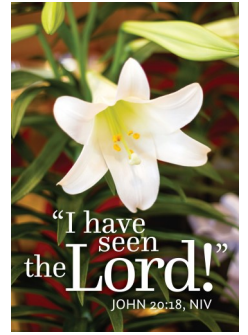


# The Trinity Trumpet

## April 2019

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### **Guilt by Association???**

The church leaders of Jesus' day were attacking him for being morally lax. They hated the fact that he associated with prostitutes, cheats and thieves. They thought a moral person should be pure and untouched by anyone or anything unclean.

We can understand what they are talking about. Today it is called "guilt by association." "If you are seen with them you must be one of them," we tell ourselves.

You and I don't want to hang around with known mobsters or people who have been identified as drug dealers. People would assume you were one of them. In the same way the Jewish religious leaders condemned Jesus for associating with sinners.

In addition to that, they pointed to other signs of Jesus' moral laxity. They said he violated the Sabbath Law, the strict regulations about what you can and cannot do on the Sabbath day. And Jesus did often ignore those rules, when they came in conflict to human need, even mild human need. In addition to that, the Jewish priests attacked Jesus and His disciples for not keeping the fasting laws either. They called Jesus a glutton and a drunkard! They said Jesus was lax because he didn't keep the religious rituals of their church. It seemed He didn't care about them.

So, they had a good case going. Jesus didn't always follow the laws. He did ignore rituals, and often associated with known degenerates. "What about it Jesus? What kind of standards do you keep?" Jesus' response to them is that His teachings are not easier than the Jewish law but tougher. Not only does He not change any of the Jewish law, His standards are even more difficult.

When Jesus points to our motives as what really matters, that makes us all guilty doesn't it? Some people keep the appearances of being pure, like the older brother of the prodigal son. But does anyone act with pure motives regardless of who we hang around with?

Two men were walking along the sidewalk in downtown Chicago. As they crossed the street, they were met by a strange looking man standing on the corner. He was wrapped in a white sheet. He had a beard and fiery eyes. As they walked by him he pointed at them and shouted loudly, "Guilty! Guilty!" The two men were embarrassed but tried to walk on without seeming to notice him. After they had gone a few more steps, one of the men turned to the other and said, "I wonder how he knew!"

Jesus teaches a higher morality, a tougher faith. It's not just appearances that matter, who we hang around with or how we look on the outside, but what's deep inside us. It's really whether our motives are right. Since none of us can make ourselves good, it leads us back to God, who can make us right and good and pure. God does!

In the end God's Word points us to God, with hope. It's not that we make ourselves good, we can't do that. But we finally trust in God. God can make us right, from the inside out. We can't go it alone. We don't have to. God wants to make this journey of life with us. Thanks be to God!

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 & re-  
sources

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Following Christ's **LOVE**.

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**April 3**– Trinity Lutheran Church will host the service and dinner, with St. Mary's Church of Avoca performing.

**April 10**– First Presbyterian Church of Walnut will host the service and dinner, with Peace Church of Walnut to perform

The Easter Lilies have been ordered! If you missed the signup sheet in church and would like to order a Lily, please let Sue know before April 8th. Thank you to everyone who already purchased an Easter Lily, not only do they add to the beauty of our Easter celebration here, but they also help to fund the activities of our youth group! Thanks Again!



**Sunday, April 14** — **Palm Sunday**, 9 a.m. Worship, 10:15 a.m. Worship / First Communion / New Member Recognition

**Wednesday, April 17**, 7 p.m. Easter Cantata at Trinity

**Thursday, April 18** — **Maundy Thursday**, 6 p.m. Worship

**Friday, April 19** — **Good Friday**, 6 p.m. Worship

**Sunday, April 21**— **Easter**, 7 a.m. Sunrise Worship, 8 a.m. Easter Breakfast hosted by Youth Group, 10:15 a.m. Worship / No Sunday School

