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THE STORY



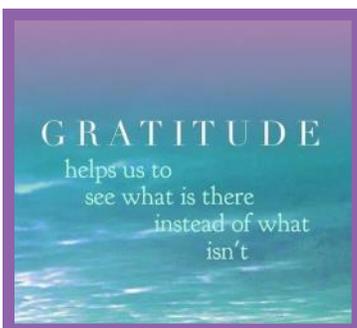
A Condensed Chronological Journey
Through The Bible

KEY ELEMENTS FOR OUR CHURCH

1. The sermon each Sunday for 31 weeks (sermons to be on website if you miss one)
2. Daily scripture reading in The Story (free booklet with reading schedule available)
3. All adult study groups will discuss The Story (Sun. & Fri. 9:00 a.m. Thurs. 6:30 p.m.)
4. New small groups will discuss The Story
5. Monthly "Messy Church" using children's materials for The Story
6. Youth Ministries will base their content on The Story for Teens
7. Family devotion guides provided for all ages to use at home
8. Fellowship "Jeopardy" style game/meal to review learned material every 10 weeks

MISSION of the MONTH, October

Trinity Lutheran's Thanksgiving Community Dinner Fund



Our 32nd Annual Thanksgiving Meal, held the day before Thanksgiving is soon to be a reality. This year we are going to do things a bit differently for food donations. Instead of food items being bought and brought or prepared at home by members we are collecting funds to purchase those necessary items in bulk. In addition to saving money and time it will also insure that we have the right amount of each ingredient of the meal so there is no dashing about the day before the meal to fill in the gaps. We will still need those great desserts to top off the meal so don't retire the mixers and rolling pins just yet! We will have a sign up sheet to bring desserts in a few weeks. In the mean time, if you would like to support the buying of ingredients for our Thanksgiving meal please note on your check "Thanksgiving", for those that gift with cash please note on your envelope. We have about 200 people on average that Wednesday so it is a great way to show God's gifts in action to those outside (and in) the church.

August 27, 2019 Council Meeting HIGHLIGHTS

Church Finances: President Jonathan gave an update on Treasurer Janet Brunner's medical situation. Jonathan has consulted with Janet and confirmed all necessary payments have been made at this time. Financial reports for June and July are in process at this time. Income for the month of August has been down which is not unusual for summer months. As she recovers, Janet suggested contacting Nicki Dippel for assistance (She has worked with Janet on our accounting software. Jonathan confirmed there was sufficient budget to cover any expenses incurred from her assistance. After discussion, contacting Nicki Dippel was approved by Council. Jerry Boudreaux will notify the Audit Team the audit function is temporarily on hold.

Pastor's Report: Vacation Bible School held at the Fromherz home was very successful. There were 28 children participating over the three days of activities supported by several volunteers. Pastor Kristi made a report on communication from the Synod. As the beginning of the 31 week THE STORY journey begins next month, Pastor Kristi distributed a flyer regarding the key elements which will be a part of the weeks long study. Training for "Messy Church", which is set to be included monthly in the study, is being considered for staff/members instrumental in that preparation.

Committee Reports:

Parking Lot Update- Resurfacing of the church parking lot was begun on August 22nd and completed August 27th with the assistance of Dan Jackson and his crew, as well as Trinity volunteers. Tod Brostrom coordinated the project made financially possible by the successful TLC Eclipse event two years ago. Striping will be completed at a later date. One bid has been received for striping, \$1700. Curbing would be extra. Additional contacts are being made. Dan Jackson provided his crew for the project. Council discussed covering \$1,000 of the crew's labor costs (amount provided by Dan Jackson). Discussion was followed by a motion to cover the \$1,000 crew labor cost and was passed by Council. After completion of the resurfacing, contractor Dan Jackson recommended resurfacing the property lot again next year, stating the lot should then be good for five years. (The lot had not been resurfaced since initial build.)

