



Tri-County Ministry News

We exist to serve Christ in harmony with our member churches and communities.

Pastor Kara's message

Grace and peace to you!

It is hard to believe, but the school year has begun which means that we have lots of projects and programs to enjoy. I personally have enjoyed the cooler summer and anticipate the changing of seasons. As the author of Ecclesiastes said, "For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven." This summer we completed two short sermon series (book of Ruth and books of Wisdom) as well as playing around with worship styles. But that season ended and we went back to our "traditional" ways of preaching and worshipping. I enjoyed playing around with some of the worship settings we have in our church worship books but seldom use.

As we enter a new season, there are a few activities to highlight:

First off, September 7 is a busy day. We have several of our congregations participating in a Day of Service. We are taking the ELCA motto "God's Work, Our Hands" seriously as we get out to be seen in our communities. (Participants will receive a free t-shirt!) That day happens to coincide with Rally Sunday for some churches, and both young and old will be active! Also, September 7 is the deadline for our summer mission project, so get your m&m containers turned in.

Second, we continue our Christian education for all ages. Some of the Sunday (or Wednesday) School programs start the 7th, confirmation starts the 13th, and adult Bible studies will also begin. We are also strongly encouraging our high school youth to sign up for the ELCA National Youth Gathering which will take place next July.

Third, we will be talking about spiritual gifts during the autumn months. Spiritual gifts are something that we each have been given. We are unique in our skills and interests, but we all belong to the body of Christ. As children of God, we ought to pay attention to what God has blessed us with so that we can be blessings to others.

Fourth, after the success of our Lenten devotional, we are going to put together an Advent devotional! More details are found elsewhere in this newsletter.

Fifth, for our parish worship service held August 10 at Red Willow Bible Camp (which was a great service!), I put together a slide show of some pictures taken at various events we hosted over the last year. You can view it on the TCM blog. Thank you to all who contribute photos of the many activities going on at our TCM congregations! If you ever take pictures, please let the TCM staff know as we would love to share them.

As you can tell, we are keeping busy in Tri-County Ministry. If you ever think of something you would like to do, please let us know. Your pastors enjoy getting to know you, and we love to be actively participating in the work and ministry that happens in our communities!

~ Pastor Kara

Back to school, back to church

Your TCM staff is getting ready for another full year in our parish.

On Tuesday, September 23, they plan to spend the day looking at the calendar through next May or so, and to set some events and activities.

Is there something you'd like to see happening in your church? Have you been hungering for a Bible study, a new group, a special event? Or — would you like to volunteer to help out with some of our special activities?

Please contact any of our staff members — Pastor Sherri, Pastor Kara, or Theresa — before the 23rd if you have something to suggest or to volunteer.

Tri-County Ministry Confirmation Kick-off

**Saturday, September 13
10:00 — Noon
Trinity in Binford**

Confirmation classes are open to all youth in 7th grade and up who wish to affirm their baptism through confirmation. (Parents are asked to attend the kick-off too.)

Eastern ND WELCA Synodical Convention

**Saturday, September 13
8:00 am - 5:00 pm
Hope Lutheran Church in Fargo**

Theme — Forgiveness

Anyone who is interested in attending should contact the WELCA chairman of her congregation for more info.

Our summer mission project



In case you missed it on the front page of this newsletter —

September 7 is the day we'll be collecting the m & m containers full of your quarters / loose cash / checks. (If giving by check, please make it out to Tri-County Ministry and designate summer mission project on the memo line.)

Where's the money going? Lutheran Social Services of ND will be the recipient of the donations from our six ELCA congregations. LSS is working on a new facility, and the funds will help with that.

First Presbyterian in Cooperstown has designated their funds for Operation Bugle Loder. Money raised will help provide electronic bugles to be used at military funerals. It is very difficult to find individuals now to play Taps, so it is just done by a recording. The new bugle looks like the real thing and sounds the same way, so anyone could play it. It is named in honor of Don Loder, who played his trumpet at numerous military funerals. This program originated with Cody Johnson, Jan Johnson's son, a veteran himself. It is hoped that all American Legions in state would have one of these to use at funerals.

ELCA Youth Gathering

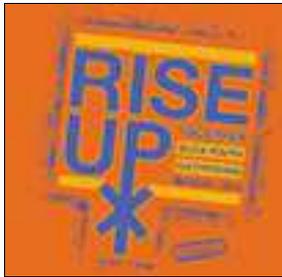
July 15-19, 2015

Detroit, Michigan

Letters full in information have gone out to our students in grades 9-12. Registration for transportation and for the Gathering will be opening soon.

Parents, do you have someone in your house who is considering attending this life-changing event?

Students, if you just can't decide, if you're worried about fund raising, or if you have some questions, please talk to either one of our pastors.



A devotional opportunity

Earlier this year, we asked all of you to share your favorite Bible verses or passages for a Lenten devotional. It was such a hit that we've been asked to do a repeat! So we are compiling verses yet again, but this time for the season of Advent. And because Advent is the season of waiting and anticipation for Jesus to arrive, we are asking for Bible verses that you read while you wait.

During October, we will be gathering your verses with reflections. In November, these verses will be organized into a devotional booklet and handed out before the first Sunday of Advent.

Here is an example of how one verse can mean different things to your TCM staff:

“Be still and know that I am God.” -Psalm 46:10.

- ♦ **I read this because life isn't always about doing; it's about being.**
- ♦ **This is a reminder to stop rushing and to let God work.**
- ♦ **This verse helps us to find calm in the midst of conflict, chaos and turmoil.**

Now it's your turn to participate: We spend a lot of time waiting. While you wait, what verses do you read and why?

Need a bike?

Warren Ophaug, member of Our Savior's of Kloten, takes bikes and repairs them. Then he gives them away!



If you have a bike to donate, or if you need a bike or a trike, give him a call.

701.317.1344

Worship time alerts

Grace:

11:15 on September 7

First Presbyterian:

9:45 on September 7



Trinity:

8:30 on September 7 & 21

11:15 on September 14

9:45 on September 28

TRI-COUNTY MINISTRY STAFF

Rev. Sherri Frederikson 676-2762
(cell) 336-688-2879
PastorSherri@yahoo.com
Box 226, Binford ND 58416

Rev. Kara Wiechmann..... 322-4926
(cell) 605-770-4005
pastorkaraw@gmail.com
Box 115, McVile ND 58254

TCM Parish Administrator
Theresa Fiebiger 676-2761
trinitybinford@mlgc.com

TCM CONGREGATIONS

Faith of Hannaford 769-2387
faithl@ictc.com

First Presbyterian of Cooperstown
797-3112
jejohnson99@yahoo.com

Grace of Grace City 674-3112
kmac@daktel.com

McVile Lutheran Church.... 322-4952
mcvilleparish@gondtc.com

Our Savior's, Kloten..... 322-4952
mcvilleparish@gondtc.com

Our Savior's of McHenry.... 785-2117
trinitybinford@mlgc.com

Trinity of Binford..... 676-2761
trinitybinford@mlgc.com

Tri-County Ministry
Box 226
Binford, ND 58416
Phone 676-2761
email: trinitybinford@mlgc.com

website: www.tricountyministry.org
blog: www.tricountyministry.com
Like us on Facebook!

Tri-County Ministry News is published nine times per year:
January, February, March, April, June, August, September, October, and November.

Beginning the season of church suppers —

Annual Beef and Pork Supper

Saturday, September 27

5:00 — 7:00

**Our Savior's Lutheran Church
McHenry**