Meals by Wheels "Thank You" received for the money sent from Trinity. We will post it on the bulletin board by the office. 3. Adopt A Family for Christmas - family size will be no larger than five members in each of the ten families. Joann S. has seven families to date, waiting for three more. 4. Trinity, through the Salvation Army, helped a lady with her Otter Tail Power Co. bill on Oct. 25<sup>th</sup>. 5. We will be sending the S. A. a check for \$50 for their community Thanksgiving dinner. 6. Trinity will celebrate Sanctity of Life Sunday on January 23, 2011. We chose the bulletin insert, etc. for the same day. 7. Cancer Center Wish List from Echo Breen. We reviewed the list; several items will be put in the bulletin for the congregation's participation. 8. Fergus Falls Community Food Shelf- Aggie needs someone to take over this project. Anyone willing to do so, please talk to her. 9. L.I.C. Christmas dinners with entertainment and sleigh rides are on December 5,10,11,12 and 19.

**Board of Elders:** Schan Sorkness presented the report. Membership changes - Rachel Gregor, Wilma Johnson, and Bob Quam passed away. Transfer in - Jim Tenneson. The Human Care Board has been working with Echo Breen regarding the cancer center, and we are donating three Bibles and three hymnals. We are working to get people on-line with Laura and the church, where they have access to their particular area from home. That way they could do attendance and membership information without having to physically come to the church. We worked on membership information from the directory information gained.

**Board of Local Outreach:** Chuck Dale presented the report. Visitors that I am aware of, for October were 15 family units. We reviewed the whole process of compiling the church pictorial: \*The selection of the company and their terms \*Various methods used in contacting all members of Trinity and making appointments \*Perhaps there is a need to more fully explain the whole directory making process and terms the company uses \*Actual days of appointments and interaction opportunities between fellow members \*Our (LOB) need to keep a complete record for reference for the next time \*Although it took weekly meetings for several months we feel it was truly a wonderful opportunity to get to know our members. We are now waiting to proof read the contents. When the finished books are returned, we will first give one to each family who is pictured, but only on Sundays. After that other Trinity members who desire, may have one. There are also some left over 2005 directories that will be available. We are working on the "Luther Seal" pin we want to give to first time visitors. The October Friendship Sunday was well attended. We also reviewed the fellowship hour that followed. We were happy to observe that people were spending time visiting and noted that we need to set up more tables next time. The evangelism project of "72 Partners" material was not available so that was put on the December agenda. New members (about 7) Sunday will be the first Sunday in Advent and reception plans were made for that. The Garms Family Singers have been contracted for the third Sunday in May. There are also plans to utilize the information gained from the above activities to help us in becoming better acquainted with Trinity's members.

**Board of Christian Education:** David Hauser presented the report. We could use more teachers for Sunday School. We also need to re-order materials in January. Sunday school numbers are down. The Christmas Program – "Joseph's Story" will be Sunday, December 19, at the 10:30 Sunday School hour, with a pot-luck to follow.

**Board of Trustees:** Blaine Rasmussen provided the report. Norm Schoening told us of light problem in sanctuary. A relay is burnt out on computer board. A repairman from Fargo has to order the new relay switch. B & B Construction will do snow removal service again this year. Thank you Trinity women who cleaned windows. Screens are stored in narthex storage room for now.

**Board of Youth:** Tim King presented the report. Planning the Passion Play at A Center for the Arts on Good Friday, the board approved paying for it. Invite other churches. We can advertise in the papers as a media release for free. Trivia Night on November 5<sup>th</sup> was fun and went well. Lefse – We will be selling Lefse again.

**DCE:** Schan Sorkness presented the report. February and March are the time frame, but we need to look at overall staffing needs in order to make a decision. If we do put in for another intern we need to look into calling one permanently.