Painting/Carpeting Project – The painting project has been completed. Carpeting of the Sunday school rooms and Nursery is being scheduled.

Other Business:

Plumbing Issue- On Sunday, August 25th, a plumbing issue occurred in the kitchen/hallway area of the church. As cause of the backup was not known, the kitchen and all bathroom facilities were closed. A plumber was called in on Monday. After inspection, it was determined the bathrooms were not causing the problem; they have been reopened. A 70 foot snake use by the plumber was insufficient to go the distance necessary to determine the problem; we are in need of 100 foot snake. Additional plumber(s) with needed snake length are being contacted as of this meeting date. As there is still a problem with backup, kitchen water has been turned off. (Possible cause may be clogged dishwasher drain.)

September 17, 2019 Council Meeting HIGHLIGHTS

Church Finances: Treasurer Janet Brunner was welcomed back. With the assistance of Nicki Dippel, financial reports through June were completed. Janet presented the Balance Sheet as of June 30, 2019, Income & Expense/Income & Expense-Previous Year Comparison, Income & Expense-Budget vs. Actual, all for the time period January through June, 2019, and the General Ledger for June, 2019. Giving during the month of June was very good, and with expenses for the month coming in under budget, the net income for the month of June was \$11,407.13, resulting in a cumulative reduced YTD loss of (\$7,260.82) through June. Expenses for January-June are considerably under budget. Compared to the same period in 2018, total income is up, expenses slightly down, resulting in less of a negative net income balance for the 2019 period. *July and August financials are in process.* July is looking okay, however, giving during the month of August was noticeably down. (Janet pointed out staff is still struggling with hardware – Janet Beck is in need of a new computer (currently running Windows 7); Janet Brunner and Dot have Windows 10, however, they too are experiencing technical/software issues needing to be resolved. Replacement/repair are planned, expenses forthcoming.)

My Stake balance for the months of April-June was \$5,100. A check in the same amount was sent to Faith Foundation on 6/30/19.

Pastor's Report:

Council/Vision Team Retreat- Pastor Kristi, Cliff, and Jonathan met with Don Brandt on Sunday, September 15, preparing plans for the upcoming retreat at Mount Angel Abbey. Don has worked with many Lutheran churches on their church vision planning and will be assisting in formalizing our vision. Council and the Vision Team have been working for several months on vision preparation in anticipation of finalizing our vision for presentation to the congregation for their consideration.

The Story Launch of the 31 week study of THE STORY is set for Sunday, September 22nd. Activities for the children and a potato bar/potluck are planned. Beginning Sunday, 9/29, there will be sermons based on the 31 chapters in the book, culminating in a celebration on Sunday, May 17, 2020. Congregants are encouraged to join one of the several study groups meeting during the week. (Thursday, 6:30 p.m., Friday, 9:00 a.m., Sunday 9:00 a.m.). Additional small groups are being formed in Monmouth, Pedee, and Dallas to discuss THE STORY. A young adult group is being considered as well. Children's ministry curriculum will follow THE STORY, and the Youth Group will be using the Teen Edition. We will come together for a monthly "Messy Church" gathering, using children's material for THE STORY.

Youth Group There have been two meetings of the Youth Group to begin the new school year. The group is comprised of 21 youth - 12 High School age and 9 Middle School age. Chuck and Lisa Sekafetz are continuing as leaders. Pastor Kristi is looking for a volunteer to take over the Middle School age group. Council members offered a couple possible candidates; Pastor Kristi will follow-up.

Building Use Request Master Gardeners have again requested to use our building for weekly classes for the months Jan-May. This is addition to the Chapter meeting they hold month in the evening. Availability will be assessed for any potential conflicts. It was suggested to have the Master Gardeners participate in taking care of the Trinity flower beds. Jonathan is currently working on a Building Use policy.

Scouting Program Pastor Kristi is working with Tracy Swartzendruber (Scouting Committee Chair) on two possible TLC projects for the scouts.

