

Trinity Lutheran Church
 A welcoming faith community
 living together in God's love to
 share the joy of Jesus Christ.

TIDINGS

Bishop Gonja

We are delighted to have Bishop Jim Gonja join us the weekend of September 21 & 22, for an installation of Katie Kline as Education and Family Minister. Bishop will also be lead the congregation – either Saturday or Sunday – in a session called “Claiming Our Gifts” an insight into what we have to offer in the congregation, to the community, and our connection with the larger church. You don’t want to miss this opportunity! We are confirming details, but please keep this weekend open.

Congregation Listening Sessions September 28 and 29

As part of our strategic vision plan, we seek to extend a deeper and more hospitable welcome, including to our ministry partners St. Paul’s and Mary of Magdala. Towards this initiative, Trinity Council would like to invite you to be part of a listening session on **September 28, following 5pm worship, or September 29 following 10:30 am worship**. These listening sessions are a chance to ask questions about our future steps together. Two years ago we agreed to share space, and extend the shared space contract as needed. As our partnership has morphed into shared ministry, we want your voice to be heard about what may be next, and what a longer term partnership may look like and most importantly, where God is leading.

We hope you will plan to attend one of the sessions listed above. Thank you for your faithful leadership as a dedicated person of Trinity Lutheran Church.

Peace, Trinity Council and Pastor Rick

Community Fellowship Night

Please join us for our Community Fellowship Night on **Saturday, September 21** following the Saturday night service. We'll ring in the fall with a campfire, s'mores and fellowship. This is a special invitation to all our partner congregations to get to know Katie, our new Faith Formation Minister. Please bring your friends, neighbors, partners, spouses, kids, grandkids...anyone!!! TLC will provide the fixings for s'mores and the fire, please BYO chairs and blanket.

Tidings to Kiosk

As an effort of good stewardship, starting in October the Tidings will be placed in members kiosks, instead of being mailed. Newsletters will still be mailed to the friends of the congregation outside of the area. As some of you may know, in order to qualify for bulk mail pricing you must have at least 200 pieces, and over the months Trinity has dwindled and now in order to keep the 200 piece rate we have been mailing the church about 15-20 Tidings each month!! However, with the increase in Electronic Newsletter, and the church rolls recently being cleaned, we have only about 155 Tidings to mail. This is an opportunity for us to do hospitality outreach to folks who are not in worship or homebound. If you see a newsletter of family or friend, you can always visit them and drop off the newsletter. Thanks for being part of this ministry.

TLC book Group

Because of Labor Day, book group will meet on **Monday, September 9, at 9:30 am** in the Fireside Room to discuss the water crisis in Flint, Michigan, through the eyes of the pediatrician who revealed the poisoning: *What the Eyes Don't See* by Mona Hanna-Attisha. In **October** we will read *Collapse: How Societies Choose to Fail or Succeed* by Jared Diamond: a study of the demise of some great societies, contrasted with similar societies which thrived. Come regularly or just come when the book appeals to you. Questions? Call Nadine Hunt at 825-3730.

Candles

If you have recently noticed there are two less candles on the platform in the Sanctuary, your eyes are not playing tricks on you. The Worship & Music Ministry Committee is experimenting with platform configurations that may ease movement and improve flow during services.

TLC Preschool

Our school year at TLC Preschool is getting underway on Wednesday, September 4 this year. Because of fluctuations in the ages of children enrolled, we'll be having a mixed-age class on MWF this year. We're also changing up our program a bit to be more beneficial to families in Fort Collins. We're adding an early drop-off option at 8:30 am as well as an extended care "Lunch Bunch" option from 12-1 pm for families who can use that extra time. If anyone is interested, they can get in touch with me, or the information should also be available on our website.

There are still a couple of openings and we'd be happy to fill those up, so please let friends and family know about us! We're one of the most reasonably priced preschools in Fort Collins and we also have tuition assistance available for families who might need the help.

I can't wait to have some laughter and happy faces back in our classroom!

