Sharing and Splitting Up the Work

The Apostle Paul was called into the Gospel ministry by Christ. As a called apostle, Paul was to concentrate on an area of labor. As he explained in his letter to the Galatians, “I had been entrusted with the task of preaching the gospel to the Gentiles, just as Peter had been to the Jews” (Galatians 2:7). Between these two apostles, Peter concentrated on bringing the Gospel to Jews, and Paul to Gentiles. Throughout the history of the church, Gospel ministers have often focused their work on specific areas of service.

Our congregation is now blessed by Christ to have two pastors. We are still so thankful to Christ for bringing Pastor Yahnke to serve in our midst. As always, the Lord knew what he was doing as he had us wait for several months before the call was answered in the affirmative. The two of us have worked out areas of focus in our Trinity ministry. We have split out the duties according to how we see our gifts from Christ for service in our congregation. The Board of Elders and Church Council are aware of these areas of concentration. They are as follows:

Areas of concentration – Pastor Brauer:
- Elders
- Assimilation
- Administration
- Worship planning
- Christian Education: Adults

Areas of concentration – Pastor Yahnke:
- Outreach
- Christian Education: Children
- Teens
- Young adults
- Family ministry

This division of responsibilities still allows for much flexibility. (Peter still reached out to Gentiles, and Paul still served Jews.) Neither of us intends to stay away from ministry to people in an area that the other one has. The division of responsibilities may also change over time. We will equally share the tasks in many other areas: preaching, leading worship, confirmation instruction, homebound visits, hospital visits, nursing home services, funerals, weddings and counseling.

We ask you to keep supporting us in your prayers and with your involvement in our Trinity ministry. We thank Jesus for the blessed privilege of serving you as your spiritual shepherds. May he keep bringing his many blessings to our congregation!

Serving Jesus and you,

Pastor Brauer
Women in Service

Trinity Women In Service met in the conference room on Thursday, February 11, 2016, for their regular business meeting. Seven ladies were present plus Pastor Yahnke and later our speaker. The hostess was Phyllis Kaesermann. Pastor Yahnke opened the meeting with prayer.

Melissa Wickey, Community Director of the WLCFS Gardens of Hartford, gave an interesting presentation about the different kinds of living arrangements available for seniors. She shared with us the Christian care available at the Gardens. She also gave valuable tips on downsizing our houses and answered many questions.

The business meeting was opened by President Kathy Strucely. The minutes for January were in the last newsletter and were approved as printed. The treasurer’s report for January was approved as printed with a Women in Service balance of $428.57 plus $19.56 held for the LWMS. The basket collection today was for the W.I.S. general treasury.

Correspondence was read. Thank you notes were received from Harriet Behm (Cheer Bag), Pastor Brauer (for his new robe), the family of Eleonore Franzmann (memorial & serving the luncheon), and from Trinity Church (memorials for Eleonore Franzmann, Ken Beyer, and Helen Tews). A communication from the Jesus Cares Ministries was also available to read.

Old Business: The W.I.S. STATEMENT was available near the sign-in sheet; also a card to sign for Betty Welke who had surgery recently. (We were blessed to have her as the W.I.S. President for many, many years.)

New Business: The treasurer’s books were audited by Ione Staude and Audrey Zautner and found in order.

The Live Nativity committee needs a costumes chairman and also help with sewing costumes. Contact Audrey Zautner for more information or to volunteer (261-2034). Help is also needed for a special banner for the Centennial celebration. Contact Audrey if interested.

The next Lutheran Women’s Missionary Society (LWMS) Rally will be held in Beloit in April. More information will be given later. Pill containers may be needed again. Kathy will check on this with the CAMM. The National LWMS Convention will be held in June in St. Charles, a Chicago suburb.

There being no more business, the meeting adjourned with the Lord’s Prayer. The next regular W.I.S. meeting will be held on Thursday, March 10 at 1:00 pm in the conference room. The hostess will be Clare Schmidt.

Respectfully submitted,
Phyllis Kaesermann, Secretary

Pebbles from the ROC

“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” (Matthew 28:19).

