

The Trinity Trumpet

December 2018

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THE THEOLOGY OF MORE

Have you ever been an observer of our culture? The observation I would like to make, is that primarily as a result of advertising, we Americans have had thrust upon us what some call the "Theology of More." What is the Theology of More? Simply stated, the Theology of More means that it doesn't matter how much I have going for me in terms of material good and possessions or even in terms of relationships, it's not enough. In other words, regardless of what I have - I need more.

If I go out to buy a new Honda or Chevrolet, advertisers are immediately portraying what I really need is a Acura or Cadillac. You see the Theology of More doesn't care what you have, it continually seeks to create feelings of dissatisfaction. You need more!

Even our own bodies are at the mercy of the Theology of More. The television and the movie industry as well as magazines do their best to create an image of the perfect body that we should all have. If we don't, then somehow less of a person. The diet industry has capitalized on this imaginary image too and rather than promoting health, many of the diets sacrifice health in order to get the "look" that were told is the right one.

Even relationships suffer from the Theology of More. The feelings of dissatisfaction or the perception that we don't have enough creates tension between people and a sense of failure even when there has been no failure.

Here now the words of Paul to the Philippians. *"Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!... Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely whatever is admirable – if anything is excellent or praiseworthy – think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me – put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you."* Philippians 4: 4, 8-9.

In these verses, the Apostle Paul speaks out loudly and clearly against the Theology of More. He is suggesting we be content with what we have, whether that be a lot or a little. Further he suggests that we look for the good in what we have and with where we are in life instead of being concerned with what we don't have and where we think we should be. If we cannot make this leap of faith then I would suggest that the holidays will seem hollow even for the most affluent and a bitter pill to swallow for those who feel as though they have already lost at the Theology of More game.

So what I would suggest is that you and I really have much to be thankful for, even in the midst of whatever pain and disappointment we may carry with us. There is still so much to thank God for if we are willing to open our eyes and ears. Rather than remorse or guilt or envy let us reach out for joy and thanksgiving. That is what Paul has put before the Philippians and it is what he challenges us with: "Rejoice in the Lord always and again I will say rejoice!" Now may "The God of peace be with you." 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 & resources

*Join us as we celebrate the birth
of our Savior, Jesus Christ!*



Christmas Eve Worship services will be held at 4:00 p.m. and at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, December 24th.



"GIVE JOY, GET JOY"

CHRISTMAS SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAM

The Sunday school program is December 9th during the 10:15 a.m. service. We will continue to practice for the program every Sunday. There will also be a practice for all 2nd-8th graders on Wednesday, December 5th from 6-7:30 pm- It is a great time to practice talking parts into the microphone.

We are in search of youth robes to borrow for the program. Please bring them to the church and mark them with your name.

Sunday school will be off December 16, 23, and 30. It will resume January 6th.

Youth Group News

Youth group met on November 4th to pack Operation Christmas Child boxes. 78 boxes were packed and donated! Thank you to all who donated to our group for this cause. Your generosity is greatly appreciated! The kids (and leaders) all had a great time with this project-from shopping to packing!



Upcoming Meeting Date: December 16th at 11:30 a.m. We'll be packing again-but this time to help our outreach ministry with their backpack program. Also on the agenda- lunch and games!

Church Council

President: Dean Krohn

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Vice-President/Property Management: Dustin DeJong

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Secretary: Carolyn Oldenburg

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Outreach: Josh Guyer

(402) 682-1254

Stewardship: Brenda Kelly

(712) 343-2713

Treasurer: Shela Jacobsen

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**CHURCH
BUSINESS**

Weekend of	Total Attendance	Total Gifts Received
10/21/2018	166	8272.46
10/28/2018	179	7081.00
11/4/2018	251	4520.98
11/11/2018	170	3941.00
11/18/2018	220	2678.00
11/21/2018	37	870.00
11/25/2015	166	4048.00



Eldon Winter—Rod & Diane Winter, Tom & Julie Winter, Ron & Lori Winter and Family
Delno "Bud" Holtz—Leo & LaVonne Bargenquest, Clarence & Dolores Harder

Trinity Lutheran Church Women met on November 1st, 2018 in the fellowship hall. Karen Pope read "Draped Coffin". She also shared some newspapers from the day of Pearl Harbor and a photo album of her husbands. Bonnie Kardell read "Being What I Am" from The Upper Room.

