



TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH  
2012 ANNUAL REPORT

***Annual Congregational Meeting***  
***June 3, 2012***  
***9:15 a.m.***



# ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA

June 3, 2012

Opening Devotion

Approval of Minutes of the June 5, 2011 Annual Meeting

Reports of the Pastor, Congregation Council, Committees and others

Elections

- Audit Committee ~ 1 position for a three-year term
- 2013 Synod Assembly Representatives (May 3-5 in Middleton) ~ 2 people
- Congregational Council ~ 4 open positions, 3 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, June 5, 2011

The annual meeting of Trinity Lutheran Church was held in the Gathering Space at 9:15 a.m. on June 5, 2011. The meeting was called to order by Drew Schoeneck, Church Council President. Pastor Mark Dressel shared an opening prayer, asking God to guide us to continue to do His ministry. The minutes from the 2010 Annual Meeting were reviewed. Finding no corrections, a motion to approve the minutes as presented was made by Dennis Hawkes, seconded by Steve Nass. Motion passed. The congregation was asked to review the committee reports found in the Annual Report. There were no corrections or comments at this time.

### ELECTIONS:

**Audit Committee:** Kathy Bahner gave a brief explanation of the purpose and duties of the audit committee. Kathy complemented Kim O'Leary on the excellent job she does as our bookkeeper. There is an opening for one committee member. Drew asked for nominations from the floor. Steve Nass nominated Deb Haines, seconded by Kathy Bahner. Dennis Hawkes then moved to close the nominations and asked for a voice vote. The nomination of Deb Haines to serve a member of the 2011-2012 audit committee was unanimously approved.

**Synod Assembly Representatives:** In addition to Pastor, two congregation members are needed to represent Trinity at the Synod Assembly May 5-6, 2012. Nancy Koopman volunteered to be nominated, seconded by Sharon Franks. Sharon Franks volunteered to be nominated as the second representative to the Assembly, seconded by Nancy Koopman. The congregation unanimously approved both nominations.

**Council:** There are four open positions council position to fill. Glenn Franks and Linda Disch have consented to serve another three-year term on the council. Steven Busch made a motion, seconded by Charlie Pinckney, to nominate Glenn and Linda to a second term. There were no objections from the floor. Motion passed. The remaining two open positions are a three-year term and a one-year term (to fill a vacated position). Hearing no nominations from the congregation, Pastor Mark made a motion to commission the Council to fill the one and three-year vacancies. Steve Nass seconded the motion. Motion passed. (Filling those positions were Karen Brander for the 3 year term and Trish Fullerton for the 1 year term.)

### TREASURER'S REPORT—Jamie Stock:

**Review of 2010-2011 Fiscal Year:** At this time, Trinity has approximately a \$25,000 surplus/ cushion due to the faithful giving and the many volunteers who have generously shared their gifts and talents in the areas of: office support, janitorial duties, money counting, music, bulletin preparation, equipment donation, repair, lawn care, snow removal, teachers, Bible study leaders and many more not listed here. We, Trinity Lutheran Congregation members, are grateful to all who help maintain our building and our worship life. To show our gratitude, we served cake in honor of all our volunteers for their dedicated service to Trinity.

**The 2011-2012 Budget:** Jamie stated that after intense budget preparation, the committee is presenting the budget with the projected income for the 2011-2012 as \$248,250.00, very close to last year. The projected budgetary expenses are \$248,186.72. This is a difference of \$63.28.

**Overview of Changes for the 2011-2012 budget:** 1) Our benevolence giving has been increased from \$8,000 to \$14,000. This will bring us to a 7% designation, closer to the desired 10%. 2) All paid employees were given an increase in salary. 3) With the salary increase, Pastor Mark's package is now current with the Synod Guidelines. 4) A small benefit package has been added to the Office Assistant's overall salary.

**Approval:** After a brief discussion and clarification of budgetary line item questions, Sharon Franks made a motion, seconded by Gary Martinson, to approve the 2011-2012 budget as presented. The congregation voted to approve the budget. Motion passed. In addition, there was a thank you to the budget committee and to Jamie Stock, who continues to be an outstanding treasurer for our church.

There was no unfinished or new business at this time. Julia Wolfgram made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Deb Haines. Motion passed by the congregation present.

The meeting was closed with a prayer led by Pastor Dressel.