Recently a group of teens from our Watertown Recreation & Outreach Center (THE ROC) was taken to church. Baptism was highlighted in the service and after church five of the ROC teens wanted to be baptized. Since many want to be baptized at THE ROC (their place of worship), we are looking to have a baptismal font at THE ROC that could be as simple as a bowl and bowl holder on a pedestal. The bowl holder could be handmade possibly with an engraved cross or Bible passage. Money is available for the materials. Please let Pastor Mueller know if you have any ideas or would like to help. The font will also serve as a constant visible reminder of Baptism for all teens who attend THE ROC.

FUTURE ROC EVENTS: Please volunteer to help. Thanks!
Date to be determined - Brat Fry at Pick ’N Save
Sunday, June 26?, 2016 at 3 pm - ROC Golf Outing
Thurs.-Sat., July 21, 22, 23, 2016 - ROC Rummage Sale
Date to be determined - Glenn's Brat Stand
Teens’ Corner
The Trinity Teen are concluding their study on the book of Hebrews. It’s been a blessing to study the truth that Christ is greater than anything the world can offer and how we live in response to that truth. We still have a few lessons left, but we should be picking another topic for teen Bible class soon. The Trinity Teens also enjoyed fellowship as they went ice skating at the Petit Center in Milwaukee at the beginning of last month. They took part in the ministry at Trinity by serving a very tasty taco dinner for one of our midweek Lenten services. Soon Trinity’s Teens will have to start registering for the WELS International Youth Rally in Fort Collins, Colorado. If you would like more information on this event, please speak with Pastor Yahnke (414-614-0077).

International Youth Rally
The WELS International Youth Rally will take place in Fort Collins, Colorado, June 28-July 1. This year’s theme is “Our God Reigns” taken from Isaiah 52. The International Youth Rally is a worship, recreation, and educational event for WELS across the synod. It’s open to confirmed WELS teenagers graduating 8th grade thru seniors in high school. Registration starts March 1. Information packets are available in the Fireside Room, and Pastor Yahnke would like to schedule an information meeting for all the families who are interested in attending. Please speak with Pastor Yahnke if you are interested.

Lenten Season Continues
Lenten services, which are held every Wednesday at 3:30 and 7 pm, are focusing on “The Blessing of the Lord’s Passion.” We will see the blessings of salvation, redemption, justification, atonement and life.

Between services a light supper will be served by various groups in the congregation (except March 16-Spring break week). So whether you would like to join us for supper after the 3:30 service or you are coming from work and need a bite to eat before the 7 pm service, you are cordially invited to join us.

March 2—Centennial Committee - Chili
March 9—Pioneers - Baked Potato Bar
**Rock River Area OWLS**

Our chapter March meeting will be on the third Tuesday, March 15, 2016 starting 1:30 pm, at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Lake Mills. If you have never been there before, the new church is located at the south end of town on Highway 89. Rev Joel Jaeger will tell us about "Our WELS Mission in Nigeria" and how it is affected by the Islamic extremists who are terrorizing the Christian population in this African country. Ladies of St. Paul will serve refreshments. The Lake Mills congregation (started 1893) is another of the area churches which was started by early pastors from St John's at nearby Newville. It has an interesting history of growth and is now served by Pastors Rath, McKenney and Tomhave. The Organization of WELS Seniors (OWLS) provides meaningful activity for those who are retired and/or 50 years and older. Come and enjoy spiritual growth and the fellowship of neighboring WELS and ELS members. Bring a friend!

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**Videotaped Church Services**

The Sunday services are now being shown on Watertown TV, cable channel 985, Wednesdays 9 am and 4 pm and again on Sunday at 11 am. Services are also uploaded to the church website by Tuesday.

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**Prayer Partners**

"And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints" (Ephesians 6:18).

- Pray for the need of others.
- Praise God for the wonderful things he does.
- To join send, an email to ssstrucely@gmail.com or call the church office. Prayer requests will be sent to you via email or by phone call.
- To request a prayer, contact Pastor Brauer.

