

The Trinity Trumpet

September 2018

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One Thing!

If you could accomplish but one significant deed in your life, what would you want it to be? If you wanted to be remembered for one act of your life more than all others, what would that act be? We all want to be remembered. No one wants to be forgotten. Even our Lord Jesus wanted to be remembered. Surely that was one of the reasons he shared bread and wine with his closest friends on the night of his betrayal, saying, “Do this in remembrance of me.” That certainly was a beautiful and memorable action. But who is there among us that would say that is all they remembered about Jesus Christ?

At the conclusion of the last sermon he ever preached, the day before he was assassinated in Memphis, Tennessee, Martin Luther King said, “I want you to be able to say that day (the day of his funeral) that I did try to feed the hungry. I want you to be able to say that I did try in my life to clothe the naked. I want you to say on that day that I did try to visit those in prison. And I want you to say that I tried to love and serve humanity.”

“But one thing I do...” Even Paul, writing to his favorite congregation at Philippi, wanted to be remembered for at least one significant deed. Knowing that church as he did, knowing the people, knowing their problems. Knowing their potential, Paul was led to write. “Not that I have already obtained this, (that is, spiritual perfection) or am already perfect; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made his own. Brethren, I do not consider that I have made it my own, but this one thing I do...” Philippians 3:12-13.

Notice Paul did not say, “one thing I should have done...” Paul did not grieve about things he might have done or could have done. The mistakes and sins of the past just may be the greatest burden with which the Church of Jesus Christ has to contend.

Surely there are those among us who wish we could take back harsh words of criticism and judgment that drove other Christians from the fellowship never to return. But the past is the past and unloving deeds cannot be undone. One of the great confessional prayers of the church reminds us that wholeness and healing is in God’s hands and a repentant heart: “We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone...Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your ways and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.” Amen.

As we strive to keep our thoughts, words, and deeds in Christ Jesus, let the “One Thing” be the “Main Thing” for Christ Jesus our Lord!

Together in Christ Jesus,

Pr. Eric

An Invitation to Serious Faith

I will strive to...

PRAY daily

WORSHIP weekly

READ the Bible

SERVE at and beyond Trinity

Be in **RELATIONSHIP** to encourage spiritual growth in others

GIVE of my time, talents & resources

Regular Worship Service Times to Re- sume September 9th

- ◆ Every Saturday at 5 p.m.
- ◆ Sunday's at 9:00 a.m. & 10:15 a.m.
- ◆ Sunday School at 10:15 a.m.
- ◆ Holy Communion celebrated at each service

Youth Ministries Are Gearing Up!

JOIN US AS WE
START

SUNDAY SCHOOL
ON SEPTEMBER
9TH AT 10:15 A.M. !

Children 3 years old thru 8th
Grade are encouraged to
join us!



YOUTH GROUP FALL KICKOFF PARTY
WHEN: SEPTEMBER 9TH, NOON TILL 2 P.M.
WHERE: TERRY & LEANNE MCCARTHY'S HOUSE
YOUTH GROUP IS FOR ALL KIDS
7TH GRADE THRU 12TH GRADE

Confirmation Classes

A parents and kids meeting with Pastor Eric will be held on Wednesday, September 19th, at 6:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. The first confirmation class will begin on Wednesday, September 26th, from 6-7:30 p.m. Confirmation classes are open to 7th grade thru high school aged kids wanting to be confirmed.



Mark your calendars for the annual rummage sale which will be held:

- ◆ Friday, September 28— 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.
 - ◆ Saturday, September 29 — 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.
- Donations will **gladly** be accepted, however, please do not bring them until Sunday, September 23 or after.

Thank you!

