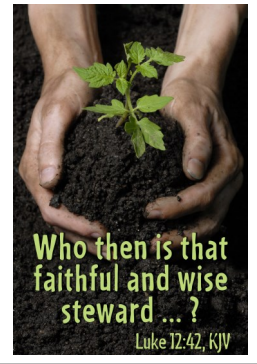


# The Trinity Trumpet

## August 2019

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### FORGIVENESS UNLIMITED

“Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, “Lord, how many times can my brother sin against me and I have to forgive him? Seven times?”

“ ‘No, not seven times,’ answered Jesus, ‘but seventy times seven.’” (Matthew 13:21-22) Big blundering Peter was always blurting out something! Every time he opens his mouth, according to the New Testament, he puts his foot in it. Yet, we can be thankful that Peter was that way. Better an over-enthusiastic Peter, than a cold, conniving Judas. Besides, the words that Jesus used to answer Peter’s impetuous remarks and questions were often great words for us today.

Here are several things which Jesus taught over and over. A person must forgive others to know forgiveness. That theme runs all through the New Testament. Forgive to be forgiven. We are told over and over—we will not be forgiven unless we forgive our fellow persons. We can’t hope for God’s forgiveness unless we forgive. “Happy are those who are merciful to others; God will be merciful to them.” (Matthew 5:7) And in the great disciples’ prayer, Jesus taught them: “If you forgive others the wrongs they have done you, your father in heaven will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive the wrongs of others, then your father in heaven will not forgive the wrongs you have done.” (Matthew 6:14-15) James put it: “For God will not show mercy when He judges the man who has not been merciful; but mercy triumphs over judgement.” (James 2:13)

They go together like bread and butter, like ham and eggs, like hand and glove. Divine, or God’s forgiveness, and our forgiveness of each other belong together. To know forgiveness we must forgive.

Clarence E. McCartney tells this story about forgiveness: During one of the persecutions of the Armenians by the Turks, an Armenian girl and her brother were pursued by a bloodthirsty Turkish soldier. He trapped them at the end of the lane and killed the brother before the sister’s eyes. The sister managed to escape by leaping over the wall and fleeing into the country side. Later she became a nurse. One day a wounded soldier was brought into her hospital. She recognized him at once as the soldier who had killed her brother and had tried to kill her. His condition was such that the least neglect or carelessness on the part of the nurse would have cost him his life. But she gave him the most painstaking and constant care. One day when he was on the road to recovery, he recognized her as the girl whose brother he had slain. He said to her, “Why have you done this for me, who killed your brother?” She answered, “Because I have a religion which teaches me to forgive my enemies.”

Let us rejoice in the way God has forgiven us. Let us forgive each other; and let us remember that we must forgive in order for us to be forgiven.

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**.  
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VBS is underway as I update here! We've got 111 campers registered this year and nine counselors from Ingham Okoboji. All nine

counselors are staying with Kathy and Roger Nelson! The counselors told us that we're their biggest group by far this year! We've had about 30-35 helpers/teachers each day, including the United Church ladies that have taken great care of us by preparing the snacks. Courtney Kardell and Ashleigh Maassen were in charge of the preschool aged program this year and have done a great job preparing and leading. Thank you to all for sharing your time, talents and resources to help us share the love of Jesus with our kids.



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."*

**Church Council**

**President:** Dean Krohn

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**CHURCH  
BUSINESS**

Weekend of	Total Attendance	Total Gifts Received
06/23/2019	95	2412.00
06/30/2019	95	4849.00
07/07/2019	125	3566.00
07/14/2019	139	3227.00



**Wilma Eggerss**-Jim & Karen Hansen

**JoAnn Lees**-Reva Bylund, Hervetta Ronnfeldt

**Saturday night worship service will change to every Saturday at 5 p.m., instead of the 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month. This change will begin in August!**



Pastor Eric will be out of the office from August 5th thru August 14th, returning on the 15th. He will be attending the NALC Convocation in Indianapolis for the election of the national bishop. If you should need pastoral care while he is away, please contact Pastor Loren Christensen from Elkhorn Lutheran Church. Pastor Christensen can be reached at 515-360-4810.

