

# TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

*2011 Annual Report*



Annual Congregational Meeting  
June 5, 2011  
9:15 a.m.

**ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA**  
**June 5, 2011**

Opening Devotion

Approval of Minutes of the May 30, 2010 Annual Meeting

Reports of the Pastor, Congregation Council, Committees and others

Elections

- Audit Committee ~ 1 position for a three-year term
- Synod Assembly Representatives ~ 2, preferably one male and one female
- Congregational Council ~ 2 open positions, 1 three-year term and 1 one-year term

Treasurer's Report

Presentation, discussion and approval of the Budget

Unfinished Business

New Business

Closing Prayer

# ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MINUTES

## Sunday, May 30, 2010

The annual meeting of Trinity Lutheran Church was held in the Gathering Space on May 30, 2010. Pastor Mark Dressel opened the meeting with prayer and words of thanks to Sandra Spann and Julia Wolfgram for organizing and preparing a pancake/chili brunch served before and during the meeting. The meeting was officially called to order by Lani Urbas.

After reviewing the 2009 Annual Minutes, Mae Laatsch made a motion to approve them as presented, seconded by Steve Busch. Motion passed. The Audit Committee Report was given by Kathy Bahner. She stated the committee had found that all was in good standing. The committee had made several suggestions which will be reviewed and implemented, if needed.

### **ELECTIONS:**

**Audit Committee:** One three-year position was open. Pastor Mark Dressel made a motion to nominate Mae Laatsch, seconded by Kathy Bahner. The congregation unanimously passed the motion. Mae accepted the position.

**Synod Representative:** In addition to Pastor, two congregation members are needed to represent Trinity at the Synod Assembly. Sandra Spann made a motion to nominate Steve Busch and Holly Ingersoll, seconded by Mae Laatsch. Motion passed.

**Council:** Two council positions are open for nominations. Julia Wolfgram has volunteered to serve a second term. Jamie Stock made a motion to nominate Julia for a second term, seconded by Sandra Spann. By ballot vote, Julia was elected to another term on the council. Several names were introduced as potential nominees to fill the remaining two open positions, but they were not in attendance for acceptance of the nominations. There were no nominations from the floor. After reviewing the church constitution, it was decided to abide by the current bylaws which indicate that the current council persons would remain in their respective positions until the June meeting. At this time, they would then resign and the council would appoint the previously mentioned consenting nominees as new councilpersons who would then be assigned positions. Mae Laatsch volunteered to revise and bring the current bylaws up to date. The congregation thanked Lani Urbas for her service on the council and as president of the congregation.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Budget Report:** Jamie Stock gave a comprehensive budget review and presentation of the 2010-2011 budget. She explained how the budget was determined by comparing previous years' budgets versus actual. The budget for the 2010-2011 church year is \$252,905. Jamie again reported that expenses were down because of reasons similar to last year – volunteers for cleaning, office support, snow plowing, shoveling and other generous help; gifts of equipment and supplies; bare bones spending; and mild weather (air-conditioning and snow removal). She expressed gratitude and thanks to all the volunteers on behalf of the entire congregation. Jamie then presented an overview of recommended changes from the 2009-2010 budget. Those changes include: small changes in expense items; some small cuts to balance the budget; increased benevolence from \$6000 to \$8000; a 3% salary increase for staff; an increased pastoral salary to move toward meeting synod guidelines; combining line items for clarity; continuation of unfunded janitorial service; and moving the printing of the Tidings to a church publication versus a professional publication. After addressing several specific line items, Jeff Constable made a motion to approve the 2010-2011 budget as presented, seconded by Bob Crump. Motion passed. Bob Crump commended Jamie Stock for the complete and comprehensive financial reports that she consistently presents. The congregation unanimous agreed and thanked her for her dedication and service.

**Roof Committee Report:** In the absence of Glenn Franks (Maintenance chairperson), Pastor gave an overview of the progress to date concerning the repair/replacement of the roof. The committee - (Glenn Franks, Bob Dimperio, Steve Busch, Eric Bahner and Bob Crump) - are working diligently to seek a consistent and equitable comparison among bidding companies to determine the best option for the roof and for Trinity, both short and long term. When the committee recommendation has been presented to the council for approval, a special congregational meeting will be called to vote on a final plan. The congregation thanked Glenn and his committee for their efforts.