Church Council

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CHURCH
BUSINESS

Weekend of	Total Attendance	Total Gifts Received
07/29/2018	95	4461.50
08/05/2018	127	4458.00
08/12/2018	109	2916.00
08/19/2018	109	2122.00
08/26/2018	110	2562.00



LaVere Andersen– Betty Oehlertz, Janiece Schroder, Richard & Janet Holtz

Clarence Holtz– Charles & Laura Ann Allen, Betty Oehlertz, David & Jan Niemann

John Oehlertz– Don & Dorothy Nelsen

Trinity Lutheran Church Women met on Thursday, August 2, 2018, at 2:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Bonnie Kardell read "The Blessings Of a Forgetful God". Laura Ann Allen read some interesting information about New Hope Village in Carroll.

President Jeannie Klindt called the meeting to order. Secretary's report was read and approved. Treasurer's report was read and approved. Motion was made to pay the bills. M/C

Correspondence was read.

Christian Service will meet August 14th and August 28th.

Mission Community: Meals on Wheels went well. Two wedding crosses have been given.

Bible Study Group: Will meet with Dolores Harder in August.

Old Business: Gospel Sunday went well. Rummage Sale will be Friday, September 28th and Saturday September 29th.

New Business: Starting in August there will be Church Services every Saturday night.

Julianne Thompsen played several selections on the piano.

Next meeting will be September 6, 2018 at 2:00 p.m.

Motion to adjourn was made by La Donna Conroy, Seconded by Karen Pope. M/C

Preamble was recited. Happy Birthday was sung to Jeannie Klindt.

Table Grace was sung.

Laura Ann Allen, Secretary

Last Super Summer Saturday of 2018!



Pulled Pork Sandwiches, chips and banana splits were served. We had good attendance and lot's of Bingo players! Giant games were also enjoyed. Thank you to all who made the Super Summer Saturday's possible by giving of your time, talents and resources!

September 01	Larry	Chapman
September 01	Lu Ann	Jensen
September 01	Donald	Pattee
September 03	Lane	Thornton
September 04	Dean	Willett
September 05	Kristyn	Nielsen
September 05	Robert	Scott
September 07	Marvin	Piittmann
September 09	Charles	Lane
September 10	Sage	Brockhoff
September 10	Janet	Holtz
September 10	Kyle	Sternberg
September 10	Kami	Willett
September 11	Mary Jean	Krummel
September 11	Karen	Pope
September 11	Gayle	Stuart
September 12	Kerry	Danker
September 14	Katherine	Collins
September 14	Norma	Glissmann
September 14	Margaret	Johannsen
September 14	Katie	Johnson
September 14	Robert Jr.	Jorgensen
September 15	Deanna	Whyte
September 16	Stephanie	Harder
September 17	Joy	Best
September 20	Marilyn	Chapman
September 21	Debra	Paulsen
September 23	Karen	Rodriguez
September 24	Bobbi	Lund
September 25	Blake	Holst
September 25	Victorine	Jensen
September 25	Joy	Krohn
September 25	Trevor	Madden
September 26	Krislyn	McCarthy
September 26	Jason	Rold
September 26	Alan	Sieh Jr.
September 29	James	Best
September 29	Glenda	Langer
September 29	Gladys	Petersen



BINGO!



Prize winners of the giveaway drawings for groceries, fuel, utilities, rent, gas/electric and water. Congratulations Ladies!

TRINITY'S FIVE & DIME



Welcome to “Trinity’s Five & Dime”. This section is dedicated to stories, experiences, and devotionals where together we can share God’s spiritual candy. Thanks be to God for his never-ending love, grace, and mercy that he blesses me with, and for the opportunity that I’ve been given to share my experiences and thoughts about God’s lessons in my life. Amen.

Neil Paulsen

...In the first example, the good deeds are done with Christ-centered motives, where God will receive the praises. While in the second scripture, the good deeds are done with self-centered motives, so that the person doing the good deeds will receive the praise and lose the reward from God. So do as it says in Proverbs 23:26. O my son, give me your heart. May your eyes take delight in following my ways.