To our Trinity Lutheran Church Family,

We would like to thank everyone for their support during Les' journey to fight ALS. She was diagnosed May 15, 2018. To help find a cure for this nasty, cruel, and always fatal illness, she is participating in a Clinical Trial. She is traveling to Cedar's Sinai in Los Angeles, California once a month, sometimes twice a month. We know that this research, unfortunately may not help Les, but she is hoping to make a difference for anyone diagnosed in the future. The traveling expenses are not covered by this trial. Since she has started traveling to LA, air fare prices have doubled. The financial support we have received from the members of our congregation, have helped more than you can know. It eases the stress, which as you can imagine, is already pretty intense dealing with this type of situation. We have no idea how Les may progress with this disease. We are praying that it is very slow, and a treatment to stop progression is found soon. The love and support of this congregation is definitely helping us get through this trying time in our lives. Thank you so much for your prayers.

Mike and Lesley Krummel



## Youth Group

### Youth Group News



Youth group helped to join in the fun by hosting games in the park, as part of the 150th Avoca town celebration.

It won't be long and youth group will be starting up again. We're looking forward to an exciting year of fun, food, and fellowship! Our first gathering will be held on Wednesday, September 4th. Parents will receive an email with more details as the date approaches.



### Calen Winter & Roree Winter

On July 14th, during the 9:30 a.m. service, we welcomed Calen Charles Winter and Roree Joyce Winter into the family of God through the sacrament of holy baptism. Calen and Roree's parents are Ryan and Gina Winter. Calen's baptismal sponsors were Abby & Garret Clasen and Ashley & Dustin DeJong. Roree's baptismal sponsors were Jennie & Nathan Grotto and Ali & Jon Holtrop. Congratulations Winter family!



### Allens Celebrate 65<sup>th</sup>

### Wedding Anniversary

Charles and Laura Ann (Andersen) Allen will celebrate their 65<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on Thursday, August 8, 2019.

The couple were married on August 8, 1954, at the First Lutheran Church in Avoca, Iowa.

They have 4 children: Janet (Dick) Dorsey of Anita, IA; Wayne (Kelly) Allen of Avoca, IA; Barb (Gail) Goodner of Carroll, IA; and Larry (Traci) Allen of Odebolt, IA.

They have 10 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

Their family is hosting a card shower in their honor. Cards and well-wishes may be sent to Charles and Laura Ann Allen, 709 North Cherry Street, Avoca, IA 51521.

### 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.

## Back To School Night Registration Form

Trinity Lutheran Church is offering free backpacks and school supplies for all students in the AHSTW School District. Registration is required on or before Monday, August 5th to ensure we are stocked with enough supplies for everyone. To participate in Trinity Lutheran Church's Back to School Night, please complete the following and return it to: Trinity Lutheran Church, 301 N. Chestnut Street, P.O. Box 456, Avoca, IA 51521 no later than Monday, August 5<sup>th</sup>, or return via email to [tlcpaulsen@gmail.com](mailto:tlcpaulsen@gmail.com). The event and backpack pick up will be held on Monday, August 12<sup>th</sup>, at Trinity Lutheran Church at 5:30 p.m.

Parent's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, & Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide Information about your children and indicate their needs:

Name	Age	Boy or Girl	Grade	Needs Backpack & School Supplies	Needs School Supplies only

If you have questions, please call Sue Paulsen at (712) 343-2518 or (402) 639-6054.