Jeff Constable made a motion to adjourn the annual meeting, seconded by Mae Laatsch. Motion passed. The meeting was closed with prayer, led by Pastor Dressel.

Linda Disch – Recording Secretary

## COUNCIL/COMMITTEE REPORTS

### PRESIDENT

Greetings in Christ,

It has once again been my pleasure to serve on Trinity's Church Council this past year. As President, I have been able to lead the Council in our monthly meetings and have overseen many events, activities, and decisions. Council meetings this past year have not only been a time to report and make decisions, they have also been about getting a chance to catch up and discuss things as a group. This did lead to what tended to be longer meetings but it was a great time of fellowship.

Trinity has had some turn over this year. Jennifer moved on to pursue different opportunities with her family and that left a vacancy. I was blessed to assist on the interview panel that hired Michelle Newton as our new church secretary.

I have also taken over the role of planning music for the Jubilee service every week in addition to leading the Worship Band. Chris had some pretty big shoes to fill and I am only covering just a few of his duties. It takes a little bit longer than I thought it would to match up music with the Bible readings for the day but I think I am getting the hang of it now!

I pray during this next year, Trinity will continue to be blessed! From what I have seen this year, many people have taken over volunteer roles at Trinity and each one of you has been a true blessing. God has been working in all of you! I am sure that this will continue in the coming year!

To end, I will leave you with a verse that Chris added to his yearly report. Since my influence is often musical, I thought it was fitting.

*"O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation! Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!" Psalm 95:1-2*

Respectfully submitted,  
Drew Schoeneck  
Council President

### VICE PRESIDENT/MAINTENANCE

This past year we have updated several areas of the church. Last fall, we installed a new roof, added a water heater, installed new carpet in the fellowship hall and kitchen, purchased and installed two new oven ranges and also a new commercial dish washer.

Thank you to all who donated time, support, and funds to make these projects happen.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Glenn Franks

### WORSHIP

The 2010-2011 church year proved to be another exciting and rewarding time for the Trinity Church congregation. The church's mission continues to be the bonding of the congregation/community and Christ as it relates to current and future endeavors. Trinity Church needs to continue focusing on the congregation for support in a timely manner to address any underlying issues that are deemed appropriate for it's survival.

Over the past year, we continued the traditional Sunday service structure with our early service at 8:15 a.m. in a traditional format and the second service at 10:30 a.m. in a contemporary format. The Wednesday night service provides an alternative to the Sunday services and is more casual.

Activities regarding the worship venue for Trinity Lutheran Church included baptism, confirmation, communion, marriage and funerals. The average weekly census for the combined worship service was 191 people for the calendar year 2010 versus 196 people in 2009.

According to Luther's works, the Christian people are identified by prayer, public praise and thanksgiving to God. Where you see and hear the Lord's Prayer prayed and taught, Psalms uttered, songs sung, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments in accordance with the word of God, one can be confident that Christian people of God are present.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Carson Hicks

## TREASURER

Trinity concluded the 2009-2010 fiscal year with a surplus of just over \$5,000. This was a result of completing our second year of "belt tightening" efforts. These excess funds would help us though the typically tough summer months and the added worry of how the economy would continue to affect us over the course of the 2010 - 2011 budget year.

The 2010 - 2011 Annual Budget passed the June 2010 annual meeting with a estimated income of \$252,905 and budgeted expenses of \$262,913 leaving a potential deficit of \$10,008, which could be covered by available reserves.

We dove into the new fiscal year with a sense of relief that we should be able to pay our summer bills if we continued to keep spending to a minimum. Giving over the summer was down as is usual in a church cycle however it was deeper than usual. We dove deeply into our reserves and prayed that this would not be continued throughout the fiscal year. Luckily, by October, giving recovered as more changes began to happen. In the fall, Chris Malueg, our Worship Director, resigned and we made the decision to not fill his position at this time. This allowed some breathing room as we had not fully recovered from the 'light' summer season. Although we had some worries about the transition period, giving continued to hold on and the congregation was very generous during the Christmas season. Then, in January 2011, Jennifer Vallier, our Office Manager also resigned. We had many wonderful volunteers help us get through the office duties until we could hire another. The Council decided we should increase the working hours of the Office Manager to help fill some of the gaps left by the loss of the Worship Director. Although this would be an increase to the budget for the Office Manager position, the loss of the Worship Director salary would accommodate the increase. The council felt this change would prove beneficial to the church overall. With the changes in place, we were fortunate that our giving continued to cover expenses though the rest of the 2010-2011 fiscal year.