Committee Reports:

Education Committee The committee met on Saturday 9/14/19. Discussion centered on Mutual Ministry - establishing a job description for Pastor Kristi and an annual assessment of the past year's performance. Sunday School was also on the agenda. There are currently 2 preschoolers and 6 elementary students in the Sunday School program. Pastor Kristi's adopted philosophy is to take the few we have and create a great experience. We can draw on the success of this summer's VBS.

Columbarium Committee The committee did not meet this month. John Beck is working on revised drawings. Cliff Barnhart will talk to Owen in the scouting program here at TLC regarding his interest in taking on the needed fencing as his Eagle Scout project this coming year.

Parking Lot Update Tod Brostrom advised the parking lot striping is scheduled for Saturday, September 21st. (A bid for \$500 for striping lines and handicap spaces was received and is well under the \$2,000 reserved for this part of the parking lot maintenance.)

Nomination Committee 2019 Nominating Ministry Team elected members are Lisa Sekafetz, Janet Engel, and Sandy Burger & Council President appointed members Tod Brostrom and Cliff Barnhart. The Team will begin meeting to identify Council and Endowment Ministry Team positions to be vacated/filled and provide timely recommendations for member approval at the coming annual meeting in January, 2020.

Other Business:

Plumbing Issue Forbes Plumbing was contacted to investigate and address the "back up" plumbing issue in the kitchen. It was determined grease is backing up in the pipes running from the kitchen, under Ken Braun's office, to the outside. The plumbing line was cleaned out to remove the grease backup. Facilities Manager Steve Large currently cleans the grease trap once a month. Proposal was made to use a grease cutter; Steve will be asked to look into the proposal.

Media Center A new camera has been purchased and set up to capture sermons that can be uploaded to our website. This will help individuals to access Sunday sermons they may have missed.

The TLC website is in need of general updating and improvements to the site.

2020 Congregational Meeting There has been a request by members to have the Financial Reports available for review one week before the annual congregational meeting. In order to be able to meet this request, the meeting has been tentatively scheduled for Sunday, January 26, 2020.

Next meeting is October 15th

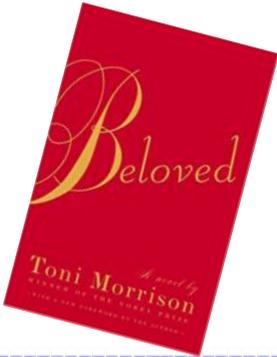


FAITH & GRACE BOOK GROUP.....Join us!!

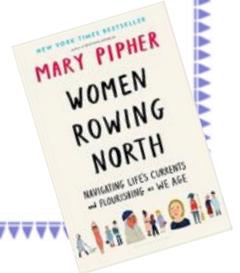
2:30 PM October 15th

Beloved by Toni Morrison

Staring unflinchingly into the abyss of slavery, this spellbinding novel transforms history into a story as powerful as Exodus and as intimate as a lullaby.



Next month:



Do you like reading?

Do you like reading to kids?



The SMART READING program is looking for volunteers to read one-on-one with kids from K-3rd grade.

This program is for kids that need some encouragement with their reading skills. Lyle Elementary and Oakdale Heights are the locations and the time needed is one hour once or twice a week during the school year. Want more info? Go to smartreading.org or talk to one of the readers here in our membership, Ann Gordon, Carol Christ, Clara Mays, Lydia Shodin, Roxy Garrison or Sue Schallberger. Their contact information can be found in the church directory, either online or a printed copy.

Please join in a celebration and send off for Kellen Utter as he joins the United States Air Force. There will be cake and coffee following service next Sunday, October 13th

Please keep the following people in your prayers;

† In gratitude:

Emmett (grandson of George & Kimber Jagodink) is home from the ICU and the family is celebrating his one month birthday and a promising prognosis.

† Illness:

Ginny

John & Cammie

Val

Janet Brunner

Levi

Charlene Rogers-Grewe

Carol

Beth Garrison

Miki (Phillis Smith's daughter-in-law)

† Grieving:

Sandy Purves and family in the loss of her husband, **Jim**.