God's Peace, Brenda Harju, Director

TGIF on Friday, September 13 at 6:30 pm

At the home of Renee & Terry Mize
211 Meadowsweet Cir., Loveland.

Water & soft drinks provided BYOB and an appetizer to share.

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Pastor Rick's Reflections

God's Work. Our Hands FEET! 19.3 miles...1500 ft of elevation gain. All by the grace of God. For the 8th consecutive year, (2nd year for me!) the Faster Pastors are using their FEET to do God's work and witness to God's abiding care for all God's people, by running for a cause that benefits the ministry of the church. This year **September 13-14** the Faster Pastors will run the Ragnar Colorado Relay, a 200-mile relay from Castle Rock to Fort Collins, with the final exchange happening on Spring Creek Trail beyond Trinity!

Come cheer us on! This year we are highlighting the overall work of the ELCA Lutheran Disaster Response (LDR), offering aid and relief organizations during and immediately after a disaster while also sticking around for long-term rebuilding. This is our work as a congregation.

I am honored to accompany the mission of LDR to bring "God's hope, healing and renewal to people whose lives have been disrupted by disasters in the United States and around the world. When the dust settles and the headlines change, we stay to provide ongoing assistance to those in need." The donations I have received so far from family and friends is \$750. Last year Trust matched these funds, and will be asked once again. Giving to Trust helps support projects like this and so many other initiatives beyond the regular ministry of Trinity!

2019 Hurricane Response	-- Indonesia Earthquake and Tsunami
U.S. Tornadoes	-- Gaza Humanitarian Assistance
U.S. Flooding	-- West Virginia Flooding
Cyclone Idai	-- Africa Drought
U.S. Wildfires	-- South Sudan Relief
Middle East and Europe Refugee Crisis	-- AMMPARO: Protecting Migrant Minors

Pray for our team, pray for your pastor, and pray for the work of LDR, as they reach out to relieve those who are in face despair.

"May we run with perseverance the race that has been set before us." (Hebrews 12:1)

Peace and Prayers, Pr. Rick

Churchwide Assembly

If you were not aware, the ELCA Churchwide Assembly was held in Milwaukee, WI, Aug 5-10. Here are some news items that came from this assembly, with some comments from Pastor Rick...

ELCA Churchwide Assembly 2019 summary Our denomination, the ELCA, holds a churchwide assembly triennially - to worship, vote on matters of governance and policy, and be church together for the sake of the world. This past week's churchwide assembly was full of important votes and actions, including:

- Re-elected Rev. Elizabeth Eaton as our Presiding Bishop for a second six-year term on the first ballot.
- Offered a declaration of apology to our siblings of African descent, which was received by the African Descent Lutheran Association with thanks and a call for accountability and living into the words shared.
- Approved a resolution declaring the ELCA to be a sanctuary church body, encouraging participation in the ELCA AMMPARO initiative for migrant children, discernment of care for our immigrant neighbors in our context, and the promise of forthcoming resources for this work.

(This is work we have done as a church for a long time, but now officially approve this work. There are many opinions regarding this resolution, I recognize it is politically charged, but it is faithful and lawful, though it is unprecedented. As a congregation of a sanctuary denomination, we can express that however God leads us to express it, and each congregation will carry out this work in different ways.)