President Jeannie Klindt called the meeting to order. Secretary's and Treasurer's reports were read.

There were no bills.

Correspondence was read.

Christian Service will meet on November 13th and November 27th, 2018

Mission Community: No report.

Bible Study Group: Met with Joyce Mez and will meet with Dolores Harder next.

New Business: Aebelskiver Supper will be November 15th and Donna Rold reported everything is in order.

The quilt was on display at the Museum for their Quilt Show.

Christmas Tea will be December 6th, at 2:00 p.m. Diane Stamp will be the Guest Speaker. Ladies asked to bring guests.

It was decided to give donations to several needy organizations in the community .

Next meeting will be December 6th, 2018.

Motion to adjourn was made by Karen Pope. Seconded by Bonnie Kardell..

Preamble was recited.

Happy Birthday was sung to Dolores Harder.

Table grace was sung.

Laura Ann Allen, Secretary.

TLCW News!



Attention ALL Trinity Lutheran Church Women:

Trinity Lutheran Church Women will be having their Annual Christmas Tea on Thursday, December 6th at 2:00 pm., in the fellowship hall. Diane Stamp will be giving her presentation on "Purses". All Trinity women are invited and please bring a guest.

Special Meeting:

Trinity Lutheran Church Women met on November 20, 2018 for a short special TLCW Meeting, following Christian Service. President Jeannie Klindt called the meeting to order.

It was decided to have a TLCW meeting on December 4, 2018. Following the meeting, we will go to the Nursing Home and Assisted Living with their gifts. We will give each resident a card and a Solar.

We will have our Christmas Tea on December 6th at 2:00 p.m.

It was decided to keep all Christmas gifts the same as last year with one change.

Laura Ann Allen, Secretary.

Trinity Lutheran Church Women met on October 4th, 2018 in the fellowship hall. Janiece Schroder read "God The Creator" from The Portals of Prayer. Donna Rold read "A Farmer's Tale" and "Potatoes, Eggs and Coffee Beans".

President Jeannie Klindt called the meeting to order. Secretary's report was read and approved.

Treasurer's report was read and approved.

There were no bills.

Correspondence was read.

Christian Service will meet on October 9th and October 23rd, 2018.

Mission Community: No report.

Bible Study Group: Met with Ann Roof.

New Business: Aebelskiver Supper will be November 15th. Donna Rold asked for help.

Donna Rold made the motion the TLCW give each Confirmand a corsage. Karen Pope 2nd. M/C

The ladies have been asked to bring their quilt to the museum on October 21st to be displayed at their Quilt Show.

Next meeting will be November 1st, 2018.

Motion to adjourn was made by La Donna Conroy. Seconded by Karen Pope.

Preamble was recited.

Happy Birthday was sung to Donna Rold.

Table grace was sung.

Laura Ann Allen, Secretary.





December

BIRTHDAYS

December 04	Wyatt	Andersen
December 06	Margery	Denton
December 06	Molly	Scott
December 06	Jackson	Zortman
December 08	Oakley	Bodrug
December 08	Betty	Lundergard
December 08	Janee'	Schueman
December 13	Shari	Munyon
December 13	Maxine	Sornsen
December 14	Deanna	Krummel
December 14	Carolyn	Oldenburg
December 14	Eric	Sieh
December 15	Jeffrey	Harder
December 16	Maeleigh	Rold
December 17	Brock	Partlow
December 18	Hudson	Harder
December 18	Charles	Lees
December 22	Dorothy	Alff
December 22	Terra	Buboltz
December 22	William	Christian
December 23	Lori	Maurer
December 25	Joshua	Krohn
December 25	Janiece	Schroder
December 25	Steven	Schueman
December 26	Ally	Meyers
December 27	Donald	Nielsen
December 27	Herbert	Rock
December 28	Paxton	Holst
December 29	Todd	Feigenbutz
December 30	Dawn	Harder
December 31	Marcia	Jacobsen
December 31	Michael	Jorgensen
December 31	Katie	Scheffler

Trinity Lutheran Church



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

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Congratulations to the Confirmation Class of 2018!