### Church Council

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### CHURCH BUSINESS

Weekend of	Total Attendance	Total Gifts Received
03/03/2019	175	12400.90
03/10/2019	183	4964.50
03/17/2019	270	4430.00
03/24/2019	191	3974.00

**Ann Jeanette Lee**– Betty Oehlert, Beverly Larsen, Charles & Laura Ann Allen, Carroll Loring, Mark & Kimberly Gress

**Glenda Langer**– Joyce Schidberg, David & Jan Niemann, Janiece Schroder, Roger & Betty Kubik, Betty Oehlert, Norma Krohn

**Terry Carley**– Clarence & Delores Harder, Monte & Serena Riesgaard, Ron Knutson, Betty Oehlert, William & Reva Bylund, Charles & Laura Ann Allen, Leo & LaVonne Bargaquast, Norma Krohn, Jerry & Donna Rold, Dave & Jan Niemann

**Dave Jorgensen**– Betty Oehlert, William & Reva Bylund, David & Jan Niemann

**Phyllis Krohn**– Norma Pattee

**Willis Wendt**– Norma Pattee

**Wray Carroll**– Norma Pattee



Trinity Lutheran Church Women met on Thursday, March 14th, at 2:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. President Jeannie Klindt called the meeting to order.

Laura Ann Allen read "Quilting Together" and Donna Rold read "Do You Know Hymns?" Bonnie Kardell read "Being What I am" from the Upper Room.

Secretary and Treasurer reports were read and approved. Donna Rold made motion to pay bills. M/C

Correspondence was read.

Christian Service will meet March 12th and March 26th.

We will be having the Lenten Service on April 3. The youth group will help with the serving. Jan Holtz made the motion to adjourn and Nancy

Kelly seconded. M/C

Next meeting will be on Thursday 4th, at 2:00 p.m.

Preamble was recited and table grace was sung.

Laura Ann Allen, Secretary



# New TLC Website!

Please visit

[tlcavoca.com](http://tlcavoca.com)

to check out our newly developing website! As the site continues to develop, we welcome your feedback for improvements!

A special thanks to Darren Krohn for his hard work and time developing this site for us!



Congratulations Travis Michael Lane! Travis was welcomed into the family of God through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism during the 10:15 a.m. service on Sunday, March 3, 2019. His sponsors were his wife, Kaleigh, and children, Charlie, Kaeden, and Brynnleigh.



## April BIRTHDAYS

April 01	Jorden	Johnson
April 01	DeLores	Krummel
April 02	Linda	Feekes
April 02	Kathy	Jacobsen
April 03	Dorothy	Eggerss
April 03	Dean	Schueman
April 04	Connie	Schroder
April 05	Melissa	Christian
April 06	James A.	Johnson
April 06	Barbara	Lynch
April 06	Blakely	Maassen
April 06	Maelie	Madden
April 06	Sally	Matthies
April 07	Makenzie	Whyte
April 08	Bernard	Lee
April 08	Baylee	Meyers
April 08	Carrie	Rees
April 11	Nancy	Kelly
April 11	Rylinn	Madden
April 11	Kyle	Rock
April 11	Traci	TRUE
April 13	Reva	Bylund
April 13	Mark	Gress

April 13	Abbie	Willett
April 15	Milton	Hanson
April 15	Carol	Pattee
April 15	Emma	Blotzer
April 15	Roman	Scheffler
April 16	Leslie	Nielsen
April 18	Cody	McCreehy
April 18	Nancy	Mohr
April 19	Bella	Lamp
April 19	Kamryn	Tooley
April 20	Ronda	Holst
April 20	Margaret	Maassen
April 21	Lucy	Krohn
April 22	Hugo	Dittmer
April 22	Roger	Kubik
April 23	Cristin	Rold
April 23	Talon	Stevens
April 24	Shela	Jacobsen
April 26	Ross	Pattee
April 26	Harley	Spencer
April 27	Lisa	Willett
April 28	Lacey	Brockhoff
April 28	Karen	Dittmer
April 28	Heather	Smith



In 2018, our Food Pantry ordered 17,062 pounds of food from the FoodBank for the Heartland. That number converts to 14,218 meals!

