



From Pastor Kara

*You who have made me see many troubles and calamities
will revive me again;
from the depths of the earth
you will bring me up again. ~Psalm 71:20*

When I was a teenager in confirmation class, I had to pick a verse. I chose one that captured my teen angst. I connected with the language of trouble and calamity as well as the image of being in the depths of the earth. Struggling with whatever it was that bothered me at the time, I chose a verse that would continue to make even more sense as I age.

Lately I've been having tough conversations about the reality of life with all the good and the bad. The past months have been filled with conversations with people who are struggling with many different issues. Cancer, house fires, separation from family, death, food insecurity, surgery and finances are just a few topics that we can face in lifetime. These struggles are a reality for everyone, even though our troubles are not identical; we all have troubles and calamities that bring us to the depths.

I know that far too often we don't let ourselves spend enough time in the depths, being taught and trained that we should always seek to be happy and joyful and full of praise for God. We can feel guilty when we spend "too much" time grieving the loss of something in our lives, whether we say goodbye to a person or a familiar way of being. We want to hurry through our pain to be healed again. We don't want to stay in the depths for even a moment, but one the best gifts of faith we have is that our God understands the depths and brings us out again. Our troubles and calamities are part of life but not the only part. The other part is that we are revived and brought up time and again, and that when we out of the depths, our gratitude overflows with the awareness of what we endured and survived.

As I look ahead toward the month of November, I realize that emotions will run high. This is a month where church and national holidays bring memories back. In the church, we move from All Saints to Christ the King and on to the first Sunday of Advent. We will spend remember our departed loved ones. Then on back-to-back Sundays, we will celebrate Jesus' triumphant entry in heaven and then begin to anticipate Jesus' arrival back on earth.

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And in between those Sundays, we will gather on Thanksgiving mindful of the blessings we have and yet many of us will be mindful of those who are not sitting at the table with us. There will be days when we will laugh and weep, when we will cry out in pain or in anger, or when we will not have the strength to voice our prayers. And all of the options are okay and are part of life. Life cannot ever be the same it ever was before, but our faith compels us to hold firm to the hope that the future God has for us is better than the past.

My prayer for you as we move into the holiday season is that you are able to deal with the troubles or calamities knowing that God will always bring you up, and that when you find yourself in the depths, you will be revived again and again. May the God of peace dwell in your hearts and in your lives. Amen.

All Saints' Day

Sunday, November 6, is All Saint's Day. Throughout the TCM parish, we will be remembering those who have gone before us. The following are members and friends whose funeral/memorial services have bene held in TCM churches since All Saints' Day of 2015:

Lois Larson, Alaine Naas, John Thompson, John Leininger, William Spafford, Charles Aasand, Steven Aasand, Jerry Westby, Linda Spafford, Margaret Dreher, Rachel Tande, Marvin Hildre, Neil Fisher, Sharon Hook, Dorothy Wright, Laverne Larson, Mavis Anderson, Jim Bender.

Food for the Poor

"As often as you did it to one of the least of my brothers and sisters, you did it to me."

~Matthew 25:40

Food for the Poor was founded on the basis of this Gospel. The ministry seeks out the poorest of the poor in 16 countries, focusing on the greatest needs of the destitute. Just as the Lord served those society ignored, Food for the Poor is there, feeding the hungry, building water wells, building houses for the homeless, aiding impoverished elderly, raising orphans in a loving atmosphere, healing the sick, overcoming illiteracy by supporting schools.



Rev. Marvin Abrahamson will bring the message of Food for the Poor to the worship services in four of our congregations in November:

November 6

**First Presbyterian in Cooperstown
Faith in Hannaford**

November 20

**Our Savior's of Klotten
Lutheran Church of McVille**

Rev. Abrahamson has served parishes throughout the country, including five years on the Turtle Mountain Chippewa Indian Reservation in North Dakota. He is currently living in the San Francisco area.

"Finally, all of you, be like-minded, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble." ~1 Peter 3:8

Biblestick outreach concludes in November

November 13 will be the final Sunday that donations for the military Biblesticks will be collected in our churches.

If you'd like to see and listen to an actual Biblestick, one has been placed in each congregation.



A donation of \$25 will provide a Biblestick to a military member and to his/her family.

Biblesticks are also distributed in our VA hospitals. In the month of September alone, over 18,200 Biblesticks were requested.

A check **of any size** may be made out to your church and placed in the offering plate or sent to your church office / treasurer. Please designate "Biblestick" on the memo line.

animate FAITH series in TCM

The animate FAITH series begins at Faith in Hannaford in November. It will be held Sunday afternoons at 3:00; November 13 & 27 and December 11 are the dates so far. Remaining sessions will be set after the new year.

The series concludes November 13 at Trinity.

Open House

Tuesday, November 15

11:00-2:00

Food Pantry in Cooperstown

Drop off donations or stop in to see the set-up.

Chili lunch will be served.

All are welcome!

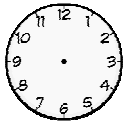
Worship time alerts

First Presbyterian

- ♦ **November 6, 20 & 27 — Worship at 9:45 (regular worship time of 11:15 on November 13)**

Our Savior's of Kloten

- ♦ **No worship November 27**



Our next newsletter will cover the months of December and January. So, not only will you see the whole Christmas schedule, you'll also see when your annual meeting is.

Anyone having dates for the December and January calendars is asked to get them to the TCM office by November 15.

Coming next spring!

P.R.A.Y. with Passion

Saturday, April 1

Trinity in Binford

Co-chaired by Nancy Kjelgaard
and Corrina Olson.

Mark this on your calendar and watch for
more info in coming newsletters.

TCM Council Highlights September 28

Parsonage Fund Request: \$770.60 be
disbursed to Faith in Hannaford, per their
request for that amount to cover payments
for doors.

P.R.A.Y. Event: Nancy Kjelgaard presented
information on a prayer event scheduled
for April 1, 2017. This would be a parish-
wide event, held at Trinity in Binford. She
requested back-up and prayer from the
Council. She will co-chair the event, along
with Corrina Olson; sub-committees will be
formed.

Food for the Poor: A special speaker will
be in four of the congregations during
worship services in November.

TCM 25th Anniversary: Consensus of the
Council to observe the 25th anniversary of
the parish during the first weekend of
August 2017. Council members are asked
to bring ideas for the celebration to the
next meeting.

Church Directory: Consensus of the
Council to plan a TCM directory for next
summer, five years since last directory was
published. Theresa will contact Duttons in
Valley City.

2017 TCM Budget and Assessment:
Council accepted budget as presented by
Finance Committee, with assessment of
\$425 per active confirmed member for
2017.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, November
30, 7:00 at Trinity



Raking Volunteers needed for Fall cleanup at Red Willow Bible Camp

November 5, 6, 12, 13, 19 or 20
for leaf cleanup
Hours of volunteering = 9a-3pm

Coffee, water and light lunch provided

The camp would feel very blessed if you
could allow a few hours, or the full day
at camp to help out.

**Please call 701-676-2681 or email
office@redwillowbiblecamp.org to sign
up.**

The camp would like to have a count for
each day to ensure that they have lunch
for everyone.

Items to bring: Gloves

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&
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Lutheran Church of McVile

Saturday, November 5

11:00 – 1:00