

The Trinity Trumpet

September 2019

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LABOR DAY

September 2nd is Labor Day. With Labor Day there is a tremendous spiritual thought process for the Christian that God is a part of our daily labors is great news for people who want to find more purpose and fulfillment in their work.

Most people, from time to time, become discouraged about their life, their contributions, their career, and their significance.

The Gospel message is that God is a part of our daily labor. When God sent his Son into the world, he didn't exclude his working. Jesus was a carpenter in Nazareth. The New Testament word for carpenter is tekton, which means craftsman, a person who could build a wall or house, construct a boat, make a table or chair, or throw a bridge across a stream.

The hands that helped and healed people in their distress, that got nailed to the cross for the sins of the world, were first introduced to a hammer and saw.

"He became like us." The Apostle Paul said, "We are workers together with him." In the third chapter of First Corinthians Paul speaks about people wanting to find fulfillment and meaning in their daily labor.

Men and women today also want fulfillment. They want to know they're making a contribution, that their efforts are for something worthwhile.

Jesus' followers today can work with an immediacy. A sense of confidence, an openness, an honesty, a readiness to help, to show more purpose and pride in this cynical generation. You can discover God's power in your work, and you can also be a part of his healing team of those who unveil to men and women a way to fulfillment through their professions. A job, any job, that serves a constructive purpose, even a menial task, is the place where we can serve both God and our fellow human beings.

Dr. Reul Lanphier Howe said, "The heart of the problem with most people is not the kind of work they are doing, but in their attitude toward it." The way a person performs routine duties in the home, at school, in the office, or on the farm reflects what they really think about themselves, God, and their neighbor. It's not what a job can give to us but the attitude we bring to work that counts.

When people see their work as being coincidental with the efforts of God, they can change the whole atmosphere of an office, shop, or home. All of us need to sustain the attitude that God is at work with us as we grow up from being children to becoming adults. This is a hard task!

We should think of Labor Day as a new beginning, it can mark a new season of work in the school, in the home, and on the job. Let us rededicate ourselves to our tasks.

If you are questioning the meaning of your present labor, ask: "What is God saying to me in this?" "What will God have me do about this challenge and opportunity?"

Then in the silence of your own heart dedicate yourself anew to hearing His answer and act upon it as his creative servant and one who follows the teaching of our loving Master, Jesus Christ.

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

Regular Worship Service Times to Resume September 1st

- ◆ Every Saturday at 5 p.m.
- ◆ Sunday's at 9:00 a.m. & 10:15 a.m.
- ◆ Sunday School at 10:15 a.m.
- ◆ Holy Communion celebrated at each service



Sunday school is right around the corner! Classes will resume Sunday, September 8th during the 10:15 a.m. service. The Sunday School team of volunteers will be kicking this year off with an opening day bash! There will be music, games, craft, and snacks.



Come connect with your church family!

TLC is hosting a potluck dinner on September 8th, after the 10:15 a.m. worship service. Sign up your goodies in advance by clicking the link below or by using the sign up sheet during worship service.

We're looking forward to seeing everyone there!

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1DNHhsjxitVm_IMXaUeGDGSH7bX1lgM-RjngmkvJ5o/edit?usp=sharing



A parents and students meeting with Pastor Eric will be held on Wednesday, September 18th, at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. This meeting is for 7th through HS aged students wanting to be confirmed. At 7 p.m., Pastor Eric will meet with the parents and students of those students who have completed their confirmation classes and requirements the previous two years and are being confirmed this year.

The first confirmation class will begin on Wednesday, September 25th, from 6:30 p.m.-8 p.m. The entire schedule of classes can be found in Breeze.

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

(712) 741-3734

Worship: Kathy Soetmelk

(712) 249-9027

Finance: Mike Jorgensen

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Outreach: Josh Guyer

(402) 682-1254

Stewardship: Katie Collins

(402) 250-9313

Treasurer: Shela Jacobsen

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CHURCH
BUSINESS

Weekend of	Total Attendance	Total Gifts Received
07/21/2019	104	3461.00
07/28/2019	98	2171.00
08/04/2019	127	10411.80
08/11/2019	90	2357.00
08/18/2019	132	4246.00
08/25/2019	---	6179.25

Wilma Eggerss-Janiece Schroder

JoAnn Lees-Bonnie Kardell, Grace McKee, Robert & Linda Andersen, Don & Dorothy Nelsen, Betty Oehlert, Janiece Schroder, Richard & Jan Holtz, Charles Lees

Dorothy Alff-Charles & Laura Ann Allen, Michelle Clayton, Gary & An Ok Young, Norma-lee Krohn, Ron & Bonette Olsen, Jeff & Leanne Kruger, Mitch & Nancy Osborn, Larry & Linda Feekes, Lynn & Jane Hansen

Raleigh Woltmann-Hervetta Ronnfeldt, Bill & Reva Bylund

Wilbert Piittmann-Hervetta Ronnfeldt



Trinity Lutheran Church Women met on August 1st, 2019 in the fellowship hall. Shirley Pattee read "Hugs" from Devotions for Women.