If you do not wish to participate in this program, but would like to donate, we are accepting donations of backpacks and monetary donations. Backpacks for students of all ages, including high school age, are needed. All donations may be dropped off at Trinity Lutheran Church, 301 N. Chestnut Street, Avoca, on or before August 5th. Monetary donations may also be mailed to TLC, P.O. Box 456, Avoca, IA 51521. Please indicate "Back to School Program". If you would like to give via text, text 712-248-4488 with your donation amount + backtoschool.

Thank you for your continued support of this program for our local children!

**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 + baktoschool to 712-248-4488. We thank you for your help!



August 02	Delaney	Carroll
August 02	Michelle	Freeman
August 02	Sheryl	Harder
August 02	Peggy	Jacobsen
August 03	Jennifer	Partlow
August 05	Jayna	Engle
August 05	Kieghan	Johnson
August 06	Marie	Madden
August 06	Kaitlyn	Tooley
August 06	Becky	Woltmann
August 08	Breanna	Pauley
August 10	Ava	Paulsen
August 10	Makenna	Paulsen
August 10	Samantha	Scheffler
August 10	Seth	Schmidt
August 10	Bryson	Setran
August 11	Cara Beth	Buboltz
August 11	Gary	Collins
August 11	Janae	Sternberg
August 12	Andrea	Emmanuel
August 12	Larry	Lippold
August 14	Jackson	Hensley
August 15	Karen	Hansen
August 15	Michael	Scheffler

August 17	Alice	Botcher
August 17	Julaine	Carley
August 17	Courtney	Harder
August 17	Gary	Soetmelk
August 17	Matthew	Sternberg
August 18	Alisha	Allen
August 18	Alexander	Hansen
August 18	Ethan	Hoepner
August 18	Brittany	Kelly
August 19	Eli	Collins
August 19	Dennis	Jarrett
August 19	Wilma	Klindt
August 21	Kristen	Krohn
August 21	Preston	Krohn
August 23	Jordan	Blotzer
August 23	Roger	Nelson
August 24	Joan	Johnson
August 24	Betty	Kubik
August 25	Connie	VonEschen
August 26	Sienna	Christian
August 26	Courtney	Freeman
August 27	Jim	Hansen
August 28	Robin	Andersen
August 30	Jerry	Mez
August 31	Jason	Holst

## 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

### Answered Prayers (Part 1)



All the glory and praise to our Heavenly Father for his never changing word, never ending love, and never failing grace. I thank you for allowing me to share my thoughts and experiences with my TLC church family. Amen.

In this edition of Five and Dime, I want to look at answered prayers. Sometimes, God answers our prayers quickly, while other times it seems that we have almost put them out of our mind, and then out of the blue, God comes through and puts the finishing touches to the request we have in our heart. And sometimes he answers them in such a way that it is completely unexpected, and makes you say, as my Grandson Tyson used to put it when he was about 5 years old, “I didn’t see that coming!” In this particular incident, the way he answered my prayer, it was completely unexpected.

Almost every Saturday, I start the day between 5:00 and 5:30 AM to go out and gather the cans and bottles that our Masonic Lodge collects at the seven different collection sites in and around the Avoca community. It usually takes between 2 to 3-1/2 hours to get all of them picked up (depending on the amount at each site and the number of trips to the shed); which is why I try to get an early start on the route. There are three of the collection sites that I’m not in a hurry to get to, mainly because of the time it can take to get them emptied out. Sometimes they are filled to the top, and hardly any of the cans or bottles are in bags, just loose in the collection box. And when you take nearly 400 cans and bottles out of the box two or three at a time, you’re going to be there for a bit. Or sometimes there will be “non-redeemable” items in the box that will have to be dealt with. And then sometimes if there has been rain or snow that has gotten into the box, everything is soaked, and the cardboard boxes and paper bags that the can and bottles are in, quickly rip, tear, and fall apart as soon as they are lifted out of the box. So usually one or all of these challenges are met with on a regular basis. And the time of year that this particular story takes place is just this past winter, so every Saturday when I get started is dark and cold.

