

# The Trinity Trumpet

## February 2019

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### Abide in My Love

We find John's allegory of Jesus as the "true vine" in the 15<sup>th</sup> chapter of the book of John. Jesus as the "true vine" is the means by which people are related to God. The "true vine" makes possible the existence of the "true people of God" by virtue of their "abiding" in Christ. Further, "to bear much fruit" is the evidence of a life of vital discipleship. Abba God is glorified through *fruitful discipleship*. Yet the disciples' fruit bearing is accomplished only through a mutuality of love that exists between Abba God and Jesus. This is the ungraced state of *being in Christ*.

Just as Christ lives and moves and has his being in Abba God. So we too as Christ's disciples derive this same meaning of being of believing by living in Christ. But this "being" is not a state of passivity, for in the vine life flows from the roots out to all the branches, they are not receptive and "cut off". The activity of the branches is to carry out the life of the main stem. They act in kind, just as the acts of Jesus are initiated and powered by the indwelling love of Abba God.

Everything in the love relationship of which John's Jesus begins with Abba God's love for the disciples: "As the father has loved me, so I have loved you, abide in my love" (Jn. 15:9). By ending their lives, Jesus brings the love of Abba God to them as direct experience, not as theological speculation. The life they have shared with Jesus has made clear the love of Abba God in a real and unprecedented way. But how is a disciple to remain in that way? The word of truth is that the believer enters into communion with Abba God by *keeping Jesus' Commandments*, just as Jesus has been faithful in keeping the commandments of Abba God. The primary source of joy in keeping the commandments is the fundamental commandment: to love. Disciples are to love one another just as Jesus has loved us, which is seen most clearly in the way of self-sacrifice. But, before any of the disciples can "lay down their lives for their friends", Jesus must first lay down his life for them. Their paradigm of love rests completely on the initiative of God in Christ, a love which reaches its fullest on the cross. Yet Jesus makes it clear that their discipleship is not something they planned and executed. Jesus chose them and charges them with a purpose. John's Gospel makes no stronger statement on the election of our purpose than here.

As we "abide in Christ's love, Christ's love abides in us". When the disciple brings his or her will into conformity with Abba God's will, which is love, the empowerment to love cannot help but spill out of our hearts when we are in Christ Jesus!

Together in Christ Jesus,

Pr. Eric

# Trinity Lutheran Church



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

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## 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

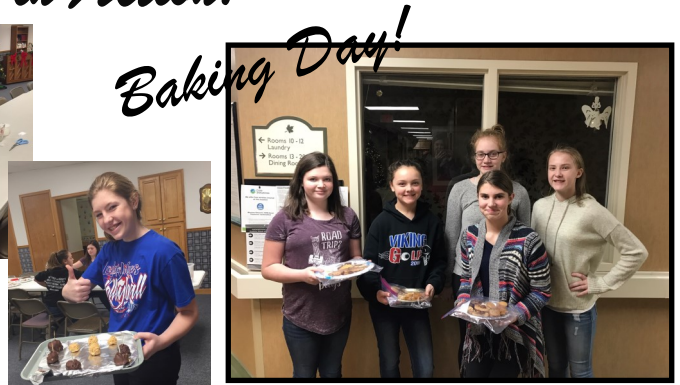
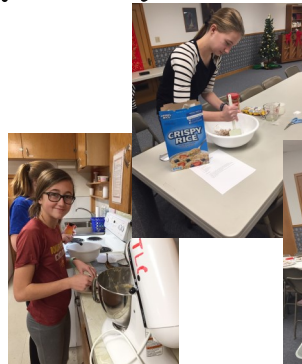
## *Worship Schedule Change*

Beginning In February

**Saturday Worship Service 5:00 p.m.**

**1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month**

## *Youth Group in Action!*



# WINTER JAM

## **Youth Group- Save the Dates**

- February 3rd– Hosting Movie at the Phoenix– depart at 11:30– Movie showing at 1
- February 17th– filling bags for our school backpack program. Lunch & Games
- March 10th– Soles for Hope Party
- March 24th– Escape Room