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 bills.

Correspondence was read.

Christian Service will meet on August 13th and August 27th.

Mission Community: Karen Pope thanked everyone for delivering Mobile Meals.

Bible Study Group: No report

New Business: Rummage Sale will be September 20th and 21st. Will start set up on September 15th.

Next meeting will be September 5th, 2019.

Motion to adjourn was made by Bonnie Kardell. Seconded by Nancy Kelly.

Preamble was recited.

Happy Birthday was sung to Bonnie Kardell.

Table grace was sung.

Laura Ann Allen, Secretary.



Our first YG gathering of the year will be on Wednesday, September 4th. We will meet at the church at 6:15 p.m. and travel to Oakland for a Youth Rally. The rally will begin at 7 p.m. We will be listening to speaker and artist Eric Samuel Timm. Please RSVP to Sue at 402-639-6054 to ensure we line up enough transportation.

Looking forward to a great night of fellowship and worship to kick off our year!!

Next meeting: September 22nd



Mark your calendars for the annual rummage sale which will be held:

- ◆ Friday, September 20— 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- ◆ Saturday, September 21 — 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Donations will **gladly** be accepted, however, please do not bring them until Sunday, September 15th or after. Donations can also be picked up. Please call Shirley Pattee at 712-343-6463, if you have any questions.

Thank you!



THANK YOU to everyone who donated and/or volunteered for Trinity's Back to School Night, which was held on Monday, August 12th.. That night, with your help, we were able to provide students with new backpacks and school supplies! Donated clothing was given away as well. We will also be able to provide the school with some more student supplies throughout the year as needs arise. Thank you for helping to carry the burden of expense for families in our communities--Each of you are a blessing!

 Trinity Lutheran Church



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

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*T-Shirt orders with Trinity's Logo will be available soon!
Please watch the bulletin for more information!*

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 2)



The few weeks leading up to this particular Saturday, were no different than the ones before. The collections each week seemed to have continued to grow more than the week before, making the collection time lengthen. It had gotten to the point that I would dread the sound of the alarm on Saturday mornings. One Saturday morning, the temperature had stayed above freezing, but it was raining with an unfavorable strong northeast wind. As I approached the third stop on the route, I could see from about half a block that the lid on the collection box had been blown wide open; due to two large black trash bags that overfilled the box, not allowing it to completely shut. The wind had managed to catch the lid of the box and fling it open, breaking the rope that kept the lid from being opened too far. Inside the box, the two large, black trash bags had contained a couple hundred cans and plastic bottles. But the bags had not been tied off or sealed before being dropped off. The wind was blowing in just the right direction to catch the bags, and its contents were quickly deposited around the neighborhood. Adding to this test in my temperance, the wind was still blowing at a pretty good clip, and it was pretty easy for my coat and shirt to be blown higher up my back each time I bent over to pick up the loose cans and bottles. At this collection site, there are some trees whose branches stretch directly over the box. With it still raining, the cold, icy water found its way quickly to my bare back as it fell in small streams, off of the tree limbs as I continued to chase around the loose cans. As I scurried around the neighborhood picking up the cans and bottles being tossed around by the wind, my frustration multiplied. I gave up in disgust to get back into the truck and check the forecast on the weather app on my phone; to see how long this rain was going to last. Unfortunately, it looked as if it was going to be around for the next few hours. Feeling rejected, I got back out of the truck, finished picking up the cans at that box and at the remaining boxes, finally arriving at home soaked all the way through. It was days like this that really made me question whether I was wanting to continue this Saturday activity.