Pictured above from left to right: Abbie Willet, Adryan Bruce, Darian Hansen, Aaron Roloff, Pastor Eric Meissner, Jordan Blotzer, Ashtyn McCarthy, & Ally Meyers.



AMAZING!! SIMPLY AMAZING!!!

GOD DOES SO MANY AMAZING THINGS AND HE DID IT AGAIN THIS FALL. HIS LOVE AND GRACE FLOWED THROUGH HIS PEOPLE IN AMAZING WAYS. BETWEEN HARLAN, SHELBY, WALNUT, HANCOCK, PORTSMOUTH AND AVOCA WE PACKED AND SHIPPED 822 SHOE BOXES. 822!! WE HAD NO IDEA WHEN WE SET THE GOAL BACK IN SEPTEMBER THAT GOD WOULD TOUCH THE LIVES OF SO MANY GOOD PEOPLE. WITH GOD'S HELP WE TOOK THE SHOE BOX MINISTRY TO 11 OTHER CHURCHES AND SEVERAL ORGANIZATIONS. SHOE BOXES WENT OUT AND CAME BACK IN AMAZING NUMBERS. GOD TOUCHED THE HEARTS OF SO MANY LOVING PEOPLE AND THE SHOE BOX MINISTRY GREW ACCORDINGLY.

I HAVE SO MANY PEOPLE TO THANK THIS YEAR BUT FIRST AND FOREMOST I THANK GOD. I THANK HIM FOR INSTILLING IN ME THE WILL POWER AND CONFIDENCE TO GO AFTER THE GOAL. I THANK HIM FOR GIVING ME THE LITTLE PUSH WHEN I NEEDED IT. OFTEN TIMES THE PUSH CAME THROUGH SOMEONE I WAS CHATTING WITH.

I THEN WANT TO THANK EVERYONE WHO TOOK IT UPON THEMSELVES TO FILL A SHOE BOX THIS YEAR. IT WARMS MY HEART TO THINK OF EVERY CHILD WHO WILL RECEIVE YOUR SHOE BOX AND THE SMILES AND HOPE THEY RECEIVE FROM IT. MAY THEY COME TO KNOW GOD THROUGH YOUR SHOEBOX GIFT.

ALSO, THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED IN ANY WAY WITH THE SHOE BOXES, FROM OUR CHURCH AND THE WONDERFUL PEOPLE FROM OTHERS. FROM HELPING TO PASS THEM OUT, TO BRINGING THEM TO CHURCH, TO STACKING THEM IN THE FRONT OF THE CHURCH, TO MOVING THEM INTO THE HALLWAY BECAUSE OF A WEDDING AND THEN RESTACKING THEM IN THE FRONT OF THE CHURCH, TO PACKING AND TAKING THEM TO ATLANTIC. ALSO, THANKS FOR THE ENCOURAGING WORDS AND THE STORIES YOU HAVE TO TELL ABOUT YOURS OR SOMEONE ELSE'S SHOE BOX. IT IS VERY REWARDING. THERE HAVE BEEN SO MANY WONDERFUL STORIES THIS YEAR. DON'T BE AFRAID TO SHARE YOURS.

AND THANK YOU SUE AND PASTOR AND THE CHURCH COUNCIL FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD. THANKS ALSO TO ALL THE PEOPLE WHO HELPED ME AT THE OTHER CHURCHES. IT WAS A TRULY WONDERFUL EXPERIENCE TO WORK WITH EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU. YOU WERE SUCH GREAT ADVOCATES FOR OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD. THANKS FOR ALL YOU DO.