Prayerfully submitted,  
Linda Disch, Council Secretary

# PASTORAL REPORT

Dear Friends,

This past year of ministry at Trinity has been dynamic and exciting.

We continue to pursue our primary goal of helping people make a positive, life-changing connection with Jesus Christ. As our mission statement puts it, we seek to be "Growing in faith, sharing Christ's love."

How we go about it has adapted to the changing circumstances of our community and our world. From the outside, I suspect that many of our ministries look largely unchanged.

- We continue to worship twice on Sunday and once on Wednesday evening.
- Sunday School continues to be a wonderful formative influence on our children's faith.
- Youth on Wednesday remains an inspiring program for Middle Schoolers.
- We again hosted Vacation Bible School, Friendship Fair, Trinity Talent Showcase, Marriage Course, Holiday Soup and Sandwich Luncheon, Sunday School Christmas Program, Ladies Lunch Out, Trinity's Trees that Give, and more.

In addition, this year we added:

- Wine, Women and Word (book club),
- Opening and Walking through the Bible,
- And the Trinity Ringers handchime choir.

The subtle difference, as time goes by, is that we are able to do more with these programs.

In worship and education, we are finding more video resources available and we are better able to use them. We are also better able to use projection technology to facilitate existing programs (for instance, last year we projected the words for the Sunday School Christmas Program on the back wall to help the students' presentation.)

Our sound capability has developed over the years so that people attending Trinity events are able to hear more clearly. With the gracious contribution of a second portable sound system, we are now able to host events throughout the building and have participants able to hear.

We are slowly exploring the possible benefits of Social Media. Over the past year, we have come to more fully recognize the value of e-mail notifications and reminders of

Trinity events. As we move forward, we are exploring the opportunities to connect with people through Facebook (like us on Facebook!). We have also discovered QR codes (those little square things that you can scan with your cell phone) to help people find more information through our web site. In addition, we now offer online registration for numerous events.

In terms of staffing, we welcomed our first full year with Michelle Newton serving as our lead office staffer. The church continues to benefit from the hard work of Kim O'Leary as bookkeeper, Julia Wolfram as nursery coordinator, and Linda Disch and Kim O'Leary as worship accompanists with occasional help from Emma Koeppel. We also recognize a change in leadership at Trinity Pines as Brad Anderson concluded his capable tenure and handed the reins to Ann Lee.

The real power that God provides for Trinity, however is through your partnership in this ministry. I am hard pressed to name a person who has not in some way contributed to the mission of the church. In Vacation Bible School alone, we had 60 adult volunteers. In YOW, we had at least 15. In Sunday School, we benefitted from 25. The Marriage Course was hosted by a team of 12. Worship, on any given Sunday morning takes the efforts of around 15 dedicated volunteers, and more if you include preparation (sanctuary preparation, bulletins and children's bags) and follow-up (offering counting). I am so grateful to everyone who gives of their God-given energy, skills and resources to help drive this ministry.

As we look to next fall, we are tentatively planning to offer "The Parenting Course" developed by the same team as "The Marriage Course." We are also planning to host Dynamic Prayer Meetings (Prayer on Sunday) before worship during the fall. And we are pleased to offer "Walking through the Bible - Joshua through Nehemiah" which was postponed from this past spring. Additionally, we are in the beginning stages of developing more opportunities for High School students.

I look forward to what the coming year will bring. I expect that it will contain many opportunities to serve and plenty of moments to see God at work.

Yours in Christ,  
Pastor Mark Dressel

# 2011-2012 COUNCIL/COMMITTEE REPORTS

## PRESIDENT

Greetings in Christ,

It has been my pleasure to serve on Trinity's Church Council as President once again this past year. Our meetings have continued to be a time of fellowship and council members have been great at finding meaningful devotions that fit the current topics and times with which we were faced.

As this was my second year as President, I built on my experience and felt very comfortable leading the Council in our monthly meetings and overseeing many events, activities, and decisions. The President's role might not come with a lot of individual activity, as far as things to be reported on, but I made it a point to try to help and facilitate other Council members in their activities whenever I could. One issue that I did focus on was the newly-enacted concealed carry legislation and how Trinity wanted to respond to it. I have also continued to serve Trinity as a worship coordinator, selecting music for the weekly Jubilee service and leading the worship band.