**School Board:** John Haugmo presented the report. There are ten kids in the school. David Schlicker did some research of LCMS schools. The synod has no publications on restarting schools. William Cockran suggested waiting a year before trying to restart the grades. Rev. Dr. Richard Hands at MN North is willing to come talk to us. Dawn Carlson talked to various preschools (OLV, Morning Sun, and others). She wanted to see what their programs are and what they are doing. Conclusion is that the preschool is a good thing, and will continue with that for now. Jared Salwei is going to be adding more content to the website and getting us a face book page. Two payments have come in on past due tuition. There is a \$750 bill from Lakes County Cooperative for inspection. All of our paper for the school and the church come from there.

**Cemetery Board:** Provided by Ray Wick. We just had our yearly meeting, but will not have all the information till our Dec. meeting. There are three water lines from north to south and two electric lines that we are considering disconnecting as we are not using them. We would still have water and electricity available at the shed. With all of the funerals that we have been having, Pastor Deterding mentioned that a number of families have commented on how nice it looks out there.

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor Deterding presented the report. Jim Tenneson is completing the adult instruction class and I have received his transfer in from Tonseth Lutheran Church. Jody Nelson is completing the classes and is planning to be confirmed on Nov. 28th. Landon Riley Harworth will be baptized here on December 12. He is the grandson of Cheri Anderson and great-grandson of Monie & Georgene Ferber. Pastor Lange and I have been doing a lot of visiting lately.

We recessed with devotions from Pastor Deterding and prayer.  
Respectfully Submitted, Linda Schmidt, Acting Secretary

## Church Council (minutes not yet reviewed or approved)

Trinity Lutheran Church  
Church Council Meeting  
December 9, 2010

**Statement of The Philosophy Of Ministry:** Our Primary goal, as God's redeemed children, is to bring lost souls into a personal relationship with Christ and strengthen the faithful in their relationship with Christ. We achieve this by education of all members in the true Word of God through worship, Christian education and day school. We believe that through education, spiritual growth will occur and membership in the kingdom will increase.

Call to order, President Rick Drevlow. Pastor Deterding was detained so we will do devotions at close of meeting.

**Present:** Rick Drevlow (President), Jon Schoening (Vice President), Linda Schmidt (Acting Secretary), Ronald Schulz & Cindy Schmidt (Treasurers), Margie Rasmussen (Special Funds), Rev. Curtis Deterding, Schan Sorkness (Elders), John Haugmo ( School Board), Phyllis Jastram (Local Outreach), Jan Prause (Human Care), David Schneeberger (Global Outreach), Char Dale (Fellowship), Blaine Rasmussen (Trustees), Ray Wick ( Cemetery Board).

**Absent:** Boards not represented Tim King (Capital Campaign & Youth Ministry), David Hauser (Education), Geoffrey Melby (Stewardship),

**Approval of Minutes:** Moved by Dave Schneeberger and seconded by Blaine Rasmussen to approve the November Council meeting minutes with one correction (the spelling of David Schlicker's name). MC

**Treasurers Report:** Ron Schulz presented the report. Cindy is working on a new system and has the first quarter in, and is beginning to feel comfortable with it. The loan we had received from one of our members has been paid off. Moved by David Schneeberger and seconded by Jon Schoening to accept the report as presented. MC

Monthly Recap	November 2010	Fiscal Year Recap	July 10- June 2011
Starting Balance	\$40,597.37	Starting Balance	\$22,667.76
Budget Receipts	\$22,668.25	Budget Receipts	\$112,390.75
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Total Operating Expense	(\$24,802.65)	Total Operating Expense	(\$95,667.41)
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Total Budget Expense	(\$27,661.10)	Total Budget Expense	(\$99,453.99)
Borrowed-Upkeep Fund		Borrowed-Upkeep Fund	
Payments-Upkeep Fund		Payments-Upkeep Fund	
Ending Balance	\$35,604.52	Ending Balance	\$35,604.52
		Budget for Year	\$327,863.00