AND LAST, MAY GOD BLESS EACH PERSON WHO FILLED A SHOEBOX WITH HIS LOVE AND GRACE AND MERCY. MAY YOUR EFFORTS TRULY CHANGE THE LIFE OF A CHILD SOMEWHERE IN THE WORLD.

SINCERELY
GARY SOETMELK



Abeleskiver & Sausage Dinner



Thank you to our wonderful volunteers for TLCW's Abeleskiver and Sausage Supper. And thank you to the volunteers who helped us set up for the supper on Sunday evening. Know that you are all greatly appreciated. Also, to all who came to Trinity to eat and/or order takeouts, we appreciate your support. This is TLCW's important fundraiser for the year. With this money we are able to help fund many worthwhile organizations and also purchase items for our church. Trinity's church family is the best!

Donna, Joy, and Nancy

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. Glory be to God for the opportunity to share with you some thoughts, experiences, and scripture regarding our everyday lives. May God continue to open our eyes, ears, minds, and hearts to all of the work He does in and around our lives. We praise you for your never-ending love, Amen.

Neil Paulsen



Say What?? (Part 1 of 8)

Awhile back, our Sunday morning Bible Study, studied out of a book entitled, “If You Want to Walk on Water, You’ve Got to Get out Of the Boat”. It was a study that looked at how we handle certain situations where God may be asking us to do something that would put us outside of our comfort zone. Or in other words, is your faith stronger than your fear. As the title would suggest, it was centered around Peter’s being able to walk on water, when called to get out of the boat and meet Jesus. All was going well as long as Peter kept his focus on Jesus. But with a quick shift of his eyes, and allowing a sliver of doubt to set in, he quickly began to sink. And so it is true in our daily lives, when the Holy Spirit brings a task to our attention, and sometimes our fear seems to be greater than our faith, and we begin to sink in our doubts and turn away from what needs to be done. When reading through the Bible, I am usually trying to apply its lessons to my life so that it may somehow make sense, or so that I can retain it better. One of the best ways that I do that is by looking at the stories or lessons in a “parent and child” relationship. I recall how my relationship was with my parents as I was growing up, and then apply that to my relationship with God. When I look back at some of the “big” stories of the Bible, where God was calling on ordinary people to do extraordinary jobs, one thing that stands out, is that he never asked them if they “wanted” to do it. He simply stated that he wanted or needed them to do it. Take Moses for example. In Exodus 3:10 it says; “Now go, for I am sending you to Pharaoh. You must lead my people Israel out of Egypt.” There is simply a command for what Moses is supposed to do. There was no thought of God asking Moses if he felt up to the task, or if his schedule was clear for a few months, just a command to do God’s will. Yet Moses did his best to come up with excuses why he shouldn’t be sent to Egypt, and we’ll come back to those excuses after a bit. As I look at Moses in this situation, I see similarities at certain tasks that I was given when I was growing up.

