

# The Trinity Trumpet

## July 2019

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**LOVE**  
*the Lord your God*  
*with all your*  
**HEART**  
*and with all your*  
**SOUL**  
*and with all your*  
**STRENGTH**  
*and with all your*  
**MIND...**  
L U K E 10:27

### THE WAY LIFE OUGHT TO BE!

We all love happy endings. We like to see life work out. There is a story about a Hollywood producer Sam Goldwin. He once listened to director Billy Wilder describe in detail the true story of a famous artist. Wilder thought it would make a great movie.

“Does it end happy?” Goldwin wanted to know. “Well,” said Wilder, “it winds up with the guy in an insane asylum thinking he’s a horse.” Goldwin threw Wilder out the door. But Wilder wasn’t discouraged. He poked his head back in and said, “Okay, how about if at the end the guy who thinks he’s a horse goes on to win the Kentucky Derby.”

We like happy endings. We like to imagine a world of love and peace and harmony and compassion for one another. The way life ought to be. Unfortunately, reality isn’t quite like that. We share with St. Paul that idyllic hope of a world patterned after the life of Jesus himself. Listen to St. Paul’s words:

“So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any incentive of love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfishness or conceit, but in humility count others better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. Have this mind among yourselves, which you have in Christ Jesus.” Philippians 2:1-5.

Notice, first of all, that St. Paul begins with Christ. So in other words he is telling us that if we have ever found Christ’s support in an hour of need, if He has ever refreshed your spirit and given you the ability to hold on, then complete Christ’s joy by being of the same mind. The words Paul uses in the original text picture Christ coming and standing by our side to comfort, console, to encourage as only Christ can.

St. Paul is not counseling the church at Philippi simply to be nice to one another. He longed for them to be transformed to a new creation, to have the mind of Christ as their mind. Wow! Wouldn’t it be great if all churches could be like that? If Christ has brought you any encouragement, St. Paul is saying, any love, affection, sympathy – then pass that encouragement on to those around you. Let us be committed to a Christ like ministry of encouragement!

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 & resources

## Trinity Lutheran Church



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

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## Vacation Bible School is coming soon!

**Monday, July 22 thru Thursday, July 25**

9 a.m. to Noon for *ages* 3 thru 5 and entering Kindergarten

9 a.m. to 2 p.m. for those entering *grades* 1 thru 6

**Registration forms are available at [www.tlcavoca.com/vbs](http://www.tlcavoca.com/vbs)**

All registration forms are due by Monday, July 8th. Please return forms to the church office or mail to: TLC, P.O. Box 456, Avoca, IA, 51521. Forms may also be completed, scanned, and emailed to [tlcspaulsen@gmail.com](mailto:tlcspaulsen@gmail.com). If you wish to register after July 8th, please contact Sue to verify space is available.

\*A free will donation of any amount is encouraged. Just \$30 per child will cover the expenses for the week.

\*Morning snacks and drinks will be provided.

\*Children attending between 9a.m.-2p.m. should bring a sack lunch each day.

\*Each year, the VBS students sponsor a child in the Dominican Republic through World Vision. Please send a coin offering with your child each day to assist in this worthy cause.

\*A closing celebration for kids and families will be held on Thursday evening. More details to be announced.

This year's theme is "Press On" based on Philippians 3:13-14 - *"Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus."*

Please prayerfully consider how you might help, whether as a pre-school teacher, as a helper for the older grades, craft station leader, nursery room helper, or as a host family for the Okobojo counselors. Any and all help is appreciated! Your talents are needed and greatly appreciated! Please contact Sue Paulsen at 402-639-6054, Courtney Kardell at 712-249-9610 or Ashleigh Maassen at 712-307-0461 if you're available to help out.

**We look forward to spending the week with your children learning and growing in Christ together!**

### **Church Council**

**President:** Dean Krohn

(712) 249-0760

**Property Management:** Larry Chapman

(712) 307-2832

**Secretary:** LeAnne McCarthy

(712) 307-0117

**Christian Education:** Cristin Rold

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**Worship:** Kathy Soetmelk

(712) 249-9027

**Finance:** Mike Jorgensen

(712) 250-0774

**Outreach:** Josh Guyer

(402) 682-1254

**Stewardship:** Katie Collins

(402) 250-9313

**Treasurer:** Shela Jacobsen

(402) 490-2423



**CHURCH  
BUSINESS**

<b>Weekend of</b>	<b>Total Attendance</b>	<b>Total Gifts Received</b>
06/02/2019	131	6550.75
06/09/2019	131	2590.00
06/16/2019	112	4264.00



**Donald Langer**— Dave & Jan Niemann, Norma Pattee, Janice Schroder, David Sampson, Normalee Kroh, Robert & Barb Brown, Roger & Betty Kubik, Virginia Nelsen

**Leora Torres**—Shirley Pattee

Trinity Lutheran Church Women met on June 6th, 2019, at 2:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

Bonnie Kardell read "God's Quiet Voice" from the Upper Room. Julianne

Thompson favored the group with some piano music.