Financial Updates

Janet Brunner, Treasurer

Account	JUNE	MAY	APRIL	JANUARY- MARCH	YTD	PREVIOUS	\$ CHANGE
General Fund	\$41,050	\$23,730	\$23,793	\$87,389	\$175,962	\$158,633	\$17,329
Building Use	\$71	\$540	\$140	\$563	\$1,314	\$458	\$856
Misc. Income		\$11			\$11		\$11
Special Gifts					\$0	\$400	\$400
In Kind Donations	\$259	\$612	\$400	\$757	\$2,028	\$2,337	\$309
Benevolence Transfer							\$0
Total Income	\$41,380	\$24,893	\$24,333	\$88,709	\$179,315	\$161,828	\$17,487
General Expenses	\$1,145	\$1,285	\$900	\$2,864	\$6,194	\$7,865	\$1,671
Faith Foundation Mortgage	\$8,500	\$8,500	\$8,500	\$25,500	\$51,000	\$51,000	\$0
Staff Compensation	\$15,395	\$15,441	\$15,621	\$46,594	\$93,051	\$99,558	\$6,507
Payroll Related Expenses	\$497	\$722	\$582	\$2,015	\$3,816	\$3,343	\$473
Educational Expenses	\$1,024	\$220	\$20	\$206	\$1,430	\$489	\$941
Music & Worship Expenses	\$177	\$893	\$516	\$1,941	\$3,527	\$2,227	\$1,300
Evangelism Expenses	\$701	\$901	\$368	\$1,284	\$3,254	\$2,113	\$1,141
Operating Expenses	\$1,954	\$4,450	\$2,737	\$9,169	\$18,310	\$16,653	\$1,657
High School- Middle School							
Office Expenses	\$580	\$1,457	\$440	\$3,515	\$5,992	\$5,150	\$842
Total Expenses	\$29,973	\$33,869	\$29,645	\$93,088	\$186,575	\$188,398	\$1,823
Profit/Loss	\$11,407	\$8,976	\$5,312	\$4,379	\$7,260	\$26,570	\$14,520
Add'l "My Stake" Income	\$3,865	\$985	\$250	\$5,180	\$6,415		
Add'l "My Stake" Payment	\$5,100			\$5,180	\$5,180		

Where did summer go? Oh yeah, I spent the best part of summer either in my recliner, my bed or the hospital! Gregg and I want to thank all of you, our church family, for the many cards, food, phone calls and flowers we received. But most of all we want to thank you for your continued prayers. They were heard.

This condition, Guillain-Barre Syndrome, is a nasty one, and it just has to run it's course. I am getting better, stronger and more independent everyday. Our Father is amazing!

Unfortunately, I was out of commission 6-7 weeks and I am currently playing catch-up in all aspects of my life. I ask for your patience as I am working towards getting that done. Nikki Dipple has stepped in and is giving me a hand since I don't have full use of my hands yet. What a blessing she has been.

As you see this report takes us through the end of June. I want you to look at the bottom line of income vs expense. YES! That's right. We finished the month in the black which really helped our YTD numbers. I want us to celebrate this!

As expected, July, August and September were not as kind. I hope to have those numbers available in next months report. For now, please remember it takes \$35,000 a month to keep us operating at our current level. Please keep that in mind as we enter the last quarter of the year.

May God continue to shine His light on each of you!