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**Sit-Craft-Chat Craft Group**

Third Monday of each month
6-8 pm
Fireside Room (Or wherever it is warmest)
Contact person: Tina Krueger (261-3562)

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**Email Notifications**

It has come to our attention that important dates and information are missed by our members if they are added to the calendar after the Sunday bulletin has been printed and distributed. (This would include funerals.) We are sending out a weekly email with the church schedule and also any special items that come up during the week. If you did not receive an email, it means the church office does not have a current email address for you. If you would like to receive weekly emails with the schedule and other special information, email us at trinitymanager@charter.net.

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**Remembering those fallen asleep in Jesus**

Eleonore Franzmann
Donald and Lynda Luman
Rachel Schroeder
Ken Beyer
William Ulm
Women in Service
Donnell and Sheila Geib
Wayne Simon
Hazel Neitzel

Helen Tews
Women in Service
Herman and Pat Zastrow
Kathy Eickmann
Delores Margelofsky
Hazel Neitzel
Lorraine Kaiser
Russ and Ann Marcks
Pastor and Lisa Brauer
Financial Status

Thanks be to God for the gifts given for the work of the church!

In order to give a clearer picture of our financial status we will be reporting the weekly and monthly totals of offerings for the unified budget.

Weekly offering needed to support the ministry plan: $14,009
Monthly offering needed to support the ministry plan: $56,036

- Offerings received the week of January 3: $10,201.50
- Offerings received the week of January 10: $8,933.02
- Offerings received the week of January 17: $8,050.60
- Offerings received the week of January 24: $11,017.20
- Offerings received the week of January 31: $9,687.95
- Offerings received through Vanco in January: $3,169.00
- Offerings Received through Thrivent Choice: $758.00

Total Offerings received in the month of January for support of the ministry plan: $51,817.27
Actual offerings YTD: $408,632.29
Offerings needed YTD: $424,949.00
Difference: $16,316.71

A detailed Treasurer’s Report will be posted on the bulletin board. If you have any questions contact Steve Strucely at 206-1745.

Easter for Kids

This year’s Easter for Kids will be held Saturday, March 26 between 10—noon. It will be held in the TSL Western Avenue gym. All children 10 and under are invited to come and bring their friends. They will hear the wonderful Easter story, make crafts and hunt for eggs.

We are looking for volunteers to make this outreach effort a success. If you would like to welcome the children at the sign-up table or assist with crafts, there is a place for you. You could also help hide the eggs or participate in the telling of the Easter story. Sign-up sheets can be found in the Fireside Room or contact Pastor Yahnke or Kathy Strucely. Behind the scenes, we need small individually wrapped candy donated for the Easter eggs.

Easter Breakfast

Trinity Teens will be serving Easter breakfast with a new format. Food stations will be set up with choices of eggs, sausage/bacon, pancakes and other items. Teens and their parents will prepare the food but are asking for donations of the ingredients. Watch for sign-up sheets.

Easter Flowers

If you would like to help beautify our altar for Easter, you will find an Easter Flower order form in the Fireside Room. The form, along with your money or check payable to Eileen Sell, can be placed in the Flower Box in the Fireside Room or brought to the church office.

Please order by Sunday, March 13. Flowers may be picked up after the Festival service on Easter Sunday. If this time is not convenient, please call Eileen Sell at 261-3888 to arrange a more convenient time to pick up your flowers or if you have additional questions.

Cost of flowers:
- Daffodil @ $7 each
- Hyacinth @ $7 each
- Lily @ $7 each
- Tulip @ $7 each
- Daisy Mum @ $10 each
- Calla Lily @ $21 each
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Blood Drive
A very successful blood drive was held here at Trinity last month. Forty-six people registered to donate and forty-three were able to donate. There were thirty-eight donors of whole blood and five donors of dual red for a total of forty-eight units collected. Each donated unit can save three lives. Thank you to all who donated and our volunteers that made this blood drive a success. The next blood drive at Trinity will be June 23.

