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~Welcome to Trinity Lutheran...Warm Hearts and Willing Hands~



<u>CENTRALTHINGS</u> Closed Doors are a Blessing

I want to share what I shared with Trinity's Council this past month. It is devotional and it is informational.

Open doors in life mean opportunity, progress and promotion. But unexpectedly certain open doors close. It leaves

you desperate. Then you cry out, `O my God, where are you? Is it all over for me? Open one door for me. Give me a sign of your goodness" (Psalm 86:17a - *paraphrased*). This cry comes from desperation. But you as God's child need to be better informed about closed doors. They do not mean that it is the end of the road for you. They do not mean that God has stopped caring for you. But it means quite the opposite.

You need to understand the loving care with which God closes doors in your life. Do not be surprised; you should know for sure that it is God who opens and closes doors in your life. As long as you think it is some human being or institution that does it to you, you are going to be sadly mistaken. If you trust in Jesus, he is the one who opens and closes doors in your life: ``*What he opens no one can shut, and what he shuts no one can open*" (Revelation 2:7b).

Therefore, be sure and fully convinced that the closed doors in your life are his doing. You need not blame anyone for that. You need not curse your circumstances. The best thing to do is to thank God for closing those doors in your life. Is that easy to do? Not at all. But that is the best thing you can do!

Convinced, then, that it is God who closes doors, you can be ready to think of why he does so.

1. God closes doors so that you can change directions.

In the life of Elijah, God provided him with bread and meat through ravens. And He provided him with water from the brook. But then some time later the brook dried up. That was a door that closed on him. Now God had his attention. A new command then came to him to go at once to Zarephath where God had commanded a widow to provide for him. [*That was a new direction in his life.*] But he was made ready to listen and obey because of a closed door in his life (c.f. I Kings 17:2--9). Again, the most important thing was that God had closed a door and opened another door for him.

So closed doors in your life are God's attentiongrabbers. Thank God for them. He is pointing you to a new direction in life. It's going to be exciting.

2. God closes doors so that you can learn to pray more.

Daniel was taken with the Israelites, as a captive in war, to the land of Babylon for seventy years. As those years were coming to a close, Daniel understood from the Book of Jeremiah (25:11) that their captivity was coming to an end (Ref. Daniel 9:2). He did not dance about when he understood that. But he prayed with all his heart. Then King Cyrus ordered the survivors of the captives to go back to Jerusalem (2 Chronicles 36:22--23, Ezra 1:1-4). Thus Daniel prayed intensely in the darkest hour just before the dawn of their freedom. And they got it. And Daniel lived to see the doors of freedom open!

So closed doors teach you to pray more. They grip your heart with such force that you pray like you've never prayed before. And when doors open; you will thankfully realize that you have moved up another level in the prayer ladder. Therefore, pray with all your might when doors close on you.

3. God closes doors so that you will stop trusting in man and man's way of looking at things.

It is only when you have knocked at closed doors that you understand that the help of man cannot be trusted. It is during such times you come to know the true character of those whom you expected would help. You might have been given hope day after day by their soothing words of promise. Until one day you found them telling you not to trouble them anymore. You feel the pain of being let down and of being deceived into believing those words which gave you false hopes. Now you are alone! Yet, someone stands alongside, waiting for you to realize that he is standing by. Closed doors do help you to see him stand by your side. Your eyes and hopes were set on those people who had promised to help so you never heard His knocking. You never opened the doors for him.

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CENTRALTHINGS (continued)

Now that you find every door closed; you are ready to listen to Him. It is now you are ready to say along with the Psalmist: ``Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the Lord our God. They are brought to their knees and fall, store for you! Now you can doors are a bl I have had a d Luther Semin graduation, st

but we rise up and stand firm" (Psalm 20:7,8). Now you are ready to see that God alone opens doors for you.

4. God closes doors so that you will wait for His time

Waiting is a lost skill in the wisdom of this world. Waiting for God's specific time does not even occur. But when God deals with you, his child, he often closes

doors so that you will wait for his right time. Maybe he does it to prepare circumstances that will be to your best advantage. If the door is left open, you might pluck an unripe fruit. God closes doors so that you will not pluck the unripe fruit. He will open them only when it is ripe. Then it will be to your best advantage.

In the Bible we see this in the life of Joseph. He was put in prison. There he interpreted the dreams of two men. He told one

of them, the chief cupbearer of the king, to remember him when all goes well with him. Joseph also asked him to mention him to Pharaoh and to get his release from prison. Even though the chief cupbearer was restored to his position, the Bible says that he did not remember Joseph but forgot him.

