



# Tri-County Ministry News

October 2023

## *Congregational Happenings*

### *Our Savior's*

The funeral service for Rosalie Naas was held at Our Savior's on September 25. Rosalie passed away in McVile on September 14 in McVile. Blessed be her memory.

### *Lutheran Church of McVile*

**Club 3:16** is beginning in October and will usually meet the first and third Wednesdays of the month after school, 3:30-5:30. Haley Klefstad will again lead the group.

Pastor Russ Pollock will be leading our **Wednesday morning Bible study** beginning on October 4. All are welcome.

Lutheran Church of McVile is planning to host a **Trunk or Treat** on Tuesday, October 31<sup>st</sup> from 5-7pm. There will be crafts for the kids and supper (walking tacos) will be served. Community members are invited to join us and set up their trunk in the parking lot or a table inside the church. Set-up may begin at 4pm.

### *Trinity of Binford*

God's Work Our Hands continues through October 8. Great Plains Food Bank is our special project. An offering is being accepted through the middle of October; donations may be left at the church on Sundays or dropped off at the Trinity office. Please make checks payable to Trinity and designate Great Plains on the memo line.

The Trinity Council met in September and decided to have a Pony Express this fall. It will begin on Sunday, October 15 and conclude on November 19. Watch for the packet and your opportunity to give an offering to the church.

### *Faith of Hannaford*

The Pony Express packets are coming! At their September meeting, the Faith Council put the annual Pony Express special offering drive in motion. Watch for the packets in October.

**Tri-County Ministry Council**  
**September 25, 2023**  
**7:00 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church in Binford**

**PRESENT:** Rob Loe, Olen Ophaug, Allen Hetland, Janice Johnson, Gilbert Black, Bob Delfs, Marla Larson, Truley Trautman, Theresa Fiebiger

**OPENING DEVOTIONS:** Marla Larson

**CALL TO ORDER:** Gilbert Black

**ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:** None

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Minutes of the July 17, 2023, meeting were approved and filed.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Approved and filed

Balance on Hand August 31, 2023	General Fund Checking	\$54,600.76
	Parsonage Fund Savings	\$13,919.24
	Special Funds Savings	\$8,245.28

Since the Special Funds savings account has been dormant, it was closed in September and funds were transferred to the Parsonage Fund savings account. Designations for the funds remain within the accounts.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**SAM Contracts:** Discussion on compensation for contracted services. Truley requested compensation for prep and study time for confirmation classes. Compensation for funerals/prayer services/burials, driving time, first communion class, and meetings were also discussed. The SAMs will discuss and then bring recommendations to the TCM Council.

**Technology Grant:** Amy Olson and Jess Johnson have agreed to serve on the Technology Committee. Travis Palm has been contacted and is willing to work with the committee in setting up a plan and a budget. One more person will be asked to serve on the committee.

**Active Confirmed Membership numbers for 2024 budget:**

Faith — 37	First Presbyterian — 19
Grace — 32	Lutheran Church of McVile — 58
Our Savior's — 21	Trinity — 48

**Optional Worship Weekends:** Thanksgiving weekend is the next weekend where churches have the choice of having Sunday worship services or not. Most or all congregations will not have services.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**2024 TCM Budget:** The Executive Committee will meet to prepare a budget, and then will bring the recommendation to the full TCM Council; final approval of the Congregational Ministry Contributions will be held at special meetings of the congregations. Council discussed possibility of suspending Congregational Ministry Contribution for a month or two later this year.

## **STAFF REPORTS**

**Theresa Fiebiger** – Expressed a wish for activities to bring the parish together. Communication continues to be key. Was appreciative of participation of the congregations in the quilt auction at Red Willow Bible Camp. Is working on the monthly newsletter.

**Marla Larson** – Has begun visitation and is very much enjoying it. She will be teaching the First Communion class at Faith in Hannaford this fall.

**Truley Trautman** – Confirmation classes will begin in October: October 4 in McVile and October 11 in Binford.

## **CONGREGATION REPORTS**

**First Presbyterian** – Rusty Bender preached a Sunday in September; lay led service September 24.

**Faith of Hannaford** – Rusty Bender preached at Faith also. Council is planning a Pony Express for October and the annual turkey dinner for November 19. Work on the siding and window project may begin next spring.

**Lutheran Church of McVile** – Russ Pollock has been preaching. Confirmation classes and Club 3:16 both begin in October. Trunk or Treat will be held at the church on October 31, with the community invited for trick or treating and walking tacos. The Caring Closet is being greatly used. Corrina Olson attended the ELCA WELCA Triennial Convention in Arizona this summer.

**Our Savior's** – Funeral for Rosalie Naas on September 25. A baptism is scheduled for October 15.

**Grace** – The funeral for Wayne Topp was held in August. Grace no longer has a Sunday School.

**Trinity** – Pony Express is set for October and November. Sunday School is meeting every other Sunday.

**NEXT MEETING:** To be determined

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

## **MEETING ADJOURNED**

Respectfully submitted by  
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Theresa Fiebiger, Recorder

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