# August 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 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	Roger & Kathy Nelson	Bonnie Kardell & JoAnn Krummel
		Janiece Schroder & Maxine Sornsen

	Saturday August 10, 5:00 p.m.	Sunday August 11, 9:30 a.m.
Scripture Readings	Dick Holtz	Karen Hansen
Prayers	Jan Holtz	Amanda Holst
Support	Kathy Soetmelk	Jim Hansen
Communion Asst.	n/a	n/a
Acolytes	n/a	Nathan Jorgensen
Greeters	Diane Taylor	Jason & Amanda Holst Family
Ushers	n/a	Mike & Wendy Jorgensen
Altar Guild	n/a	n/a
		n/a

	Saturday August 17, 5:00 p.m.	Sunday August 18, 9:30 a.m.
Scripture Readings	Dorothy Nelsen	Dan Rold
Prayers	Dick Brown	Sue Blakestead
Support	Don Nelsen	Dora Rock
Communion Asst.	Dorothy Nelsen	Sue Paulsen, Greg & Marge Petersen
Acolytes	n/s	Saydi Paulsen
Greeters	Darlene Eggerss	Dan & Cristin Rold Family
Ushers	n/a	Mabel Jacobsen & Julie Engel
Altar Guild	Roger & Kathy Nelson	Bonnie Kardell & JoAnn Krummel
		Janiece Schroder & Maxine Sornsen



	<b>Saturday August 24 , 5:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Sunday August 25 , 9:30 a.m.</b>
Scripture Readings	Jan Holtz	Janiece Schorder
Prayers	Roger Nelson	LaDonna Conroy
Support	Reva Bylund	Gary Soetmelk
Communion Asst.	Roger Nelson	Gary & Kathy Soetmelk, Janice Schroder
Acolytes	n/a	Joey Blotzer
Greeters	Kathy Nelson	Terry & LeAnne McCarthy Family
Ushers	n/a	Marilyn & Larry Chapman
Altar Guild	Roger & Kathy Nelson	Bonnie Kardell & JoAnn Krummel
		Janiece Schroder & Maxine Sornsen

## **September Volunteer Schedule**

	<b>Saturday August 31,5:00</b>	<b>Sun September 1 , 9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Sun September 1 , 10:15 a.m.</b>
Scripture Readings	Dick Brown	Alice Botcher	J Olesen
Prayers	Dorothy Nelsen	Neil Paulsen	Deb Meissner
Support	Don Nelsen	Jerry Conroy	Dean Krohn
Communion Asst.	Dorothy Nelsen	Marge Petersen	Dean & Joy Krohn, Deb Meissner
Acolytes	n/a	Justin Freeman	Kaleah Guyer
Greeters	Rose Krohn	Neil & Deb Paulsen	Corey & Ashleigh Maassen
Ushers	n/a	Dale & Arlene Roush	Tonya & J Olesen
Altar Guild	Roger & Kathy Nelson	Nancy & Ken Collins	Jane & Dale Tech
	<b>Saturday September 7 ,</b>	<b>Sun September 8 , 9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Sun September 8 , 10:15 a.m.</b>
Scripture Readings	Judy Williams	Greg Petersen	Danny Pattee
Prayers	Ronda Holst	Nancy Kelly	Joyce Mez
Support	Reva Bylund	Dora Rock	Jim Hansen
Communion Asst.	Judy Williams	Marge Petersen	Karen & Jim Hansen, Sue Paulsen
Acolytes	n/a	Jessica Jacobsen	Lilly Scott
Greeters	Karen Pope	Wayne & Becky Jacobsen	Danny & Johnni Pattee
Ushers	n/a	Frank & Marlene Nelsen	Lance & Amber Scott
Altar Guild	Reva Bylund		Jane & Dale Tech

**Trinity Lutheran Church  
Council Meeting Minutes  
July 9, 2019**

Members Present: Pastor Eric Meissner, Dean Krohn, Larry Chapman, Shela Jacobsen, Mike Jorgensen, Kathy Soetmelk, Cristin Rold, Josh Guyer, Katie Collins, & LeAnne McCarthy  
Guest: Sue Paulsen

Call to order made by president Dean Krohn.  
Pastor said a prayer and the group had a silent centering to start the meeting.  
A reading from the book Prayers of a God Chaser was given by Pastor.