For Joseph, two full years in prison passed before it was God's time. Joseph was brought out of prison to interpret Pharaoh's dreams and he became Governor of the land. After two years, God had prepared the circumstances for Joseph to become the governor of the land. So closed doors teach you to wait for God's time.

5. God is preparing you for the task ahead while you wait behind closed doors.

There is a more important process that happens while you wait for God's time - God is preparing you for the task ahead. God knows what qualities and strength of character you need to be able to handle the honor that you will be given when he opens doors. For that he allows you to pass through difficulties behind closed doors. You are being molded and shaped by God to meet your glorious destiny. The more tough your closed door; the greater the exaltation God has planned for you.

You are being molded and shaped by God to meet your glorious destiny.

So closed doors guard God's preparation ground to make you ready for the greatness that he has kept in store for you!

Now you can rejoice when God closes doors. For closed doors are a blessing to you. So, why do I bring this up? I have had a door closed on me.

Luther Seminary's accreditation standards require, for graduation, students, both traditional and Distributive Learning, to have a minimum number of 10 "residential courses" – classes taken on campus. I have been informed that I do not have enough to graduate this May. To make up for this deficit, I need to take five courses on campus which include one course on Missions. So I have added two half courses this Spring for a total of 5.0

courses (Maximum load) and will have to take 4.0 courses more to fulfill the requirement. I will be taking the Summer off from classes to finish my approval essay in preparation for seminary and synod interviews. This also will allow me to focus on new as well as current members. However, this puts my graduation off until December 2015. Thus, my reflection on "closed doors as a blessing." I believe God is preparing something special for me that is in the process of ripening. Perhaps God has changed his

mind and is setting a new course of ministry for me. This closed door has opened doors for taking a couple courses on Small Town and Rural ministry, which after all is my deepest love for ministry. I must abide by God's timeline and be patient, because as we know, "suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us" (Romans 5:3-5).

This will not affect Trinity's call process and the call committee should proceed as planned. I know God will redeem my situation as God will Trinity's call process. However, I ask for the congregation to keep both me and Trinity in their prayers continuously so all may discern God's calling in all of this.

Blessed Easter Season.

Vícar Kent

TRINITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Trinity Church Council Minutes March 11, 2015

Present: Laurie Wille, Tom Dodge, Marlene Breitbarth, Clayton Duncanson, Duane Heckman, Brad Nickerson, Nikki Smith, Teresa Zaharia, Barb Mager and Vicar Kent Krumwiede

The meeting was called to order by President, Laurie Wille.

The February minutes were read and accepted.

Clayton presented the monthly treasure's report. Checking balance is \$7760 and Savings balance is \$52599.

Stewardship:

There was nothing to report at this time.



Lay Ministry: A meeting is coming up to plan Maundy Thursday service and the Senior Recognition Sunday. Thrivent has a new program beside the choice dollars one that will allow every member of Thrivent to apply for a \$250 grant that can be used for a specific event at Trinity. The money can be used for supplies and advertising to help get the event going. Yvonne will be furnishing more information of this program in the future.

Church Properties: Brad talked to Jeff Frey about our insurance and if there are any discounts available. He was able to secure a 10% discount on the basic insurance that will be 3,827.00 for the year and the work comp. will be \$565. We will be staying with Profinium. Vicar Kent asked Brad to check the seams in the eave spouts as there has been some leaking and it is dripping into the air conditioner.

Christian Education: Nikki reported that the Sunday school children will be delivering the quilts they made to Truman Sr. Living. They will also sing songs for them and spend some time visiting with the residents. It was not-

Sunday school will be done on May 17th.

ed that Confirmation will now be under Christian Ed but the pastor will continue teaching the classes. It was decided to donate \$373.00 from the Sunday School collections to The Martin County Humane Society. They will also be working on a Blessing of the Animals Sunday. Sunday school will be done on May 17th as Vicar Kent will not be graduating that day.

Youth: Teresa reported that the youth is still serving the Lent suppers and that they have been taking supper to the Carlson's also. They haven't decided on what projects or fun outing they are doing yet.

Worship: May 3rd will be Blessing of the Seeds Sunday and Tom Dodge will be the speaker. They have also been planning the hymns for April & May with bringing back some of the old favorite ones.

Vicar Kent reported that he had just learned that according to Luther Seminary's accreditation standards that are required for graduation, he needs to take 4 courses on campus. This will





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to December. He plans to use the summer to focus on new as well as current members. He has currently been meeting with 2 families on becoming members.