That number doesn't even take into account what was donated thru our church and community. As you can see, our food pantry is helping serve our community with many, many meals. Keep up the good work people of God!

## 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

....Now I was only allowed to drive in 2<sup>nd</sup> gear, and in that old truck, 6 miles per hour sounded like you were racing for first place at the Daytona 500. So the 3-1/2 to 4 miles that I had to go, was not going to be a fast trip. As Nolan and I headed down the road, I kept playing over in my mind the last trip to the Tennant farm I took with Dad, and all the instructions that he gave me at the bridge.

### Say What?? (Part 5 of 8)



Soon I came to the first fork in the road, and I knew in an instant which way I needed to go. At this point of the trip, the confidence level was good. About 3/4 of a mile down the road, I came to the next intersection, and the scenery started to look a little unfamiliar. I brought the truck to a stop, and looked to the left and straight ahead. My confidence level started to diminish. What seemed like an hour went by, and I finally decided to go left, to the West. As we continued on our way, I didn’t recognize any of the surroundings. None of the houses, or the fields looked like something I had seen before. I debated whether I should turn into the gate of a field and wait for someone to find us, or turn around and go the other direction at the intersection we just left. Scared of the unknown, I kept going in the direction I was already headed. The fear started to slowly fade, and then I came to another fork in the road. I brought the truck to a stop, and studied both directions. The road to the right didn’t look familiar at all, so I quickly took the road that lead to the left. I remember asking Nolan if he remembered anything from going to the Tennant farm, had he said nothing and just shook his head. He didn’t say a word the whole time we traveled, and I think he was starting to pick up on my fear of being lost. As we got to the top of the hill, everything seemed to look completely foreign to me. Fear, panic, and doubts filled every inch of my body to the point where I was having to fight back the tears. There was no confidence left in me. There was a farm house at the top of the hill on the south side of the road, and I quickly decided that I needed to pull in there and see if we could get some help in finding our way. I pulled on the drive up by the yard and stopped the truck. I told Nolan to go knock on the door and see if they knew our parents and if they knew the farm the Dad was farming over by Tennant. Nolan didn’t bat an eye, and jumped right to the task as I watched from the cab. He knocked, but nobody came to the door. My high hopes of help, quickly faded as he came back and said “Nobody’s there.” With both of us back in the truck, I turned it around, and got back on the road, heading once again in a direction that I had no idea if it was right. There were a couple more hills that we went over, and as we started down that last hill, it came into sight. A stop sign where the intersection road turned from gravel to blacktop, and more importantly, I recognized it!



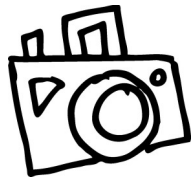


### **Youth Group- Save the Dates**

Wednesday, April 3rd– 6 p.m.-Serve Dinner at our Community Lenten Service

Friday-Sunday, April 5th-7th– Okoboji Recharge

Sunday, April 21st– Easter Breakfast Prepare, Serve, & Clean Up– 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.



### **Focus on Ministry**

**TLCW**

The Trinity Lutheran Church Women’s group, or TLCW, meets the first Thursday of the month at 2 p.m.. The current officers are Jeannie Klindt-President, Laura Ann Allen-Secretary, and Bonnie Kardell-Treasurer. All are welcome to join them! The TLCW group does many acts of service throughout the year. Coming soon, they will be hosting the Lenten soup supper, after our Community Lenten Service on April 3rd. Soups will include corn chowder and beef barley. Also, in the Spring, the group travels to the Elkhorn and Avoca nursing homes to play bingo with the residents. Birthday cards are given to the Elkhorn residents and Christmas gifts are given to the Avoca residents. The women also host our annual Aebelskiver dinner, normally held the Thursday before Thanksgiving. This is a major fundraiser for the group. Throughout the year, the TLCW group also keeps busy preparing and serving the luncheon meals at funerals. Their efforts do not go unnoticed. They have touched the lives of so many throughout their ministry! Thanks for all you do TLCW!

