



## **A Word from the Pastor**

At my mom's eightieth birthday, her younger brother (my uncle) wrote a letter to be read about his first year of high school. My uncle told how my mother came home from her work in LeSuere, Minnesota a few weeks before high school began and asked him if he was excited about starting high school. After some conversation, my mom asked her brother what shoes he would wear to school. He dutifully brought out his worn out shoes with holes in the soles and sides. My mom asked if he knew the location of the Sears catalog and they ordered a new pair of shoes for my uncle that my mom willingly paid for.

My mother never told this story. I had never heard this story until her eightieth birthday, and I would not have heard it then except my uncle thought it worthy of telling how his sister bought him a pair of shoes that he wore to high school.

I tell this story because we are starting confirmation Wednesday, October 1st. As members of each church, everyone has promised to help nurture, educate, and bring up the baptized children in the way of our Lord. The confirmation classes are a part of that promise. I don't think I would ever have heard the shoe story unless my uncle willingly shared the story. What faith stories could be told to the young people in confirmation in your church?

In our culture of meeting everyone's wants, what stories are there about sacrifice and caring about others needs? If our confirmation students never hear stories about people they know leading lives that live out God's giving and sacrifice, how will they ever understand those same sacrifices?

Your willingness to share a faith story may be a life-long connection to a young person that hears your story! If you are willing to share your faith, please contact your pastor, our young people need to hear.

~Pastor Marli Danielson

# Carrington Conference

Sunday, October 5

2:00

## Our Savior's in McHenry

Speaker:

Rev. Terry Brandt, Associate with the Bishop

- Reports from RWBC and other organizations within our synod
- Election of Carrington Conference officers

Delegates from each congregation should attend this annual gathering.

## Healing Service

Sunday evening

October 26

7:00 p.m.

Trinity in Cooperstown

*For all the people of our communities*



## ***What's happening with the internship program?***

The Tri-County Ministry Council and the TCM staff have been working to get ready for our re-entry into the internship program. Here's what's been happening, and what is yet to happen in this process.

**Completed:** TCM Internship Handbook detailing the program here at TCM, including: what the program is all about; the responsibilities of the intern, the supervising pastor, the internship committee, and the congregations.

Method for determining the membership of the internship committee. The committee will be composed of two members from each triad, with a third member acting as an alternate. Each congregation will be responsible for selecting one person to serve on the internship committee, as either a member or an alternate.

**In the Process:** Applying for an intern. We are applying to the Western Regional Cluster, which includes Luther Seminary in St. Paul and Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary in Berkeley, CA. The deadline for this application is January 31, 2009.

**Yet to Come:** Supervisor training and interviews of potential interns. February, 2009.

Preference form turned in. (students and supervisors state their preferences for sites and interns) Mid-March, 2009.

Internship assignments announced. Mid-April, 2009.

Intern begins at TCM. Fall (or possible summer), 2009.

As staff responsibilities have been sorted out following the installation of pastors, the responsibility of Internship Supervisor has become part of Pastor Cheri's work. However, all of our pastors will be involved in guiding, supporting and educating our interns.

***Soup & Sandwiches***

***Saturday, October 4***

***Faith in Hannaford***

***11:00—1:30***

***During “Hannafest”***

**Turkey and all the  
trimmings**

**Sunday, October 19**

**5:00—7:00**

**Grace Lutheran**

**Grace City**

**Bake sale too**

***Save these dates:***

**Sunday, November 30** — Supper and dinner theater at Trinity in Cooperstown. Skits/plays are invited from each of the TCM triads.

**December 6** — Family mission trip to the Northland Rescue Center in Grand Forks

**October is  
Clergy Appreciation  
Month**

***Soup, Sandwiches, and  
Pie***

***Sunday, October 12***

***11:00—1:00***

***Sutton Community Center***

***Sponsored by Mabel WELCA***

***Bake Sale and Quilt Raffle  
(Tickets available from any Mabel  
member, or purchase at the door.)***

***Military Address***

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If you have an address and/or e-mail that could be listed in the newsletter, please call or e-mail Theresa with it.

# October at Red Willow Bible Camp



## Wild West Rodeo!

**Saturday, October 4            9:00-3:00            Grades K-3**

Get out your cowboy hats, dust off your spurs and join us for a rodeo extravaganza! Test your skills with barrel racing, roping and many other fun rodeo games. Then learn about how we are all winners because we have Jesus' love! You don't have to be a rodeo expert to join us for this retreat, but you do have to be ready for lots of fun and excitement, including horse rides!

