

The Trinity Trumpet

November 2018



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Establish a “culture” for your life!

If you are a Nebraska Cornhusker football fan it has been a long season. Finally, after six losses in a row the football team won a game. Scott Frost the new football coach said he wanted to establish a new “culture” of discipline and commitment to Nebraska Football.

If you are going to make your life count you need to settle the issue of what is really important. Clarify the “culture” in your life. Moses in the Old Testament in the Bible clarified his values and priorities. Scripture tells us *“He (Moses) regarded disgrace for the sake of Christ as a greater value than the treasures of Egypt, because he was looking ahead to his reward.”* Regarded, the word means to evaluate, to consider, to weigh in the balance, to judge. It is not something you do quickly. You need to sit down and seriously consider What in the world am I living for? You will need to establish values in life, things that you will build your life on, the things that will be important to you. Write them down!

We have a lot of Christians today who know the Lord, but they’ve bought into the world’s value system. They’re living that system without even thinking about it rationally. What is the world’s value system? 1. Power and prestige. I want to be famous. 2. Pleasure. I want to Feel good. I want to be happy. I want to have fun. 3 Possessions. I want to make a fortune. I want to be wealthy.

All temptations fall into one of these three categories. Every advertisement in the world falls under one of these three categories. It’s either an ad to produce pleasure or power and prestige or an ad for possessions. Every single advertisement is based on the worlds value system to get you into one of these things.

What is ironic is that Moses, by the world’s standards, had it made. He had all three: Power. Pleasure. Possessions. He had it all but he walked away from it all. Moses walked away from the very three things we spend our lives trying to accomplish.

Why? Because he knew they don’t last. What was Moses’ value system? Three things: 1. He discovered that God’s purpose is more valuable that popularity. Pride and prestige are fleeting. This year’s superstars are next year’s has-beens. 2. People are more valuable than pleasures. Moses could have had temporary pleasure being the next Pharaoh of Egypt or he could go do what God had called him to do and help the people who were in pain, who needed to be set free. 3. God’s peace is more valuable than possessions. He knew that no possession could give you inner peace.

Your values are determined by your vision. What are you focusing on? Whatever you’re looking at is what becomes most important in your life. As God’s people let us stay, Focused to the cross...

Following Christ’s Love!
Together in Christ Jesus,

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 & re-
sources

Trinity Lutheran Church



Focusing on the **CROSS**.
Following Christ's **LOVE**.

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Abeleskiver & Sausage Dinner



Trinity Lutheran Church Women's annual Abeleskiver and Sausage Supper is a short 2 weeks away on Thursday, November 15, 2018. (It's always the Thursday before Thanksgiving.) Our wonderful chairwomen have been busy lining up their crews. If you haven't been called yet and would like to help in any way, please give Joy, Nancy, or Donna a call. All and any help is greatly appreciated. It is amazing how many volunteers (over 100) are needed to pull off this event. We are hoping that when you are asked to help you will be anxious to do your part.

Men, you are more than welcome. In fact, you are needed. We can teach you to fry, or you can take and deliver orders in the dining room. For those who don't think they can stand that long, we have several commercial electric hot plates, so you can sit and fry. Also, if any parishioners would be willing to let us use your abeleskiver frying pans, please mark them and have them to church before the 15th. We haven't yet decided when to set up for the supper, but we'll let you know via weekly bulletins. Also, if you have anything in the freezers, please make sure to take it out. The sausages take up all that space. Last year we had such good help that we were finished in record time while enjoying the fellowship. If all of us work together, we'll have another successful Abeleskiver Supper. Thank you for sharing your time and talents.

Joy Krohn 712-307-0496 (call or text)

Nancy Collins 712-544-2794 or 402-639-0127 (call or text)

Donna Rold 712-741-5674 or 402-630-4840 (call or text)



Operation Christmas Child is well underway! If you haven't already packed your boxes here are some helpful ideas!

- school supplies – chalkboards with chalk, pencils, scissors
- toys – soccer ball with pump, dolls
- make-your-own crafts – add your personal touch
- non-liquid hygiene items – bar soap, toothbrush
- clothing accessories – tops, shoes, socks, hair bows, gloves, scarves
- a personal note from your family – if you include your name and address it's possible that the child could write you back!

Packed boxes are due back at TLC by Sunday, November 18th!
Thank you for your generosity!