2018 Christmas Poinsettias



- ◆ Karen Pope & Diana Taylor– Given in memory of loved ones
- ◆ Ronda Holst & Family– Given in memory of Dave, Joel, & Ethan Holst
- ◆ Ronda Holst & Family– Given in memory of Russ Ronnfeldt & Fip & Marge Holst
- ◆ William & Reva Bylund– Given in memory of loved ones
- ◆ Carolyn Oldenburg– Given in memory of Dean Oldenburg
- ◆ Darlene Eggerss– Given in memory of Ken Eggerss & Patti Eggerss
- ◆ Linda Schumacher– Given in memory of Tom Schumacher & Lenard & Elva Peters
- ◆ Carolyn & Harley Spencer– Given in memory of our parents
- ◆ Dora Rock– Given in memory of loved ones
- ◆ Gary & Kathy Soetmelk– Given in memory of loved ones
- ◆ Gary & Kathy Soetmelk– Given in honor of those serving in the military
- ◆ Wendy Albright– Given in memory of Bryce Albright
- ◆ Ron & Lori Winter– Given in memory of Eldon Winter
- ◆ Gene & Maxine Sornsen– Given in memory of family
- ◆ Betty & Roger Kubik– Given in memory of family
- ◆ Jason, Amanda, Blake & Madison Holst– Given in memory of Joel Holst
- ◆ Jason, Amanda, Blake & Madison Holst– Given in memory of Ethan Holst
- ◆ Jason, Amanda, Blake & Madison Holst– Given in memory of Dave Holst
- ◆ Travis & Kaleigh Lane & Family– Given in memory of family
- ◆ Wayne & Becky Jacobsen– Given in memory of Wilbert & Bernice Jacobsen & Earl (Bud) & Phyllis Bintz
- ◆ Adam & Katelynn Long Family– Given in memory of family and friends
- ◆ J & Tonya Olesen– Given in memory of family
- ◆ Todd & Jill Feigenbutz & Family– Given in memory of Robert & Leona Jorgensen
- ◆ Todd & Jill Feigenbutz & Family– Given in memory of Ronald Sr. & Elaine Nielsen, & Ronald Nielsen Jr.
- ◆ Jerry & Joyce Mez– Given in memory of Edward, Alberta, & Robert Schmid
- ◆ Jerry & Joyce Mez– Given in memory of Max, Wilma, & Ronnie Mez
- ◆ Mike & Beth Schueman & Family– Given in memory of Susie McCowen
- ◆ Mike & Beth Schueman & Family– Given in memory of John Schueman
- ◆ Henry & Sue Paulsen & Family– Given in memory of Jason Woodward
- ◆ Norma Krohn– Given in memory of Ronald Krohn
- ◆ Hervetta Ronnfeldt– Given in memory of Russ Ronnfeldt
- ◆ Hervetta Ronnfeldt– Given in memory of Dave, Joel, and Ethan Holst
- ◆ Alice Botcher– Given in memory of son, Bruce
- ◆ Alice Botcher– Given in memory of husband, Lavern
- ◆ Peggy Osbahr– Given in memory of mom, Beulah Strong
- ◆ Peggy Osbahr– Given in memory of dad, Oscar Wiemann
- ◆ Peggy Osbahr– Given in memory of brother, Bill Wiemann
- ◆ Dean & Joy Krohn– Given in loving memory of Jane Jacobsen
- ◆ Eric & Angela Sieh– Given in loving memory of Erwin & Martha Sieh
- ◆ Lois Partlow– Given in memory of all family and friends who have left this earth
- ◆ Mike & Holly Hansen– Given in memory of loved ones
- ◆ Suzette & Alan Blakestad– Given in loving memory of Ethan Tyler Holst
- ◆ Mary Jean Krummel– Given in memory of my husband, Rod
- ◆ Don & Dorothy Nelsen– Given in memory of our beloved Teresa and all family members now in Jesus’s care
- ◆ Don & Dorothy Nelsen– Thanks to God for all blessings everyday!

December 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:

