

The Trinity Trumpet

October 2020

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GOD SO LOVED
THE WORLD
THAT HE GAVE HIS ONLY
BEGOTTEN SON,
THAT WHOSOEVER BELIEVETH
IN HIM
SHOULD NOT PERISH,
BUT HAVE EVERLASTING
LIFE

JOHN 3:16

THE HEALING OF HIS SEAMLESS DRESS

“If I may but touch his garment. I shall be healed.” These words in Matthew 9:21 invite us to study this case. When a young person engages in the study of medicine or law, one case after another helps the person learn what they need to know in years to come. In the study of the facts about Christ this method works equally well. In the gospels and elsewhere in the Bible the materials for case studies abound. Today they appeal to the eye of the soul. If only for the sake of simplicity, they bid us to look at one person in the presence of the beloved Physician.

Christ alone does the healing but only in response to the touch of faith. He wishes us to think of faith as human need laying hold of divine power. Today, as of old, he stands in the midst of life’s struggles. Among all of us he has a way of singling out the one who most desires the healing touch of his dear hand. In the case now before us he blesses without even touching the needy friend. So does he stand in our midst now, tender to sympathize and mighty to save.

In the house of God we can lay hold of Christ’s garment. In the music from the key board and in the songs by the people we can become aware of the presence that heals. In the reading from the scriptures and in the words of prayer we should behold the Healer of the broken hearted. In the preaching of the gospel and most of all the table of the Lord we can find peace for our souls. “Earth hath no sorrows that heaven cannot heal”, right here and right now.

We see the difference between the touch that heals and the many that presses. Which way do we come close to the Master’s seamless dress? “oh,” one answers, “often I join the many of those who jostle against the Lord Jesus.” All the while I long to be whole. I have tried and tried to touch the hem of his garment, but I do not know the way. Please you tell me how.

Quit trying to find a perfect way! Try trusting him to bless, however you come! Remember that the healing power rests with him and that he wishes you to reach out by faith, it matters not how. With the eyes of faith you can see some way in which he reveals his presence. With the hand of faith you can reach forth somehow to touch the hem of his garment. Then you will know the peace and joy that filled the heart of that timid woman who whispered to herself, “If I may but touch his garment, I shall be healed.”

Together in Christ!

Pr. Eric

An Invitation to Serious Faith

I will strive to...

PRAY daily
WORSHIP weekly
READ the Bible
SERVE at and beyond Trinity
Be in **RELATIONSHIP** to encourage
spiritual growth in others
GIVE of my time, talents & resources

Trinity Lutheran Church



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

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Worship services for Sunday, September 27th, Saturday, October 3rd, and Sunday, October 4th were cancelled in our efforts to help and support our community stop the spread of Covid 19. Confirmation classes that were scheduled to begin on September 30th were postponed. Please keep an eye out for texts, emails, Facebook and/or our website for new information on rescheduling dates or additional changes should they occur. We are looking forward to worshipping together again in the coming weeks.



FOOD PANTRY

The food and clothing pantry will resume to its previously normal pantry hours starting Thursday, October 1st. They will be open to members of the AHSTW community school district, every Thursday from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Masks will be required for entry. Food and gently worn fall and winter clothes can be dropped off during that time in Walnut or left at the church in the basement hallway during the week. If you would like to help with this important ministry, please contact Joy Krohn at 712-307-0496

Pictured: Youth group met Sept. 13th and collected non-perishable items for the food pantry by asking Avoca residents for donations.



Next Youth Group meeting date to be determined soon.



Operation Christmas Child has begun! Shoeboxes are available to pick up in the narthex. Boxes will also be available to pick up M-F, 8 a.m. to noon by the church office. The return date for the shoeboxes will be November, 23rd. Let's work together again to bring the Love of God to children around the world! If you have questions, please contact Gary Soetmelk at 712-307-0268.

Abelskiver & Sausage Supper

The Abelskiver dinner will be Thursday, November 19th and will be take-out only. We will still need all hands on deck to make this another successful year. More details to come. We look forward to this annual dinner -just with a different look this year!

Co-Chairs Stephanie Harder, Kristen Krohn, and Nancy Collins

Doing Our Best to Help Ensure a Safe Worship Experience!