Church Council

President: Dean Krohn
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Secretary: Carolyn Oldenburg
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Outreach: Josh Guyer
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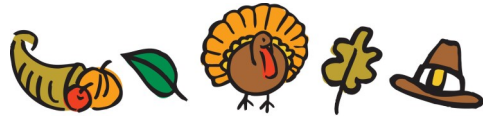
Stewardship: Brenda Kelly
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Treasurer: Shela Jacobsen
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CHURCH
BUSINESS

| Weekend of | Total Attendance | Total Gifts Received |
|------------|------------------|----------------------|
| 09/30/2018 | 140 | 4542.00 |
| 10/07/2018 | 249 | 6249.50 |
| 10/14/2018 | 218 | 4764.00 |



SO MANY BLESSINGS

Youth Group News

Youth and their leaders traveled to Council Bluffs on October 21st. First stop– Worship! We stopped by City-Light church to join with them in praising the Lord. After service, teens choose to eat at Buffalo Wild Wings. Once recharged and refueled, they had a big job to do. The youth group was given \$250.00 from Mt. Nebo lodge, in addition to, a very generous donation from an anonymous donor-which means– they will eventually have 80 shoe boxes to fill! So kids shopped for the “Wow” items this trip to fill those boxes. **Upcoming Meetings: November 4th and November 18th at Noon**





November

BIRTHDAYS

| | | |
|-------------|-----------|------------|
| November 01 | Adam | Harder |
| November 01 | Nicole | Lamp |
| November 01 | Preston | Tooley |
| November 02 | Richard | Brown |
| November 02 | Kyle | Clayton |
| November 06 | Erika | VanCleave |
| November 07 | Normalee | Krohn |
| November 07 | Dale | Schroder |
| November 07 | Laraine | Scott |
| November 08 | Bonnie | Willett |
| November 09 | Michael | Griffen |
| November 09 | Angela | Sieh |
| November 10 | Mikayla | Emmanuel |
| November 10 | Jersey | Hilgenberg |
| November 10 | Jane | Tech |
| November 11 | James W. | Johnson |
| November 13 | Rachel | Johnson |
| November 13 | Michael | Krummel |
| November 13 | Gregory | Petersen |
| November 14 | Holly | Hansen |
| November 14 | Dolores | Harder |
| November 14 | Marilyn | Krohn |
| November 14 | Kathleen | Roush |
| November 16 | Peggy | Hansen |
| November 16 | Virginia | Lamp |
| November 18 | Virginia | Nelsen |
| November 18 | Brenda | Roloff |
| November 19 | David | Sampson |
| November 20 | Arlene | Davis |
| November 20 | Holly | Jarrett |
| November 20 | Joyce | Mez |
| November 22 | Jessica | Jacobsen |
| November 22 | Kotie | Schmidt |
| November 23 | Adriawna | Luth |
| November 26 | Julie | Engel |
| November 27 | Charlotte | Bledsoe |
| November 27 | Madison | Thornton |
| November 28 | Ava | Hensley |
| November 28 | Nathan | Jorgensen |
| November 28 | Sidni | Osbahr |
| November 28 | Aaron | Roloff |
| November 30 | Brian | Buboltz |
| November 30 | Heath | Lamp |
| November 30 | Beth | Schueman |



Rummage Sale Success!

Many, many thanks to everyone who helped with the rummage sale. We received so many nice things from the whole community for this huge sale. We could not have done this without the many loyal volunteers who help for a whole week, all day long, from setting up on Sunday to cleaning up on Saturday after the sale. The rain did not stop the shoppers! We donated articles to the following places: The Clothing Pantry in Walnut, Sequels in Council Bluffs, The Open Door Mission in Omaha, and New Hope in Des Moines.

We appreciate those who donated, bought and worked!

The Trinity Choirs



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

...Again, I set the second bag of chips on the counter, and somebody from the warehouse snatched it up. Only this time, I had to wait about a week longer before I caught the vending machine guy re-stocking it and collecting the cash. Again, it was just him and I in the breakroom, so I reached into my pocket, and pulled out a dollar bill. I walked over to him, and gave him the same story as before, and he repeated his response and gesture as before.



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



It was as if I was now in a challenge with God. If God would keep giving me more than I deserve, what would I do with my overabundance, and how do I show my gratitude for receiving something that I didn’t deserve. So for about two months, nothing else had happened with the vending machine. I hadn’t received any extra goodies, and I haven’t ran into the vending machine guy. So I considered my challenge with God to be in a tied status. That is until a couple of weeks ago. I put in my dollar to get my sour cream and onion chips, and instead of showing a one dollar credit, it showed a two dollar credit on the display. It somehow counted my dollar twice. So this time, I didn’t get an extra bag of chips, but the machine paid out an extra dollar after I got my snacks. So now, I’m waiting to catch Mr. Vending Machine Guy in the breakroom once again. I guess the lesson I found in that experience is, that even though it’s only a dollar, it still matters to do what’s right in God’s eyes. Even the little things we do, can have a great impact on our eternal life. It also showed me that no matter how hard I try, I can’t out give God! Also note that my sole intention of printing this story is for how God is calling me to live my life according to his plans for me, and not as a form of boasting or bragging.