After prayerful consideration and talking with family and others, I have decided not to seek reelection to the Church Council. I have served as both Vice-President and President of the Council over the past three years and it has truly been a blessing! I plan to focus on my duties as a worship coordinator and worship band leader and continue to stay involved at Trinity, just not in the capacity of a member of the Council. I hope that in the future, I may once again be able to serve the church as a member of the council.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to serve as the President of Trinity's Church Council. Trinity has been blessed over the past three years and I pray that the same trend continues! I know the new and returning Council members will continue to do a great job, and I hope that I can offer them help and support when I can!

Respectfully submitted,  
Drew Schoeneck  
Council President

## 2011 STATISTICS

### Average Weekly Worship Attendance

<b>2011</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>194</b>
<b>2010</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>200</b>
<b>2009</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>198</b>
<b>2008</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>211</b>
<b>2007</b>	<b>199</b>		

<b>Active membership total:</b>	<b>714</b>
<b>Infant Baptisms</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Adult Baptisms</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>New Members</b>	<b>50</b>
<b>Deaths</b>	<b>3</b>

## LONG RANGE PLANNING

Dear Trinity Family,

I am truly blessed, privileged and honored to serve on your Trinity Church Council. The continuing ministry efforts of all of you are monumental.

In March, I attended the ELCA Synod's L.E.A.D. (Leadership Education and Development) conference. This was a day for rostered and lay leaders of all churches in our area to meet and learn about the many different aspects of a church's ministries and how to better your practices. I learned that Trinity Lutheran Church is truly an authentic faith community, where we care about others and we connect people with others.

The relationships I have cultivated with many of you, are an investment which I continue to receive countless returns on. I challenge each of you to greet (i.e. "I don't think I've met you yet.") one new person (family) a month. Invest in each other to cultivate relationships. You will be glad you did.

A project I completed this past year, was to upgrade the seating comfort in the Fellowship Hall. New plastic chairs were purchased to replace the metal chairs. A goal for this upcoming fiscal year is to upgrade the flooring in the Gathering Space.

I welcome each of you to GREET me, so I can continue to have many more countless returns.

Your faithful friend in Christ,  
Steven Busch  
Long Range Planning Committee Chair  
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## TREASURER

Trinity began this fiscal year with an addition to our surplus of just over \$10,000 as we completed our third full year of “belt tightening” efforts. This additional surplus would help us though the summer months as we continued to worry about how the economy would affect us over the course of the 2011 - 2012 budget year.

The 2011 – 2012 annual budget passed during the June 2011 annual meeting had an estimated income of \$248,250 and budgeted expenses of \$248,186. We knew this budget was tight and could be difficult if giving went down due to the economy. We also recognized that the budgeted expenses were down greatly from the prior year due to a staffing reduction and the continued plan to keep to spending to a minimum.

We dove into the new fiscal year with a sense of relief that we should be able to pay our summer bills out of our surplus, if necessary, and if we continued to keep spending to a minimum. Giving over the summer was down as is usual in a church cycle, however not as much as it had been in previous years. As the congregation moved into fall, giving continued to remain strong and expenses remained low as the new staff and volunteers settled into their positions. The good news allowed the council to consider some capital expenditures that would be beneficial to the congregation for the first time in many years. As the fiscal year continued and the monetary situation remained strong with the assistance of a warm winter, the council approved a number of capital expenses during this fiscal year including items such as new worship projectors, a new laptop computer, and also new chairs for the fellowship hall while still remaining within our budget. Even with these capital expenses our expenses were up less than \$3,000 over the prior year and well below our income. Also, during this fiscal year, the congregation was blessed with a large donation which the council made the decision to give 10% to the greater church and use the other 90% to reduce the balance on the mortgage by \$45,000 while keeping the same term. This gift along with a reduction in our interest rate will save the annual budget over \$6,000 a year in mortgage expenses and allow our congregation to focus on growth verse survival in the upcoming years.

At the end of our fiscal year, we were blessed with a total of \$261,892 of income and only \$240,425 in expenses. This was the first time in many years that we had a significant increase in income and we were very blessed in a time where we would expect giving to be down or at least remain flat. We, in turn, were able to exceed our \$14,000 commitment to benevolence to bless others as we had been blessed. With our income exceeding our expenses, we added \$21,647 to our surplus as we continue into the new 2011 – 2012 budget year. We thank everyone for their generosity, volunteerism and continued commitment to the ministries of Trinity!