**Special Funds Report:** Margie Rasmussen provided the report. Memorials have been added to the special funds accounts. The Halsness income of approximately \$30 in quarterly dividends. The cemetery line has mowing expense being paid. Motion by Ronald Schulz Second by Ray Wick to accept the report. MC

**Stewardship Board Report:** Ronald Schulz presented the report. Larry will continue to serve on the Board of Stewardship and on the Cemetery Board as there is no conflict between the two boards. Larry Stein being on the Cemetery Board and the Stewardship Board is an exception to the rule. No one at Council had an issue with it. It will need to be addressed by the constitution committee. . Ron was asked to remain on the Board of Stewardship as a member when his term as treasurer terminates next year. Ron's report showed that all bills are up to date and the general fund budget is doing well so far. Last Sunday's receipts were very good. Margie sent a report on the reserve building fund. The balance remains at over \$45,000. There was no report from Sandy on the capital campaign. Joe reported that he had talked to Ken from KLV and told him we are putting off any commitment to a stewardship program until the capital campaign is completed for this year. We will budget for any new stewardship program in the 2011 budget. Sandy had told Jeff that electronic giving is set up but we will not implement it until next year because the giving numbers have changed and it would make no sense to do one month and then change the numbers for next year. Ron reported that the \$25 fee had been waived and that there will be no annual fee. The only cost will be a nominal fee for each transaction. Ron had received an e-mail regarding a tie in with our website but had not had an opportunity to respond to it. Our board did not know for sure who is currently maintaining the website. Jeff did not know how many people had been contacted by the capital committee regarding additional pledges. According to Sandy there has not been much change in the number of pledges received. Termination of inactive members was discussed as it does cost the congregation to maintain them. It will be suggested to the Constitutional By Laws committee to address some criteria for membership. Jeff had received a letter from the LCMS Office of Pastoral Education requesting a budget commitment to support the synod seminaries. The Board decided to pass it on to the Board of Elders as that falls more in their area of concern.

**Old Business:** Strategic Planning Reports – are all in except for the Cemetery Board, and Ray Wick will get the information to Pastor Deterding.

**New Business:** Capital Campaign – Dave Schneeberger will address the congregation on the Sunday the 19<sup>th</sup> to let people know we still have a need for funds. Regarding "Make a World for Christ" campaign – are we going to participate on a church or individual level? Schan is to bring a specific recommendation to the Council in January.

**Capital Campaign Report:** Under New Business

**Constitution Committee:** No Report.

**Nominating Committee:** Jon Schoening presented the report. We have contacted individuals for Council Secretary, Board of Education, Elders, and VP. Things should be on track for the voter's meeting.

**Board of Global Outreach:** David Schneeberger provided the report. 1) LAMP VBS Trips – We had an informational meeting in November as we begin putting together our team for 2011. The 2011 trip teaching dates have tentatively been set for July 25-29. We will begin meeting on a regular basis after the first of the year. 2) Missionary Moments –We are including names of the children from all four locations in Norway House and Shattawa on a prayer list in the weekly bulletin over the upcoming year to keep them in the thoughts and prayers of our congregation members as well as the team participants. We are also highlighting an LCMS missionary team on a quarterly basis, giving the members of the congregation the opportunity to complete an Adoption Agreement to support them financially in addition to providing prayer support. 3) We are looking into forming a new Disaster Response Team to prepare ourselves for quick response to outreach needs that may arise in our area and will be discussing this in further detail after the first of the year. 4) Upcoming events – Pastor Mark Peske, Red Lake Indian Reservation ministry, will preach the service and teach

adult bible study on March 27, 2011. Mark has been a pastor/missionary on the Red Lake Reservation near Bemidji for many years and will talk about his experiences working with the Native American culture on the reservation.