Approval of the agenda, motion made by Mike and seconded by Katie, motion carried.  
Approval of minutes from the last meeting, motion made by Josh and seconded by Larry, motion carried.

Shelia gave the treasurer's report, a motion was made by Cristin and seconded by Kathy to approve, motion carried.

Dean gave the president's report. Pastor Eric gave his monthly report. He will be out of town August 5th thru the 15th for the NALC Convocation. Sue provided the Director of Ministry in Daily Life report. The youth group helped with the 150th celebration on 7/5 at the park selling water and helping with old fashioned games. Looking forward, VBS is scheduled for July 22nd through 25th. This year's registration forms were put on the church's website and Sue indicated this helped the process. All computers were upgraded to Office 365 and a new sanctuary computer was set up by Oxen Technology on 7/8/19. TLC donated bars for the teen dance and pool party on July 3rd, which ended up being canceled due to lightning. Back to school night will be held on Monday, August 12th at 5:30 pm. An Amazon Smile has been set up for the church, and 0.5% of qualifying purchases will be donated back to the church. Sue will be out of the office from 7/29-7/31. Cristin provided a council report for education, we are expecting 90+ youth to attend our VBS this summer. She said Ashleigh Maassen and Courtney Kardell will be leading the 3 and 4-year-old section this year and she's been assisting them in planning. Josh gave an update on outreach for the school backpack program, it is estimated that we will need about \$1500-2000 in donations to cover the cost of this program. A request for donations will be made. Mike supplied an update for finance and stated they are working on direct deposit conversions and discussion was made by the group how text giving is going and the waste of annual envelopes the church provides. Larry provided an update on a list of items through the church and Pastor's residence needing repair. He has received an estimate for all from EW Services. Katie gave an update on the stewardship and the council determined there will be an all-church potluck picnic held on September 8th this year. Kathy updated the group on worship and said the average for Saturday evening services has increased. The one service on Sunday morning will continue through the end of August. Leslie Krummel will assist the church to sell the old sound system. A motion was made by Mike and seconded by Josh to approve all of the reports.

Old business was the purchase of a computer estimated at \$1400 and was approved by the council.  
Sue provided an estimate for increased internet speed, with the month bill increasing from approximately \$111 to \$138, the council approved. A motion was made by Cristin, seconded by LeAnne to approve this, motion carried.

Cristin provided a presentation on the human connection at the AHSTW schools by Joe Beckman with different levels of sponsorship. Discussion amongst the group ensued and the council will hold a special meeting on July 28th after the Sunday morning service to vote.

Membership changes were provided to the group. Deaths & Funerals - Wilma Eggers, DOD 7/2/2019, Funeral 7/2/2019; Baptisms - Ryker Logan Krummel, DOB 1/18/2019, Baptismal Date 6/2/2019; Henry Willam Nelsen, DOB 1/22/2019, Baptismal Date 6/9/2019; Weddings - Chris Dierking & Wendy Albright 6/8/2019; A motion was made to approve the membership changes by Larry, seconded by Kathy, motion carried.

A motion to adjourn was made by Josh, seconded by Cristin, the meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer. The next meeting will be held on August 13, 2019.

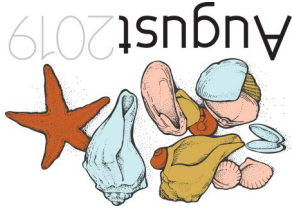
Respectfully Submitted,  
LeAnne McCarthy



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In an emergency, contact Pastor Eric Meissner at (402) 660-1121.

**Worship Services  
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.**