At the end of our fiscal year, we were blessed with a total of \$247,496 in income and \$237,489 in expenses. This was the first time in many years that our income was an increase over the prior year. We were very blessed in a time where we would expect giving to be down. We, in turn, were able to exceed our \$8,000 commitment to Benevolence to bless others as we had been blessed. With our income exceeding our expenses, we added \$10,007 to our reserves as we continue into the new 2011 - 2012 fiscal year. Thank you to everyone for their generosity, volunteerism and continued commitment to the ministries of Trinity!

As we continue into the 2011—2012 fiscal year, we are grateful that we continue to grow in a time when many other churches are struggling. We pray that we continue to grow as a congregation both physically and spiritually and continue to be blessed with great volunteers. As you evaluate your giving in the upcoming year, consider your blessings and all the great things that are going on both here at Trinity and beyond our walls.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jamie Stock

### Income vs Expense Summary

	<u>Total Income</u>	<u>Total Expenses</u>	<u>Monthly Variance</u>
May	\$20,514.61	\$18,548.37	\$1,966.24
June	\$13,958.85	\$21,053.06	(\$7,094.21)
July	\$15,246.60	\$17,700.29	(\$2,453.69)
August	\$18,623.05	\$20,340.34	(\$1,717.29)
September	\$17,466.17	\$21,851.22	(\$4,385.05)
October	\$22,064.60	\$20,307.56	\$1,757.04
November	\$21,573.05	\$19,855.98	\$1,717.07
December	\$32,696.67	\$14,416.21	\$18,280.46
January	\$20,993.49	\$23,994.80	(\$3,001.31)
February	\$18,108.96	\$17,320.85	\$788.11
March	\$17,405.82	\$17,392.56	\$13.26
April	\$28,843.68	\$24,707.60	\$4,136.08
	<b>\$247,495.55</b>	<b>\$237,488.84</b>	<b>\$10,006.71</b>
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Last Year	<b>\$245,069.57</b>	<b>\$240,038.17</b>	<b>\$5,031.40</b>

### Expense vs Budget Summary

	<u>Total Expenses</u>	<u>Budgeted Expenses</u>	<u>Monthly Variance</u>
May	\$18,548.37	\$21,909.41	(\$3,361.04)
June	\$21,053.06	\$21,909.41	(\$856.35)
July	\$17,700.29	\$21,909.41	(\$4,209.12)
August	\$20,340.34	\$21,909.41	(\$1,569.07)
September	\$21,851.22	\$21,909.41	(\$58.19)
October	\$20,307.56	\$21,909.41	(\$1,601.85)
November	\$19,855.98	\$21,909.41	(\$2,053.43)
December	\$14,416.21	\$21,909.41	(\$7,493.20)
January	\$23,994.80	\$21,909.41	\$2,085.39
February	\$17,320.85	\$21,909.41	(\$4,588.56)
March	\$17,392.56	\$21,909.41	(\$4,516.85)
April	\$24,707.60	\$21,909.44	\$2,798.16
	<b>\$237,488.84</b>	<b>\$262,912.95</b>	<b>(\$25,424.11)</b>
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Last Year	<b>\$240,038.17</b>	<b>\$268,244.71</b>	<b>(\$28,206.54)</b>

### 2010 STATISTICS

#### Average Weekly Worship Attendance

2010	191
2009	196
2008	189
2007	199
2006	194
2005	200
2004	198
2003	211

Active membership total: 714

Infant Baptisms 12

Adult Baptisms 1

New Members 60

Deaths 6

## LONG RANGE PLANNING

Dear Trinity Family,

I am truly blessed and privileged to serve on your Trinity Church Council. The volunteer efforts of you fellow parishioners continues to amaze me.