**Board of Fellowship:** Presented by Char Dale. 1. Members present: Norm and Donna Schoening, Florence Briesse, Char Dale, Pastor Deterding, Cindy Schmidt will be resigning from this board as of Jan. We will need to find a replacement. Sherri Bernard will try to make meetings at the noon hour from work when possible. 2. We reviewed the 2011 Strategic Plan 3. Heritage Sunday review: the meal went well. We had excellent help in every area. The 2011 date will be Sept 25. The free-will offering is close to paying for the band and the meal. 4. We will be filling cookie containers the next 2 weeks for Pastors to take as they visit shut-ins 5. Christmas Caroling is set for Dec 17 at 6 pm. Ottetail Coaches. Will donate the bus, and Jerry Schmidt will drive. We will meet at 6 pm at church. When we are done caroling we will have a pot-luck of sandwiches or snacks at church. 6. We asked Pastor if there is anyone in the congregation that will need extra funds for food this Christmas. He has a family in mind. He asks that we ask Human Care Board Chair if they will be doing anything. Char will ask Jan P. The board agreed to take up a collection after church services to provide a Christmas gift for this family if the Human Care Board is not planning on it. 7. Pastor report: There will be a circuit Pastors meeting at Trinity this week Thurs Dec 9<sup>th</sup>. They will need morning coffee. The board will take care of this. 8. We are planning our second annual bean bag tournament/beef stew event in Jan. We will do this on Jan 23 or 30 depending on when the church meeting will be held. 9. We are planning our second annual bean bag tournament/beef stew event in Jan. We will do this on Jan 23 or 30 depending on when the church meeting will be held.

**Board of Human Care:** Jan Prause presented the report. Pastor reported on a family from Trinity that needs help for Christmas. A motion was made to purchase 3 - \$50 gift certificates from Wal-Mart for food and Christmas gifts for the family. LCMS, WR-HC Sunday Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> donations for Soldiers of the Cross Received were \$564.05 Thank you to Joann and Joyce for handling the Adopt-A-Family project for Trinity. 10 families thru the Salvation Army were adopted for Christmas. Thank you to Wayne for presenting this project to the Men's Network. On Monday, Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> 18 Portals of Prayer were mailed to our college students. On Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>, thru the Salvation Army. Trinity helped a young family of 7 with part of their electric bill. Sanctity of Life Sunday is January 23, 2011. Everything has been ordered and received. "1" white rose on the altar. The Cancer Center Wish List - we will work on it at our January meeting.

The Matthew House needs help. They need new bunk beds, dressers and a new floor in their kitchen. A motion was made to send them \$100.00 from Trinity. Trinity's LCMS, WR-HC Sunday will be April 10, 2011. Charlie Kiersch, ministry representative, will be our special guest. More planning at the January meeting. Joann presented "Pillow Case Dresses" - Dress a Girl Around the World. She will put all the information in the bulletin.

**Board of Elders:** Schan Sorkness presented the report. Pastor Deterding brought a request for mail boxes. Pastor Cloeter will be here in January. Peace makers Bible Class (a specific aspect of it) to be held the middle three Sundays in January. There is a joint conference between North Dakota and Minnesota North Districts in Fargo on January 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. Pastor Matthew Harrison is the newly elected President of our Synod District. The Perception of Ministry surveys are all complete; we will get a report back.

**Board of Local Outreach:** Phyllis Jastram presented the report.

There were 39 visitors households recorded during the month of November. It was noted that the larger percentages of visitors for Polka Sunday were from St. John's, Elizabeth, MN and that the other visitors generally were someone from other churches in the area. We welcomed our guest, Kevin Crawford and heard many interesting ideas with regard to outreach and enrichment for congregations and the community. He has had extensive experiences in those areas. We will hear more from him at our next meeting. We were not able to discuss in any detail the "72 Partners on the Road" program because of lack of information and have put it on the agenda for January. The new member Sunday reception apparently was a great success. All the tables set out were filled and people were enjoying visiting with on another. It was noted that it does make it difficult to get the Bible class started on time. We expect the new Trinity Church directories to come about the middle of December and will for the first two Sundays give them only to those whose pictures appear in the book and after that open it up to others who may want a book even though they didn't contribute with their picture. They will only be given out on Sundays. The final bill, after all "special offerings" were received was "88.20. A total of 320 directories were ordered, but 50 of those are for shut-ins and 50 for future new members. The decision was made to run special Christmas ads in the Journal and on the radio. We have a list of the children who attended the "Alternative Halloween" evening and will work with contacting them next year. There are two Friendship Sundays scheduled for next year- May 15<sup>th</sup> with the Garms Family Singers and November 13<sup>th</sup> or 27<sup>th</sup> with a Trinity Music Festival.