As we continue into our new 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 here at Trinity and beyond our walls.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jamie Stock, Treasurer

### Income vs Expense Summary

	<u>Total Income</u>	<u>Total Expenses</u>	<u>Monthly Variance</u>
May	\$20,487.34	\$16,947.61	\$3,539.73
June	\$19,315.40	\$19,555.89	(\$240.49)
July	\$17,415.15	\$17,819.82	(\$404.67)
August	\$17,440.20	\$19,173.76	(\$1,733.56)
September	\$20,327.38	\$23,456.77	(\$3,129.39)
October	\$22,553.75	\$18,060.91	\$4,492.84
November	\$20,912.63	\$23,046.27	(\$2,133.64)
December	\$26,956.95	\$18,025.72	\$8,931.23
January	\$24,087.88	\$19,633.94	\$4,453.94
February	\$21,806.24	\$22,384.91	(\$578.67)
March	\$20,545.11	\$18,181.14	\$2,363.97
April	\$30,043.96	\$23,958.36	\$6,085.60
	<b>\$261,891.99</b>	<b>\$240,245.10</b>	<b>\$21,646.89</b>

<b>Last Year</b>	<b>\$247,495.55</b>	<b>\$237,488.84</b>	<b>\$10,006.71</b>
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### Expense vs Budget Summary

	<u>Total Expenses</u>	<u>Budgeted Expenses</u>	<u>Monthly Variance</u>
May	\$16,947.61	\$20,682.23	(\$3,734.62)
June	\$19,555.89	\$20,682.23	(\$1,126.34)
July	\$17,819.82	\$20,682.23	(\$2,862.41)
August	\$19,173.76	\$20,682.23	(\$1,508.47)
September	\$23,456.77	\$20,682.23	\$2,774.54
October	\$18,060.91	\$20,682.23	(\$2,621.32)
November	\$23,046.27	\$20,682.23	\$2,364.04
December	\$18,025.72	\$20,682.23	(\$2,656.51)
January	\$19,633.94	\$20,682.22	(\$1,048.28)
February	\$22,384.91	\$20,682.22	\$1,702.69
March	\$18,181.14	\$20,682.22	(\$2,501.08)
April	\$23,958.36	\$20,682.22	\$3,276.14
	<b>\$240,245.10</b>	<b>\$248,186.72</b>	<b>(\$7,941.62)</b>

<b>Last Year</b>	<b>\$237,488.84</b>	<b>\$262,912.95</b>	<b>(\$25,424.11)</b>
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## WORSHIP

I am pleased to report to the Trinity Church congregation that the Church had another successful year under the leadership of Pastor mark Dressel. The Trinity Church mission continues to focus on the congregation and the community at large in the Lake Mills area. This mission involves the bonding of the congregation/community with Christ our savior. More specifically, we accept the confession of faith as it relates to the Church and life as Christians.

This year, the worship committee had responsibility for all matters pertaining to the congregational worship, scheduling of church personnel, and the spiritual care of the congregation. In 2011, Trinity continued with the first Sunday service being traditional in nature followed by the second service being more contemporary. The alternate was the Wednesday night service. Religious activities in the worship area include Baptisms, Confirmations, Communion, Marriages, Funerals, Sunday School, Bethel Series Classes, Bible Study, Vacation Bible School and Walking Through the Bible. Additionally, the church added a significant number of new members to the church's census in 2011. The average weekly census for the combined worship services was 205 in 2011 versus 186 in 2010.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Carson Hicks, Worship 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 Easter decorations to decorate the Fellowship Hall for the Easter Breakfast. Several of our projects are for our local food pantry. In December they made "Cookies in a Jar", in April they made 30 Easter Baskets, and in February they held a food collection.

This past year, the YOW students held a food scavenger hunt and in one hour collected 855 pounds of food that was donated to the Lake Mills Food Pantry.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Julia Wolfgram

## AUDIT COMMITTEE

Dear Trinity Lutheran Church:

On May 29, 2012, the Audit Committee consisting of Debra Haines and Mae J. Laatsch audited the financial records of Trinity Lutheran Church for the time period of May 1, 2011 through April 30, 2012. The audit committee would like to congratulate you on the completion of the recommendations of the 2010-2011 Audit Committee.