OLD BUSINESS: Fareway receipts have totaled to \$30,709.63. The pictorial directory has listed some names wrong. Laurie is looking into it.

NEW BUSINESS: Brad will check with the City and PUC about the update of electrical work at the Community Building and make sure that it will be adequate for the Waffle irons. Motion passed to approve the use of the facility on May 17th for a shower. It was decided to hire Wayne Wiederhoeft for snow removal on the sidewalks as the plow that does the parking lot is to large.

Submitted by: Marlene Breitbarth, Sec.

PASTORAL ACTS—March

Visits, Home Visits, NH, AL Visits, Hospital Home Communion Baptisms Weddings Funeral Blessings Counseling Pre-Marriage Pre-Baptism	
<u>Meetings</u> Council Congregational Boards/Committees Community Events Synod Meetings Synod Events	$ \begin{array}{c} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{array} $



Women of the ELCA



April 11th, 2015

406 W. Main St, Madelia, MN

"Whispers of Hope"

Registration and Coffee – 8:30 AM – Served by Zion Luheran of Hanska

Meeting – 9:15 AM

Cost - \$7.00 per attendee

Speaker – Connie Olson will speak about "Whispers of Hope" farm, which helps young women in need of learning life skills.

Offering – ½ to the Synod, ½ Whispers of Hope Each Church Please bring a twin size quilt to donate to "Whispers of Hope" if you can. Lunch – served by the ladies of Trinity Lutheran Church, Madelia RSVP by April 6th to Jean Oldenberg at 507-380-9916

SEE YOU THERE!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Southwestern MN Synod Gathering at the U of M Morris.

In-Kind offering items that can be brought to the Synod Gathering include personal care kits, baby care kits, fabric kits and/ or donations for shipping costs. No school kits will be needed this time. Also Christian literature (non-denominational and/ or donation for (nondenominational) literature is also being accepted. These kits can be put together at Trinity, and then they will be sent to the gathering in June. Remember your Prayer Partner for Easter!





UPDATE ON THE GROCERY RECEIPTS:

Fareway—\$30,709.63.

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(We have received our first \$1000).

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WE WORSHIPTOGETHER									
	You are invited to join the Story with April's Weekly Readings								
Apr	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday		
1-4	Х	Х	Х	Hebrews 12:1-3	1 Cor. 11:23-26	Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9	Proverbs 8:1-8, 19- 21; 9:4b-6		
5-11	Isaiah 25:6-9 Ps 118:1-2, 14-24 1 Cor. 15:1-11 Mark 16:1-8	Acts 2:14, 22b-32	1 Cor. 5:50-58	Mark 16:1-8	Acts 2:42-47	Acts 4:23-31	John 12:44-50		
12-18	Acts 4:32-35 Psalm 133 1 John 1:1-2:2 John 20:19-31	1 John 2:3 -11	1 John 2:12-17	Mark 12:18-27	1 John 2:18-25	1 John 2:26 -28	Luke 22:24-30		
19-25	Acts 3:12-19 Psalm 4 1 John 3:1-7 Luke 24:36b-48	1 John 3:10-16	2 John1-6	Mark 16:9-18	Acts 3:17-26	Acts 4:1-4	Mark 6:30-34		
26-31	Mark, Evangelist Day Isaiah 52:7-10 Psalm 57 2 Tim 4:6-11, 18 Mark 1:1-15	1 Peter 5:1-5	Revelation 7:13-17	Mark 14:26-31	Acts 8:1b-8	х	Х		

APRIL LAY MINISTRY

TRINITY

SUNDAY SCHEDULE: 9:00 am Worship 10:00 am Sunday School

COMMUNION SCHEDULE: April 2, 3, 5 & 12

COMMUNION SERVERS:ACOLYTES:4/3-Barb Shoen (Good Fri.)4/5-Kylee Harder4/5-Y. Noorlun & L. Meyer (Easter)4/12-Reese Goeringer4/12-Mark DurkeeSPECIAL SERVICES

LAY READERS: 4/5-Laurie Wille 4/12-Margaret Durkee 4/19-David Sorenson 4/26-Marilyn Duncanson 4/2-**Maundy Thurs** (10 am Service with coffee/rolls after)

4/3-**Good Friday** (7:00 pm Service)

4/5 **-EASTER –9 AM** 7:30-8:45 Youth Breakfast

<u>APRIL USHERS</u>: *Art Stough, Jeff Maloney, Jackson and Mason Maloney

OBJECT LESSON: April 19—Jan Ringeisen

APRIL HYMNS

Apr 2-Maundy Thursday Old Rugged Cross & Rock of Ages

<u>Apr 3-Good Friday</u> Go to Dark Gethsemane & Were You There?