**Board of Christian Education:** David Hauser provided the report. The Sunday School Christmas program will be on December 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am followed by a potluck dinner in the fellowship hall, which will feature the Trinity Christmas Band.

**Board of Trustees:** Blaine Rasmussen presented the report. Approved bill for new A/C compressor from John's Heating & A/C.

Overland Mechanical has replaced gas valve in old furnace but still having problem. Need to order a computer board. Installed "K" fire extinguisher in kitchen by door into hallway. Took down bulletin boards in classroom to facilitate painting. Closed an open window in fellowship hall.

**Board of Youth:** Shari Sorkness provided the report. No quorum again so couldn't approve minutes or treasurer's reports for last two months. We discussed what was on our agenda: lelse sales (which are going well), Adopt-a-Family (which the youth are shopping for tomorrow night), caroling on Dec. 17 (possible youth Christmas party with pizza and movie to follow), checking with 4-H people to see if there's skiing at Andes after Christmas, Passion Play at AC4TA, and we'll have a planning meeting with the youth in Jan. to schedule activities for the rest of the year. Also still on our agenda: Anyone have a nice used couch or small fridge they'd like to donate to the youth room?

**DCE:** Schan Sorkness presented the report. February and March are the time frame, but we need to look at overall staffing needs in order to make a decision. If we do put in for another intern we need to look into calling one permanently.

**School Board:** John Haugmo presented the report. The pre-school Christmas program will be Tuesday, December 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:30 a.m. It will last approximately 15 minutes. The School Board is creating a "Marketing Team" and will be attending a marketing seminar on January 22<sup>nd</sup>. Bob Rogalski from Lutheran Schools Development Center will be the presenter. The meeting will be either held in Alexandria or St. Cloud. The School Board is looking for congregational members to be a part of this marketing team. Please contact John Haugmo or Laura Schwarz if you are interested. Once we compile our ideas with those we gain at the seminar, we would like to do a direct mailing and parent survey. Laura Schwarz and Jared Salwei are working on updating the School website and creating a School Face book page. PTL is working with JK Sports to create a new Preschool logo. This logo will be used on all School material going forward.

**Cemetery Board:** Provided by Ray Wick. There have been 18 burials in 2010. 2010 expenses Fuel, parts, etc. \$445.68 225 hrs labor \$1800.00 total \$2245.68 Perpetual care received in 2010 \$1100.00

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor Deterding presented the report. Jim Tenneson was received by Profession of faith on Nov. 28<sup>th</sup>. Jody Nelson was confirmed and David and Esther Schlicker and Lucille Lidbeck were welcomed through transfer on Nov. 28<sup>th</sup>. Shane Zuehlsdorff is interested in becoming a member and is requesting a transfer into Trinity from St. Paul, Campbell. Kevin and Pat Crawford are in the process of requesting a transfer of membership from St. Andrews in West Fargo to join our church. Les and Phyllis Gadow have requested a transfer out to Faith Lutheran here in Fergus Falls. Landon Riley Harworth will be baptized here on December 12. Grandson of Cheri Anderson. Fran Otto, Wally Christopher, Edna Winterfeldt, Agnes Anderson, Marian Hanson, were released due to death. Perceptions of Ministry Inventories were sent in and now we are waiting for the results. There is a Joint Conference for Pastors and Lay Leaders to be held in Fargo on January 13-14. Anyone interested in going with me? Will be asking council members as well. The guest speaker is our new president Rev. Matthew Harrison There has been a lot of interest in making member mail boxes to be put on the wall in the hallway by the offices. What do you think? Rev. David Cloeter will teach the Peacemakers Class in Sunday Mornings in January 9, 16, and 23. He will also be here in December to conduct interviews with various leaders and board members. Need to remember to set a date for Voters Meeting in January