### Church Council

**President:** Dean Krohn

(712) 249-0760

**Vice-President/Property Management:** Dustin DeJong

(712) 579-5640

**Secretary:** Carolyn Oldenburg

(712) 755-2945

**Christian Education:** Cristin Rold

(712) 741-3734

**Worship:** Katie Collins

(402) 250-9313

**Finance:** Margie Schenck

(712) 755-3547

**Outreach:** Josh Guyer

(402) 682-1254

**Stewardship:** Brenda Kelly

(712) 343-2713

**Treasurer:** Shela Jacobsen

(402) 490-2423



CHURCH  
BUSINESS

Weekend of	Total Attendance	Total Gifts Received
12/30/2018	41	2614.21
01/06/2019	221	5484.00
01/13/2019	214	3074.00
01/20/2019	194	2972.00



**Phyllis Krohn**— David & Jan Niemann, Dora Rock, Darrell & Christine Mohr, Ken & Linda Woltmann, Leanne Travis, Richard & Janet Holtz, Larry & Sally Olsen, Don & Dorothy Nelsen, David & Carol Sampson, Dennis & Margie Nielsen, RJ & Judy Ring, Clifton & Delores Woodworth, Dwayne & Jacqueline Larsen

Trinity Lutheran Church Women met on Thursday, January 3, 2019, at 2:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Bonnie Kardell read "God's Glory" from the "Upper Room".

President Jeannie Klindt called the meeting to order. Secretary's report was read, with one correction. Aebelskiver Supper was held 2 weeks later, on November 29<sup>th</sup>, not one week later. Treasurer's report was read and approved.

There were no bills. Donna Rold made a motion to give \$100.00 to The Avoca Food Pantry. Seconded by Betty Oehlertz. M/C Laura Ann Allen made the motion to give \$200.00 to Lutheran Family Services. Shirley Pattee seconded. M/C

Correspondence read were thank you notes from Donna Rold, Pastor Eric, New Visions, Micah House, and Lutheran Family Services.

Christian Service will meet on January 8<sup>th</sup> and January 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Mission Community: No report.

Bible Study Group: Faith met with Betty Oehlertz and will meet with LaVonne Sidebottom next.

Old Business: After the December 4<sup>th</sup> meeting, TLCW delivered 45 solars and Christmas cards to the residents at Avoca Nursing Home and Avoca Assisted Living. Christmas Tea was a great success with 23 in attendance. Donna Rold won the door prize of a Christmas topper and Nancy Kelly and Dolores Krummel won the wooden ornaments.

New Business: Donna Rold made the motion to give \$300.00 to the NALC. Seconded by Betty Oehlertz. M/C

Donna Rold will purchase a new electric roaster, to replace one that quit working.

Next meeting will be February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019 in the fellowship hall.

Motion to adjourn was made by Bonnie Kardell. Seconded by Laura Ann Allen. M/C

Preamble was recited.

Table Grace was sung.

Laura Ann Allen, Secretary



# Baptisms

Jackson Nathan Hensley was baptized during the 10:15 a.m. service, on Sunday, January 20th. Jackson is the son of Nathan and Courtney Hensley. His sponsors were Rachel Travis and Ross Buboltz.



Nicholas Don Buboltz was baptized during the 10:15 a.m. service, on Sunday, January 20th. Nicholas is the son of Ross and Kaitlyn Buboltz. His sponsors were Nathan and Courtney Hensley.

**Welcome, Jackson and Nicholas, into the family of Christ!**

# February BIRTHDAYS

February 01	Loleta	Hansen
February 01	Jeremy	Holst
February 01	Dorothy	Nelsen
February 01	Carol	Sampson
February 02	Betty	Maassen
February 03	Leora	Torres
February 04	Gailen	Sidebottom
February 04	Diane	Stamp
February 04	Jerry	Stamp
February 06	Roy	Guyer
February 06	Lauren	Yates
February 07	Barbara	Piittmann
February 08	Albert	Hoepner
February 08	Henry	Paulsen
February 10	Darlene	Eggerss
February 11	Evelyn	Scott
February 12	Lorie	Espeseth
February 12	Lynn	Gronborg
February 15	Denise	Hargens

February 17	Guy	Scheffler
February 17	Jerrald	Setran
February 18	LaDonna	Conroy
February 19	Evelyn	Clayton
February 19	Lance	Scott
February 21	Ann	Carroll
February 21	Gregery	Fritz
February 22	Paul	Harder
February 22	Mary	Lechtenberger
February 23	Gary	Krummel
February 24	Larry	Feekes
February 24	Jo Ann	Krummel
February 25	Joel	Andersen
February 25	Dale	Krohn
February 26	Amber	Johnson
February 26	Patricia	Jorgensen
February 27	Jessica	Rold
February 28	Hope	Constable

## 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

....When he was working in the fields close to home, I was usually able to find him after I would get home from school and finish out the day working with him. But when he was over at the Tennant farm, I had no way to get there, so trips there were very limited.

