
TRINITY TIDINGS

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TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

A loving, Christian community, feeding God's people in mind, body, and spirit

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COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES—May 8, 2018

Pastor's Report: Was Easter really just a month ago? So much has happened since then! There were plenty of meetings and the honor of presenting on friendship at the Capitol Conference WELCA annual meetings. I taught visitation procedures to the Diakonia students and attended First Call Theological Education in San Francisco. I battled laryngitis for almost two weeks and ended the month with a lock-in at Our Saviours with the youth going to Houston. Trinity continues to be a thriving community and a pleasure to serve.

Parish Nurse Report: The month started with memorial services for Florence Saltsman and Evan Davies. I will continue to reach out to their families to offer support as needed. The April 14th fire in the Brown family apartment provided another opportunity for prayer and outreach. Helping them is truly an example of the church being a viable presence in the world. Three members of our church family have had serious health challenges and I was pleased to share their journey via prayer and visitation. Sharing by phone, visit, e-mail, Facebook, and US mail assures our members they are never far from our thoughts and prayers.

Old Business

Accelerated Mortgage Payments – The President reported that the congregation on Sunday, May 6, 2018, at a Special Congregational Meeting voted to accept the proposed accelerated mortgage payment plan. The vote was preceded by a period of questions and answers. The goal is to pay off the church mortgage within five years. Appreciation was extended to council members for their support of this plan.

Update of New Photo Directory – The secretary reported that the new directories have been completed and distributed. Also, the sale of Trinity t- and polo shirts is underway.

New Business

Mission Investment Fund – David Hawkins presented an option for investing in the Mission Investment Fund (mif.elca.org) as a possible tool for earning a higher interest rate than offered by the bank that currently holds Trinity's savings. Discussion followed. The issue will be discussed at future council meetings.

Thanks and Recognition:

- To David Hawkins who moderated the May 6th congregational meeting and presented the accelerated mortgage payoff proposal
- To Terry Clark-Hughey and Stephanie Vanterpool who provided the teen lock-in meal
- To Michelle Grimes for picking up the cake in celebration of 1st Communion participants
- To Mali Schulz for designing an exquisite t- and polo shirt Trinity logo
- To Marge Cook for facilitating the shirt printing process
- To our resident artist, David Schulz, for designing the heavenly cross that graces our altar and directory cover