

Wanamingo Lutheran Church

August 2018 Newsletter

June's Finances

Income	\$3,849.00
Monthly expenses	\$6,809.50
YTD TOTALS	
Year to date Income	\$37,073.25
Year to date Expenses Paid	<u>\$38,110.12</u>
Difference	\$ -1,036.87

Pastor's Office Hours

Thursdays 1:00 – 3:00pm

At Trinity

Tuesdays 2:00 – 5:00pm

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Wednesdays 9:00 – 11:00am

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

“Through the Lord’s mercies we are not consumed, because His compassions fail not. They are new every morning, great is your faithfulness. “The Lord is my portion,” says my soul, ‘Therefore I hope in Him!’”
Lamentations 3:22-24

These verses were included in our first reading on Sunday, July 1st, and I couldn’t help but think of that wonderful hymn, “Great Is Thy Faithfulness.” This hymn has been in my thoughts and on my lips ever since. So, I wanted to share with you the story behind the hymn. Here’s what I discovered.

You don’t need to be rescued from life-threatening danger or see God’s miraculous provision in the direst of financial crises to truly know the faithfulness of the Lord. God remains faithful day in and day out in the largest and smallest of circumstances.

Thomas Chisholm wrote “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” as a testament to God’s faithfulness through his very ordinary

life. Born in a log cabin in Franklin, Kentucky, Chisholm became a Christian when he was twenty-seven and entered the ministry when he was thirty-six, though poor health forced him to retire after just one year. During the rest of his life, Chisholm spent many years living in New Jersey and working as a life insurance agent. Still, even with a desk job, he wrote nearly 1,200 poems throughout his life, including several published hymns.

Chisholm explained toward the end of his life, “My income has not been large at any time due to impaired health in the earlier years which has followed me on until now. Although I must not fail to record here the unfailing faithfulness of a covenant-keeping God and that He has given me many wonderful displays of His providing care, for which I am filled with astonishing gratefulness.”

Just think, with each new day, God gives us the chance to prove His faithfulness. And throughout history, He’s never once been proven wrong, for His mercies are new every morning, no matter what.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Pastor Christopher Culuris

WELCA Bible Study will be August 2nd. We will meet at 2:00pm in Trinity's basement to watch a video on Jerusalem.

Worship SCHEDULE

Joint Worship Services will be at 9:00am at Trinity Lutheran Church through Sept. 2nd

September 9, 16, 23 & 30 Worship will be at 10:30am at Wanamingo Lutheran again.



There was no council meeting in July, so there are no minutes included this month.

Council will meet again on August 9th at 6:30pm.



Sunday School

will be starting again soon! Watch the bulletins for Rally Sunday and the

Sunday School schedule. Can't wait for another great year with the kids!

August 26th we will have **Confirmation Orientation**

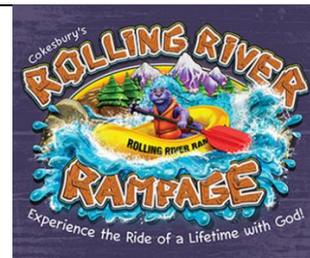
for those students in 8th and 9th Grade who will be in Confirmation this year. This is for students and at least one parent. We will meet immediately following the 9:00am service in Trinity's sanctuary. After we're done we'll head down for fellowship. The first Confirmation Class for 2018-2019 will be at 4:30pm on Sept. 12th at Trinity.

Join us for Family Kickball

We will meet at Holden Park at 6:00pm on Sunday-August 12th.

Come and join Lutherans from all over the Kenyon-Wanamingo area for some family fun.

This event is for everyone!



Wanamingo & Trinity's
Vacation Bible School

July 29 – August 2

5:30 – 7:30pm at Trinity

Supper provided

Program will be held on Thursday Aug. 2nd, 7pm at Trinity.