### Say What?? (Part 3 of 8)



As the weather warmed up, the ground preparation had been completed, and it was time to get the crops in the ground. Dad had gotten all of his own ground planted, and he was ready to head west with the tractor and planter and get started over there. It was mid to late morning on a Saturday, and as soon as he was ready to go, he came and found my brother and myself. He explained that he was ready to get the tractor and planter over to Tennant, and that he needed me to follow him in the pickup so that he would have a way back home. The request was nothing new to me, and as usual, it was not presented to me as a question, but more as a statement, “I need you to follow me over to Tennant in the pickup”. Previous to this, I had followed him plenty of times in the process of moving equipment from farm to farm. Not only on the country roads, but occasionally also on the highway. Whenever we would have to travel on the highway, he always told me that if we should ever get stopped by the police, that I should not get nervous or scared, and that he would handle everything. Fortunately I can say that that situation never occurred in all the times we moved equipment. So, Nolan and I got ready to pile in the pickup and make the trek over to Tennant. Now what he used for a farm truck, was a 72 GMC with a 4 speed manual transmission. The original bench seat had been removed, and the seat out of a Cadillac had been installed in its place. But in doing so, the new seat could not be adjusted closer to or farther away from the steering wheel. Being only 11 or 12 years old, I couldn’t reach the clutch for starting the truck or shifting gears. So, I would have to start the truck in gear, which was always a bit jerky until the motor would come to life, and I could use the gas pedal to get it moving. Another challenge that the truck presented was that it didn’t have power steering, just the old fashioned way with elbow grease. So, off we went. Dad with the tractor and planter, and Nolan and I in the truck. We made our way down the gravel road to Highway 59, just north of what is now Wings and the Cobblestone Inn. We headed North on the highway, and at the bottom of the hill what is now Regional Water, we turned West and headed down the gravel road towards the river. At the time, Dad had just gotten a newer planter which was an upgrade from a 4-row to an 8-row planter, and due to its size, the marker arms were longer and stood up higher when being transported down the road. As we approached the river bridge, Dad brought the tractor down to a snail’s pace because the construction of the bridge had metal frame sides which included a metal frame cover as well.

# February 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:

Kathy Soetmelk: 5 p.m. service	Cell 712-249-9027
Sue Paulsen: 9 a.m. service	Cell (402) 639-6054
Katie Collins: 10:15 a.m. service	Cell (402)250-9313

	Saturday Feb. 2, 5:00	Sunday Feb 3, 9:00 a.m.	Sunday Feb 3, 10:15 a.m.
Scripture Readings	Dick Brown	n/a	n/a
Prayers	Kathy Soetmelk	n/a	n/a
Support	Don Nelsen	Larry Chapman	Jeff Harder
Communion Asst.	Dorothy Nelsen	n/a	n/a
Acolytes	n/a	n/a	n/a
Greeters	Karen Pope	Betty Oehlertz	Beth and Ryan Nielsen Family
Ushers	n/a	Mike & Wendy Jorgensen	Adam and Stephanie Harder
Power Point	n/a	n/a	n/a
Camera	n/a	n/a	Jayna Engle
Altar Guild	Carolyn Oldenburg	n/a	n/a

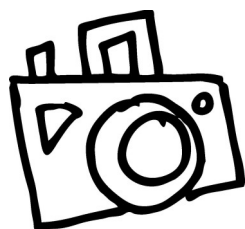
	Saturday Feb. 9, 5:00	Sunday Feb. 10, 9:00 a.m.	Sunday Feb. 10, 10:15 a.m.
Scripture Readings		Roger Nelson	Amber Johnson
Prayers		Neil Paulsen	Deb Meissner
Support		Kathy Nelson	Sue Paulsen
Communion Asst.		Janiece Schroder	Deb Meissner, Lori & Ron Winter
Acolytes		Lauren Yates	Kaleah Guyer
Greeters		Erin Ronnfeldt Family	Beth & Brian Buboltz Family
Ushers		Neil & Deb Paulsen	Kim & Dale Krohn
Power Point		LuAnn Jensen	Josh Guyer
Camera		n/a	Justin Freeman
Altar Guild		Bonnie Kardell & Jo Ann Krummel	Janiece Schroder & Maxine Sorsen