As with most gatherings, worship here at TLC will look differently than it has in the past. Please do your part to respect the guidelines and to be respectful of our neighbors and the diversity of opinions on the guidelines while in church.

- Please enter for worship thru the West doors. Please note that those doors will open only 10 minutes prior to service. You are encouraged to find your seat promptly upon entering.
- Also upon entering the sanctuary, you will see hand sanitizer and masks for your use. The council voted that it is highly recommended that attendee's wear masks while in attendance.
- Pews have been marked every other pew for use. Families are asked to sit together.
- After service concludes, please be patient upon exiting to give others space to exit and exit thru the North door. Please maintain 6 feet of distancing as each situation allows.

If you are sick or experiencing any symptoms of COVID- Please STAY HOME!

Here are a few of the changes that have been implemented during worship:

- There will continue to be no greeters, acolytes, ushers, communion assistants, support, or Altar Guild.
- Choir will not gather, but rather, will have one to two worship leaders during services.
- There will be no sharing of the peace.
- Communion will be given in individual communion packets and taken in unison in our pews.
- There will be no passing of the plate, but offerings may be left in the plates in the back of the sanctuary upon entering or leaving. Text to give at 712-248-4488 is still also a great option.
- There will be no coffee cart.
- There will be no bulletins for services.

As we move forward, we can expect that more changes might occur. As those occur, we will do our best to keep you updated via facebook, text, and/or our website at www.tlcavoca.com.

October Volunteer Schedule

	Saturday, Oct. 3, 5:00p.m.	Sunday Oct. 4, 9:00 a.m.	Sunday Oct. 4, 10:15 a.m.
Scriptures & Prayer Reader	No Service	No Service	No Service
		Sunday Oct. 11, 9:00 a.m.	Sunday Oct. 11, 10:15 a.m.
Scriptures & Prayer Reader		Janiece Schroder	Joyce Mez
	Saturday, Oct. 17, 5:00p.m.	Sunday Oct. 18, 9:00 a.m.	Sunday Oct. 18, 10:15 a.m.
Scriptures & Prayer Reader	Jan Holtz	Greg Petersen	Deb Meissner
		Sunday Oct. 25, 9:00 a.m.	Sunday Oct. 25, 10:15 a.m.
Scriptures & Prayer Reader		Alice Botcher	Robb Jacobsen
		Sunday Nov. 1, 9:00 a.m.	Sunday Nov. 1, 10:15 a.m.
Scriptures & Prayer Reader		Dora Rock	Amber Johnson

Please note: If you are down to read and do not wish to do so at this time-please do not hesitate to let Sue know.

Church Council

President: Kathy Soetmelk
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Secretary: LeAnne McCarthy
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Finance: Mike Jorgensen
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Outreach: Alan Blakestad
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Stewardship: Larry Chapman
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Treasurer: Shela Jacobsen
(402) 490-2423



**CHURCH
BUSINESS**

Weekend of	Total	Total Gifts
08/30/2020	30	5557.00
09/06/2020	42	4397.95
09/13/2020	113	3145.00
09/20/2020	98	3484.00
09/27/2020	No Services	---

OCTOBER

Birthdays

October 02	Frank	Nelsen
October 02	Louie	Swisher
October 03	Margaret	Schenck
October 05	Max	Scheffler
October 05	Anthony	Wade
October 06	Justin	Woltmann
October 07	Nicholas	Buboltz
October 07	Justin	Kelly
October 07	Courtney	Robinson
October 08	Beth	Jarrett
October 08	Connie	Jorgensen
October 08	Travis	Lane
October 08	Charles	Pattee
October 09	Ashtyn	McCarthy
October 09	Macy	Thornton
October 10	Marlin	Andersen
October 10	Amy	Goetzinger
October 10	Jaelyn	Johnson
October 10	Dale	Kardell
October 11	Rilon	Hilgenberg
October 12	James	Schueman
October 13	Jerry	Espeseth Jr
October 13	Ty	Jarrett
October 13	Gemma	Rold
October 13	Arlene	Roush
October 14	Amy	Buboltz
October 14	Nancy	Collins
October 14	Kevin	Jorgensen
October 14	Duane	Nielsen
October 15	Kitty	Barlow