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

Motion was made to pay the bills.

Next meeting will be July 11th, instead of July 4th.

Correspondence was read.

Christian Service will meet on June 11th and June 25th.

Mission Community: No report

Bible Study Group: Faith met with Betty Oehlertz.

Old Business: TLCW played Bingo at Avoca Nursing Home on May 8th and at Salem Homes in Elk Horn on May 20th.

New Business: President Jeannie encouraged all to wear red, white and blue to the next meeting on July 11th. The TLCW paid for all those receiving Meal On Wheels in the Month of May. Rich Price took a picture of the group.

Nancy Kelly made the motion to adjourn and Jan Holtz seconded it. M/C

Preamble was recited. Happy Birthday was sung to Laura Ann Allen.

Table grace was sung.

Laura Ann Allen, Secretary



## Youth Group – Help Needed in July

On **July 5th** Youth Group is in charge of selling bottled water in the park to help fund some of our yearly activities. We will be doing this from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.. Also on **July 5th**, youth group is donating their time to the community to run games in the park for Avoca’s 150th celebration. These games will be similar to games we’ve had in the past at Super Summer Saturdays.

**July 22nd-25th** Youth Group will be helping the Okoboji counselors with our week of VBS. This is such a great opportunity for our teens to show their leadership and love of Christ to our youngest members of our family of God!

Parents– Please let Sue know the dates and times your kiddo’s are available to help.

**Summer can be such a busy time for all of us, so lets all be encouraged by Galatians 6:10 that states “So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.”**

Thanks in advance for any help you can provide!  
Sue



**Ryker Logan  
Krummel**

Ryker Logan Krummel was baptized during the 9:30 a.m. service on Sunday, June 2nd. Ryker is the son of Jason and Emily Krummel. His sponsors are Austin and Leah Lechtenberg. Congratulations Krummel family and welcome Ryker, into the family of Christ!



**Henry William  
Nelsen**



Henry William Nelsen was baptized during the 9:30 a.m. service on Sunday, June 9th. Henry is the son of Dustin & Lesley Nelsen. His baptismal sponsors are Lynette Grobe and Dakota Nelsen. Congratulations Nelsen family and welcome Henry, into the family of Christ!

## Newsletter Delivery Changes

### Coming Soon



Starting in September, if you have an email address on file with the church, you will begin receiving your monthly Trinity Trumpet newsletter via email instead of mail. The version that is emailed is sent via PDF for easy printing at home, should you wish to do so. You can opt out of this, if you’d prefer to have your newsletter mailed, you will just need to call Sue in the office to let her know. If you currently receive your newsletter via mail and would like to receive it via email now, please also let Sue know. For those of you with email, please double check that your email address is current so we don’t miss you in the transition! Thanks everyone as we work to transition to a more eco friendly option.



## Amazon Smile

Always share your unique link in your email, social media and on your website. When customers sign up for AmazonSmile, they're asked to select one of over a million charities to support. When customers click on your unique link, they skip this charity selection process. Instead, they're taken to [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) and are automatically asked if they want to support Trinity Lutheran Church.

Our unique charity link: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/42-0883090>

### Save the Date:

**Trinity's Back to School Night will be held on Monday night, August 12th, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.**

**All volunteers and donations are welcomed to help make this another great night of helping kids start the school year off with the needed supplies to be successful!**



Just \$15 will help to provide a child or teenager with a backpack and basic school supplies to start their school year off right. Help us show the love of Christ through your giving!



Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ \$15 for one child                      \_\_\_ \$30 for two children  
 \_\_\_ Other amount God has set in my heart

Please attach your donation to this form and drop it in the offering plate, take into the church office, or text to give by texting the donation amount + backtoschool to 712-248-4488. We thank you for your help!

# JULY BIRTHDAYS

July 01	Margery	Petersen
July 02	Kya	Hargens
July 02	Frances	Howard
July 02	Kristi	Nielsen
July 02	Daniel	Pattee
July 04	Ryker	DeJong
July 05	Faith	Guyer
July 05	Nolan	Guyer
July 05	Stella	Rold
July 05	Amber	Scott
July 05	Jordan	Young
July 06	Lilah	Partlow
July 07	Kyle	Jorgensen
July 08	Jerod	Johnson
July 08	Maryellen	Luth
July 10	Kavin	Rold