LWMS Spring Rally

GOD’S GOOD NEWS
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LUTHERAN WOMEN’S MISSIONARY SOCIETY INVITES YOU TO ATTEND

THE RIVER CIRCUIT SPRING RALLY
ON: APRIL 16, 2016
FROM: 8:30 am – 2:30 pm
AT: GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH
2447 PARK AVENUE
BELOIT, WI 53511
608 362 8720
Registration takes place from 8:30-9:30
Speaker: Pastor Terry Schultz
Centennial Committee Update

The Centennial Committee has been very busy this month. The highlights are as follows:

On April 2 the Centennial Committee will be hosting a Daddy-Daughter Dance at Trinity-St. Luke’s Western Avenue Campus Gym. This event is for all girls and their dads, grandpas, uncles or any other important man in their lives. This event will be from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm and we have Rock the Flock DJ providing the music and entertainment. We will have punch, snack and sweets along with a photographer to capture the evening. Suggested donation for the evening is $10.00. We have invited all young ladies from surrounding congregations to also join us. We will be looking for donations of snacks and beverages. Please watch the Fireside Room for more details. All young ladies from pre-K – 12th grade are invited and please pass this along to any young ladies you may know. We are asking people to RSVP at tinyurl.com/tsladdydance or on the sign-up sheet available at the schools. Our committee is very excited for the event and hope for this to be held annually.

Our committee has travel mugs for sale. There are two styles of the mugs with the Trinity Logo on it. We are selling the mugs for $10.00 and they make a perfect gift or are great for any beverage. These are available between services in the Fireside Room or you can contact Mona Pett or Nancy Zastrow if you are interested in purchasing a mug.

We got a new shipment of Stone Creek Coffee. Coffee is available for $15.00 a bag and hot chocolate is available for $8.00. The coffee is also available between services in the Fireside Room.

The Centennial Committee will be serving the March 2 Lenten Meal. The menu will be chili, cornbread and hot dogs. Come join us between 4:30 – 6:30 for supper and fellowship.

We are still working on the cookbook. If you want to still submit a recipe please get this to Kathy Strucely.

The committee will also be working on a summer family event which will include Pastor Yahnke sharing his puppets with us. Please watch for more information in the near future.

All proceeds from the fund raising will be used to offset the expenses of the Centennial Celebration. Currently, the fund has $1300.00 towards our $4,000.00 goal. We appreciate your generosity.

Please mark your calendar for November 6, 2016 – this is the official celebration of our congregations 100th Anniversary. The committee is planning a wonderful celebration after the church service and will be held at TSL Western Avenue Campus.

Maundy Thursday, March 24
Service with Communion—3:30 & 7 pm

Good Friday, March 25
Worship—1 pm
Tenebrae Service—7 pm

Easter Sunday, March 27
Sunrise Service—6:30 am
Festival Service—9:30 am
Lakeside News

- Spring Break: No classes at LLHS March 11–18
- WELS West Regional Band Fest Concert: Sunday, March 13 at 2 pm. Lakeside hosts 100 teen musicians and directors from 11 of our area Lutheran high schools, including Arizona Lutheran Academy, Rocky Mountain and Great Plains! Come hear them play "Sounds of America" from great American composers at the concert, with nationally acclaimed composer Michael Sweeney directing!
- "Planning for High School" workshop on affording Christian Education will be held at LLHS Tuesday, March 15 at 7 pm. This free 45-minute presentation on various strategies is designed to help families with younger plan ahead for funding Christian high school and other secondary education. RSVP your spot to Scott Gronholz at 920-648-2321 x2217 or sgronhol@llhs.org. You can also tell us you want to attend on the Facebook event: facebook.com/events/946580428755745
- Christ is Risen! The Lakeside Easter Concert is Wednesday, March 23 at 7 pm. What a wonderful way to worship during Holy Week, praising along with your Warrior choirs, bands and instrumentalists. Also features dedication of Twice is Nice Resale Shop's new addition.