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- Approved support for the World Council of Church's Thursdays in Black, awareness movement for a world without rape and violence.
- Voted to commemorate June 17 as a day of repentance, in honor and remembrance of the martyrdom of the Emanuel 9.
(Remember that those killed in Charleston, SC were graduates of ELCA Southern Seminary, and were shot by an ELCA member. We are closely connected, and need repentance and remembrance as we continue to address these concerns as faithful work of the gospel.)
- Approved a Declaration of Inter-Religious Commitment, reaffirming ecumenical and interfaith partnerships.
(This is interesting and appropriate as Trinity also seeks to reaffirm its ecumenical and interfaith partnerships in Fort Collins!)
- Celebrated the completion of the Campaign for the ELCA: Always Being Made New and gave thanks for the \$250 million in current and promised gifts to enable ministry in the US and around the global
- Approved the process for a new social statement to articulate our ELCA understanding of the relationship between Church and Government.
- Approved the recommendations from a strategic taskforce which has been studying how to work toward authentic diversity in our church.
- Approved memorials: affirming the Poor People's Campaign, care for immigrants and refugees, and other statements.
- Adopted a new social statement, Faith, Sexism, and Justice: a Call to Action, and its implementing resolutions.
- Approved a constitutional change so that Deacons (rostered ministers of word and service) will be ordained, replacing the previous practice of consecration.
(This changes is to recognize our Deacons on equal terms with Pastors, by using the same entrance rite language. A Deacon is called to Word and Service, differing from Word and Sacrament, but not less than. Deacons would not necessarily preside over sacraments.)
- Celebrated the milestones of 50 years of women's ordination, 40 years since the first woman of color was ordained, and 10 years since full inclusion of LGBTQIA+ clergy.
(The church celebrated the 50 years of women's ordination, through a worship service led entirely by women, including a 103 year old pastor. This is historic and amazing what our church has been part of in the leading movement of leadership.)

Volunteer Coordinator—Liz Johnson

I am excited to be the Volunteer Coordinator at Trinity Lutheran! I look forward to connecting with members to see where your passions can connect you with opportunities for ministry and service.

My husband, Paul, and I joined Trinity earlier year after moving here from Fremont, Nebraska in 2018. There I worked with volunteers at Lutheran Family Services and as a team captain for a weekly community meal served at our church.

While visiting Trinity we entered through the door and were greeted so warmly. We were so impressed with the beautiful music and continued warmth each time we returned. We also appreciate Trinity's commitment to helping the environment and serving those in need.

We have a son in Los Angeles and a daughter who lives with her husband and baby daughter in Amman, Jordan. In my free time, I like hiking, gardening, fixing and refinishing antiques. Since we're still new to the area, we look forward to meeting many new faces. Thank you for this opportunity to serve as Trinity's Volunteer Coordinator!

Worship & Music

Worship and Music Ministry is changing when we meet. We have moved to seasonal ministry meetings, taking place four times a year. While we have not yet decided on the final cycle, the meetings will likely take place in August, October, January, and May for the 2019-2020 year. If you have a heart or vision for this ministry, please consider joining our ministry team. The next meeting will take place on **Sunday, October 20**, after the 10:30 service. Meetings are in the church library.

Our Worship Environment

You may notice some changes that are being made in the sanctuary. We are making changes in the worship environment to be more inclusive and to better meet the needs of our members and visitors. With support from staff and representatives from faith formation, property, and worship and music committees will be working together to design a new space that shows hospitality and accessibility to a wider range of members and guests. If you're interested in being part of these conversations please contact Lisa Dunworth at lisald80@gmail.com.

Trinity Grace Tables

Wow, fall is here, isn't it? Kids are back in school and the leaves will soon be turning – and this is also time to launch the Fall series of Grace Tables!

Small groups can be the supportive fabric of our Christian journeys – a place to connect with others and go deeper into God's story and how it can apply for each of our lives. Grace tables is a collection of small groups -- 5-8 people in each -- and we're holding a spot just for you.

Each group meets monthly at your best place and time to meet – that way it works with our busy schedules. Options could include meeting in our homes, at church or at any place that would be convenient for your group. It could involve a casual meal together, pizzas or just snacks -- the important thing is spending time together in study and fellowship.

The Fall/Winter series will be both book and video based, using Timothy Keller's [The Prodigal God](#). We'll order DVDs so that each group can be in sync for the 6 sessions in the video. If you'd like to order a book, they are about \$11 at Christianbook.com and Amazon. Even if you skip the book, the discussions will go deep, just like the friendships we form.