<u>Apr 5</u>-EASTER

Jesus Christ is Risen Today Now All the Vaults of Heaven Resounds Thine is the Glory

<u>Apr 12</u> –*I now that My Redeemer Lives* Christ is Risen! Alleluia! Lift High the Cross

<u>Apr 19</u>–Borning Cry Children of the Heavenly Father Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing

<u>Apr 26</u>– The King of Love My Shepherd Is Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us The Lord's My Shepherd





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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Worship Schedule TRINITY Worship 9:00 AM Sun School 10:00 AM	OFFICE HOURS Mon-8:00-11:00 Wed-8-11 & 1-4 Fri-8:00-11:00	<u>Vicar Kent's</u> <u>Office Hours</u> Mon.—Thurs. 9:00-1:00 pm	1 Aritice 6 pm Choir practice	 2 <u>Maundy</u> <u>Thursday</u> 10 am Service coffee & rolls 	3 <u>Good</u> <u>Friday</u> 7 pm Comm. Service	4 He was raised on day in accordance with the Scriptures.
5 EASTER 7:30-8:45 am Youth Group Breakfast 9 am Easter Allelata! Service	1:30 Martha at Barb M. Vicar Kent gone to Luther Sem.	7 Vicar Kent gone in am.	8 6 pm Choir practice 7 pm Council meeting	9 No Bible Study/Lois Circle-tour at MRCI instead	10	11 WELCA Spring Gathering in Madelia
12 <u>Communion</u>	13 Vicar Kent gone to Luther Sem. in afternoon	14 WELCA Spring Festival in Madelia Vicar Kent gone in am.	15 6 pm Choir practice	16 Truman Preschool screening from 8-3 pm	17 Newsletter DEADLINE!	18
19 Noisey Sunday!	20 Vicar Kent gone to Luther Sem. in afternoon	21 Vicar Kent gone in am.	22 Each Day: GO GREEN 6 pm Choir practice	23	24	25 PROM
26	27 Vicar Kent gone to Luther Sem. in afternoon	28 Vicar Kent gone in am.	29 9 am Messenger Assembly 6 pm Choir practice	30	Time to Bloom!	EVENTS IN MAY 5/3-Blessing of the Seeds 5/10-Mother's Day 5/17-Last day of Sunday School 5/31-Senior Recognition

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1st & 2nd Sundays-There will be regular Sunday school in the classrooms.

3rd Sunday - Students will bring a family member to help with a project

4th Sunday — will be Community Sunday where all members are invited to attend and help the students with a community project.

The last day of Sunday school is May 17th



Thank you to our Trinity church family for all of the messages of sympathy, cards, and memorials given at the death of my dad,

Steven F. Yocom. He was a good man. Your kindnesses will never be forgotten.

Laurie and Jerome Wille, Dawn, Kevin



We would like to thank WELCA and the Martha Circle for the quilt given to Tyler for his Baptism.

Dustin & Natalie. Addison and Tyler Splinter



Our Deepest Sympathy to Jerome & Laurie Wille and family at the death of Laurie's father, Steven Yocom, who passed away on February 25, 2015. The funeral was held in Emmons MN on March 1-2.

HANKS from the HEART

Thank you for all your prayers and cards during all my surgeries and set backs. As you can't get a better church

family. I love all of you. May God be with vou as he is with me.

Dan & Marianne Lang



We remember in our prayers...all who face catastrophic illness, surgery, and bindings of all kinds as well as the homebound:

Bea Behrens, Vi Benoy, Agnes Carlson, Lisa Carlson & family, Donna Fisk, Chris Mosloski, Rhonda Bonk, Oakley Selnes, Danny Lang, Laurie Wille & family, Darrell & Janice Buhmann's daughter... Be present with your Spirit, Lord, and lead us to be your presence to all. Amen.



EGG-STRA FACTS

- Although Easter eggs were once part of pagan spring festivals, they've become Christian symbols of new life. A cracked-open shell also represents Jesus' empty tomb on Easter morning.
- For Lent, some families used to give up eggs and dairy, so they prepared a pancake feast on Shrove Tuesday, the day before Ash Wednesday. They solved the egg surplus by hardboiling them in various broths, which led to colored eggs.