During my second year on Council, the following goals were met:

Adult Bible Studies: Thanks to Lahna Anhalt for coordinating the studies. Monthly studies were held in the Anhalt home, the Constable home as well as in the Fireside Room at Trinity. The studies covered a variety of topics and each study had a different leader. I want to thank all of the participants as well as the following individuals who lead the discussions:

Joyce Takle & Jeana Lenz  
Charlie Pinckney & Kim O'Leary  
Lani Urbas & Shirley Wickersham  
Arlys Hawkes  
Eric & Kathy Bahner  
Darien & Becky Dierkes  
Karen Peters  
Dorothy Rasmussen

New Carpeting in the Fellowship Hall & Kitchen: Many thanks go out to Mae Laatsch for her generous contribution of new carpeting. It looks really nice and will last a long time.

Kitchen Appliances: New stoves and a dishwasher were purchased and installed. This was made possible by Memorial funds of Ray Wiedenfeld and Norma Trumpf with assistance from Abby Hale, Darla Behling and all who worked at the Holiday Luncheon.

My current goals are a weekend adult retreat and new flooring for the Gathering Space.

Your faithful friend in Christ,  
Steven Busch

## EASTER BREAKFAST

This year's Easter breakfast raised over \$500. All proceeds from this breakfast go towards youth scholarships to Bible Camp. The scholarship requires the applicant to assist with the Easter breakfast, and this year we received three applications. We are excited to be able to assist these youth in attending Bible Camp.

I would like to give a special thanks to Denise Schroeder and her family for helping in coordinating this year's Easter breakfast. In addition, I would like to thank everyone who donated items, time, and help with all aspects of the breakfast. Without your help, this event would not be possible.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Julia Wolfgram & Denise Schoeder

## AUDIT COMMITTEE

On June 2, 2011 the Audit Committee consisting of Kathy Bahner and Mae J. Laatsch audited the financial records of Trinity Lutheran Church for the time period of May 1, 2010 through April 30, 2011. The audit committee would like to congratulate you on the completion of the recommendations of the 2009-2010 Audit Committee.

We, as the Audit Committee wish to make the following two recommendations based upon the audit results.

- Rename the reports listed as the "Account Balance" in the Operating Fund Checkbook which lists the register of checks and deposits – this is for clarification purposes for the next audit committee.
- The Debit/Credit columns in the listing of the monthly checks and deposits in the above reports are mistakenly labeled. The amounts are correct but the titles of the columns debits and credits need to be reversed.

The Audit Committee found the financial records of the church to be very well organized and in good order.

Feel free to contact the Audit Committee members with any questions that you may have.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Mae Laatsch & Kathy Bahner

## COMMUNION BREAD

At this time, we have nine people preparing communion bread for our Jubilee service. Bread is brought in on Sunday mornings and then prepared for the service by the Altar Guild volunteer. We are always looking for more volunteers for making communion bread. The bread recipe is listed in our announcements and bread makers are rotated weekly. Anyone with questions or wishing to join our list of communion bread makers should contact Julia Wolfgram at 920-648-2419 or e-mail jawolfgram@charter.net.

Respectfully submitted,  
Julia Wolfgram

## NURSERY

We offer nursery services on Sundays during the 10:30 service, and we have anywhere from 2 to 10 children in attendance. In addition, this past year we provided care during the Marriage Course which was a huge success. Finally, last summer, we held Rainbow Club during our Sunday service following the Children's sermon. I would like to thank those who helped out in caring for our young ones.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Julia Wolfgram

## EDUCATION

As education committee chair, I had little to do this last year as the members involved in the Trinity Lutheran Education Programs are all very dedicated and gifted people. I thank everyone involved for their efforts in providing the members of our church with such excellent educational opportunities for our youth and adult members.

Sunday School had 109 children participate this past year. It was organized by the Sunday School Board consisting of chairperson, Katharine Schoeneck and board members, Marie Puttkamer, Chris Guckenberger, Traci Murphy, and Leah Fritche. Each grade had a mission (focus) as their theme for the year. The three- and four-year old's class mission was the Story of Jesus Birth and Noah's Ark. The first grade mission was How to Pray. The second grade mission was The Ten Commandments. The third grade mission was The Lord's Prayer and How to Use the Bible. The fourth grade mission was The Apostles Creed and the Old Testament. And the fifth grade mission was the Sacraments (Communion/Baptism) and New Testament. We had 18 volunteers serve as Sunday School Teachers this year. Many thanks for all their time and effort. First communion was celebrated by the fifth graders on April 10.