We'd love to get the groups filled in September for an October launch. **If you're interested, can you please email or call us with your preferred meeting times and day(s) of the week? We will use that information to start forming the groups.**

Yours in Christ, Ron & Bonnie Bend
970-482-6678 or ronald.bend@gmail.com

Used Book Sale

Hi Trinity Friends! TLC Preschool invites you again to save your gently used books for our 4TH ANNUAL TLC PRESCHOOL BOOK LOVERS USED BOOK SALE coming up on NOVEMBER 2 AND 3! Please look for donation boxes in the Fellowship Hall! As in the past, we will be collecting fiction and nonfiction books for children and adults as well as books on CD. PLEASE NO MAGAZINES, REFERENCE BOOKS OR TEXTBOOKS! Thanks from the HEART for your donations!

SEPTEMBER 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
1 9 am Adult Forum 10:30 am Worship	2 Labor Day Office Closed	3 7:30 am Men's Breakfast 5:15 pm Soc/Eco Justice
8 9 am Adult Forum 9 am Sunday School 9:10 am Pray & Play 9 am Executive Council 10:30 am Worship 11:45 am Worship & Music 11:45 am Faith Formation 2:30 pm FFH Training	9 9 am TLC Book Group 6 pm Property	10 4:30 pm Finance 5 pm Trust
15 9 am Adult Forum 9 am Sunday School 9:10 am Pray & Play 10:30 am Worship	16 5:30 pm Council	17
22 9 am Adult Forum 9 am Sunday School 9:10 am Pray & Play 10:30 am Worship	23 9:30 am Anna's Circle 7 pm Wom's Bible Study	24
29 9 am Adult Forum 9 am Sunday School 9:10 am Pray & Play 10:30 am Worship 11:30 am Congregation Listening Sessions	30	

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP THIS MONTH

Saturday Worship Assistants

September 7 Dallen Simske
September 14 Ron Bend
September 21 Vicky Splittgerber
September 28 Vicki Volbrecht

Sunday Lectors:

September 1 Paul Schairer
September 8 Erik Elliott
September 15 Pat Jacob
September 22 Brenda Fosse
September 29 Robyn Moore

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
4 6 pm Bells 7:15 pm Choir	5 9:30 am Bible Study	6 Office Closed	7 5 pm Saturday Praise
11 6 pm Bells 7:15 pm Choir	12 9:30 am Bible Study	13 Office Closed 6:30 pm TGIF @ Renee & Terry Mize's	14 5 pm Saturday Praise
18 6 pm Bells 7:15 pm Choir	19 9:30 am Bible Study	20 Office Closed	21 5 pm Saturday Praise 6 pm Community Fellowship Night
25 6 pm Bells 7:15 pm Choir	26 9:30 am Bible Study	27 Office Closed	28 5 pm Saturday Praise 6 pm Congregation Listening Sessions

Sunday Worship Assistants:

September 1 Paul Johnson

September 8 Kent Garvin

September 15 Erik Elliott

September 22 Mary Ann Miller

September 29 Cherlyn Gorsky

**PULL ME OUT! HANG ME UP!!
PUT ME ON YOUR FRIDGE!**

September Adult Forum

Adult Forum is Sunday mornings at 9 am in the Sun Room - all ages are welcome.

September 8-Climate Change, Simple-Serious-Solvable & Spiritual

CSU Professor of Atmospheric Science Scott Denning will bring his engaging message on the nature of the climate issue. His presentation will give us all a good foundation on the science behind many of the extreme weather events around the world. In addition, he will add some of his thoughts on why this is also an important spiritual matter. There will be a question and answer session to follow his talk.

September 15-Trees, Water & People in Central America

This Fort Collins 21 year old non-profit with a strong community-based development model for helping people in Central America and U.S. Tribal Lands. They will send a staff member to describe what they and their partners are doing in relation to the climate change issue. This should allow for a whole new perspective on why many are being forced to flee that region due to unpredictable climate forces.