July 11	Brenda	Kay
July 11	Luke	Sternberg
July 13	Eleanore A.	Willett
July 14	Kade	DeJong
July 16	Charles	Allen
July 16	Cash	Freeman
July 18	Janice	Niemann
July 18	Johnni	Pattee
July 19	Betty	Oehlertz
July 19	Etta	Partlow
July 20	Brynnleigh	Lane
July 20	Shirley	Thies
July 21	Cassidy	Espeseth
July 21	Hervetta	Ronnfeldt
July 22	John	Luth
July 22	Kathy	Soetmelk
July 23	Dorothy	Carroll

July 23	Dean	Krohn
July 23	Terry	McCarthy
July 23	Ethan	Nielsen
July 23	Gerald	Rold
July 25	Randy	Lamp
July 27	Elayna	Hansen
July 27	Shane	Nielsen
July 28	Ellanor	Johnson
July 28	Bonnie	Kardell
July 28	Tatum	Knop
July 28	Peggy	Osbah
July 29	Jill	Clayton
July 29	Niles	Schroder
July 29	Bobbi	Sieh
July 30	Parker	Krohn
July 31	Jill	Feigenbutz

## 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

...I will not let my eyes sleep nor close my eyelids in slumber until I find a place to build a house for the Lord, a sanctuary for the Mighty One of Israel.” This scripture refers to David’s desire to build the Temple.

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



When David became king, he built a beautiful palace, but he was troubled that the Ark of the Covenant, the symbol of God’s presence among his people, remained in a tent. This so bothered David that he couldn’t sleep until he corrected the situation. He began to lay the plans for the Temple to house the Ark. (Eventually the Temple was built by his son Solomon.) We must live so close to God that we become restless until God’s will is accomplished through us. Psalm 139:16; “You saw me before I was born. Every day of my life was recorded in your book. Every moment was laid out before a single day had passed.” God planned our birth and our existence for a very particular place in time and for a very particular purpose and reason that only we are to fulfill. It’s up to us to be ready to hear God’s calling and accept the task that he needs us to complete. Ecclesiastes 6: 10; “Everything has already been decided. It was known long ago what each person would be. So there’s no use arguing with God about your destiny.” God knows and directs everything that happens and he is in complete control over our lives, even though at times it may not seem that way. How foolish it is for us to contend with our creator, who knows us completely and can see the future. Exodus 4: 10-13 (one of Moses’ attempts to get out of the trip to Egypt.) but Moses pleaded with the Lord, “O Lord, I’m not very good with words. I never have been, and I’m not now, even though you have spoken to me. I get tongue-tied, and my words get tangled.” Then the Lord asked Moses, “Who makes a person’s mouth? Who decides whether people speak or do not speak, hear or do not hear, see or do not see? Is it not I, the Lord? Now go! I will be with you as you speak, and I will instruct you in what to say.” Moses pleaded with God to let him out of his mission. After all, he was not a good speaker and would probably embarrass both himself and god. But God looked at Moses’ problem quite differently. All Moses needed was some help, and who better than God could help him say and do the right things. God made his mouth and would give him the words to say. It is easy for us to focus on our weaknesses, but if God asks us to do something, the he will help us get the job done. If the job involves some of our weak areas, then we can trust that he will provide words, strength, courage, and ability where needed. So for whatever reason or task the Holy Spirit is calling you into action, try not to find the reasons to not take action, but look to the words of Isaiah in chapter 6, verse 8: Then I heard the Lord asking, “Whom should I send as a messenger to this people? Who will go for us?” I said, Here I am. Send me.” As I have done a couple of times in the past, I have added a couple of songs w/ lyrics that I feel really help with this message. So if you get the bulletin via email, just click on the links. And if you get the bulletin via regular mail, type the link information into your URL address box, and you can view it from there.

Santcus Real – Confidence

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DuzPOVFcFJ4>

Matthew West – All In

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0RwDpnKlvUI>

Josh Baldwin – Stand In Your Love

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1T2tMtOKy6g>

Praise be to God for his never-ending love for us! Keep on!

# July 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: 9:30 a.m. service                              Cell (402) 639-6054

	Saturday July 6, 5:00 p.m.	Sunday July 7, 9:30 a.m.
Scripture Readings	Judy Williams	Amber Johnson
Prayers	Jan Holtz	LaDonna Conroy
Support	Dick Holtz	Larry Chapman
Communion Asst.	Dick Holtz	Jerry & LaDonna Conroy, Beth Schueman
Acolytes	n/a	Cassidy Feignbutz
Greeters	Rose Krohn	Jill Feigenbutz Family
Ushers	n/a	Danny & Johnni Pattee Family
Altar Guild	Carolyn Oldernburg	Marge & Greg Petersen
		Beth Schueman & Brenda Roloff