The YOW (Youth on Wednesday) program was very popular this year as the number of children participating seemed to grow weekly. Abby Hale was the YOW Ministry Coordinator with help from Pastor Mark and the volunteer adult table leaders. Along with learning about the Bible, the group helped provide a chili supper for the congregation as a fundraiser, conducted a food drive for the Lake Mills food pantry, volunteered at the St. Mark's soup kitchen, made blankets for the Jefferson County Humane Society, and volunteered for community service. They also helped with worship services and as helpers during various church activities. On May 15, the 2011 class was confirmed.

Seven members graduated from the Bethel Program and were recognized for their achievement on May 22. They were: Lahna Anhalt, Arlys Hawkes, Carrie Swinehart, Lani Urbas, Shirley Wickersham, Don Zimmerman, and Sandy Zimmerman. Congratulations to them all. A special thanks to Lahna Anhalt for helping organize the many Adult Bible Discussion Groups and all who hosted these groups.

Vacation Bible School will be August 14-18.

Prayerfully submitted,  
Greg Renz-Education Committee Chair

## SOCIAL CONCERNS

This past year our Trinity family has volunteered quarterly to serve and assist with the Soup Kitchen at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Madison.

Trinity's Sunday School held several service projects this past year. They made blankets for the Children's Hospital of Madison, and horse treats for a Horse Rehab facility in Oconomowoc. They also made "Cookies in a Jar" at Christmas and 30 Easter Baskets at Easter and donated them to the Lake Mills Food Pantry. In addition, the Sunday School also held a food collection for the Lake Mills Food Pantry and when dropping off the items, helped sort the food for putting on the shelves.

This past year, the YOW students held a scavenger hunt for food and donated 750 pounds of food to the Lake Mills Food Pantry. In addition, they are doing a "drive" for flip flops to be donated to St. Marks for the homeless where they are needed for taking showers. Finally, they made blankets to be donated to the Jefferson County Humane Society.

We are still working on the Family Promise program for the homeless families of Jefferson County. I would like to thank Mary Williams for being Trinity's representative.

During the summer months, as a congregation we will continue to collect food for the Lake Mills Food Pantry.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Julia Wolfgram

## ALTAR GUILD

At this time, we have six people who serve on the Altar Guild. The Altar Guild is responsible for preparing the communion for our Sunday and Wednesday worship services, filling candles, and changing paraments and Altar Cloths when needed. I would like to thank Wayne and Carol Moehrke for donating the wine for communion. We are always looking for more people to serve on the Altar Guild. We assign two volunteers per month to share duties. Anyone wishing to know more about the Altar Guild can contact Julia Wolfgram at 920-648-2419 or e-mail [jawolfgram@charter.net](mailto:jawolfgram@charter.net).

Respectfully submitted,  
Julia Wolfgram

## PASTORAL REPORT

Dear Friends,

Greetings. As I reflect back on the past year, I am amazed at the resilience and resourcefulness of this congregation. In many ways, business has continued as usual. As a congregation, we have welcomed new members into our midst. We have celebrated the baptism of 15 people and the confirmation of 15 more. We continued many of our favorite programs and events including Sunday School, Trinity Camping Trip, Youth on Wednesday, Vacation Bible School, Trinity Talent Showcase, and Easter Worship. We opened our doors for blood drives, adoption seminars and Daisy Girl Scouts. We even celebrated the replacement of our roof, kitchen appliances and fellowship hall carpeting thanks to the generosity of many members and friends.

This continuation of vibrant ministry is made all the more amazing by the fact that we bid a fond farewell to two of our beloved staff people. Our worship director, Chris Malueg, accepted a position at McFarland Lutheran at the end of October. Our office administrator, Jennifer Vallier, resigned at the end of January to tend to the needs of her family. Chris and Jennifer helped form a capable and personable administrative backbone that facilitated the ministry that the rest of us do.

As we evaluated our resources and needs in their absence, we decided to make use of the strong core of musical talent that Chris had gathered and seek to grow our music ministry from within. A big thank you to Drew Schoeneck, Linda Disch, Betty Oertel, Emily Lessner, Mary Williams, Karen Brander, Al Rominsky, Nate Johnson and many others who have voluntarily given of their gifts to help facilitate the music and worship ministry of Trinity.