	Saturday Feb. 16, 5:00	Sunday Feb. 17, 9:00 a.m.	Sunday Feb. 17, 10:15 a.m.
Scripture Readings	Donna Rold	Carolyn Spencer	Janae Sternberg
Prayers	Donna Rold	LaDonna Conroy	Karen Hansen
Support	Reva Bylund	Marilyn Chapman	Jim Hansen
Communion Asst.	Reva Bylund	Dora Rock	Sue Paulsen, Karen & Jim Hansen
Acolytes	n/a	Isabelle Wheatley	Anistyn Roskens
Greeters	Darlene Eggerss	Linda Schumacher	Kyle and Jill Clayton family
Ushers	n/a	Barb & Bob Brown	Tonya & J Olesen
Power Point	n/a	Larry Chapman	Adam Krohn
Camera	n/a	n/a	Graycen Partlow
Altar Guild	Roger & Kathy Nelson	Bonnie Kardell & Jo Ann Krummel	Janiece Schroder & Maxine Sorsen

	Saturday Feb. 23,	Sunday Feb. 24, 9:00 a.m.	Sunday Feb. 24, 10:15 a.m.
Scripture Readings		Jerry Conroy	Danny Pattee
Prayers		Peggy Osbahr	Amanda Holst
Support		Dean Krohn	Gary Soetmelk
Communion Asst.		n/a	n/a
Acolytes		Jessica Jacobsen	Lilly Scott
Greeters		Bonnie Kardell	Cristin & Dan Rold Family
Ushers		Robb Jacobsen & Amy Goetzinger	Holly & Mike Hansen
Power Point		Joy Krohn	Dustin DeJong
Camera		n/a	Jayna Engle
Altar Guild		n/a	n/a

## March Volunteer Schedule

	Saturday Mar. 2, 5:00	Sunday Mar. 3, 9:00 a.m.	Sunday Mar. 3, 10:15 a.m.
Scripture Readings	Judy Williams	Richard Schneck	Wendy Albright
Prayers	Dorothy Nelsen	Donna Rold	Shari Munyon
Support	Carolyn Oldenburg	Shela Jacobsen	Jim Hansen
Communion Asst.	Judy Williams	Margie Schneck	Shari Munyon, Karen & Jim Hansen
Acolytes	n/a	Cassidy Feigenbutz	Graycen Partlow
Greeters	Norma Krohn	Jill Feignbutz Family	Brock & Jenny Partlow Family
Ushers	n/a	Mabel Jacobsen & Julie Engel	LeAnn & Terry McCarthy
Power Point	n/a	Shela Jacobsen	Josh Guyer
Camera	n/a	n/a	Isabelle Wheatley
Altar Guild	Reva Bylund	Nancy & Ken Collins	Jane & Dale Tech



### **Focus on Ministry**

**TLC FOOD & CLOTHING  
PANTRY**

The TLC Food & Clothing Pantry is located in Walnut at 308 Highland St., and is open to the public on Thursdays from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Each week a large number of people utilize the food pantry. Last year alone, the pantry served 982 family's and 2895 people. Much of the food is purchased thru the Food Bank of the Heartland to fill the pantry shelves. It costs approximately \$5.65 per family and \$1.92 per person. Volunteers are always welcome to help! Please contact Dean or Joy Krohn (712) 307-0496 or Mike or Lesley Krummel (712) 249-2592 if you are interested in helping on Thursday afternoons. Another way to help this ministry is by food or monetary donations. Food donations can be left downstairs in the hallway in the labeled bin. Monetary donations can be left in the offering designated to the food pantry or mailed to the church. Clothing is also accepted weekly downstairs in the hallway. Thank you to all who donate food, clothing, money, time and effort to this ministry!!

Trinity Lutheran Church  
Congregational Council Meeting  
January 8, 2019

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

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

*Thank You Notes:* Thanks go out to Joy Krohn for her years of service lining up members to help at worship services.

*Prayers of a God Chaser:* Pastor Eric

*Approval of Agenda:* No formal agenda offered.