# April 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  
 Sue Paulsen: 9 a.m. service  
 Katie Collins: 10:15 a.m. service

Cell 712-249-9027  
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	<b>Wednesday April 3, 6:00 p.m.</b>
Scripture Readings	Jerry Conroy
Prayers	n/a
Support	Dora Rock
Communion Asst.	n/a
Acolytes	n/a
Greeters	Alice Bother & Norma Krohn
Ushers	Roger & Kathy Nelson
Power Point	Larry Chapman
Camera	n/a
Altar Guild	n/a



	<b>Saturday April 6 , 5:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Sunday April 7, 9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Sunday April 7 , 10:15 a.m.</b>
Scripture Readings	Ronda Holst	Greg Petersen	Danny Pattee
Prayers	Roger Nelson	Peggy Osbahr	Deb Meissner
Support	Kathy Nelson	Larry Chapman	Gary Soetmelk
Communion Asst.	Ronda Holst	Marge Petersen	Sue Paulsen, Gary and Kathy Soetmelk
Acolytes	n/a	Anistyn Roskens	Jayna Engle
Greeters	Diane Taylor	Janee' & Jim Schueman	Nicole & Heath Lamp Family
Ushers	n/a	Kris McCarthy & Lori Synder	Tonya & J Olesen
Power Point	n/a	Lu Ann Jensen	Steve Munyon
Camera	n/a	n/a	Saydi Paulsen
Altar Guild	Carolyn Oldenburg	Marge & Greg Petersen	Beth Schueman & Brenda Roloff

		<b>Sunday April 14, 9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Sunday April 14, 10:15 a.m.</b>
Scripture Readings		Alice Botcher	Gayle Stuart
Prayers		Neil Paulsen	Shari Munyon
Support		Greg Petersen	Jim Hansen
Communion Asst.		Dean Krohn	Sue Paulsen, Jerry & Joyce Mez
Acolytes		Hannah Nielsen	Kaleah Guyer
Greeters		Ryan & Beth Nielsen Family	Travis & Kaliegh Lane Family
Ushers		Neil & Deb Paulsen	Gary and Katie Collins
Power Point		Joy Krohn	Adam Krohn
Camera		n/a	Eli Collins
Altar Guild		Marge & Greg Petersen	Beth Schueman & Brenda Roloff

	<b>Maundy Thursday April 18, 6:00 p.m.</b>			<b>Good Friday April 19, 6:00 p.m.</b>
Scripture Readings	Roger Nelson		Scripture Readings	Jerry Conroy
Prayers	Kathy Soetmelk		Prayers	Janiece Schroder
Support	Gary Soetmelk		Support	Dean Krohn
Communion Asst.	Alice Botcher		Communion Asst.	n/a
Acolytes	Jayna Engle		Acolytes	n/a
Greeters	Norma Krohn		Greeters	n/a
Ushers	Kathy & Roger Nelson		Ushers	n/a
Power Point	Shela Jacobsen		Power Point	Joy Krohn
Camera	n/a		Camera	n/a
Altar Guild	Carolyn Oldenburg		Altar Guild	n/a

	<b>Saturday April 20, 5:00 p.m.</b>	<b>EASTER- Sunday April 21, 7:00 a.m.</b>	<b>EASTER-Sunday April 21, 10:15 a.m.</b>
Scripture Readings	Dick Brown	Dora Rock	
Prayers	Dick Holtz	LaDonna Conroy	Deb Meissner
Support	Carolyn Oldenburg	Marilyn Chapman	Katie Collins
Communion Asst.	Dick Holtz	Peggy Osbahr	Sue Paulsen, Gary and Kathy Soetmelk
Acolytes	n/a	Cassidy Feigenbutz	Isabelle Wheatley
Greeters	Karen Pope	Jill Feigenbutz Family	Jessica and Jason Rold Family
Ushers	n/a	Bob & Barb Brown	Gary and Katie Collins
Power Point	n/a	Larry Chapman	Dustin DeJong
Camera	n/a	n/a	Kaeden Rold
Altar Guild	Carolyn Oldenburg	Marge & Greg Petersen	Beth Schueman & Brenda Roloff