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	Saturday Dec. 1, 5:00 p.m.	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	Janiece Schroder & Maxine Sornsen
	Saturday Dec. 8, 5:00 p.m.	Sunday Dec. 9, 9:00 a.m.	Sunday Dec. 9, 10:15 a.m.
Scripture Readings	Judy Williams	Greg Petersen	n/a
Prayers	Jan Holtz	Peggy Osbahr	Sue Paulsen
Support	Dick Holtz	Larry Chapman	Gary Soetmelk
Communion Asst.	Judy Williams	Peggy Osbahr	n/a
Acolytes	n/a	Isebelles Wheatley	Jessica Jacobsen
Greeters	Karen Pope	Janee' & Jim Schueman	Travis & Kaleigh Lane Family
Ushers	n/a	Greg & Marge Petersen	Mike & Holly Hansen Family
Power Point	n/a	Luann Jensen	Adam Krohn
Camera	n/a	n/a	Brenda Kelly
Altar Guild	Roger & Kathy Nelson	Bonnie Kardell & JoAnn	Janiece Schroder & Maxine Sornsen
	Saturday Dec. 15, 5:00	Sunday Dec. 16, 9:00 a.m.	Sunday Dec. 16, 10:15 a.m.
Scripture Readings	Dick Brown	Donna Rold	Shari Munyon
Prayers	Dorothy Nelsen	Nancy Kelly	Kami Willett
Support	Don Nelsen	Dora Rock	Jim Hansen
Communion Asst.	Dick Brown	Dora Rock	Shari Munyon, Joyce & Jerry Mez
Acolytes	n/a	Justin Freeman	Nathan Jorgensen
Greeters	Don Nelsen	Mabel Jacobsen & Julie Engel	Angie & Dale Maassen
Ushers	n/a	Mabel Jacobsen & Julie Engel	Nikki & Steve Jorgensen
Power Point	n/a	Shela Jacobsen	Steve Munyon
Camera	n/a	n/a	Cassidy Feigenbutz
Altar Guild	Roger & Kathy Nelson	Bonnie Kardell & JoAnn	Janiece Schroder & Maxine Sornsen

	Saturday Dec. 22, 5:00 p.m.	Sunday Dec. 23, 9:00 a.m.	Sunday Dec. 23, 10:15 a.m.
Scripture Readings	Ronda Holst	Alice Botcher	Gayle Stuart
Prayers	Ronda Holst	Neil Paulsen	Deb Meissner
Support	Reva Bylund	Marilyn Chapman	Josh Guyer
Communion Asst.	Reva Bylund	Janiece Schroder	Deb Meissner, Dale & Kim Krohn
Acolytes	n/a	Graycen Partlow	Cassidy Feigenbutz
Greeters	Rose Krohn	Lois Partlow	Angela & Eric Sieh Family
Ushers	n/a	Arlene & Dale Roush	Gary & Janet Pattee
Power Point	n/a	Larry Chapman	Josh Guyer
Camera	n/a	n/a	Kaeah Guyer
Altar Guild	Roger & Kathy Nelson	Bonnie Kardell & JoAnn Krummel	Janiece Schroder & Maxine Sornsen

		Monday Dec. 24, 4:00 p.m.	Monday Dec. 24, 6:00 p.m.
Scripture Readings		Roger Nelson	Greg Petersen
Prayers		LaDonna Conroy	
Support		Jerry Conroy	Dean Krohn
Communion Asst		Robb Jacobsen, Amy Goetzinger, Shari Munyon, Nancy Collins, Neil Paulsen, Liz Nielsen, Ronda Holst,	Joy & Dean Krohn, Greg & Marge Petersen, Adam Krohn, Janiece Schroder,
Acolytes		n/a	n/a
Greeters		Munyon Family	Kristen & Adam Krohn family
Ushers		Nancy & Ken Collins	Joy & Dean Krohn
Power Point &		Steve Munyon	Shela Jacobsen
Camera		n/a	n/a
Alter Guild		Bonnie Kardell & JoAnn Krummel	Janiece Schroder & Maxine Sornsen

	Saturday Dec. 29, 5:00 p.m.	Sunday Dec. 30, 9:00 a.m.	Sunday Dec. 30, 10:15 a.m.
Scripture Readings	n/a	n/a	n/a
Prayers	Jan Holtz	Dora Rock	Karen Rodriguez
Support	Dick Holtz	Dean Krohn	Phil Rodriguez
Communion Asst.	n/a	n/a	n/a
Acolytes	n/a	Lillian Scott	Kaleah Guyer
Greeters	Norma Krohn	Lance & Amber Scott Family	Ashleigh & Cory Maassen Family
Ushers	n/a	Linda Schumacher	Nicole & Heath Lamp Family
Power Point	n/a	Joy Krohn	Cory Maassen
Camera	n/a	n/a	Anistyn Roskens
Altar Guild	Roger & Kathy Nelson	Bonnie Kardell & JoAnn Krummel	Janiece Schroder & Maxine Sornsen