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

- The monthly reports should contain notes at the bottom of the report with an explanation of any large or unusual transaction that resulted in an overage or a large expense – this is for clarification purposes for the next audit committee.
- There should be a Miscellaneous Expense Account in the amount of at least 10% of the total budget that could be used to settle any budget overages that may result. This would give the audit committee an idea of where the funds were taken from. There should also be a note of this transaction on the monthly report.

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.

Sincerely,  
Mae Laatsch & Debra Haines

## EASTER BREAKFAST

This year's Easter breakfast raised over \$500 to use for scholarships to any youth or family wishing to go to Bible Camp. We would like to thank all those who donated items for this year's breakfast and also a special thanks to Mae Laatsch and all the other volunteers who stepped up and helped with serving and resetting tables, and of course clean-up. Without all of you (donators and volunteers), this event would not be possible.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Julia Wolfgram & Denise Schroeder

## ALTAR GUILD

At this time, we have eight people who serve on the Altar Guild. The Altar Guild is responsible for preparing the communion for our worship services, filling candles, and changing paraments and Altar cloths when needed. This year, we received a special gift of new communion ware dedicated in honor of Carol Wolfgram and Trinity's Christmas decorators. We are always looking for more people to serve on the Altar Guild. Two volunteers are assigned 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

## COMMUNION BREAD

At this time, we have 12 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. 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](mailto:jawolfgram@charter.net).

Respectfully submitted,  
Julia Wolfgram, Altar Guild Coordinator

## MAINTENANCE

Below is a listing of the maintenance projects that we worked on this past year.

1. The installation of the Handicap door on the west door into the Gathering Space.
2. We replaced the leaky faucet in the kitchen island.
3. We had damage to roof shingles due to strong winds. These have been replaced.
4. Repaired broken fan blade (age) on one of the furnaces.
5. Made brackets for banister for more support of the communion rail.
6. Ongoing maintenance—replacement of lamps in the fixtures and furnace filters.
7. Vent for men's restroom was blown off from the wind and found the belt for the fan was broken. Tested motor and found that was bad also. Replacement parts have been ordered and will be installed when received.

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

Respectfully Submitted,  
Glenn Franks  
Vice President and Maintenance Chair

## 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.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Julia Wolfgram



# 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 23<sup>rd</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 2011 Trinity Pines has experienced for the first time in many years vacant apartments. The continuing depressed housing market has now severely impacted our ability to maintain and recruit new residents. Despite a strong Waiting List (10 at this time) most prospective residents are unable or unwilling to sell their houses in this market. Our financial occupancy rate for 2011 was a sound 93%, but at the end of the year we have six apartments that are vacant and awaiting occupancy. The Board of Directors has focused their attention on this matter and is seeking out business strategies to maintain Trinity Pines position as a valuable asset to the Lake Mills community and the senior citizens we serve.

Financially, The Pines continues to be very strong. Due to the current business conditions, income was less than our expenses including depreciation. 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 2012. 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 project for 2011 was the addition of bathroom facilities in the basement to accommodate residents using the game, exercise and craft rooms; and convenient for residents when they use the underground parking garage. 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 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 2011 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.

Brad Anderson, who has managed Trinity Pines for the past 13 years, has provided the board with his notice of pending retirement in mid-2012. We are sincerely appreciative of Brad's service and talents which have led The Pines to achieve our high standards of service and support to our residents, upkeep and multiple improvements to our facilities and the financial viability to support our mission. We wish him well in his retirement.

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.



## 2011 OFFICIAL ACTS

### BAPTISMS (9)

**February 13, 2011**

**Harper Kay Gerczak** (born: 11/12/10)  
Sponsors: Scott Gerczak & Tammy Wade  
Parents: Andy & Shauna Gerczak

**May 1, 2011**

**Jolie Emma Schoeneck** (born: 4/5/11)  
Sponsors: Andrew Bade, Alisha Heimstreet, Sam Schoeneck  
Parents: Andrew & Katharine Schoeneck

**May 8, 2011**

**Elaina Christine Hamilton** (born: 12/8/10)  
Sponsors: Georgette & Pat Dermody  
Parents: Chris & Tracy Hamilton

**June 5, 2011**

**Braxton Frederick Cromey** (born: 1/28/11)  
Sponsors: Erica Raatz, Bobbi Joyce Hockett & Lance Winslow  
Parents: Brandon & Julianne Cromey