\$20 per child and \$15 for any additional children in the same family.

## TCM Confirmation Retreat:

### “Geocaching, Finding the Treasure of a Faithful Life”

**Saturday, October 11            9:00-3:00            Grades 7-9**

Spend the day going on a treasure hunt, using the camp's new handheld GPS devices. This is a retreat led by our TCM pastors for our TCM confirmation students.

## Confirmation Retreat: “Stumbling through the Bible & Standing on the Promises — The Apostles' Creed”

**October 17-18            5:00 Friday—Noon Saturday            Grades 7-9**

Spend the weekend learning about reading Scripture and the promises God makes to us in the Bible, or diving into the Apostles' Creed to explore the foundation of our faith. There will be plenty of time for games, worship, hikes and campfire.

\$45 per student and \$40 for any additional children in the same family.

As most of the members of Tri-County Ministry know, Red Willow Bible Camp is open and busy all year long. The retreat season started August 21, and events and retreats at the camp are scheduled to the end of April. The Youth Retreat Flyer has been mailed out, and more are available for your church, friends and family. Just call the camp and they will be mailed to you. Our Adult Retreat Flyer will be ready in October.

You are also invited to subscribe to the camp's **eNewsletter** which is published two times a month and e-mailed to you. It has updates on our retreats, staff, fundraisers, special events and much more. Becky Delfs has promised to share a recipe each month! You are invited to go to the web site, and click on the link to subscribe to the eNewsletter. It is very easy, fast, free, and you can unsubscribe at any time.

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# ***TCM Council Highlights — August 27***

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Education, Youth and Family:** Will plan on Saturday, December 6 for the mission project at the Northland Rescue Center in Grand Forks.

**Evangelism and Mission:** Website design has begun.

**Property:** Cooperstown parsonage is currently occupied, so repairs are on hold. Property Committee will work on establishing policies for van usage – cost, drivers, and authorized users. Individual congregations will be allowed to rent van for use, such as transporting members to worship on Sunday mornings.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**Intern Handbook:** Pastor Jessica presented the Intern Handbook, with minor corrections. Handbook will now be taken to each congregational council.

**TCM Website:** Via e-mail, a motion was made and approved to accept the dove logo as the logo to be used on the website and also as the main logo of TCM. (Change was made due to difficulty of digitizing the cross/rings logo.)

**Resettlement:** Cooperstown Trinity is allowing a family to live rent free in their parsonage until they find a permanent home. The family is paying utilities.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Confirmation Program:** The staff reported that they are planning meetings for the parents of confirmation students on September 3. Some changes this year include having students in grades 7-9 meet together, and working toward a time when each child has a mentor. Council members were asked to pray for the students and the confirmation program, and to consider being a mentor.

**TCM Continuing Resolutions:** Executive Committee will work on necessary updating and revisions.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Approved and filed  
General Fund 7/31/08: \$41,745.40  
Parsonage Fund 7/31/08: \$2,324.11  
(\$725 earmarked for Cooperstown parsonage)  
Special Funds 7/31/08: \$5,732.39

## **STAFF REPORTS:**

**Pastor Marli Danielson:** Thanked the parish for the Dash to Duluth. Youth mission trips, including this one, are going to be featured in the Griggs County Courier.

## **CONGREGATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS:**

- **Trinity of Binford:** in the decision-making process regarding heating system and insulation.
- **Our Savior's of McHenry:** planning a brunch on September 14 to welcome another new member; annual WELCA Beef and Pork Supper on September 27.
- **Mabel of Sutton:** Annual Soup and Sandwich on October 12, with a quilt raffle. A group from Mabel will be attending the Women of Faith Conference in St. Paul in October.
- **Lutheran Church of McVile:** Fall Kick-off Dinner on September 14. Working on landscaping and heating system.
- **Grace of Grace City:** Has four baptisms coming up this fall. Turkey supper on October 19.
- **Faith:** Working on heating system. Soup and sandwiches on October 4 during Hannafest.
- **Trinity of Cooperstown:** Allowing Sons of Norway to use the church building over the winter. Planning the dinner theater for November 30.
- **Our Savior's of Klotten:** Soup and sandwiches in November, but no craft show this year.

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## Mexico trip planned

A mission trip to Mexico is being organized for the last week in May of 2009. All ages are welcome.

An informational meeting will be held Wednesday, **October 29** at 7:00 pm. at Trinity Lutheran, Cooperstown.

If you're unable to attend the meeting, you may contact Darla Fliflet for more info.