January Volunteer Schedule

	Saturday Jan. 5, 5:00 p.m.	Sunday Jan. 6, 9:00 a.m.	Sunday Jan. 6, 10:15 a.m.
Scripture Read-	Dorothy Nelsen	Carolyn Spencer	Samantha Scheffler
Prayers	Ronda Holst	Janiece Schroder	Amanda Holst
Support	Don Nelsen	Larry Chapman	Ron Winter
Communion Asst.	Ronda Holst	Nancy Collins	Lori & Ron Winter, Sue Paulsen
Acolytes	n/a	Joey Blotzer	Kyle Sternberg
Greeters	Diane Taylor	JoAnn Krummel	Sternberg Family
Ushers	n/a	Terry & LeAnn McCarthy	Amanda & Jason Holst Family
Power Point	n/a	LuAnn Jensen	Dustin DeJong
Camera	n/a	n/a	Jayna Engle
Altar Guild	Carolyn Oldenburg	Marge & Greg Petersen	Beth Schueman & Brenda Roloff

**Trinity Lutheran Church
Council Minutes
Nov 13, 2018**

Members Present: President Dean Krohn, Pastor Eric, Treasurer Shela Jacobsen, Cristin Rold, Katie Collins, Brenda Kelly, Josh Guyer, Sue Paulsen

Meeting was called to order by President Dean Krohn.

Devotions by Pastor

Silent Centering

Prayer

Recognized guests – none

Write Thank You Cards – Wayne Krohn & Bob Brown for helping with cleaning the church exterior, Gary Soetmelk for Operation Christmas Child and Dick Brown for spraying

Prayers of a God Chaser Reading by Pastor

Approval of Agenda – Motion was made for approval by Brenda Kelly, seconded by Cristin Rold, all in favor, motion carried.

Approval of Minutes from last meeting- Motion made to approve previous minutes by Josh Guyer, seconded by Brenda Kelly, all in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer, Shela Jacobsen, presented financials to the council. We have received a \$5,000 donation from the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Atlantic where Shari preaches a lot because the church is dissolving. The council approved for \$500 to be designated for CAP and \$4500 towards the sound system. A motion was made to approve the Treasurers report by Brenda Kelly, Second by Cristin Rold, all in favor, motion carried.

Submission of current bills payables/paid: none

President's report/comments – No official report

Pastor's Report –

Visitations – if you know of someone sick/or in the hospital, please let Pastor know.

Upcoming Events –

Nov 17, 2018 – Allen/Martens wedding

Nov 21, 2018 – Thanksgiving Eve Service at 6pm

Nov 29, 2018 – Abeleskiver Dinner

Dec 2, 2018 – Advent begins

Dec 26 – 31, 2018 – Pastor is on vacation

Council Reports –

Education – the Sunday School children have started practicing for the Christmas program on Dec 9, 2018 at 2nd service. This year's them is "Give Joy, Get Joy". There are close to 75 kids participating! Every child 3rd grade and higher gets a speaking part. Cristin also reported that on average, there are around 60 kids in Sunday School each Sunday! Our nursery is also being used as there are between 3 and 6 kids in the nursery on Sundays

Outreach – Josh Guyer reported he will look over our sound system bids so they are ready to be presented to the congregation for a vote at the 2019 Annual Meeting.

Finance – no report

Property Management – New gutters have been installed and the Church exterior was cleaned by a 3rd party company with the help of Wayne Krohn and Bob Brown.

Stewardship – Brenda Kelly reported that the 2019 Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday Jan 27, 2019 at 11:30am in the fellowship hall.