The office administrator position was covered for an interim period by Becky Dierkes and Debbie Haines before being filled by the exceptionally proficient Michelle Newton.

The astonishing thing about this period of staff transition is not the transition itself, as staff members come and go and is to be expected. Lives change and our ability to facilitate the ministry of the congregation shifts. What IS surprising, is how smoothly Trinity's ministry continued through this period. It underscores how strongly God has gifted you for ministry. Over the past year, not only have existing ministries continued, but we played host to a resounding Community Thanksgiving Eve service, witnessed the creation of a handbell choir, and celebrated the first session of the Marriage Course which was attended by seventeen couples.

As we continue into the future, I believe that Trinity can develop even more fully as a community where people help each other grow in faith and share Christ's love.

To this end, we are putting together a new Bible study format for next year. It will begin in October with a two hour session on successful Bible reading called "Opening the Bible." On November 5<sup>th</sup> we will offer an opportunity to walk through the first five books (Genesis to Deuteronomy) of the Bible. Then in the spring, we take another day to walk through the next eleven books, from Joshua to Nehemiah. Our goal is to encourage contact with the word of God by providing tools for Bible reading, encouraging specific Bible reading, and offering an engaging, interactive and enjoyable review of Bible content.

To strengthen our ability to share Christ's love, over the last six months we have developed a new web site which we will continue to refine in the coming weeks and months. Our hope for this site is that it would serve the double purpose of introducing new people to Trinity and helping existing members navigate the opportunities that Trinity has to offer. We are already using it to allow members and friends to register and pay for Vacation Bible School online. We are posting our newsletter and volunteer schedules online. And we are offering event descriptions and photo pages to introduce and celebrate the ministries that Trinity facilitates. In addition, we are making better use of Facebook and e-mail to keep members and friends informed of what is happening at Trinity.

As a congregation, our primary goal is to help people make a positive, life-changing connection with Jesus Christ. I believe this can be done best by providing engaging, meaningful ways to consider how God works in the world and by providing information and opportunities for people to work with God for the good of the world.

It has been an exhausting year of transition, but I believe that Trinity has come through it well-positioned to help members and friends grow in faith and share Christ's love as we move into the future. There is a world that is longing to know God's love and power more deeply. It has been a privilege to serve with God and with you in facilitating the relationship between creator and creation. I look forward to our shared ministry in the coming year.

Yours in Christ,  
Pastor Mark Dressel



# TRINITY PINES REPORT

## **Trinity Pines Retirement Center, Inc. ANNUAL REPORT TO MEMBERS**

### **To the Voting Members of Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church of Lake Mills And residents of Trinity Pines Retirement Center**

Trinity Pines completed its 22<sup>nd</sup> year as a proven asset to the Lake Mills area, where senior citizens can simplify their lifestyle without leaving their friends and normal social activities. Throughout these many years we have always been true to our mission of balancing the independent living needs of our residents with the need for a loving, caring community.

During 2010 Trinity Pines experienced a relatively high turnover. We said “good-bye” to eight long-time residents who had reached a stage where they needed close personal health care or passed away. Because of our strong Waiting List (12 at this time) most open apartments were filled quickly. Our financial occupancy rate is 97% and all apartments are occupied or reserved at this time. We do continue to face the problem that some on the Waiting List wish to move in, but cannot do so because of the severe slump in the housing market. We look forward to an improved economy and await their move to Trinity Pines.

Financially, The Pines continues to be very strong. Income exceeded all expenses including depreciation, resulting in an increase in the reserve escrow for future building improvements. The board has worked hard to control the costs of operations while assuring that we continue to meet our mission of serving the needs of our senior citizen residents. In recognition of the impact the current recessionary economy is having on our residents, the Board of Directors elected to maintain the current level of fees for rent services into 2010. Due to increasing food costs, the Food Service Fees have been increased \$.25 per meal, a 4% increase.

It is important to the board that we continue to maintain our facilities and services to the high standards every resident has come to appreciate and insure our future as a proven community asset. The major facility projects for 2010 were the replacement of attic sprinkler system pipes, refurbishing of the main kitchen and approval for the installation of a bathroom in the basement near the craft and exercise rooms. Projects like this continue our dedication to keeping Trinity Pines in “like new” condition and to be a place we can all be proud of. I invite all church members to take the opportunity to tour this beautiful building. Please see our manager, Brad Anderson to arrange for a tour.