September 22-The Fort Collins Climate Action Plan

Carolyn Conant of the Fort Collins Environmental Services Department will bring us up to date on what the Climate Action Plan is all about and how we are progressing as a city toward our climate action goals. She will help us understand ways we can contribute toward reducing our green house gas emissions and respond to questions.

September 29-Carbon Fee & Dividend and Other Climate Solutions

Trinity member, retired CSU Statistics Professor and Citizen's Climate Lobby volunteer Phil Chapman will give us some background and details on how a fee on fossil fuel extraction and dividend returned to citizens would be able to help bring down carbon emissions. This is an idea that has been proposed to the U.S. Congress and has gained bipartisan support. In addition, we will conclude the series of forums with a conversation on how we all can do our part to act to mitigate climate change.

Sky Ranch Trip Report

If you were unable to attend the day trip to Sky Ranch Lutheran Camp on Saturday, July 27, thirteen of us packed into a comfortable (by passenger-report) 15-passenger van and wound upstream and downstream along the Poudre River and Pingree Park Road, passing rapids, rafters, 500ft. drop-offs, meadows, creeks, feeder streams, beaver dams and switchbacks, joining 12 others who were camping the entire weekend. Some of us participated in all or some of the Saturday's options of crafts, games, worship in the picnic area, tours of Sky Ranch, a long hike, a short, "listening" hike, one meal outdoors interrupted by a downpour solo with lightning and thunder accompaniment, which drove everyone clammering indoors. Due to the quick storm and a host of other, father-son campers having reserved the upstairs dining room, those with Trinity shared both lunch and dinner in the tight, windowless basement lounge, but our conversations and bantering brought into it a Light brighter and higher than the sunshine and mountains. Our intergenerational happening ranged from children to 91 years old. For those having attended recently, it was a homecoming. For those not having been for years, it was a blast from the past. For those new to Sky Ranch, it was breathtakingly impressive. For us all, touring the entire camp, the new buildings and other evidence of generous donations, volunteer labor, and expanded ministry, it was a hopeful launch into the future. The weekend, focused around the Saturday experiences, was filled with a healthful, spiritual, and relational buffet of community and fellowship, as well as informal opportunities for sightseeing, photography, meditation, mutual support, fun, and one-on-one prayerful discourse. If you haven't been there, or wish you had, a buzz among those who attended hinted at doing it again before the first snow....or maybe right after!

Peace, Art

Budgeted Finances for the month of June and for year-to-date as of July 31, 2019

	July	Year-To-Date
Receipts:		
1) Building Use	\$ 3,819	\$ 23,603
Offerings	33,638	236,735
Total Receipts:	37,457	260,337
Expenditures:		
Operating and Support	16,364	141,927
Ministries	6,110	50,840
Benevolence/Gifts (Synod, Sky Ranch, etc.)	4,273	19,770
Total Expenditures:	\$ 26,747	\$ 212,537
Receipts less Expenditures:	\$ 10,710	\$ 47,800
1) Includes St. Paul's and Mary of Magdala's monthly building use payments plus other outside groups.		



Birthdays



Autumn Anderson	9/1	Jamie Knutson	9/11	Karl Schmidt	9/18
Sharyn Salmen	9/2	Claudia Betten	9/11	Kari Gaalswyk	9/18
Michele Christensen	9/4	Clark Nielsen	9/11	Roland Kufeld	9/22
Kenneth Teumer	9/5	Paul Toohey	9/12	Debra Schilling	9/22
Jan Deering	9/6	Steven Backsen	9/12	Claudia Haukebo	9/23
Charley Cochran	9/6	Madelyn Murphy	9/12	Kristina Brown	9/24
Arliss Solie	9/7	Elizabeth Hamlin	9/13	Angelina Hamlin	9/25
Eric Biedermann	9/9	James Oscarson	9/14	Jonathan Fosse	9/26
Brenda Morrison	9/9	Pearl Sauer	9/14	Mary McCurdie	9/26
James Shuey	9/10	David Burgoon	9/15	Jennifer Flippen	9/26
Larry Salmen	9/10	Avery Bend	9/15	Sophia Sprain	9/26
Jason Telleen	9/10	Blake Nosal	9/15	Dayna Knutson	9/27
Riley Bend	9/10	Thomas Solie	9/16	Emma Sprain	9/27
Lynne Pearson	9/11	Christina Sobel	9/16	Vernon Schilling	9/28
Craig Wenborg	9/11	Ken Christensen	9/16	Soren Nicholson	9/28
Anton Betten	9/11	Robert Brustad	9/17	Jimmie Schwartz	9/30
Chris Keller	9/11	Christine Beckman	9/17		