Worship – no report

Director of Ministry in Daily Life Youth Group Report –

OCT/NOV:

10/21/18 – Met and traveled to City Light Church in Council Bluffs for worship, approximately 14 teens and 4 leaders.

LYO provided lunch at Buffalo Wild Wings, shopped at Target for the

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“Wow” items for Operation Christmas Child boxes. Approximately \$1600 was donated to the youth group to fill the shoe boxes!

10/24/18 – Field of Faith – traveled to TriCenter High School. This event is for our 9th thru 12th grade students. Met up with the VCF group. LYO provided sack suppers (caseys Subs and chips) to both groups. Approximately 30 students (Leftover subs were given to the Viking Excel Program the following day)

11/4/18 – Operation Christmas Child – LYO met for a lasagna lunch and filled 78 showboxes!

Looking Ahead:

12/16/18 – End of 2018/Christmas celebration at the church at 11:30am, looking forward to games, food, fellowship and 2019 activities

LYO will be again selling calendars for 2019, bake sale items at the Aebelskiver supper and Poinsettia’s for the Christmas season

Old Business -

Sound System – Josh Guyer will be looking over the bids we have so far and will call the companies with questions so we know what we are getting and what we need. The sound system will be voted on at the Jan2019 Annual Meeting

New Business – none

Membership Changes- none

Address Changes – none

Name Changes - none

New Members: none

Transfers Out: none

Deaths and Funerals: none

Weddings: none

Baptisms: none

Removed from rolls: none

Move to Inactive Status: none

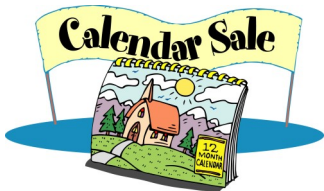
Adjournment: A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Josh Guyer, seconded by Brenda Kelly, all in favor, motion carried.

Next Meeting to be Dec 11, 2018

Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted,

Shela Jacobsen, Treasurer



Youth Group is once again selling calendars for the upcoming year. Please let Sue know if you'd like to purchase one. They are \$10.00 and make great Christmas gifts!



Mark your calendars: The TLC Annual Meeting will be held on January 27th, 2019, at 11:30 p.m. The meeting will be held in the fellowship hall. Council and Committee members please have your reports in to Sue no later than January 13th. During the meeting, the congregation will be voting on new council & committee members, as well as, a vote to regarding purchasing a new sound/visual system.

December 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 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 pm. CAP Meeting	3 2 p.m. Prayer Team 5:30 Bell Choir	4 2 p.m. TLCW Meeting 6 p.m. Alive in Christ Choir	5 6 p.m.- 7:30 p.m. Christmas Program Practice 6:30 p.m. Alleluia Choir 6:30 p.m. Bible Study	6 2 p.m. TLCW Christmas Tea 6:30 p.m. Peace Haven Worship	7 Pastor's Day Off	1 5 p.m.- Worship 8 5 p.m. Worship
9 8 a.m. Bible Study 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. Worship/Sunday School Christmas Program 11:30 p.m. Bible Study	10 9 a.m. Salem Lutheran Home Worship 5:30 Bell Choir	11 11 p.m.-1 p.m. Angel Tree Wrapping 6 p.m. Alive in Christ Choir 7 p.m. Committee Meetings 8 p.m. Council Meeting	12 6 p.m. Confirmation 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 7 a.m.—10 a.m.- Good Guys Boxes 5 p.m. Worship
16 8 a.m. Bible Study 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. Worship 11:30 p.m. Bible Study 11:30 p.m. Youth Group	17 5:30 Bell Choir	18 8:30 a.m.—3 p.m. Christian Service 6 p.m. Alive in Christ Choir	19 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/Hansen Baptism 11:30 p.m. Bible Study	24 4 p.m. Christmas Eve Worship Service 6 p.m. Christmas Eve Worship Service	25 MERRY CHRISTMAS!	26	27	28 Pastor's Day Off	29 5 p.m. Worship
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Holy Communion: Celebrated at each worship service

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