80+ teen musicians need homes when your LLHS hosts the West Regional Band Fest March 10-13, 2016

Band Fest Host - Homes Needed! You do NOT need to be a Lakeside parent to offer a place for one or more of the 80+ visiting musicians.

If you are willing to open up your house to two or more high school students from March 10-13, please contact Mr. Pufahl ASAP by e-mailing gpufahl@llhs.org or texting 920-253-5686. Information needed: contact info (name, address, phone number), preference of hosting boys or girls, number of students you would be willing to host comfortably, and if you have dogs or cats. All that is needed is a warm bed, breakfast each morning, and transportation to and from LLHS (or the designated pick up point). Thank you for your consideration of helping in this way.

Feel free to contact Mr. Pufahl with any questions.

Twice is Nice Retail Store News, March 2016

News: Another great reason to attend the always wonderful and worship-ful Easter concert at 7 pm on March 23 at Lakeside Lutheran High School is that the Dedication for the Twice Is Nice building addition will take place then as well, featuring a special program insert and participation by LLHS pastors. The Ribbon Cutting and celebration at the Jefferson store site is set for Saturday, April 2, 2016, and includes a gift for the first 250 customers that day.

Volunteer: New volunteers since our last meeting: Dan and Chris Behl (St. Paul, Ixonia), Ann Weber (St. John, Waterloo), Tammie Kassulke (St. Mark, Watertown), Arnold Lauth (Eastside, Madison), Pat Thoma (St. John, Jefferson). Sincere thanks to each of these folks for stepping up to volunteer. Talk to them at your congregation or gathering and hear how easy it is to serve your Lord, Lakeside Lutheran and your community here at Twice is Nice!

Visit: We’re easy-to-find and open Mondays-Saturdays from 9-5 pm: just a minute east on the Hwy 18 exit off the 26 bypass at 907 W. Racine St., next to the Jefferson Piggly Wiggly. Questions? Call and ask for the day manager at 920-674-6868.
Students entering 9th grade in fall of 2016 and those transferring from a public high school at any grade level are eligible to apply for a voucher.

The online parent application is available through April 20 at http://dpi.wi.gov/SMS/choice-programs/student-applications

A Spanish version is available through the same website.

What does this mean for your family?
If your student is new to Lakeside and you have a need for financial aid, apply for both the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program (WPCP) (if you meet the income criteria of this state-run program) and for LLHS Financial Aid. See these criteria and find links to LL finaid under “Admissions” on www.llhs.org

Who gets picked for a voucher through WPCP?
Lakeside has opened 50 voucher seats, broken down as 46 freshmen seats, two seats for sophomore transfers from public high schools, and one seat each for a junior and a senior transfer.
9th grade is considered an 'entry point' in the program. This means all incoming 9th graders who meet the income criteria are eligible to be picked. The cap for vouchers in the 2016-17 school year is 1% of a school district’s total enrollment (where the family resides, not the school’s location). Students are selected by random draw by the DPI.
Students who receive a voucher to attend Lakeside will receive a voucher again in following years as long as they apply again and provide Lakeside with residency verification (income verification is NOT needed for those reapplying).

How does this program benefit Lakeside families?
“Choice programs are a positive for Wisconsin. Students are educated at a lower cost and access to more educational choices yields greater parent satisfaction and improved outcomes,” says Rep. Jeremy Thiesfeldt. In his Fond du Lac school system, providing vouchers to 41 low-income students meant taking away less than a third of 1% from the public district budget. The numbers would be similar in our area. Most importantly, “Choice” offers more of our LES parents the opportunity to provide Christ-centered secondary education to their teens when they would have been otherwise severely financially challenged to afford it. More LLHS assistance is also made available to other families as a result.

Steps to apply for Parental Choice at LLHS
Fill out the online application (address above) Note: An e-mail address is required to register.
Provide Proof of Residency to Lakeside Families applying to the WPCP for the 1st time need to provide income documentation. It is preferred that families select the DPI Method. The DPI method makes it easier for Lakeside to verify applications. Please contact Principal James Grasby jgrasby@llhs.org or 920-648-2321 x2204 with questions about the program.
99 Years and Counting

Last month’s article detailed how young Trinity Lutheran Church was able to purchase the Buchheit house which was remodeled into a building affectionately known by Trinity members as the Church Home. The dedication of the new church was a day of jubilee for the congregation.