Our Food Service staff and our Outreach Coordinator continue to lend their talents to further develop the nutritional, social, and educational programs we provide our residents. Throughout 2010 we have had high utilization of the meal program along with many new activities set up to encourage community members to participate and interact with our residents. These programs serve to greatly improve the social opportunities for our residents and the overall awareness of the valuable asset Trinity Pines has become to the senior citizens of the Lake Mills area.

At all times, we strive to achieve the mission of Trinity Lutheran Church, by providing senior citizens and handicapped persons with housing facilities and services especially designed to meet their physical, social, psychological and spiritual needs and to promote their health, security, happiness and usefulness in longer living.

I encourage all members of the congregation to become acquainted with this remarkable community asset that you have sponsored.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Bob Dimperio, Chair  
Board of Directors, Trinity Pines Retirement Center, Inc.



## 2010 OFFICIAL ACTS

### BAPTISMS ( 15)

**January 31, 2010**

**Julianne Marie Cromey** (born: 10/23/84)

Sponsors: Erica Hunt & Dan Raatz

**March 28, 2010**

**Skylar Mae Raatz** (born: 3/24/09)

Sponsors: Kevin Hunt, Rhiannon Stivarius, Julianne Cromey

Parents: Erica Hunt & Dan Raatz

**June 27, 2010**

**Kayla Jade Wegner** (born: 6/5/10)

Sponsors: Joshua Wegner & Tracy Smith

Parents: Jacob & Casey Wegner

**September 19, 2010**

**Ezekiel Daniel Swingen** (born: 8/11/10)

Sponsors: Janelle Bagneski & Travis Tutt

Parents: Dawn Richwalski & Tim Swingen

**September 19, 2010**

**Cameron Ray Benish** (Born: 10/26/09)

Sponsors: Colin Shepard & Teri Henderson

Parents: Ryan & Jaelyn Benish

**September 19, 2010**

**Henry Peter Corsten** (Born: 7/19/10)

Sponsors: Alejandro Amaya, Carol Amaya, Jessica Corsten

Parents: Craig & Laura Corsten

**September 26, 2010**

**Molly Layne Lessner** (Born: 8/18/10)

Sponsors: Stuart Vanden Heuvel & Todd & Jodi Lessner

Parents: Ryan & Emily Lessner

**September 26, 2010**

**Madilyn Rhi Stivarius** (Born: 6/20/10)

Sponsors: Kane Edge, Santana Zahn, Trista Heuer

Parents: Ben & Rhiannon Stivarius

**October 17, 2010**

**Leighton Grace Cowley** (born: 3/23/10)

Sponsors: Brooke & Chad Schakelman and Jason & Angie Cowley

Parents: Danielle & Jared Cowley

**October 24, 2010**

**Connor Grayson Koets** (born: 9/1/10)

Sponsors: Andrew Weber

Parents: Steve & Katie Koets

### *Baptisms (continued)*

**October 24, 2010**

**Lyndsey Jane Bender** (born: 4/20/10)

Sponsors: Lelia Haeger

Parents: Jim & Holly Bender

**November 7, 2010**

**Annabelle Catherine Hockett** (Born: 5/8/10)

Sponsors: Rachel Newhouse, Justin Riedl, Starr Redhail

Parents: Dennis Hockett, Jr. and Bobbi Joyce Hockett

**November 10, 2010**

**Noah Daniel McMahon** (Born: 7/13/10)

Sponsors: Sonja Jesberg & Micah Behm

Parents: Lacey Behm & Justin McMahon

**November 14, 2010**

**Olivia Lois Wickus** (Born: 9/3/10)

Sponsors: Ty Neupert, Craig VanValin and Mark Wickus

Parents: Matt & Nicole Wickus

**December 15, 2010**

**Robert Clare Kravik, Jr.** (Born: 1/12/10)

Sponsors: Tim & Dawn Topel