At the Heart of the Matter (Part 4 of 6)



The last scripture that we’ll look at is from Luke 16:10-12, and then I’ll finish with a personal story. Here Jesus says, “If you are faithful in little things, you will be faithful in large ones. But if you are dishonest in little things, you won’t be honest with greater responsibilities. And if you are untrustworthy about worldly wealth, who will trust you with the true riches of heaven? And if you are not faithful with other people’s things, why should you be trusted with things of your own? In the explanation of this scripture it says, our integrity is often put on the line in money matters. God calls us to be honest even in small details we could easily ignore. Heaven’s riches are far more valuable than earthly wealth. But if we are not trustworthy with our money here (no matter how much or little we have), we will be unfit to handle the vast riches of God’s Kingdom. See that you maintain your integrity in all matters, whether big or small.

And now for the story. About 3 months ago at work, I went to the break room for a snack to tide me over until lunch. I put my dollar in the machine, and selected my usual snack to get me through to lunch, a bag of sour cream and onion potato chips. I pressed in the correct number for the treat, and watched as the machine did its slow dance to deliver the goodies to the door. Only somehow this time, it dispensed two bags of chips. At first I thought, this is my lucky day. But I didn’t think that I really needed the two bags of chips. So I set the second one on the counter in the breakroom where people will set out goodies that they bring in to share with the rest of the employees. I headed back to my desk, to have my snack, and to get on with my work. A couple of short hours later, it was time for lunch, and I headed back to the breakroom, and as I had anticipated, the second bag of chips was already gone, which is what I had intended to happen. But as I ate my lunch, I thought about what had happened just a couple of hours earlier. And it didn’t seem to feel right that the owner of the vending machine was being taken advantage of. Even though it wasn’t anything that I had set out to achieve or to do intentionally, I was still involved in a dishonest transaction. I tried to rationalize it with myself by saying, “It’s only a dollar. Nobody will miss a dollar.” But the more I tried to convince myself that it wasn’t a big deal, the more my heart told me to correct it. So I decided that I had to make it right.

September Volunteer Schedule

If you are unable to serve during worship at the time you've been scheduled, *please find your own replacement* and let the church office know of the change so the information in the bulletin can be changed. **A great place to begin looking for a replacement is the schedule itself—Look for someone who is scheduled for the same duty during the same worship time.** Don't forget to check Breeze for phone numbers and email information, when trying to contact others. If you are not able to find a replacement or have questions, please contact:

Joy Krohn Cell (712) 307-0496

	Saturday Sept. 1, 5:00 p.m.	Sunday Sept. 2, 9:30 a.m.
Scripture Readings	Judy Williams	Jerry Conroy
Prayers	Dick Brown	LaDonna Conroy
Support	Dick Brown	Jerry Conroy
Communion Asst.	Judy Williams	Kami Willett, Marge & Greg Petersen
Acolytes	n/a	Abbie Willett
Greeters	Reva Bylund	Donna & Mick Schuler
Ushers	n/a	Leslie & Gary Nielsen
Power Point	n/a	Shela Jacobsen
Camera	n/a	Brenda Kelly
Altar Guild Set Up	Carolyn Oldenburg	Bonnie Kardell & JoAnn Krummel
Altar Guild Clean Up	Carolyn Oldenburg	Janiece Schroder & Maxine Sornsen

	Saturday Sept. 8, 5:00	Sunday Sept. 9, 9:00 a.m.	Sunday Sept. 9, 10:15 a.m.
Scripture Readings	Ronda Holst	Alice Botcher	Janae Sternberg
Prayers	Ronda Holst	LaDonna Conroy	Joyce Mez
Support	Reva Bylund	Larry Chapman	Dean Krohn
Communion Asst.	Reva Bylund	Dora Rock	Jerry & Joyce Mez, Joy Krohn
Acolytes	n/a	Cassidy Feigenbutz	Kyle Sternberg
Greeters	Karen Pope	Jill & Cassidy Feigenbutz	Jeremy & Nicole Holst Family
Ushers	n/a	Kris McCarthy & Lori Snyder	Mike & Wendy Jorgensen
Power Point	n/a	Larry Chapman	Adam Krohn
Camera	n/a	n/a	Jayna Engle
Altar Guild	Roger & Kathy Nelson	Bonnie Kardell & JoAnn Krummel	Janiece Schroder & Maxine Sornsen