Janet Brunner
Council Treasurer

Sunday Helpers October 2019

Date	Lay Assistants	Lectors	Greeters/Ushers
October 6	Tod Brostrom	Annelizabeth Pullman	John & Charlene Grewe Greg & Sharlene Hattan
October 13	Jonathan Thompson	Carol Christ	Chuck & Barb Lerwick, Amy Amy Fromherz, Bev Linn, Moy Midkiff
October 20	Steve Utter	Calista Utter	John & Lydia Shodin, Joanne Balcom, Sue Schallberger
October 27	Kathi Peterson	Carolyn Nestingen	Diane Klipfel, Cliff & Jill Sleeper

November Ushers

Nov. 3	Alan & Jan Treutle, Ken & Julie Oke
Nov. 10	John Engelen, Eddie Nelson, Annelizabeth Pullman, Karen Goodwin
Nov. 17	Don & Fran Brostrom, Tod & Kathie Brostrom, Susan Middleton
Nov. 24	Clayton & Linda VanRiper, Lori & Logan VanRiper

**Nursery Care
Coordinator
Anna Hammond**

Communion Care

Donna Wetter
Annelizabeth Pullman
Michael Pelzer
Jim Pelzer



Kiosk

Oct. 6	Julie Oke
Oct. 13	Bev Linn
Oct. 20	Alvera Blanchard
Oct. 27	Carol Christ
Nov. 3	Donelle Flammang
Nov. 10	Julie Oke
Nov. 17	Bev Linn
Nov. 24	Alvera Blanchard

Visual System

Oct. 6 John Beck
Oct. 13 Cliff Barnhart
Oct. 20 Cliff Barnhart
Oct. 27 Jonathan Thompson

Van Drivers

Oct. 6 Berry Konsor
Oct. 13 Casey Phillips
Oct. 20 Dot Lee
Oct. 27 Jim Thompson

Sunday Morning Coffee Makers

1st Sunday - Dorothy Colombe
2nd Sunday - Dorothy Colombe
3rd Sunday - Dorothy Colombe
4th Sunday - Janet Beck
5th Sunday - Janet Beck

**Alternate coffee makers are needed Please contact Janet Beck:
[503-623-2233](tel:503-623-2233)**

Sound System

1st Sunday John Shodin
2nd Sunday Michael McAllister
3rd Sunday John Shodin
4th Sunday John Shodin

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 9:30 Library team 6:30 Boy Scouts	2 2:00 Kids Art 5:30 Choir Practice 6:30 Al-Anon 7:00 AA 7:00 Scout Leaders	3 8:00 Polk County 9:00 Community Partners 9:30 Staff 1:00 Piano Practice 5:30 Girl Scouts 6:30 Bible Study	4 9:00 Bible Study	5 FREE CLINIC 7 am-Noon
6 9:00 Bible Study 10:00 Worship 11:00 Youth Group	7 <i>Church Office closed</i> 9:30 Quilters 6:30 Cub Scouts	8 9:30 Library team 6:30 Boy Scouts	9 2:00 Kids Art 5:30 Choir Practice 6:30 Al-Anon 6:30 The Story Worship Team 7:00 AA	10 9:00 Community Partners 9:30 Staff 1:00 Piano 3:30 Liturgical Arts 6:30 Bible Study 7:00 Master Garden Chapter Meeting	11 9:00 Bible Study	12 9:00 Children's Ministry Team
13 9:00 Bible Study 10:00 Worship Send off reception for Kellen Utter 11:00 Youth Group 11:15 Bible Journaling class Rm 6	14 <i>Church office Closed</i> 6:30 Cub Scouts	15 9:30 Library team 10:00 Alzheimer's Support 6:30 Boy Scouts 7:00 Council	16 10:00 WELCA Bible Study 2:00 Kids Art 5:30 Choir Practice 6:30 Al-Anon 7:00 AA	17 8:00 Polk County 9:00 Community Partners 9:30 Staff 1:00 Piano 6:30 Bible Study	18 9:00 Bible Study	19
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Address Service Request

An insightful journey;

On Oct. 13th Janet Decker will hold a one hour class on journaling *The Story*. Janet will talk about a different way to experience the book by using pictures, art, poetry and your thoughts and feelings as you read through the chapters. This fun class will be held after worship in room six. Feel free to bring a sack lunch or snack if you would like to have a bit of nosh while you listen.