♥ Anniversaries ♥

Erin & Andrew Sprain	9/2	Liz & Paul Johnson	9/11
Renee & Terry Mize	9/2	Susan & Greg Schairer	9/15
Elizabeth & Kevin Gertig	9/3	Glenna & Greg Brissey	9/18
Jean & David Ferrin	9/4	Stephanie & Steve Dugger	9/21
Victoria & Ron Splittgerber	9/5	Jan & Richard Deering	9/23
Jodi & David Nance	9/5	Luann & Tedd Schilling	9/24
Shelley & Richard Aust	9/5	Sandra & Larry Dietz	9/25
Karel & Robert Waltermire	9/6	Marissa & Cody Hopkins	9/29
Sophia & Brandon Gorsky	9/11		

Donate to charity through your IRA & save taxes!

If you are age 70.5 and up you can take advantage of an IRS provision that provides tax savings on withdrawals from Individual Retirement Accounts when combined with a donation to a qualified charity. Trinity qualifies! The Charitable Rollover Provision for Individual Retirement Accounts allows individuals aged 70.5 years and up to make a donation to charitable organizations directly from their IRA. Please consider making a transfer from your IRA to Trinity Lutheran Church as you update your financial plan for this and future years.

Benefits:

- * Contributions from your IRA up to \$100,000 are not included in taxable income
- * Contributions from your IRA sent directly to a qualified charity can count towards satisfying your required minimum distribution (RMD) for the year
- * Contributions from your IRA are not subject to the 50% deduction limits on charitable gifts
- * Great way to further the mission of Trinity Lutheran Church

*Requirements:

- * Donor must be age 70.5 or older
- * The donation must be transferred directly from your IRA to a qualified charity (Trinity qualifies)
- * Your gift cannot exceed \$100,000
- * Since your gift will not be included in taxable income, no charitable deduction is allowed

For more information, contact your tax advisor, financial advisor and/or the financial institution that administers your IRA. You can arrange the direct transfer to Trinity via your financial institution. Banking information for wire transfer to Trinity can be obtained from our Financial Manager at dschwartz@trinitylutheranfc.org.

Thank You!

I have so many Trinity friends to thank for offering their gifts to the music ministry. This past June, Trinity hosted the Wisconsin Children's Choir. I want to extend a special thank you to **Lynne Pearson, Cheryl Backsen and Susie Stark** for the wonderful dinner prepared for the choir. Thank you, **Cherlyn Gorsky and Michele Rose**, for housing the choir after the concert. We will be so happy to have Trinity Chancel Choir back in worship beginning September 8. Our summer music has been wonderful because of solos and duets by **Jill Rose and Erik Elliot**. Our own **Lauren Brissey** and St. Paul's Dir. Of Music, **Kay Williams**, offered beautiful cello and violin duets in our worship. Thank you **Nadine Hunt**, for the inspiring handbell music. Thank you, **Michele Rose**, for rehearsing and directing Trinity Women's Ensemble. And a special thank you to the **16 women** who sang in the ensemble. **Richard Fennig** finished the month of August with a beautiful flugal horn and trumpet solo. With a grateful heart, I thank **all of you** for being such a vital part of our music ministry at Trinity. ~Alice Crawford

To **Bob Fairbairn, Pastor Rick Reiten, Nadine Hunt, Nancy Harrison, Joy Murphy, Marilyn Morrissey, Lee Lamb, & Erik Elliott**, for your work on the Education & Family Minister call committee, Trinity thanks you for your time, energy and prayers that made this call process a success. ~Members & Friends of Trinity