*Approval of Minutes from last meeting:* moved Josh Guyer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Katie Collins to approve the minutes. MC

*Treasurer's Report:* Report by Shela Jacobsen that 2018 ended \$6352.00 in the red due to exceptional expenses. As a whole, income in 2018 was above projections. Dustin DeJong moved and Josh Guyer 2<sup>nd</sup> to accept report. MC. Shela then presented the 2019 budget that will be voted on during the annual meeting on January 27, 2019.

*President's Report:* Dean Krohn

*Pastor Eric's Report:* A thank you dinner for current council members and families follows this meeting. Pastor and Deb will host an open house for TLC members on 1-13 starting at 11:30am. Pastor will be on vacation Feb. 23-26. Faith Sound will perform at Trinity on Feb. 3. Genola Nave funeral will be Feb. 11. Baptisms for Jackson Hensley and Nickolas Buboltz will be Jan 20 at the 10:15 service. Please keep Phyllis Krohn and the family of John McCowen (father of Beth Schumann) in your prayers.

*Director of Ministry in Daily Life:* Sue was unable to attend the meeting.

*Committee Reports:*

TLC COMMITTEE REPORTS FOR THE 2019 ANNUAL MEETING MUST BE TURNED IN BY 1-14-2019.

Due to the shortened nature of the meeting committee reports were minimal.

*Education:* Cristin Rold reported that Sunday School resumed Jan. 6 with 30 member volunteers.

*Finance:* Margie Schenck reported that 2019 giving envelopes are available in the narthex and 2018 giving statement will be available beginning at the annual meeting.

Cristin Rold moved and Margie Schenck 2<sup>nd</sup> that all reports be accepted. MC

*New Business:* The 2019 TLC Budget was discussed and it will be voted on at the annual meeting on Jan. 27, 2019. Cristin Rold moved and Josh Guyer 2<sup>nd</sup> to offer the budget to members at the annual meeting. MC. Expenses for the new Audio Visual system and repairs to the roof over the narthex were also discussed. More information will be offered at the annual meeting.

*NOTE:* There will be a winter clothes give away @ AHSTW elementary school on Jan. 17.

*Membership Changes:* Ella Lynn Hansen & Benjamin Leroy Kramer, Baptisms 12/23/2018


*Adjournment:* Moved by Margie Schenck 2<sup>nd</sup> by Josh Guyer to adjourn. MC

*Next Meeting Date:* Feb. 12, 2019

Prayerfully submitted,  
Margie Schenck



# February 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3 8 a.m. Bible Study 9:00 a.m. Faith Sound 10:15 a.m. Faith Sound/ Sunday School 11:30 p.m. Bible Study 11:30 Youth Group/ 1 p.m. Movie in Neola	4 2 p.m. Prayer Team 5:30 Bell Choir	5 8:30 a.m.—3 p.m. Chris- tian Service 6 p.m. Alive in Christ Choir 6 p.m. Council Meeting 6:30 p.m. Council Dinner	6 6 p.m. Confirmation 6:30 p.m. Alleluia Choir 6:30 p.m. Bible Study	7 2 p.m. TLCW Meeting 6:30 p.m. Peace Haven Worship	8 Pastor's Day Off	9 Pastor's Day Off
10 8 a.m. Bible Study 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. Worship/Sunday School 11:30 p.m. Bible Study	11 9 a.m. Salem Lutheran Home Worship 5:30 Bell Choir	12 6 p.m. Alive in Christ Choir	13 6 p.m. Confirmation 6:30 p.m. Alleluia Choir 6:30 p.m. Bible Study	14 	15 Pastor's Day Off	16 5 p.m. Worship
17 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	18 5:30 Bell Choir	19 8:30 a.m.—3 p.m. Chris- tian Service 6 p.m. Alive in Christ Choir	20 6 p.m. Confirmation 6:30 p.m. Alleluia Choir 6:30 p.m. Bible Study	21 9:30 a.m. Faith Bible Study 2 p.m. Avoca Nursing Home Worship	22 Pastor's Day Off	23
24 8 a.m. Bible Study 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. Worship 11:30 p.m. Bible Study	25 5:30 Bell Choir	26 6 p.m. Alive in Christ Choir	27 6 p.m. Confirmation 6:30 p.m. Alleluia Choir 6:30 p.m. Bible Study	28		

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