October 15	Kimberly	Gress
October 15	Kathy	Nelson
October 15	Jeffrey	Schmidt
October 15	Valdine	Schueman
October 16	Chelsie	Madden
October 17	Kendal	Best
October 17	Kasen	Krummel
October 17	Jaden	Luth
October 19	Alexandria	Kramer
October 19	Jason	Krummel
October 19	Janet	Pattee
October 19	Jacob	Roush
October 19	John	Scott
October 19	Lori	Winter
October 21	Gayle	Carroll
October 21	Norma	Pattee
October 22	Kasey	Coolidge
October 23	Kevin R.	Jacobsen
October 23	Emily	Roush
October 24	Olivia	McCarthy
October 25	Reece	Schueman
October 26	Jo Ann	Schuemann
October 27	Adryan	Bruce
October 27	Collin	Harder
October 28	Lisa	Johnson
October 29	Suzette	Blakestad
October 29	Donna	Rold
October 30	Don	Buboltz
October 31	Mark	Bornholdt



Shirley Fritz— Norma Pattee

AJ Sieh— Mark & Bonnie Sieh and Family

LaVonne Bargaquast
— Ronda Holst, Betty Oehlertz



It was great to see so many of our youth for Sunday School. Thanks to our teachers and volunteers for their efforts to help keep our kids safe while “training up” our next generation! Looking forward to resuming classes again soon!

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. Praise and glory to God for his never changing word, faithful love, and countless blessings. May his life-giving word nourish us and strengthen us as we strive to fulfill the purposes, He has for us. Amen.

Neil Paulsen

...And when they finally get caught back up with the group, they do their best to explain what they have seen and the feeling they are now carrying. But it somewhat loses its luster in all their excitement and explanation. If only, the others had been there too.



Can't See The Forest For The Trees

So, now that I’ve painted a pretty vivid picture, I’ll get to the heart of this story. I’d like to say that I made this discovery on my own while reading the Bible, but I can’t claim that it happened in that way. Maybe the door was opened just enough for me to get a glimpse of what waited on the other side, and Jesus did the rest. I’ll let him explain it to me some day. But after I had been given eyes to see and ears to hear, the lesson in those verses brought tears to my eyes, and they still do to this day. Once you’ve been moved, it’s difficult to be removed. It’s something that just stays with you. So, onto God’s word which comes out of the book of Mark. Mark 1:32-39, and Mark 2:1-12 which reads: That evening after sunset, many sick and demon possessed people were brought to Jesus. The whole town gathered at the door to watch. So Jesus healed many people who were sick with various diseases, and he cast out many demons. But because the demons knew who he was, he did not allow them to speak. Before daybreak the next morning, Jesus got up and went out to an isolated place to pray. Later Simon and the others went out to find him. When they found him, they said, “Everyone is looking for you.” But Jesus replied, “We must go on to other towns as well, and I will preach to them, too. That is why I came.” So he traveled throughout the region of Galilee, preaching in the synagogues and casting out demons. When Jesus returned to Capernaum several days later, the news spread quickly that he was back home. Soon the house where he was staying was so packed with visitors that there was no more room, even outside the door. While he was preaching God’s word to them, four men arrived carrying a paralyzed man on a mat. They couldn’t bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, so they dug a hole through the roof above his head. They lowered the man on his mat, right down in front of Jesus. Seeing their faith, Jesus said to the paralyzed man, “My child, your sins are forgiven.” But some of the teachers of religious law who were sitting there thought to themselves, “What is he saying? This is blasphemy! Only God can forgive sins!” Jesus knew immediately what they were thinking, so he asked them, “Why do you question this in your hearts? Is it easier to say to the paralyzed man ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or ‘Stand up, pick up your mat, and walk’? So I will prove to you that the Son of Man has the authority on earth to forgive sins.” Then Jesus turned to the paralyzed man and said, “Stand up, pick up your mat, and go home!” And the man jumped up, grabbed his mat, and walked out through the stunned onlookers. They were all amazed and praised God, exclaiming, “We’ve never seen anything like this before!”

