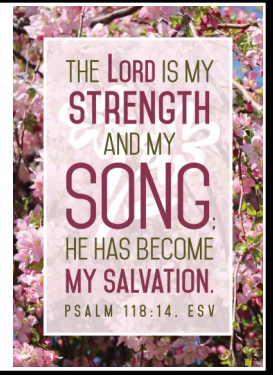


# The Trinity Trumpet

## May 2019

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### Mother's Day

The second week of May is known as family week. Mother's Day is the crown jewel of family week. There is nothing more fitting than this reminder of the honor due mothers. Mothers are given to us to care for us in our growing up years, and to love us into being socially responsible people when we grow up. They guide us in our lives in the right way.

As adults, we are not constantly asking: "what would mother say about this?" or "how would she meet this situation?" Rather, our mothers influence us because they gave us the main direction of our lives and the values by which we live.

In Second Timothy 1:5, Paul says: "I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you." They were the kind of mothers who would produce a man like Timothy. They gave him their love and their faith which were, with life itself, the most valuable inheritance they could give.

In Proverbs, it is further said of the mother that "The law of kindness is in her tongue." Kindness of words and tone of voice multiplies the effect of what is said and reaches into the heart of the hearer, while harshness automatically creates a defensive attitude. The mouth is to be used for healing, not blistering. Paul was aware of this principle, long ago, when he encountered his people with these unforgettable words: "Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things."

These words obviously go beyond the range of inter-relationships in the family, yet they bring to the relationships of husband and wife, parents and children, a wisdom representing the love of God and the best insights of mankind.

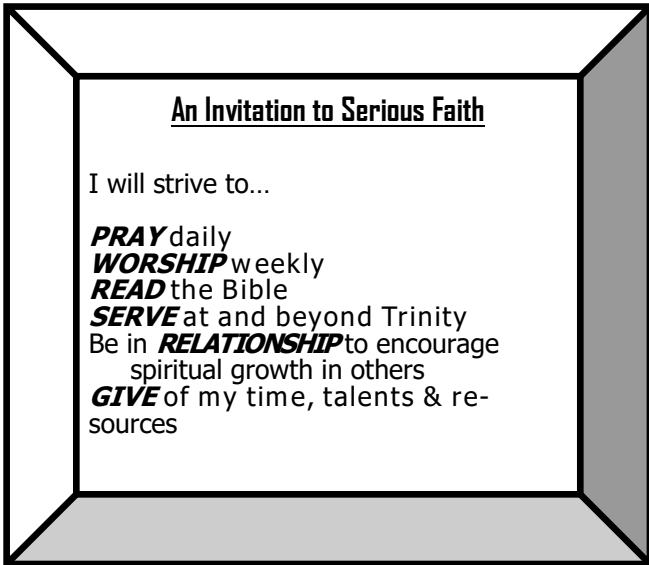
The Christian principle of "growing in grace," when applied to the family, means growing in graciousness. This means more sensitive appreciation of what is good in others and more kindness and patience toward whatever needs to be corrected or out grown. Whether parent or child, husband or wife, the individual looks to others with wistful longings and with an unspoken plea: "Please see the best in me. Fault I know I have, but please see the good."

In your family and in mine, in our children, our parents, or our spouses, "If there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise," let us think about these things and not neglect to mention them.

We mention these things about our mothers this time of year. Let us not forget to mention them always. In the plan of God, they give us life. In their kindness, they guide our footsteps. Let us make certain that our mothers are aware of our appreciation and our devotion throughout the year!

Together in Christ Jesus,

Pr. Eric



## Sunday School News!

The 2018-2019 Sunday school year is rapidly coming to an end. The last day will be Sunday, May 12th. There will be lots going on that day! The 3rd graders will be receiving their bibles, student's will be recognized for their attendance, and all kids will be singing during the service. Please invite your friends and family to help celebrate our TLC kids and thank you to the many volunteers who have donated their time, talents, and resources providing for this very important ministry! Sunday school will be back in full swing after Labor Day!