**July 13, 2011**

**Elijah Harold Medenwaldt** (born: 5/9/11)  
Sponsors: Scott Schultz & Kate Coomes  
Parents: Jody & Julie Medenwaldt

**August 21, 2011**

**Ethan Robert Dock** (born: 7/6/11)  
Sponsors: Amanda Rudersdorf & Jordan Dock  
Parents: Lucas & Angela Dock

**September 18, 2011**

**Hannah Leigh Billinghamurst** (born: 7/3/10)  
Sponsors: Paul Billinghamurst & Melanie Billinghamurst  
Parents: Randall & Andrea Billinghamurst

**November 6, 2011**

**Zachary Alexander Newhouse** (born: 9/6/11)  
Sponsors: Andrew Schmelzer & Rhiannon Stivarius  
Parents: Izaak & Rachel Newhouse

**December 18, 2011**

**Damon Edward Wegner** (born: 11/13/11)  
Sponsors: Joe Wollinger & Jody Hau  
Parents: Casey & Jacob Wegner

### CONFIRMED MAY 15, 2011 (13)

**Nicholas Anderson**

Parents: Kurt and Lynn Anderson

**Madeline Bergum**

Parents: Bruce and Tracy Bergum

**Lizzy Burrow**

Parents: Stanley and Catherine Burrow

**Sydney Iverson**

Parents: Jeff and Jennifer Iverson

**Emily Johnson**

Parents: David and Susan Johnson

**Anna Messerschmidt**

Parents: Tracy and Kandi Messerschmidt

**Christian Neitzel**

Parents: Matthew and Kathleen Neitzel

**Elias Primmer**

Parents: Donald and Rachel Primmer

**Miguel Quintana**

Parents: Julia Wolfgram and Pedro Quintana Ruiz

**Marissa Schroeder**

Parents: David and Denise Schroeder

**Courtney Tesch**

Parents: Ryan and Wendy Tesch

**Brett Ward**

Parents: David and Jolene Ward

**Amber Ziebell**

Parents: Jeff Ziebell and Juanita Gleiter

## 2011 OFFICIAL ACTS, Continued

### NEW MEMBERS (42)

#### Received on January 23, 2011 (27)

Randy and Andrea Billingham (Hannah 6 mo.)  
Steve and Mary Carncross (Abby-14, Julia-12, Paige-8)  
Luke and Angela Dock  
Sue Fuller  
Andy and Shauna Gerzack (Harper-2 mo.)  
Nancy Koopman  
Debby Miller  
Bob and Diane Miller (Matthew-16, Michael-19)  
Shawn Olwig and Heather Lesser  
Aaron and Kim White (Aiden-6, Shiloh-4, Nora-10 mo)

#### Received on April 17, 2011 (7)

Jan Hepp (Justine-6)  
Joe & Becky Kiefer (Olivia-3)  
Carissa Vick  
Al Rominsky, Jr.

#### Received on October 16, 2011 (8)

Shawn & Deanna Cannon (Chloe-3)  
Dan & Sara Havens  
John & Connie Schulze (Jake-6)

### WEDDINGS (8)

#### **April 20, 2011**

Names: Shawn Olwig & Heather Lesser

#### **May 21, 2011**

Names: Daniel Raatz & Erica Hunt

#### **July 16, 2011**

Names: Janna Larson & Daniel Granger

#### **September 3, 2011**

Names: Michel Weber and Carissa Vick

#### **September 17, 2011**

Names: Sean Naatz and Erin Schoenfeld

#### **October 14, 2011**

Names: Candie Butzine & Michael Waldmann

#### **October 22, 2011**

Names: Amy Burkhart and Tim Gagnon

#### **November 11, 2011**

Names: Andrew Bade and Alisha Heimstreet

### FUNERALS (4)

**J.E. Clifford Johnson** (member) Born: April 3, 1918

Died: February 10, 2011 Burial: February 15, 2011

Interment at Rock Lake Cemetery

**R. George Kannard** Born: not listed

Died: February 19, 2011 Burial: February 23, 2011

Cremated

**Richard Rasmussen** Born: June 20, 1923

Died: August 29, 2011 Memorial: September 1, 2011 at  
Trinity Lutheran Church

Burial: September 2, 2011 at Vermont Lutheran Cemetery,  
Black Earth

**Marie Asche** (member) Born: January 6, 1921

Died: September 30, 2011 Burial: October 3, 2011

Interment at Lake Ripley Cemetery