In closing, I will leave you with a couple of sayings that I’ve heard over the past year or so: #1 “It is a blessed thing for a man when he has brought his desires into focus, so that they all center in one object. When he has fifty different desires, his heart resembles a stagnant pool spreading out into a marsh, breeding disease; but when all his desires are channeled in one direction, his heart becomes like a river of pure water, running swiftly to fertilize the fields.”

And #2, “There is only one life, and it will soon be past. And only what’s done for Jesus, will forever last.”

So may your heart be like a pure river, and your good deeds be Christ-centered, and the glory be lifted up, and reach your heavenly Father. Amen.

November 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 Nov. 3, 5:00 p.m. | Sunday Nov. 4, 9:00 a.m | Sunday Nov. 4, 10:15 a.m. |
|--------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Scripture Readings | Judy Williams | Richard Schenck | Betty Kubik |
| Prayers | Jan Holtz | Janiece Schroder | Karen Rodriguez |
| Support | Dick Holtz | Dean Krohn | Roger Kubik |
| Communion Asst. | Dick Holtz | Dean Krohn | Deb Meissner, Kim & Dale Krohn |
| Acolytes | n/a | Ayden McCarthy | Saydi Paulsen |
| Greeters | Rose Krohn | Betty Oehlertz | Jill & Kyle Clayton |
| Ushers | n/a | Kris McCarthy & Lori Snyder | Becky & Wayne Jacobsen |
| Power Point | n/a | Joy Krohn | Cory Maassen |
| Camera | n/a | n/a | Anistyn Roskens |
| Altar Guild | Carolyn Oldenburg | Marge & Greg Petersen | Beth Schueman & Brenda Roloff |
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| | Saturday Nov. 10, 5:00 | Sunday Nov. 11, 9:00 a.m. | Sunday Nov. 11, 10:15, a.m. |
| Scripture Readings | Dick Brown | Alice Botcher | Danny Pattee |
| Prayers | Dorothy Nelsen | Peggy Osbahr | Deb Meissner |
| Support | Don Nelsen | Dora Rock | Ron Winter |
| Communion Asst. | Dorothy Nelsen | Peggy Osbahr | Deb Meissner, Lori & Ron Winter |
| Acolytes | n/a | Kyle Sternberg | Cassidy Feigenbutz |
| Greeters | Karen Pope | Linda Schumacher | Brian & Beth Buboltz Family |
| Ushers | n/a | Frank & Marlene Nelsen | Mike & Beth Schueman |
| Power Point | n/a | LuAnn Jensen | Josh Guyer |
| Camera | n/a | n/a | Kaleah Guyer |
| Altar Guild | Carolyn Oldenburg | Marge & Greg Petersen | Beth Schueman & Brenda Roloff |
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| | Saturday Nov. 17, 5:00 | Sunday Nov. 18, 9:00 a.m. | Sunday Nov. 18, 10:15 a.m. |
| Scripture Readings | Roger Nelson | Donna Rold | Shari Munyon |
| Prayers | Roger Nelson | Greg Petersen | Joyce Mez |
| Support | Kathy Nelson | Marilyn Chapman | Gary Soetmelk |
| Communion Asst. | Roger Nelson | Neil Paulsen | Shari Munyon, Joyce & Jerry Mez |
| Acolytes | n/a | Hannah Nielsen | Joey Blotzer |
| Greeters | Norma Krohn | Bonnie Kardell | Brad & Mandee Meyers Family |
| Ushers | n/a | Neil & Deb Paulsen | Terry & LeAnn McCarthy |
| Power Point | n/a | Larry Chapman | Steve Munyon |
| Camera | n/a | n/a | Lauren Yates |
| Altar Guild | Carolyn Oldenburg | Marge & Greg Petersen | Beth Schueman & Brenda Roloff |