Faith Family Hospitality Fall Events

TLC will host four families through the rotating shelter for families experiencing homelessness the week of **September 29–October 6**. In preparation for that, TLC will host training for FFH volunteers from 1-2:30 pm on three Sundays this fall: **September 8, October 6, and November 3**. If you are interested in learning more about volunteering for FFH, you are invited to attend any one of the three sessions. And watch the weekly e-news in early September for a link to the sign-up for the next host week.

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES JUNE 17, 2019

Present: Scottie Moore, Stephen Zink, Lisa Dunworth, Jodie Burgoon, Pastor Rick, Steve Dugger, Don Heyse, Betty Wagner, Andrea Sauer Absent: Ron Bend Devotion – Steve Dugger

New Business

- **May 2019 minutes:** Jodie made a motion to approve the May 2019 Council minutes as amended. Betty seconded. Motion passed.
- **May 2019 finance report:** Steve made a motion to approve the May 2019 finance report. Jodie seconded. Motion passed.
- **Cooperation Committee update:** SPE and MoM would like to stay at TLC indefinitely, forming an ecumenical partnership. Council agreed the SPE-MoM partnership has been valuable and celebrating our unique identities and heritage is important. Council also concurred that a long-term partnership is a desirable. A broader conversation between the congregations to clarify a shared vision needs to occur.
- **Visioning:**
 - * **Volunteer Coordinator:** The Executive Committee hired member, Liz Johnson, for the position. She was a Volunteer Coordinator for Lutheran Family Ministries in Nebraska. She begins her position on August 5.
 - * **Call Committee for Deacon(ess):** PR commended the Call Committee for doing great work. They are currently conducting interviews amongst several excellent candidates. Interviews could wrap up the first part of July. There may be a candidate to bring forward in July and potentially an August special meeting to vote on the new hire.
 - * **Hospitality:** Visioning for Faith Formation: 1) Sunday School 2019-2020 with SPE and expanding Tiffany's role to work with younger kids; 2) Kids being more involved in worship and perhaps modifying the worship space to better accommodate families; and 3) Fellowship events for families. Also, Council will identify next steps based on Art's report and other feedback, such as forming a hospitality team, hospitality training for members, or combining fellowship hour.

Old Business

- **Property custodial position:** The Property Committee still wants to pursue a staff employee position. They are working on a job description. They are hoping by the end of the summer or early fall to make the change.
- **Council retreat:** Tentatively set for Friday, August 16, from 5-10 pm. Location TBD. Meal will be something easy; possibly brought in.

Ministry Reports

- **Vice President's Report – Stephen Zink**
 - * First "Ministry Moments" screened in June. Some people said it was too short and others thought focused, impactful two-minute videos were sufficient. There was good feedback and more will be forthcoming on various ministries.
- **Finance – Betty Wagner:**
 - * Finance Committee supports the \$2,500 increase in perils deductible.
 - * Budget worksheets will be distributed by August 3 and due September 9. Finance will have a workshop the week of September 23 so it will be ready for the November annual meeting.
- **Property - Steve Dugger:** Carpeting is fully installed. Don thanked Property for installing a light in the sanctuary.

Betty moved to adjourn the meeting. Jodie seconded. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m. and ended with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Andrea Sauer, Council Secretary



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LuMin Meals

College students at CSU's Campus Ministry look forward to meals provided by local churches on Sunday evenings. Trinity will be hosting 4 meals this school year and would like 2-3 people for each of the 4 meals. The dates we are hosting a dinner is: September 22, November 3, January 26 & April 26. Worship and the meal that follows is at the Campus Ministry building across from Moby Gym at 5:15 pm Sunday evenings. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Steph Dugger at 970-223-9119 or email steph.dugger@hotmail.com.

Celebrating 50 Years

LuMin
All are welcome!