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Trinity Lutheran Church – view from the northwest at the intersection of South Fourth Street and Wisconsin Street. The Church Home was located quite close to the intersection on this corner of the property.

Dedication for the new home of Trinity Lutheran Church was set for Sunday, May 11, 1919, with three festival services of dedication. It was a day of thankfulness for the young congregation as evidenced by the services that were conducted. The Watertown Daily Times reported:

LARGE ATTENDANCE AT DEDICATION OF TRINITY CHURCH

Trinity English Lutheran Church of which the Rev. F. E. Stern is pastor, was formally dedicated to the service of God on Sunday, the dedication services being attended by a large concourse of people at the morning, afternoon, and evening services. The afternoon service was held on the spacious lawn of the church, the weather being especially fine.

The morning services opened at 10:30 o’clock with a hymn sung by the congregation before the opening of the doors. When the congregation was assembled the dedicatory act was read by the pastor, followed by a musical number by the choir, Prof. S. Probst, director. Then followed the altar service. The sermon was delivered by Prof. John Schaller, president of the Lutheran Theological Seminary of Wauwatosa. The inauguration march, played by Carl Bolle, organist, finished the morning service.

The sermon at the afternoon service was delivered by Rev. L. C. Kirst, pastor of St. Stephen’s church, Beaver Dam, and the students’ chorus of Northwestern college under direction of Prof. K. F. Bolle had several numbers on the program.

The Rev, H. J. Diehl, pastor of the Divine Charity church of Milwaukee preached the evening service and the address was delivered by the Rev. Julius Klingmann, pastor of St. Mark’s church of this city. The choir of St. Mark’s Church under the direction of Prof. G. Groth took part in the evening service...St. Mark’s congregation, the parent church of Trinity, was officially represented by an appointed committee at the celebration.

99 Years and Counting (continued)

In preparation for the dedication the congregation members had pledged and paid the amount of $2,000 to cover the alterations that the building needed. A shed that was located on the property was sold and moved. Some of the apple trees on the lot were cut down, and the others pruned. The entire property was tidied up as the congregation readied itself for the dedication services.

The ladies of the congregation were not to be left behind. The church council had designated an upstairs room with its kitchen as the room for the Ladies Aid. The ladies painted and papered the rooms, cleaned the floors, hung drapes on the windows and donated a table, chairs, a stove, dishes, and a hand bell to call meetings to order. The ladies were pleased with their work; the secretary of the Ladies Aid recording that the room was “lovely beyond expectation.” In preparation for the dedication services the women of the congregation decorated the church with garlands.

The Sunday School teachers decorated the sacristy and choir room. The confirmation class contributed most of the funds that would be necessary to purchase a set of communion ware. Carl Nowack of the local furniture store donated a “pulpit chair” for the sanctuary.

Dr. Elmer Kiessling in his history of Trinity Lutheran Church at its sixty-fifth anniversary shared that:

“The ladies of the Aid had debated for a long while whether to furnish meals for the guests. They finally decided to invite as many as they could to their homes for meals. For all members of Trinity and all “fellow Christians and well-wishers” who attended the dedication services, it was indeed the day the Lord had made. They rejoiced and were glad in it (Psalm118:24).

Amid all the gladness there was a note of sorrow. Herman Frank, honored professor of mathematics at Northwestern and beloved first president of Trinity, died of cancer four months before the dedication. Illness had forced him to resign from the church council the previous summer. His letter of resignation, reproduced in the church minutes, was received with deep regret. His untimely death meant the loss of another devoted member, Mrs. Frank, who had worked as faithfully as her husband to launch the English mission in Watertown. She and her two children soon moved to another city.” (p. 24)
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Sunday Worship Services
8 & 10:30 am
Bible Activity Hour & Bible Class
9:15 am
Wednesday Worship Service
6:30 pm

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