		Sunday July 14 , 9:30 a.m.
Scripture Readings		Joyce Mez
Prayers		Kami Willet
Support		Dustin DeJong
Communion Asst.		Jerry & Joyce Mez, Sue Paulsen
Acolytes		Lauren Yates
Greeters		Erin Ronnfeldt Family
Ushers		Steve & Nikki Jorgensen
Altar Guild		Marge & Greg Petersen
		Beth Schueman & Brenda Roloff

	Saturday July 20 , 5:00 p.m.	Sunday July 21 , 9:30 a.m.
Scripture Readings	Ronda Holst	Jane Tech
Prayers	Dorothy Nelsen	Peggy Osbahr
Support	Reva Bylund	Gary Collins
Communion Asst.	Dorothy Nelsen	Dean & Joy Krohn, Peggy Osbahr
Acolytes	n/a	Eli Collins
Greeters	Darlene Eggerss	Regina Hansen Family
Ushers	n/a	Gary & Katie Collins
Altar Guild	n/a	Marge & Greg Petersen
		Beth Schueman & Brenda Roloff

		Sunday July 28 , 9:30 a.m.
Scripture Readings		Alice Botcher
Prayers		Kathy Soetmelk
Support		Gary Nielsen
Communion Asst.		Leslie & Gary Nielsen, Kathy Soetmelk
Acolytes		Anistyn Roskens
Greeters		Arlene & Dale Roush
Ushers		Becky & Justin Woltmann Family
Altar Guild		Marge & Greg Petersen
		Beth Schueman & Brenda Roloff

## August Volunteer Schedule

	Saturday August 3, 5:00 p.m.	Sunday August 4, 9:30 a.m.
Scripture Readings	Judy Williams	Donna Rold
Prayers	Roger Nelson	Deb Meissner
Support	Don Nelsen	Mike Krummel
Communion Asst.	Roger Nelson	Mike & Les Krummel, Dora Rock
Acolytes	n/a	Kaeden Rold
Greeters	Norma Krohn	Jason & Jessica Rold Family
Ushers	n/a	Mandee & Brad Meyers Family
Altar Guild	n/a	Bonnie Kardell & JoAnn Krummel
		Janiece Schroder & Maxine Sornsen



## Helpful List of Needs for TLC Food Pantry

PAPER TOWELS	APPLESAUCE	SALAD DRESSINGS
DISH SOAP	PEACHES	PORK & BEANS
LAUNDRY DETERGENT	MIXED FRUIT	MUSTARD
HAND SOAP	SUGAR	KETCHUP
TOILET PAPER	ANY AND ALL PRAYERS!	BAND-AIDS
KLEENEX	JELLY	TOOTH BRUSHES
PEANUT BUTTER	JELL-O	TOOTHPASTE
SYRUP	MAYO	FRESH GARDEN PRODUCE
PANCAKE MIX	TUNA	CANNED CHICKEN



# July 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 2 p.m. Prayer Team	2	3 6:30 p.m. Bible Study	4 Happy 4th of July! Office Closed	5 10 a.m.– 5 p.m. Youth Group in Park Pastor's Day Off	6 5 p.m.– Worship
7 8 a.m. Bible Study 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Bible Study	8 9 a.m. Salem Lutheran Home Worship	9 8:30 a.m.–3 p.m. Christian Service 7 p.m. Committee Meetings 8 p.m. Council Meeting	10 6:30 p.m. Bible Study	11 7:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast 2 p.m. TLCW Meeting	12 Pastor's Day Off	13
14 8 a.m. Bible Study 9:30 a.m. Worship/ Winter Baptism 10:30 a.m. Bible Study	15	16	17 6:30 p.m. Bible Study 6 p.m. Alive in Christ Choir	18 9:30 a.m. Faith Bible Study 2 p.m. Avoca Nursing Home Worship	19 Pastor's Day Off	20 5 p.m.– Worship
21 8 a.m. Bible Study 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Bible Study 6:30 p.m. VBS Volunteer Dinner	22 9 a.m.– 2 p.m. VBS	23 9 a.m.– 2 p.m. VBS	24 9 a.m.– 2 p.m. VBS 6:30 p.m. Bible Study	25 9 a.m.– 2 p.m. VBS 6 p.m. VBS Closing Gathering	26 Pastor's Day Off	27
28 8 a.m. Bible Study 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Bible Study	29 Sue On Vacation	30 6 p.m. Alive in Christ Choir Sue On Vacation	31 6:30 p.m. Alleluia Choir Sue On Vacation			

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**Worship Services  
1st & 3rd Saturdays at 5 p.m.  
Sundays during Summer at 9:30 a.m.  
Holy Communion: Celebrated at each worship service  
Sunday School will resume after Labor Day.**

For assistance or to leave information,  
contact the church office at the number shown above.  
In an emergency, contact Pastor Eric Meissner at (402) 660-1121.

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