BIRTHDAYS & SPECIAL ANNIVERSARIES



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Delieve			1 April Fool's Day	2	3	4 Paula Kester
5 Denise Buysse	6 Cali Cross Carolyn Drevlow	7 Norma Stough Amy Mohwinkel Cindy Wiederhoeft Jared Steuber	8	9 JoAnn Knutson	10	11
12 Daniel Janssen	13 Marianne Lang	14	15 Dottie Graham	16 Christopher Hiller	17 Liam Werner Jim Shoen (83 years)	18 Corry Pettersen Vi Benoy (89 years)
19 Angie Jahnz	20 Lisa Krumwiede	21 Lizzy Durkee Veryle Wiliamson (85 years)	22 Mike Bonk Jerome Wille Tyler Thoeny	23	24 Duane Heckman Teresa Zaharia Jacob Worlds	25
26 Grant Hartman Art & Norma Stough (58 years)	27 Kylee Harder	28	29 David Baarson	30		

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EASTER SUNDAY, April 5th YOUTH BREAKFAST

7:30-8:45 am—Easter Breakfast-serving a variety of egg bakes, and cinnamon rolls (Free will offering)



THANK YOU to all who supported the Trinity Youth Group by coming to the Lenten suppers!



Great Job to those Trinity students who participated in the Truman High School Play **"Who's in**

Charge" held on March 19 & 20th. Participants from Trinity were: Ciera Drevlow, Beth Kotewa, Courtney Zaharia, Chloe Hartman, Kylee Harder, Zach Hansen, Brytni Drevlow, and Jacob Worlds. On the stage crew were Jackson Maloney, Hailey Olson, Amber Nickerson, and Zach Jahnz. Luke Hinton was in the Elementary Band.

Hats off to Jan Ringeisen who was co-



director of the play. Other helpers included-Barb Mager, Kim Breamer, Ryan Brudelie and his shop class



MAUNDY THURSDAY, April 2nd

10 am Communion Service/Coffee and muffins after—All are invited, not just senior citizens-a sign up sheet will be available so we know how many to plan for.The Theme will be "Meeting God in Service" John 13:1-17;31b-35

GOOD FRIDAY, April 3rd

7 pm Communion Service-stripping of the Altar The Theme will be "Meeting God in Death" John 18:1-19, 42

EASTER SUNDAY, April 5th

7:30-8:45 am Easter Breakfast hosted by the Trinity Youth (free will offering). Serving—Egg bakes and cinnamon rolls.



The Theme will be "Meeting God in Life" John 20:1-18





Create a simple yet powerful Easter display.

What you need:

- 3 wood blocks (small, medium, large)
- · Acrylic paint (three pastel colors and white)
- Paintbrush
- Water
- Paper towels Letter stencils and tape (optional)

What you do:

- 1. Paint each block of wood a different pastel color. (You can paint the whole block or just one side.)
- 2. When paint is dry, use white paint to write (or stencil) "He" on the smallest block, "is" on the medium block and "risen!" on the large block.
- 3. When blocks are dry, stack them from largest to smallest to proclaim "He is risen!"

Christian Symbol+

Ladder

A ladder is sometimes pictured with a sponge



RESURRECTION

AIN '7E'8 - is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. Romans - əqij Answers: ... Christ Jesus who died -- more than that, who was raised to

Bible Quiz

As Jacob used a rock for a pillow — later to become a pillar honoring God — which of the following did he experience in a dream? **A.** Angels going up and down on a ladder between

earth and heaven.

B. The Lord promising that Jacob's family would be a blessing to all nations.

C. God's assurance: "Know at I am with you and will keep you wherever you go." **D.** All of the above.

Answer: D (See Genesis 28:10-19.)

at the end of a long stick, reminiscent of the soldier offering Jesus vinegar to drink on the cross (Matthew 27:48). Thus, a ladder may symbolize Christ's Passion. In the Old Testament, Jacob dreamed of angels ascending and descending a ladder (or staircase, depending on the Bible version) set up between earth and heaven (Genesis 28:12). Both accounts show that through Jesus, our Savior, we — like the angels — have ready access to God, now and for eternity!



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TRINITY-9:00 AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL-10:00 AM

If you are searching for a church home or are currently a member, we want to extend a warm welcome to you. Trinity observes the "Open" communion policy– all those believing in Christ are welcome at our Lord's Table.

Communion is scheduled to take place the first two Sunday's of the month, check the calendar inside for any changes.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-8:00-11:00 am Wednesday-8-11 & 1-4 pm Friday-8:00-11:00 am

INTERIM KENT KRUMWIEDE OFFICE HOURS

Mon—Thurs-9:00-1:00 pm

God's Blessings to:



"But from this earth, this grave, this dust, my God shall raise me up, I trust."

APRIL 2015

-Sir Walter Raleigh