### Senior Recognition Sunday

Senior recognition Sunday will be held on Sunday, May 5th during the 10:15 a.m. worship service. Graduating seniors and their families will be honored with a luncheon, given by the church council, immediately following the worship service. Scholarship awards will also be presented during this time. Please RSVP for this event to Sue Paulsen at [tlcspaulsen@gmail.com](mailto:tlcspaulsen@gmail.com) or by texting 402-639-6054.

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**CHURCH  
BUSINESS**

<b>Weekend of</b>	<b>Total Attendance</b>	<b>Total Gifts Received</b>
03/31/2019	217	6521.00
04/07/2019	208	7221.13
04/14/2019	63	4083.80
04/21/2019	375	10659.00



**Teresa Kardell**-Virginia Nelsen

**Arlene Davis**-Hervetta Ronnfeldt, Betty Oehlertz, Gerald & Donna Rold, Norma Pattee Family, Bonnie Kardell

**Leora Torres**- Betty Oehlertz, Carolyn Oldenburg

**David Jorgensen**- Patricia Jorgensen, Richard & Janet Holtz

Trinity Lutheran Church Women met on Thursday, April 4th, at 2:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. President Jeannie Klindt called the meeting to order.

Shirley Pattee read "It's Possible" from the book of Hugs and Bonnie Kardell read "God Is as Close as My Prayer" from the Upper Room. Secretary and Treasurer reports were read and approved.

There were no bills to review.

Correspondence was read.

Christian Service will meet on April 9th and 23rd. The Lutheran church women will meet in Elkhorn for BINGO on May 20th at 3 o'clock p.m. Prizes, cake, and ice cream will be furnished by the women as well.

There was no bible study to report. Preamble was recited.

Happy Birthday was sung to Nancy Kelly, LaDonna Conroy, and Shirley Pattee

The next meeting will be on Thursday, May 2nd at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon. Table grace was sung.

Motion to adjourn was made by Jan Holtz and seconded by Donna Rold.

Acting Secretary, Karen Pope



# TLC Website Updates!

Please visit

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

to check out our newly developing website! You can now add prayers to the payer wall, pray for those who have added to the prayer wall, check the TLC calendar, and access your Breeze account for giving or for names and contact information of other congregants. As the site continues to develop, we welcome your feedback for improvements!



Congratulations Callum Dale Maassen! Callum was welcomed into the family of God through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism during the 10:15 a.m. service on Sunday, April 7th, 2019. He is the son of Cory & Ashleigh Maassen. His sponsors were Eric Maassen and Clarissa Booth.

Congratulations Corbin William Pieken! Corbin was welcomed into the family of God through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism during the 10:15 a.m. service on Easter Sunday, April 21st, 2019. Corbin is the son of Adam & Brandi Pieken. His sponsors were Josh and Sarah Lesch.



First Communion was held on Sunday, May 14th, during the 10:15 a.m. service. Six children participated in the sacrament of holy communion. They were (pictured left to right) Charlie Lane, Kendra Hansen, Madison Holst, Maeleigh Rold, Bella Lamp and Roman Scheffler. Pastor Eric Meissner led classes for our communicants five Sundays leading up to their First Communion day. Congratulations to our First Communicants and their Families!



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## 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

....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!