| | Saturday Nov. 24, 5:00 p.m. | Sunday Nov. 25, 9:00 a.m. | Sunday Nov. 25, 10:15 a.m. |
|--------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Scripture Readings | Jan Holtz | Jerry Conroy | Wendy Albright |
| Prayers | Jan Holtz | Dora Rock | Karen Hansen |
| Support | Dick Holtz | Dora Rock | Sue Paulsen |
| Communion Asst. | Dick Holtz | Marge Petersen | Sue Paulsen, Jim & Karen Hansen |
| Acolytes | n/a | Eli Collins | Kaeden Rold |
| Greeters | Diane Taylor | Justin & Becky Woltmann | Darren & Nicole Krohn Family |
| Ushers | n/a | Gary & Katie Collins | Jason & Jessica Rold |
| Power Point | n/a | LuAnn Jensen | Shela Jacobsen |
| Camera | n/a | n/a | Jayna Engle |
| Altar Guild | Carolyn Oldenburg | Marge & Greg Petersen | Beth Schueman & Brenda Roloff |

December Volunteer Schedule

| | Saturday Dec. 1, 5:00 | Sunday Dec. 2, 9:00 a.m. | Sunday Dec. 2, 10:15 a.m. |
|--------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Scripture Readings | Ronda Holst | Janiece Schroder | Amber Johnson |
| Prayers | Ronda Holst | LaDonna Conroy | Sue Blakestad |
| Support | Reva Bylund | Jerry Conroy | Gary Nielsen |
| Communion Asst. | Reva Bylund | Margie Schenck | Leslie Nielsen, Jeff & Sheryl Harder |
| Acolytes | n/a | Anistyn Roskens | Lauren Yates |
| Greeters | Darlene Eggerss | Laura Ann Allen | Erin Ronnfeldt Family |
| Ushers | n/a | Bob & Barb Brown | Tonya & J Olesen |
| Power Point | n/a | Larry Chapman | Adam Krohn |
| Camera | n/a | n/a | Saydi Paulsen |
| Altar Guild | Roger & Kathy Nelson | Bonnie Kardell & JoAnn Krummel | Janiece Schroder & Maxine Sornsen |

"GIVE JOY, GET JOY"

CHRISTMAS SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAM



The Sunday School students (kids age 3-8th grade) will begin practicing their songs, learning their lines, and preparing for our annual program. We encourage a good turnout of kids for our practices beginning November 11th. There is much to accomplish to make our celebration of the Birth of Jesus a success.

The program entitled "Give Joy, Get Joy" will be given December 9 at the 10:15 service.

We have a costume box, but may ask for some of the younger children to bring robes they have or could borrow. The robes we have for shepherds and wise men are HUGE; don't want anyone tripping the day of the program.

Trinity Lutheran Church
Congregational Council Meeting
October 9, 2018

Members Present: Dean Krohn, Pastor Eric Meissner, Katie Collins, Margie Schenck, Brenda Kelly, Josh Guyer, Dustin DeJong, Cristin Rold

President Dean Krohn called the meeting to order. Prayer was offered by Dean.

Thank You Cards: Thanks went out to Shirley Pattee and all the crew that worked on the TLC rummage sale.

Prayers of a God Chaser: Pastor Eric

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Cristin Rold, 2nd by Josh Guyer. Motion Carried (MC).

Approval of Minutes from last meeting: Motion by Brenda Kelly, 2nd by Margie Schenck. MC.

Treasurer's Report: Shela Jacobsen was unavailable to attend the meeting. President Dean Krohn briefly discussed details of the written report. Katie Collins moved to approve the treasurer's report, 2nd Dustin DeJong. MC.

Submission of current bills payable: none.

President's Report: no report at this time.

Pastor Eric's Report: There will be a graveside service for Dave Krohn on 10/13. Confirmation rehearsal will be held on 10/21 with 7 youth members being confirmed on Reformation Sunday 10/28. There will be 19 confirmands in the class of 2019/20. The financial needs of CAP (community action program) are especially great with the upcoming "Thanksgiving Basket" program where area families are given food items so they can enjoy a holiday dinner. It was moved by Margie Schenck and 2nd by Brenda Kelly that TLC would cover any shortfall in funds up to \$1500.00 for CAP programs. A copy of the new insurance policy for TLC is available in the office. It was moved by Josh Guyer 2nd by Dustin DeJong that TLC will pay to have the church carpets cleaned in late October/early November. Pastor discussed synching posts from the TLC Facebook page, Breeze software (esp. the calendar of events) and a new TLC web page to improve TLC presence on social media. Many people new to the area or visiting use these social media platforms when searching for a church to attend. Sue Paulsen will work with Darren Krohn on developing a web page. It was moved by Cristin Rold and 2nd by Brenda Kelly to implement these improvements.

