

## **Pastor Kenneth Schmidt**

Pastor Kenneth Schmidt accepted the call to be the minister for Trinity, Van Meter, Iowa. During the week of June 26, 2011, the Schmidt family moved from their home in Sioux City, Iowa to rural Van Meter.

Pastor Schmidt and his wife, Deanna, have 5 children that range in age from 33 years down to 18 years of age. Katherine (Katie) will be a freshman at Iowa State University this fall (go Cyclones)!

Pastor Schmidt has served as Pastor at Concordia Lutheran Church in Sioux City since 2005. Deanna has been a Lutheran school teacher in Sioux City.

Installation for Pastor Schmidt is scheduled for July 24, 2011 at 3:00 p.m. Pastor Dahlke will officiate.

Pastor Melz will conduct worship services during the month of July until Pastor Schmidt is officially installed.

We give thanks to God for leading Pastors Schmidt and Melz to Trinity, Van Meter, and look forward to Pastor Schmidt's congregational leadership.

Be sure and introduce yourself to the Schmidt family when the opportunity arises.

### **HAPPENINGS IN AND AROUND TRINITY**

**Mary and Martha Society** does not meet during the months of July and August. However, they will be working on ideas for Pastor Schmidt's installation and reception.

**The 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarterly Voters' Meeting** is scheduled for Wednesday evening, July 27, 2011. The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. If you are not a voting member and would like to have input in the church's business, you are more than welcome to attend the meeting. In order to vote on an issue, you need to become a voting member. It is easy to do....just request to become a voter!

**Installation of Pastor Schmidt** will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday afternoon, July 24, 2011. Refreshments will be served following the service. We look for visitors from sister congregations as well as visitors from northwest Iowa and maybe even South Dakota! (If they can get across the Missouri River!).

**I-CUBS baseball game and tailgate outing** is scheduled for Saturday evening, August 6, 2011. This is always a fun event with good fellowship prior to the game as well as during the game. We meet in the parking lot at Principal Park and have a "potluck" style picnic tailgate party. The Merry Makers furnish the meat (might be hot dogs, burgers, or even bar-b-que ribs). Everyone brings a side dish, dessert, etc. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to bring friends. It is a type of mission work without the title!

**The Schmidt Family move from Sioux City to Van Meter** took place the last week in June. Several members gathered at the parsonage to unload the Penske trucks. It was hot and humid but many hands made the work lighter and the cool water provided by the Schmidt's tasted especially good to the thirsty workers. The family's possessions are moved into the house but I'm not saying they are "unpacked"! (I don't think Katie will ever get completely unpacked!!).

**I apologize** for the Newsletter being late this month. My computer "crashed" and I lost a lot of my church records, templates, and notes. Shopping for a new computer was not on my "to do" list for the near future! (I have to thank Larry for letting me use his business computer)!

**We were very fortunate** to have Mr. Gary Thies, Mission Development Counselor for the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, be our Mission Sunday speaker on June 26, 2011. His presentation was very inspiring to all who had the privilege to hear it. His miracle stories have been a part of his presentations in more than 1200 churches throughout the United States. Gary was raised on a farm and was in the financial business for over 30 years before starting Mission Central near Mapleton, Iowa.

**A current address list** is being attached to this edition of the Newsletter. Please review the list and note any corrections, additions, etc. Also, I would like to have current telephone numbers (home and cell) and e-mail addresses for our records. It will help our new minister get his records correct from the "git go", too! Thanks for your help.

<i><b>JULY BIRTHDAYS</b></i>		<i><b>AUGUST BIRTHDAYS</b></i>	
Jeff Mittag	1	Judy Brittain	5
Becky Kinney	2	Allison Jamison	8
Jenna Ory	2	Julianne Garlich	10
Jodine Smith	2	Ted Albrecht, Jr.	11
Kenneth Schmidt	3	Chas. Funaro	11
Kellie Kamm	4	Joyce Jamison	15
Herman Kneuper	6	Caitlyn Kinney	17
Jacob Berg	10	Jessica Brott	18
Vera Golightly	10	Emily Holcombe	18
Megan Koch	10	Steven Ory	19
Lorraine Martens	11	Tammy Jones	20
Carla Porter	11	Chelsea Dexter	20
Kelsi Ziemann	13	Shane Jones	20
Ashley Johnson	16	Dennis Smith	21
Sarah Koch	16	Casey Jo Jamison	23
Lawrence Lienemann	16	Jeff Koch	24
Diane Koch	17	Trish Hopkins	27
Vera Fletcher	18	Bryan Martens	30
Tess Ory	18	Wm. Radke	31
Charlie Davis	19		
Ashley Ziemann	21		

Andrew Tyler	26		
<b><i>JULY ANNIVERSARIES</i></b>		<b><i>AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES</i></b>	
Michael and Denise Ory	18	Jon and Sharon Tyler	4
Herman and Fern Kneuper	28	Ken and Deanna Schmidt	6
Charles and Rose Baker	30	Frederick and Rita Martens	7
		Dennis and Julia Ziemann	22
		Lyle and Barbara Marquardt	25
		Michael and Cindy Koch	27
		Alan and Teresa Algreen	31
		Arno and Opal Melz (50 yrs)	31
		Stacey and Karla Soper	31