### Say What?? (Part 6 of 8)



The tears of fear and uncertainty suddenly changed to tears of joy!! I could breathe deep sighs of relief. I looked over to Nolan, smiled, and said, “We found it! This is the place!” I stopped the truck about 50 feet before the stop sign, and relished in the feeling of arriving to our point of connection. As we sat there, I kept watching to the South, waiting to see the tractor and planter coming down the road. But there was no sign of Dad, and the doubts of being at the wrong intersection started to grow. That sickening feeling that I just got rid of, was starting to make its presence known to me again. I started to debate whether I should continue on down the road to try and find another intersection, but deep in my gut I knew that this was the place. It HAD to be the place! As I sat there and looked in the opposite direction, I started to hear the sound of a motor. I quickly turned to look, and there it was, Dad’s tractor and planter coming down the road!! Alleluia!! He found us and we were safe! When he got to the intersection, he pulled over to the side of the road, got out and had a huge smile on his face. All he could say was, “I knew that you could do it, I knew that you would find your way here!” I could feel that he was just as relieved as I was. He got back in the tractor, and I got back in the truck, and we finished the task that we started. What seemed to take half a day, in reality only took about 30 minutes, but it was the longest 30 minutes I’ve ever known. I’ve often thought of this story, and I’ve looked at it just as God did with Moses. God gave Moses a command without a choice, and he did it. He had doubts and fears along the way, but he was able to complete his task. Even with Peter when he walked on the water starting at Matthew 14:24 it says, “Meanwhile, the disciples were in trouble far away from land, for a strong wind had risen, and they were fighting heavy waves. About three o’clock in the morning, Jesus came toward them, walking on the water. When the disciples saw him walking on the water, they were terrified. In their fear, they cried out, “It’s a ghost!” But Jesus spoke to them at once, “Don’t be afraid,” he said. “Take courage. I am here!” Then Peter called to him, “Lord, if it’s really you, tell me to come to you, walking on the water.” “Yes, come,” Jesus said. So Peter went over the side of the boat and walked on the water toward Jesus. But when he saw the strong winds and the waves, he was terrified and began to sink. “Save me, Lord!” he shouted.

# Youth Group News



**Okoboji Recharge Camp!**

Front row: Graycen Partlow, Lilly Scott, Isabelle Wheatley, Sophia Luth, Jaden Luth Back row: Saydi Paulsen, Ayden McCarthy, Hannah Nielsen, Prayvell Pope, Justin Freeman, Joey Blotzer, Kyle Sternberg, Eli Collins, Avah Heminger, Jordan Blotzer

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

Friday, May 3rd, 6-8 p.m– End of year gathering  
 July 5th– Help with games and selling water for Avoca's 150th Celebration  
 July 22nd-25th– Help with VBS



## **Summer Worship Changes**

During the months of June, July and August, we will be having a combined service on Sunday's. There will be one worship service held every Sunday at 9:30 a.m..



"She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue. She watches over the affairs of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness. Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her: 'Many women do noble things, but you surpass them all.' Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised." - Proverbs 31: 25-30

*VBS is right around the corner! Please mark your calendars and plan to have your kiddo's join us for another great week of summer fun!*