	Saturday Sept. 15, 5:00	Sunday Sept. 16, 9:00 a.m.	Sunday Sept. 16, 10:15 a.m.
Scripture Readings	Dick Brown	Richard Schenck	Amanda Holst
Prayers	Dick Brown	Peggy Osbahr	Wendy Albright
Support	Don Nelsen	Marilyn Chapman	Sue Paulsen
Communion Asst.	Kathy Soetmelk	Margie Schenck	Gary & Kathy Soetmelk, Katie Collins
Acolytes	n/a	Darian Hansen	Hannah Nielsen
Greeters	Rose Krohn	Regina & Darian Hansen	Jason & Amanda Holst Family
Ushers	n/a	Julie Engel & Mabel Jacobsen	Mike & Holly Hansen
Power Point	n/a	LuAnn Jensen	Josh Guyer
Camera	n/a	n/a	Kaleah Guyer
Altar Guild	Roger & Kathy Nelson	Bonnie Kardell & JoAnn Krummel	Janiece Schroder & Maxine Sornsen

	Saturday Sept. 22, 5:00	Sunday Sept. 23, 9:00 a.m.	Sunday Sept. 23, 10:15 a.m.
Scripture Readings	Ronda Holst	Donna Rold	Wendy Albright
Prayers	Ronda Holst	Janiece Schroder	Karen Hansen
Support	Reva Bylund	Dean Krohn	Ron Winter
Communion Asst.	Reva Bylund	Dean Krohn	Jim & Karen Hansen, Wendy Albright
Acolytes	n/a	Aaron Roloff	Jayna Engle
Greeters	Norma Krohn	Benda & Aaron Roloff	Terry & LeAnne McCarthy Family
Ushers	n/a	Frank & Marlene Nelsen	Wayne & Becky Jacobsen
Power Point	n/a	Joy Krohn	Steve Munyon
Camera	n/a	n/a	Ashtyn McCarthy
Altar Guild	Roger & Kathy Nelson	Bonnie Kardell & JoAnn Krummel	Janiece Schroder & Maxine Sornsen

	Saturday Sept. 29, 5:00	Sunday Sept. 30, 9:00 a.m.	Sunday Sept. 30, 10:15 a.m.
Scripture Readings	Dick Brown	Greg Petersen	Deb Meissner
Prayers	Dorothy Nelsen	Nancy Collins	Karen Rodriguez
Support	Don Nelsen	Larry Chapman	Phil Rodriguez
Communion Asst.	Dorothy Nelsen	Jerry Conroy	Shari Munyon, Deb Meissner, Sue Paulsen
Acolytes	n/a	Joey Blotzer	Eli Collins
Greeters	Don Nelsen	Arlene & Dale Roush	Mike & Samantha Scheffler Family
Ushers	n/a	Linda Schuemacher	Gary & Katie Collins
Power Point	n/a	Shela Jacobsen	Rob Jacobsen
Camera	n/a	n/a	Jessica Jacobsen
Altar Guild	Roger & Kathy Nelson	Bonnie Kardell & JoAnn Krummel	Janiece Schroder & Maxine Sornsen

October Volunteer Schedule

	Saturday Oct. 6, 5:00 p.m.	Sunday Oct. 7, 9:00 a.m.	Sunday Oct. 7, 10:15 a.m.
Scripture Readings	Judy Williams	Carolyn Spencer	Amber Johnson
Prayers	Jan Holtz	Neil Paulsen	Shari Munyon
Support	Dick Holtz	Dora Rock	J Olesen
Communion Asst.	Judy Williams	Marge Petersen	Lori & Ron Winter, Shari Munyon
Acolytes	n/a	Nathan Jorgensen	Graycen Partlow
Greeters	Karen Pope	Nikki & Steve Jorgensen	Brock & Jenny Partlow Family
Ushers	n/a	Bob & Barb Brown	Jessica & Jason Rold Family
Power Point	n/a	Larry Chapman	Steve Munyon
Camera	n/a	n/a	Brenda Kelly
Altar Guild	Reva Bylund	Nancy & Ken Collins	Dale & Jane Tech



What do some Worship Service volunteer duties entail here at Trinity?