The Voter's meeting has been set for January 30<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m.

We closed with devotions from Pastor Deterding and prayer.

Motion to adjourn by David Schneeberger, second by Jon Schoening. MC.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Schmidt, Acting Secretary

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## Media Information

### Television

Trinity worship 10:00 am Sun Channel 8 (local)  
6:30 am Tues Channel 8 (local)  
6:30 pm Tues Channel 8 (local)  
Crossways 6:00 am Sun Channel 8 (local)  
6:00 pm Thur Channel 8 (local)  
6:00 pm Sat Channel 8 (local)

### Radio

Trinity worship 10:00 am Sun KJJK 1020 AM  
KFUO Devo 8:30 am Mon www.kfuoam.org  
*The Bible Study* 10:00 am Thur\* www.kfuoam.org  
*Lutheran Hour* 7:30 am Sun KFGO 790 AM  
10:30 am Sun KBRF 1250 AM  
4:30 pm Sun KFNW 1200 AM  
*Issues Etc.* 6:00 pm Sun KKOK 95.7 FM

### Internet

Trinity website [www.trinityff.org](http://www.trinityff.org)  
LCMS website [www.lcms.org](http://www.lcms.org)

\*Only first Thursday of the month.

## Worship Schedule

### Sundays

9:00 am—Sunday Worship  
(Communion on the 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays of the month)  
10:30 am— Adult & Teen Bible Classes  
Sunday School

### Wednesdays

7:00 pm— Worship  
(Communion following the 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month)

## Church Leaders

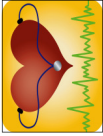
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# January