Director of Ministry in Daily Life: From the written report, on 10/21 TLC youth will travel to worship in Council Bluffs and purchase some items for the Christmas Shoeboxes from area stores. On 10/24 TLC high school aged members will attend the Fields of Faith program at Tri Center High School. On 11/4 the LYO will meet for lunch and pack Christmas Shoeboxes using a \$250 donation from the Mt. Nebo Lodge. LYO will be selling 2019 calendars. NOTE: Sue will be out of the office 10/26 and 10/29.

Committee Reports:

Education: Cristin Rold reports large numbers of children are enjoying their Sunday School experience with help from several 7th and 8th grade members.

Outreach: Josh Guyer reported on progress with recruiting TLC members to serve on the Audio/Visual Team. New A/V equipment will allow TLC to greatly enhance the worship experience as well as insure that TLC worship events can be consistently broadcast via local cable channels. Financing the new system will be discussed at the next TLC annual meeting in January 2019. The weekly take home food boxes (aka weekend backpack program) has greater demand than is currently funded. Margie Schenck moved and Brenda Kelly 2nd that funding be increase to accommodate this need with funds coming out of the Benevolence Fund.

Stewardship: no report at this time

Worship: The annual TLC Thanksgiving worship service will be at 6pm on 11/21.

Finance: Margie is willing to train whoever takes over as chair of the finance committee in 2019.

Property Management: Changes/upgrades have been made after a walk-through of the church property with Dustin DeJong and our new insurance agent.

Brenda Kelly moved, Margie Schenck 2nd that all reports be accepted. MC

Old Business: none *New Business:* none *Membership Changes:* none

Adjournment: Moved by Margie Schenck, 2nd by Brenda Kelly. MC.

Next Meeting Date: 11/13/2018

Prayerfully submitted,
Margie Schenck

November 2018

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| <p>4</p> <p>8 a.m. Bible Study 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. Worship/Sunday School/ All Saints Sunday 11:30 p.m. Bible Study 12:00 p.m. Youth Group</p> | <p>5</p> <p>2 p.m. Prayer Team 5:30 Bell Choir</p> | <p>6</p> <p>6 p.m. Alive in Christ Choir</p> | <p>7</p> <p>6 p.m. Confirmation 6:30 p.m. Alleluia Choir 6:30 p.m. Bible Study</p> | <p>8</p> <p>7:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast</p> | <p>9</p> <p>Pastor's Day Off</p> | <p>10</p> <p>5 p.m. Worship</p> |
| <p>11</p> <p>8 a.m. Bible Study 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. Worship/Sunday School 11:30 p.m. Bible Study 5:00 p.m. Aebleskiver Set up</p> | <p>12</p> <p>9 a.m. Salem Lutheran Home Worship 5:30 Bell Choir</p> | <p>13</p> <p>8:30 a.m.—3 p.m. Christian Service 6 p.m. Alive in Christ Choir 7 p.m. Committee Meetings 8 p.m. Council Meeting</p> | <p>14</p> <p>6 p.m. Confirmation 6:30 p.m. Alleluia Choir 6:30 p.m. Bible Study</p> | <p>15</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Faith Bible Study 2 p.m. Avoca Nursing Home Worship Aebleskiver & Sausage Supper</p> | <p>16</p> <p>Pastor's Day Off</p> | <p>17</p> <p>Allen/Martens Wedding 5 p.m. Worship</p> |
| <p>18</p> <p>8 a.m. Bible Study 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. Worship/Sunday School 11:30 p.m. Bible Study 12:00 p.m. Youth Group</p> | <p>19</p> <p>5:30 Bell Choir</p> | <p>20</p> <p>6 p.m. Alive in Christ Choir</p> | <p>21</p> <p>6 p.m. Thanksgiving Worship No Confirmation</p> | <p>22</p> <p>Happy Thanksgiving! Office Closed</p> | <p>23</p> <p>Pastor's Day Off Office Closed</p> | <p>24</p> <p>5 p.m. Worship</p> |
| <p>25</p> <p>8 a.m. Bible Study 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. Worship/Sunday School 11:30 p.m. Bible Study</p> | <p>26</p> <p>5:30 Bell Choir</p> | <p>27</p> <p>8:30 a.m.—3 p.m. Christian Service 6 p.m. Alive in Christ Choir</p> | <p>28</p> <p>6 p.m. Confirmation 6:30 p.m. Alleluia Choir 6:30 p.m. Bible Study</p> | <p>29</p> | <p>30</p> <p>Pastor's Day Off</p> | |

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Sunday School at 10:15 a.m.
Holy Communion: Celebrated at each worship service

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