Well, **Scripture readers** and **Prayer readers** read during our service. The prayers and scriptures are sent out weekly before for the service, so there is time for the readers to prepare by reading thru the selected scriptures and/or prayers. High school aged teens and older are encouraged to read during services. Next, our **Support** people open up or lock up the church depending on the service you attend. Support people are also in charge of turning on or off the lights. **Ushers** hand out the bulletins, count and record the number of attendee's, and collect offering during the service. **Power point** volunteers start the power point and click thru to advance the presentation during service. **Communion Assistants** help give communion during the service. **Altar Guild** prepares for communion before the service and/or cleans up afterwards. If you've been considering getting more involved, please let us know, so that we will know to put you in the rotation of volunteers to help out! If you have any questions about helping out in any of these ways, please call Joy Krohn at 712-307-0496 or Sue Paulsen in the office at 712-343-2518.

The church office will be closed on Monday, September 3rd for Labor Day.

THANK YOU to everyone who donated and/or volunteered for Trinity's Back to School Night, which was held on Sunday, August 19th. That night, with your help, we were able to provide 43 students with new backpacks and school supplies! LOTS of clothes were donated and given away as well. Thank you for looking toward the interests of the students of our communities--Each of you are a blessing!



September 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 8 a.m. Bible Study 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:45 a.m. Bible Study	3 Labor Day— Office Closed	4 6 p.m. Alive in Christ Choir	5 6:30 p.m. Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Alleluia Choir	6 2 p.m. TLCW Meeting 7 p.m. Peace Haven Worship	7 Pastor's Day Off	8 5 p.m.—Worship
9 8 a.m. Bible Study 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. Worship/Sunday School 12 p.m. Bible Study 12 p.m. Youth Group Kick Off	10 Labor Day— Office Closed	11 8:30 a.m.—3 p.m. Chris- tian Service 6 p.m. Alive in Christ Choir 7 p.m. Committee Meetings 8 p.m. Council Meeting	12 6:30 p.m. Alleluia Choir 6:30 p.m. Bible Study	13 7:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast	14 Pastor's Day Off	15 5 p.m. Worship
16 8 a.m. Bible Study 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. Worship/Sunday School 12 p.m. Bible Study	17 9 a.m. Salem Lu- theran Home Wor- ship	18 6 p.m. Alive in Christ Choir	19 6 p.m. Parents Meeting for Confirma- tion 6:30 p.m. Alleluia Choir 6:30 p.m. Bible Study	20 9:30 a.m. Faith Bible Study 2 p.m. Avoca Nursing Home Worship	21 Pastor's Day Off	22 5 p.m. Worship
23 8 a.m. Bible Study 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. Worship/Sunday School 12 p.m. Bible Study 12 p.m. Youth Group/Zip lin- ing	24 Labor Day— Office Closed	25 6 p.m. Alive in Christ Choir	26 6 p.m. Confirmation 6:30 p.m. Alleluia Choir 6:30 p.m. Bible Study	27 2 p.m. Avoca Nursing Home Worship	28 8 a.m.—8 p.m. Rummage Sale Pastor's Day Off	29 8 a.m.—11 a.m. Rummage Sale 5 p.m. Worship
30 8 a.m. Bible Study 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. Worship/Sunday School 12 p.m. Bible Study						

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Worship Services for September beginning the 9th
Each Saturday at 5 p.m.
Each Sunday at 9:00 a.m. & 10:15 a.m.
Sunday School at 10:15 a.m.
Holy Communion: Celebrated at each worship service

For assistance or to leave information,
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In an emergency, contact Pastor Eric Meissner at (402) 660-1121.
If no answer, contact Shari Munyon at (402) 669-7675.

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