**Trinity Lutheran Church
Council Minutes
September 8,2020**

Members Present: President Kathy Soetmelk, Pastor Eric, Treasurer Shela Jacobsen, Sue Paulsen, Mike Jorgensen, Ron Winters, Larry Chapman & Dale Krohn

Meeting was called to order by President Kathy Soetmelk

Devotions by Pastor

Silent Centering

Prayer

Recognized guests – none

Thank You Cards – none

“Prayers of a God Chaser” Reading by Pastor

Approval of Agenda – Motion was made for approval with a change in Pastor’s Vacation dates to read Sep17 – 20 by Mike Jorgensen, seconded by Ron Winters, all in favor, motion carried.

Approval of Minutes from last meeting- Motion made to approve previous minutes by Larry Chapman, seconded by Mike Jorgensen, all in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer’s Report – Treasurer, Shela Jacobsen, presented financials to the council. A motion was made to approve the Treasurers report by Ron Winters, Second by Dale Krohn, all in favor, motion carried.

Submission of current bills: none

President’s report/comments – Kathy reported the bell choir is taking a short break

Pastor’s Report – Pastor asked to keep Victorine Jensen in our prayers as she is facing some health issues and Laverne Koch is now in hospice – his report is attached. We will also still follow our same rules for COVID since we will now be having our two services starting this coming Sunday Sep 13.

Sue’s Report – LYO met on August 31 in the TLC parking lot and 13 were in attendance. Each participant was given their own binders and supplies for the year and chose different roles to take on. She has also been in contact with Abelskiver Supper committee and they would like to have the supper still this year but on a take out/drive thru basis only. A motion was made to have the Abelskiver supper this year by Dale Krohn and seconded by Larry Chapman. Motion carried. She also asked if we could set up a VENMO account to use for the supper and possible future events and the council approved this also.

Council Reports –

Education – no report

Outreach – no report

Finance – Mike Jorgensen reported that his Finance teams are back to a normal counting schedule now

Property Management – tree limbs over the parking lot have now been trimmed

Stewardship – no report

Worship – no report

Old Business - none

New Business – Gary Soetmelk is still in charge of Operation Christmas Child and already has 4 other churches onboard & will be contacting more. He will be getting about 500 boxes for this year for our church. He asked if the church would again donate \$250 that we normally do to LYO to help fill several of the boxes. A motion was made to give LYO \$250 to help fill Op Christmas Child boxes by Larry Chapman, seconded by Mike Jorgensen, motion carried.

We also discussed needed a new ac/furnace unit for the narthex. Dale reported the one we have now is 46 years old and its on borrowed time. He will get an estimate from Feekes to replace the unit and get it off the roof of the narthex.

Membership Changes - Memorial service held for AJ Sieh on 8/22/20

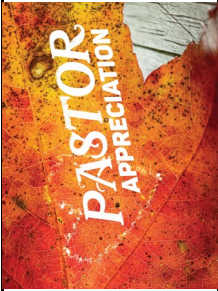
Adjournment: A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Dale Krohn, seconded by Mike Jorgensen, all in favor, motion carried.

Next Meeting to be Oct 14, 2020

Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted for Secretary Leanne McCarthy by Shela Jacobsen, Treasurer

October 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<p style="text-align: center;">October is Pastor Appreciation Month! Thank you Pastor Eric for your leadership, guidance and all you do for our church family!</p>			<p>1 4 p.m.—6 p.m. Food & Clothing Pantry 6:15 p.m.— Peace Haven Worship</p>	<p>2 Pastor's Day Off</p>	<p>3 Service Cancelled</p>
<p>4 Services & Activities Cancelled</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8 4 p.m.—6 p.m. Food & Clothing Pantry</p>	<p>9 Pastor's Day Off</p>	<p>10</p>
<p>11 8:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. Worship/Sunday School</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14 8 p.m. Council Meeting</p>	<p>15 4 p.m.—6 p.m. Food & Clothing Pantry</p>	<p>16 Pastor's Day Off</p>	<p>17 5 p.m.— Worship/ Van Cleave Baptism</p>
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<p>25 8:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. Worship/ Confirmation Ceremony Long Baptism</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29 4 p.m.—6 p.m. Food & Clothing Pantry</p>	<p>30 Pastor's Day Off</p>	<p>31</p>

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Worship Services

1st & 3rd Saturdays at 5 p.m.

Sundays at 9:00 a.m & 10:15 a.m.

Holy Communion: Celebrated at each worship service.

Sunday School during the 10:15 a.m. worship service.