**July 22nd-25th**





Roger & Kathy Nelson– Given In Memory of Mary Barber  
Todd & Jill Feigenbutz– Given In Memory of Melvin Feigenbutz and Sue Nymand  
Doug & Eileen Alff–Given In Memory of Loved Ones  
Peggy Osbahr– Given In Memory of Beulah Strong and Oscar Wiemann  
Carolyn Oldenburg– Given In Memory of Dean Oldenburg  
Ronda Holst– Given In Memory of Loved Ones  
Reva & Bill Bylund– Given In Memory of Loved Ones  
Hervetta Ronnfeldt–Given In Memory of Loved Ones  
Dora Rock–Given In Memory of Loved Ones  
Alice Botcher–Given In Memory of Lavern and Bruce  
Dale & Kim Krohn–Given In Memory of Loved Ones  
Kyle & Jill Clayton– Given In Memory of our Grandparents  
Jerry & Joyce Mez– Given In Memory of Given in memory of Max, Wilma and Ronnie Mez and  
Edward, Alberta, and Robert Schmid  
J & Tonya Olesen–Given In Memory of Loved Ones  
The Partlow Family–Given In Memory of Robert Williams and Marshall Partlow  
Linda Schumacher– Given In Memory of Tom Schumacher and Leonard & Elva Peters  
Frank & Marlene Nelsen– Given In Memory of Jordan Leigh Nelsen  
Frank & Marlene Nelsen– Given In Memory of Teresa Leigh Kardell  
McCarthy Families– Given In Memory of Meighan Mc Carthy Johansen  
McCarthy Families– Given In Memory of Ayzlee McCarthy  
Shane & Lacey Brockhoff– Given In Memory of Wayne Brockhoff  
The Cumper Family–Giving In Memory of Loved Ones in Heaven  
Eric & Angela Sieh– Given In Memory of Erwin & Martha Sieh  
The Lane Family– Given In Memory of Loved Ones  
Mike & Beth Schueman & Family– Given In Memory of John McCowen and Susie McCowen  
Mike & Beth Schueman & Family– Given In Memory of John Schueman  
Jason, Amanda, Blake & Madison Holst–Given In Memory of Ethan Holst  
Jason, Amanda, Blake & Madison Holst–Given In Memory of Loved Ones  
Gene & Maxine Sornsen–Given In Memory of Loved Ones  
Mike & Holly Hansen–Given In Memory of Loved Ones  
Erin Ronnfeldt–Given In Memory of Charlie Ronnfeldt  
Wendy Albright–Given In Memory of Bryce Albright  
Gary & Janet Pattee–Given In Memory of Gerald Peck  
Henry & Sue Paulsen Family– Given In Memory of Loved Ones  
Alan & Sue Blakestad–Given In Memory of Ethan Tyler Holst  
Randy & Ginny Lamp and Family–Given In Memory of Loved Ones  
Ron & Judy Ring– Given In Memory of our Parents and Larry and Nick Buboltz



# May 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, May 4, 5:00	Sunday, May 5, 9:00 a.m.	Sunday, May 5, 10:15 a.m.
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	Cristin and Dan Rold Family
Ushers	n/a	Dale & Kim Krohn	Becky & Wayne Jacobsen
Camera	n/a	n/a	Saydi Paulsen
Altar Guild	Roger & Kathy Nelson	Bonnie Kardell & JoAnn	Janiece Schroder & Maxine Sornsen

		Sunday May 12, 9:00 a.m.	Sunday May 12, 10:15 a.m.
Scripture Readings		Alice Botcher	Janae Sternberg
Prayers		Margie Schenck	Deb Meissner
Support		Marilyn Chapman	Gary Soetmelk
Communion Asst.		Marge Peterson	Shari Munyon, Jeff & Sheryl Harder
Acolytes		Graycen Partlow	Kyle Sternberg
Greeters		Lois Partlow	Jeremy & Nicole Holst Family
Ushers		Mabel Jacobsen & Julie Engel	Maxine & Gene Sornsen
Camera		n/a	Ashtyn McCarthy
Altar Guild		Bonnie Kardell & JoAnn	Janiece Schroder & Maxine Sornsen

	Saturday May 18, 5:00	Sunday May 19, 9:00 a.m.	Sunday May 19, 10:15 a.m.
Scripture Readings	Ronda Holst	Nancy Collins	Shari Munyon
Prayers	Roger Nelson	Donna Rold	Amanda Holst
Support	Don Nelsen	Dora Rock	Katie Collins
Communion Asst.	Ronda Holst	Dora Rock	Sue Paulsen, Gary and Kathy Soet-
Acolytes	n/a	Kaeden Rold	Eli Collins
Greeters	Kathy Nelson	Jason & Jessica Rold Family	Jason & Amanda Holst Family
Ushers	n/a	Frank & Marlene Nelsen	Angie & Dale Maassen
Camera	n/a	n/a	Jayna Engle
Altar Guild	Roger & Kathy Nelson	Bonnie Kardell & JoAnn	Janiece Schroder & Maxine Sornsen

