# Lutheran church celebrates 75 years

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David Hall, Edward Snow, Willard Kassulke, Warren Schmidt and John Schmidt will take part in the morning worship and will be sharing memories during the afternoon.

The history of Trinity Lutheran in Colby begins with 13 families in 1931 who had a vision for their own place of worship. It has since mushroomed into facilities worth over \$1 million and a mission to over 400 Lutherans, plus students from Colby Community College.

After the circuit riders quit coming to the area in 1930, the small congregation borrowed facilities from the Christian Church at Third and School and the Evangelical Church at Third and Range to hold church on Sunday afternoons.

In 1931, the congregation's first attempt to call a full-time minister and build a church was met with disappointment when the group was denied a loan.

Determined, they were not to be deterred. Pastor O.H.W. Hornbostel, a former circuit rider here, intervened and the church was granted a \$3,000 loan from the Kansas Mission Board. The church was chartered October of 1935 with 108 members, 63 communicants and a voting membership of 13.

A building was erected across the street from the primary building of the Colby Schools at 135 N. Grant.

The members called themselves Trinity Lutheran. They dedicated their new building in March 1936, and paid off their loan in 1944.

Twenty-five years after that dedication, the church had experienced such growth that it required a bigger facility. In November 1961, the present building was dedicated at the corner of Fifth and Country Club Drive.

However, the original cost of the first building wouldn't begin to touch the \$85,000 price of

the new one. Since that time, the members have financed two major expansions for their growing membership, built a new parson-

age and bought a pipe organ. "We've been so blessed," said Velma Rasmussen, a long time member. "We were unexpectedly given a half section of good farm ground in Rawlins County from a gentleman who had no ties with

"With the Lord's blessing, it seems that we usually have a good crop and we dedicate 40 percent of it to missions," said Relda Galli, a celebration committee member. "Times haven't always been good, but then someone always steps up and when they're willing to step out in faith the money for what is needed always comes in.'

Rasmussen said she began going to Lutheran Sunday School when she was 1 or 2. She said when she was about 4 or 5, there was a boy in her class named Victor Rasmussen. She said Victor had a wife all picked out when he was only 6, because he told his teacher that he was going to marry Velma Rall.

"And he kept his word," she said, "because we did marry and were married for 54 years.'

Four generations of her family have history in the church. The David Pabst grandchildren are the fifth generation of Pabst family at Trinity.

Its mission statement, "making a difference in the lives of people through Jesus," has encouraged the membership to adopt the motto to "be grateful - stay faithful" for their celebration.

"Pastor Robert Alexander is our new pastor," said Galli, "and he's really getting broken in right from the start."

Galli added that friends are invited to come the church and stay for the whole day, or attend any of the services and stay for the reception following the afternoon celebration to visit.

### Colby grad gets K-State degree Tanner Vincent Glad of Colby elor's degrees, 200 master's de-

earned a Bachelor of Science degrees, 35 doctoral degrees and gree from Kansas State University several associate degrees. this summer, one of over 500 students to graduate.

Summer graduates could participate in K-State's May com-The earned nearly 300 bach- mencement or on Dec. 10-11.

# Winding up night



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Golden Plains students enjoyed roasted marshmallows and day. Show here are (from left) senior Melissa Ritter and freshkeeping warm at the bonfire after the Homecoming game Fri- men Jacob Antholz, Tristan Schwarz and Kylie Jones.

#### On the Beat

**COLBY POLICE** Thursday

12:09 a.m. - Security check at Twister's.

1:01 a.m. - Owner requested officers at Twister's for an intoxicated subject refusing to leave. Report filed for minor in posses-

1:47 a.m. - Security check at Twister's.

9:07 a.m. - Gas siphoned from vehicle at 1150 S. Franklin.

12:09 p.m. - Spoke to subject about child custody matter.

1:42 p.m. – Speeding vehicle reported southbound on K-25 by airport, entering city limits while still getting information. Got vehicle stopped at I-70; subjects checked OK.

2:55 p.m. – Theft of cell phone

from college computer room. 7:25 p.m. – Report of girl mistreating dog at Fike Park. Officer

watched subject for a time, did not appear to be mistreating animal.

9:35 p.m. - Report of subject living in tent with a fire at First and Court by railroad tracks. Subject lives in tent burning contained fire to keep warm.

9:56 p.m. - Late entry: Warrant arrest of April J. Valles on Wednesday.

**Friday** 

8:45 a.m. – Driving while suspended report filed on traffic stop at Village Inn.

9:51 a.m. - Lost/mislaid property: Subject reported theft of ring at Prairie Senior Living Center.

11:55 a.m. – Clerk at Motel 6 reported subject late checking out and has too many people in room. Spoke to subjects; civil matter.

1:35 p.m. - Tour of Law Enforcement Center for Heartland Christian School kindergartners.

3:07 p.m. – Dog at large at

Fourth and Copeland. 3:59 p.m. - Subject reported

driving without proper equipment at 950 S. Range. Unable to locate.

THOMAS COUNTY SHERIFF **Thursday** 7:16 a.m. – Injured deer in road

about four miles north on K-25. Not found to mile 204.

12:47 p.m. - Shawn Diederich reported hitting deer at County Rds. 32 and CC.

12:47 p.m. - In reference to accident above, subject also reported rollover of vehicle in field about 1/4 mile west of County Rds. 32 and CC.

4:39 p.m. – Assisted Brewster Fire Department with cornstalk fire 11 miles north and one mile east of Brewster.

5:51 p.m. – Accident at Frontier Ag in Brewster.

6:38 p.m. – Large black cow on cle off county roads.

K-25 1/2 mile south of County Rd. K. Contacted owner, cow moved.

7:34 p.m. – Three cows out three miles south of U.S. 24 on County Rd. 15; contacted owner. 8:32 p.m. - Subject reported

mule deer had run into property and died at 1553 County Rd. T. Spoke with him; subject to keep remains. 11:04 p.m. - Subject reported

harassing someone a mile south of Rexford. Spoke with subjects.

10 a.m. - Lynette R. Chapman arrested on Ellis County warrant. 1:35 p.m. - Tour of Law En-

forcement Center for Heartland Christian School kindergartners. 3:13 p.m. – Assisted motorist westbound I-70 mile 53.

8:28 p.m. - Spoke with subjects at County Rds. 23 and R instructing them to keep all-terrain vehi-

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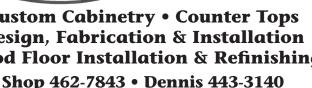


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