Parents: Robert & Deana Kravik

### CONFIRMED (15)

**Lexi Butry**

Parents: Mark & Lori Butry

**Nicole Drayna**

Parents: Kim & Chris Buchholtz and Dave Drayna

**Morgan Hardy**

Parents: Trav & Lorie Hardy

**Alyssa Hyde**

Parents: Scott & Tricia Hyde

**Turner Moen**

Parents: Shane & Pam Moen

**Daniel Olson**

Parents: Ole & Renee Olson

**Patrick Puttkamer**

Parents: Rick & Marie Puttkamer

**Brandon Rue**

Parents: Dawn Bilitz and Rich Rue

## 2010 OFFICIAL ACTS, CONTINUED

### *Comfirmants (continued)*

**Kasi Samson**

Parents: John & Carolee Samson

**Bret Sanders**

Parents: Dean & Lori Sanders

**Catlin Topel**

Parents: Tim and Dawn Topel

**Patience Vallier**

Parents: Jon and Jennifer Vallier

**Jennifer Vellender**

Parents: Ken & DeeAnn Persson

**Grant Mahr**

Parents: John & Amy Mahr

**Gavin Mahr**

Parents: John & Amy Mahr

### **NEW MEMBERS (37)**

#### **Received April 25, 2010 (16)**

Andrew Cary and Karene Durant  
LaVerna Eilenfeldt  
William and Linda Haakenson  
Ryan and Emily Lessner  
and Brady (2 yrs)  
Matthew and Kathleen Neitzel  
and Christian (12 yrs.) and Konstanze (11 yrs.)  
Allison Renz and Andrew Wiedenfeld  
Jacob and Casey Wegner

#### **Received May 5, 2010 (7)**

Michelle Schmidt  
and Samantha (3 yrs.) and Kacey (6 yrs.)  
Ryan and Wendy Tesch  
and Courtney (13 yrs) and Hannah (11 yrs)

#### **Received October 10, 2010 (14)**

Ryan and Jaclyn Benish  
and Brady (2 yrs) and Cameron (1 yr)  
Michael and Linda Branzolewski  
and Lucas (4 yrs) and Clara (2 yrs)  
Chad and Dawn Patrick  
and Ashli (9 yrs), Logan (6 yrs) and Tyler (3 yrs)  
Michael Sand

### **WEDDINGS (5)**

**January 2, 2010**

Daniel Paul Bilitz & Dawn Lorraine Miller

**March 27, 2010**

Lars Skulborstad & Jessica Dierksmeier

**June 19, 2010**

Nathanial Pekul & Jennifer Jordan

**August 27, 2010**

Dennis Hockett, Jr & Bobbi Joyce Beale

**October 30, 2010**

Andy Cary & Karene Durant

### **FUNERALS (9)**

**Lee Richard Green, Sr.** (member) Born: August 14, 1922  
Died: January 28, 2010 Memorial Service: Feb 2, 2010  
Interment at Sunset Memorial Gardens, Rockford, Illinois

**Raymond C. Widish, Jr.** Born: February 27, 1932  
Died: April 10, 2010 Memorial Service: April 15, 2010  
Interment at Rock Lake Cemetery

**Kathy J. Pomplun** Born: September 15, 1958  
Died: April 21, 2010 Memorial Service: April 24, 2010  
Interment at Rock Lake Cemetery

**Robert Anderson** Born: May 30, 1987  
Died: June 13, 2010 Memorial Service: June 17, 2010  
Interment at Rock Lake Cemetery

**Thomas Allen Rubedor** (member) Born: December 1, 1933  
Died: July 16, 2010 Memorial Service: July 21, 2010  
Interment at Rock Lake Cemetery

**Dawn I. Wilson** (member) Born: January 14, 1942  
Died: August 13, 2010 Memorial Service: Aug 20, 2010  
Interment at Rock Lake Cemetery

**Frances Louise Coutts** (member) Born: July 18, 1928  
Died: August 14, 2010 Memorial Service: Aug 26, 2010  
Interment at Rock Lake Cemetery

**Dale J. Anhalt** (member) Born: October 13, 1942  
Died: October 15, 2010 Memorial Service: Oct 23, 2010  
Interment at Rock Lake Cemetery

**Raymond F. Wiedenfeld** (member) Born: May 29, 1925  
Died: October 21, 2010 Memorial Service: Oct 31, 2010  
Interment at Rock Lake Cemetery