		<b>Sunday, April 28, 9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Sunday April 28 , 10:15 a.m.</b>
Scripture Readings		Nancy Kelly	Betty Kubik
Prayers		Wendy Jorgensen	Karen Rodriguez
Support		Dora Rock	Phil Rodriguez
Communion Asst.		Marge Petersen	Shari Munyon, Lori & Ron Winter
Acolytes		Nate Jorgensen	Jessica Jacobsen
Greeters		Mike & Wendy Jorgensen	Tamara & Adam Hansen Family
Ushers		Mick & Donna Schuler	Tonya & J Olesen
Power Point		Shela Jacobsen	Josh Guyer
Camera		n/a	Graycen Partlow
Altar Guild		Marge & Greg Petersen	Beth Schueman & Brenda Roloff

## **May Volunteer Schedule**

	<b>Saturday, May 4, 5:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Sunday, May 5, 9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Sunday, May 5 , 10:15 a.m.</b>
Scripture Readings	Judy Williams	Carolyn Spencer	Dan Rold
Prayers	Dorothy Nelsen	Janiece Schroder	Wendy Albright
Support	Kathy Nelson	Jerry Conroy	Dean Krohn
Communion Asst.	Judy Williams	Janiece Schroder	Joy Krohn, Karen & Jim Hansen
Acolytes	n/a	Lauren Yates	Lilly Scott
Greeters	Darlene Eggerss	Erin Ronnfeldt Family	Cristen and Dan Rold Family
Ushers	n/a	Dale & Kim Krohn	Becky & Wayne Jacobsen
Power Point	n/a	LuAnn Jensen	Steve Munyon
Camera	n/a	n/a	Saydi Paulsen
Altar Guild	Roger & Kathy Nelson	Bonnie Kardell & JoAnn	Janiece Schroder & Maxine Sornsen



# April 2019

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 2 p.m. Prayer Team 5:30 Bell Choir 7p.m.-8 p.m. Hour of Prayer	2 6 p.m. Alive in Christ Choir	3 6 p.m. TLC Lenten Service and Soup Supper	4 2 p.m. TLCW Meeting 6:15 p.m. Peace Haven Worship	5 Pastor's Day Off 4 p.m. Youth Group to Re- Charge	6 5 p.m.- Worship Youth Group Re- Charge
7 8 a.m. Bible Study 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. Worship/SS/ Maassen Baptism 11:15 First Communion Class 11:30 a.m. Bible Study	8 5:30 Bell Choir 7p.m.-8 p.m. Hour of Prayer	9 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	10 6 p.m. Confirmation 6 p.m. Lenten Church Service at First Presbyterian in Walnut 6:30 p.m. Bible Study	11 7:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast	12 Pastor's Day Off	13
14 PALM SUNDAY 8 a.m. Bible Study 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. Worship/SS/First Communion/New Members 11:30 a.m. Bible Study	15 9 a.m. Salem Lutheran Home Worship 5:30 Bell Choir 7p.m.-8 p.m. Hour of Prayer	16 6 p.m. Alive in Christ Choir	17 6 p.m. Confirmation 6:30 p.m. Bible Study 7 p.m. Easter Cantata	18 9:30 a.m. Faith Bible Study 2 p.m. Avoca Nursing Home Worship 6 p.m. Maundy Thursday Worship Service	19 Pastor's Day Off 6 p.m. Good Friday Worship Service	20 5 p.m.- Worship
21 EASTER 7:00 a.m. Worship 8 a.m. Breakfast 10:15 a.m. Worship	22 5:30 Bell Choir	23 8:30 a.m.—3 p.m. Christian Service 6 p.m. Alive in Christ Choir	24 6 p.m. Confirmation 6:30 p.m. Bible Study	25	26 Pastor's Day Off	27
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## **Worship Services**

**1st & 3rd Saturdays 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**