		Sunday May 26, 9:00 a.m.	Sunday May 26, 10:15 a.m.
Scripture Readings		Neil Paulsen	Betty Kubik
Prayers		LaDonna Conroy	Karen Rodriguez
Support		Dean Krohn	Phil Rodriguez
Communion Asst.		Joy Krohn	Deb Meissner, Lori & Ron Winter
Acolytes		Anistyn Roskens	Joey Blotzer
Greeters		Bonnie Kardell	Ashleigh & Cory Maassen Family
Ushers		Neil & Deb Paulsen	Dale & Kim Krohn
Camera		n/a	Ayden McCarthy
Altar Guild		Bonnie Kardell & JoAnn Krummel	Janiece Schroder & Maxine Sornsen

## June Volunteer Schedule

	Saturday June 1, 5:00	Sunday June 2, 9:30 a.m.
Scripture Readings	Dick Holtz	Gayle Stuart
Prayers	Dorothy Nelsen	Nancy Kelly
Support	Reva Bulynd	Larry Chapman
Communion Asst.	Dorothy Nelsen	Marge Peterson
Acolytes	n/a	Jessica Jacobsen
Greeters	Karen Pope	Mike & Holly Hansen Family
Ushers	n/a	Wayne & Becky Jacobsen
Camera	n/a	Lane Nelson
Altar Guild	Reva Bylund	Donna & Mick Schuler
		Jane & Dale Tech



May 01	Collette	Guyer
May 01	Ayden	McCarthy
May 02	Kaeden	Rold
May 03	Eliza	Luth
May 05	Kendra	Hansen
May 05	Gianna	Rock
May 05	Carolyn	Spencer
May 05	Dale	Tech
May 06	Emery	Brockhoff
May 06	Josey	Jacobsen
May 06	Jacob	Kelly
May 07	Steven	Munyon
May 09	Jagger	Johnson
May 10	Becky	Jacobsen
May 10	Mabel	Jacobsen

May 12	Adalin	Lamp
May 12	Gary	Pattee
May 13	Taryn	Constable
May 13	Linda	Schumacher
May 14	Corey	Madden
May 16	Erin	Carroll
May 16	Claira	Yates
May 16	Laura Ann	Allen
May 17	Kaden	Jorgensen
May 17	Donald	Nelsen
May 19	Kevin	Hansen
May 19	Wayne	Krohn
May 19	Michael	Sampson
May 19	Trey	Starr
May 21	Robert	Brown
May 21	Michael	Hansen

May 21	Taylen	Hansen
May 21	Steven	Jorgensen
May 22	Donald	Lundergard
May 23	Lexy	Knop
May 24	Devin	Hoepner
May 25	Teresa	Hoepner
May 25	Wendy	Jorgensen
May 25	Ron	Winter
May 26	Callie	Gronborg
May 26	Lori	Sampson
May 27	Cassidy	Feigenbutz
May 27	Chad	Hansen
May 27	Regina	Hansen
May 28	Ashtyn	Danker
May 29	Kaleah	Guyer
May 30	Robert	Andersen
May 30	Donna	Hoepner
May 31	Verdean	Berry

# May 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 6 p.m. Confirmation 6:30 p.m. Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Alleluia Choir	2 2 p.m. TLCW Meeting 6:15 p.m. Peace Haven Worship	3 Pastor's Day Off 6 p.m.—8p.m. Year End Youth Group Meeting	4 5 p.m.—Worship/ Johnson Baptistism
5 8 a.m. Bible Study 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. Worship/SS/ Senior Recognition 11:15 Senior Recognition Luncheon 11:30 a.m. Bible Study	6 2 p.m. Prayer Team 5:30 Bell Choir	7 6 p.m. Alive in Christ Choir	8 6:30 p.m. Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Alleluia Choir	9 7:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast	10 Pastor's Day Off	11
12 8 a.m. Bible Study 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. Worship/Year End Sunday School Program 11:30 a.m. Bible Study	13 9 a.m. Salem Lutheran Home Worship 5:30 Bell Choir	14 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	15 6:30 p.m. Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Alleluia Choir	16 9:30 a.m. Faith Bible Study 2 p.m. Avoca Nursing Home Worship	17 Pastor's Day Off	18 5 p.m.—Worship
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