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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<b>2</b> 2nd Sunday after Christmas 9:00 am Worship with Communion 10:30 am Adult/Teen Bible Classes & Sunday School	<b>3</b> 8:30 am Devotional KFUO* 6:30 pm Bible Study at River Bend	<b>4</b> 6:30 am Men's Bible Study 7:00 pm Brd of Youth 7:00 pm Brd of Human Care 7:00 pm Brd of Education 7:00 pm School Board	<b>5</b> 2:00 pm Circle 1 at Clara Boldt's 3:45 pm Jr. Confirmation 3:45 pm Bible History 7:00 pm Worship with Communion 7:00 pm Youth Group 7:15 pm Choir Practice	<b>6</b> 10:00 am KFUA* Bible Study with Pastor D 6:00 pm Tech Committee 7:00 pm Elders Meeting 7:00 pm Trustees Meeting 7:00 pm Circle 3 & 4 Mtg at Shirley Pribbernow's	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> Baptism of Our Lord 9:00 am Worship 10:30 am Adult/Teen Bible Classes & Sunday School	<b>10</b> 8:30 am Devotional KFUO* 11:30 pm LCSC Trinity Staff Training 6:30 pm Divine Drama 6:30 pm Bible Study at River Bend	<b>11</b> 6:30 am Men's Bible Study 10:00 am Divine Drama 12:00 pm Fellowship Board 1:00 pm Crafters 1:00 pm Quilters 7:00 pm Brd of Stewardship 7:00 pm Global Outreach Brd 7:00 pm Local Outreach Brd	<b>12</b> 3:45 pm Jr. Confirmation 3:45 pm Bible History 4:45 pm Bell Choir Practice 7:00 pm Worship 7:00 pm Youth Group 7:15 pm Choir Practice	<b>13</b> 9:00 am Circuit Pastors, Our Redeemer, Moorhead, MN 7:00 pm Church Council ND and MN Joint Conference, Fargo, ND	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 7:00 am Trinity Men's Network
<b>16</b> 2nd Sunday after Epiphany 9:00 am Worship with Communion 10:30 am Adult/Teen Bible Classes & Sunday School 5:00 pm Sr. Youth Planning Mtg at Pastor D's House	<b>17</b> <u>Newsletter Items Due</u> Martin Luther King Jr. Day NO PRESCHOOL 8:30 am Devotional KFUO* 11:30 am JOY Fellowship 6:30 pm Divine Drama	<b>18</b> 6:30 am Men's Bible Study 10:00 am Divine Drama 1:00 pm Crafters 7:00 pm Constitution Committee	<b>19</b> 3:45 pm Jr. Confirmation 3:45 pm Bible History 7:00 pm Worship with Communion 7:00 pm Youth Group 7:15 pm Choir Practice	<b>20</b> 2:00 pm LWML Meeting	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 9:00 am Marketing Seminar at Zion Alexandria, MN
<b>23</b> Life Sunday 3rd Sunday after Epiphany 9:00 am Worship 10:30 am Adult/Teen Bible Classes & Sunday School	<b>24</b> 8:30 am Devotional KFUO* 6:30 pm Divine Drama 6:30 pm Bible Study at River Bend	<b>25</b> 6:30 am Men's Bible Study 10:00 am Divine Drama 12:00 pm PTL Meeting 1:00 pm Crafters	<b>26</b> 3:45 pm Jr. Confirmation 3:45 pm Bible History 4:45 pm Bell Choir Practice 7:00 pm Worship 7:00 pm Youth Group 7:15 pm Choir Practice	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> 4th Sunday after Epiphany 9:00 am Worship with Communion 10:30 am Adult/Teen Bible Classes & Sunday School 1:30 pm Voters Meeting 2:30 pm Family Bean Bag Tournament	<b>31</b> 8:30 am Devotional KFUO* 6:30 pm Divine Drama 6:30 pm Bible Study at River Bend	A live, up-to-date calendar is available at <a href="http://www.trinityff.org/church/calendar">www.trinityff.org/church/calendar</a> Please check the online calendar throughout the month for any changes.				



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**Daily readings for January, 2011**

- 1—Luke 1:68-79 / Mark 2
- 2—Psalm 30 / Mark 3
- 3—Psalm 31 / Mark 4
- 4—Psalm 32 / Mark 5
- 5—Psalm 33 / Mark 6
- 6—Psalm 34 / Mark 7
- 7—Psalm 35 / Mark 8
- 8—Psalm 36 / Mark 9
- 9—Psalm 37 / Mark 10
- 10—Psalm 38 / Mark 11
- 11—Psalm 39 / Mark 12
- 12—Psalm 40 / Mark 13
- 13—Psalm 41 / Mark 14
- 14—Psalm 42 / Mark 15-16
- 15—Psalm 43 / Genesis 1-3
- 16—Psalm 44 / Genesis 4-6
- 17—Psalm 45 / Genesis 7-9
- 18—Psalm 46 / Genesis 10-12
- 19—Psalm 47 / Genesis 13-15
- 20—Psalm 48 / Genesis 16-18
- 21—Psalm 49 / Genesis 19-21
- 22—Psalm 50 / Genesis 22-24
- 23—Psalm 51 / Genesis 25-27
- 24—Psalm 52 / Genesis 28-30
- 25—Psalm 53 / Genesis 31-33
- 26—Psalm 54 / Genesis 34-36
- 27—Psalm 55 / Genesis 37-39
- 28—Psalm 56 / Genesis 40-42
- 29—Psalm 57 / Genesis 43-45
- 30—Psalm 58 / Genesis 46-48
- 31—Luke 1:68-79 / Genesis 49-50