Our silent auction total was \$1,466.00 - \$200.00 expense for the tent, ending @ \$1,266.00. \$633.00 for each of the food shelves. Not bad considering the rain & the amount of people that left because of it. Thanks to all the great people who donated items & volunteers who helped make it a successful Silent Auction once again!



Sue Windhorst & Sue Flotterud

Join us for
 "God's work. Our hands." Sunday
 Sept. 9, 2018



On Sunday- Sept. 9th- members of Trinity & Wanamingo Lutheran Churches will join together for a day of service to our community. After worship at Wanamingo Lutheran, we will gather at Trinity and then split up into three teams. One team will go around town collecting the yellow bags that will hold school supplies for our KW Elementary School. Another team will head to Heritage Hill to play games and visit with the residents who live there. The third team will do

yard work for our elderly members here in town. We will pass around sign-up sheets during worship in August and on Sept. 2nd so that you will have several opportunities to volunteer. Let's join with our brothers and sisters in Christ across America as we participate in "God's Work. Our Hands." Sunday. Those who are available to help can come to Trinity on Thursday- August 30th- at 6:00pm to help distribute the yellow bags around town that we will collect on Sept. 9th. Questions- please call Wayne Wilson at 507-273-7473. Time spent in service will count toward the community service hours all Confirmation students are required to complete each year.

**THANK
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 SO
 MUCH**

Thank You to all of the WELCA ladies who provided goodies and helped serve for fellowship after worship this summer!



**Quilting will be at
 Trinity
 August 13th
 8:30am**



THE BRIDGE

A Monthly Resource from the Southeastern Minnesota Synod



Rev. Deborah Lyanga (left) and Martha Bec (right) share reflections during the “Women of the Global South” panel during the 2018 Synod Assembly. Rev. Lyanga is featured in the August edition of “The Bridge.”

An Interview with Rev. Deborah Lyanga

My name is Deborah Lyanga. I was ordained as a pastor in the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Tanzania in 2005. I hold a master’s degree in Missiology from Tumaini University Makumira. I have worked as a parish pastor as well as the Woman General Secretary in the Central Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Tanzania. I am married to Rev. Emmanuel Kaghondi, and we are blessed with two boys, Mercy and Abner.

You have been very involved in preaching and leading workshops while you’ve been here in Minnesota. What do you find most life-giving about these experiences?

First of all, I am so happy to be among the members of this synod. In every parish that I visited, I have been so welcomed and I feel at home. Pastors and congregants are so kind, I experience love and care. All of the people I visit are eager to learn things. I feel happy and honored to work among brothers and sisters in the synod. Please contact me if you’re interested in a visit to your congregation: debo7944@gmail.com.

The Global Mission Companion Synods Table focuses a lot on the accompaniment model. What does accompaniment mean to you?

I relate the accompaniment model with a couple who were originally from different families, situations, backgrounds, etc but decided to live together as husband and wife or partners. What brings them together is the model of accompaniment. They have their differences but they are walking together, sharing their ideas, lifelong histories, and experiences which gives them a way forward to the present and to the future situation. Accompaniment for me is an act of sharing the stories and listening and growing together in strength, understanding and trust.

What do you most hope people in the Southeastern MN Synod would come to know about life in the Central Diocese of Tanzania?

One of the things that I would like the people of Southeastern Minnesota Synod to experience in Tanzania is the community life. The basis for the ‘Ubuntu African Philosophy’ is a full recognition of our interdependence. It is the idea that we depend on each other...that we cannot be what we are without other people. So Ubuntu – or humanness – is to know, to understand and to value one another despite of our differences.

When did you begin to sense a call from God to become a church leader?

Actually, my call was from outside, so it was very difficult for me to understand if it was a God’s choice or my parent’s choice. I did not want to be a pastor and I had no peace about it, but I got a little light of my call after four months of joining the theological college. For some reason, I found peace in my heart on becoming a pastor. Every day now I continue to understand and believe in God’s purpose in my call through people I serve.