September 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
 Peggy Osbahr: 9:00 a.m. service Cell 402-680-8256
 Sue Paulsen: 10:15 a.m. service Cell 402-639-6054

	Saturday August 31, 5:00 p.m.	Sunday September 1, 9:00 a.m.	Sunday September 1, 10:15 a.m.
Scripture Readings	Dick Brown	Alice Botcher	J Olesen
Prayers	Dorothy Nelsen	Neil Paulsen	Deb Meissner
Support	Don Nelsen	Jerry Conroy	Sue Paulsen
Communion Asst.	Dorothy Nelsen	Marge Petersen	Leslie Nielsen, Sue Paulsen, Deb Meissner
Acolytes	n/a	Justin Freeman	Kaleah Guyer
Greeters	Rose Krohn	Neil & Deb Paulsen	Tonya & J Olesen
Ushers	n/a	Dale & Arlene Roush	Tonya & J Olesen
Altar Guild	Roger & Kathy Nelson	Nancy & Ken Collins	Jane & Dale Tech

	Saturday September 7, 5:00	Sunday September 8, 9:00 a.m.	Sunday September 8, 10:15 a.m.
Scripture Readings	Judy Williams	Greg Petersen	Gayle Stuart
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		Sue Paulsen Family
Ushers	n/a	Frank & Marlene Nelsen	Lance & Amber Scott
Altar Guild	Reva Bylund	Nancy & Ken Collins	Jane & Dale Tech

	Saturday Sept. 14, 5:00 p.m.	Sunday Sept. 15, 9:00 a.m.	Sunday Sept. 15, 10:15 a.m.
Scripture Readings	Dick Holtz	Jerry Conroy	Gayle Stuart
Prayers	Jan Holtz	Donna Rold	Angela Sieh
Support	Dick & Jan Holtz	Marilyn Chapman	Dustin DeJong
Communion Asst.	n/a	Marge Petersen	Ron & Lori Winter, Jane Tech
Acolytes	n/a	Lauren Yates	Justin Freeman
Greeters	Diane Taylor	Erin Ronnfeldt Family	Ryan & Beth Nielsen Family
Ushers	n/a	Larry & Marilyn Chapman	Steve & Nikki Jorgensen Family
Altar Guild	Reva Bylund	Greg & Marge Petersen	Jane & Dale Tech

	Saturday Sept. 21, 5:00 p.m.	Sunday Sept. 22, 9:00 a.m.	Sunday Sept. 22, 10:15 a.m.
Scripture Readings	Dick Brown	Dora Rock	Kami Willet
Prayers	Roger Nelson	Carolyn Spencer	Deb Meissner
Support	Reva Bylund	Dora Rock	Mike Krummel
Communion Asst.	Roger Nelson	Janiece Schroder	Lesley & Mike Krummel, Sue Paulsen
Acolytes	n/a	Isabelle Wheatley	Kaeden Rold
Greeters	Darlene Eggerss	Kevin & Charity Wheatley Fami-	Brad & Mandeey Meyers Family
Ushers	n/a	Dale & Arlene Roush	Jason & Jessica Rold
Altar Guild	Reva Bylund	Mick & Donna Schuler	Jane & Dale Tech

	Saturday Sept. 28 , 5:00	Sunday Sept. 29 , 9:00 a.m.	Sunday Sept. 29, 10:15 a.m.
Scripture Readings	Ronda Holst	Peggy Osbahr	Amber Johnson
Prayers	Dorothy Nelsen	Nancy Kelly	Karen Rodriguez
Support	Don Nelsen	Shela Jacobsen	Adam Krohn
Communion Asst.	n/a	Nancy Collins	Leslie & Gary Nielsen, Joyce Mez
Acolytes	n/a	Anistyn Roskens	Jessica Jacobsen
Greeters	Norma Krohn	Justin & Becky Woltmann Family	Travis & Kaliegh Lane Family
Ushers	n/a	Bob & Barb Brown	Adam & Kristen Krohn
Altar Guild	Reva Bylund	Nancy & Ken Collins	Jane & Dale Tech

October Volunteer Schedule

	Saturday October 5 , 5:00	Sunday October 6, 9:00 a.m.	Sunday October 6, 10:15 a.m.
Scripture Readings	Judy Williams	Greg Petersen	Janae Sternberg
Prayers	Dick Brown	LaDonna Conroy	Sue Blakestead
Support	Kathy Soetmelk	Jerry Conroy	Dean Krohn
Communion Asst.	Judy Williams	Dora Rock	Dean & Joy Krohn, Kathy Soetmelk
Acolytes	n/a	Ayden McCarthy	Luke Sternberg
Greeters	Rose Krohn	Bonnie Kardell	Heath & Nicole Lamp Family
Ushers	n/a	Larry & Marilyn Chapman	Matt & Janae Sternberg
Altar Guild	Carolyn Oldenburg	Marge & Greg Petersen	Beth Schueman & Brenda Roloff



September 01	Larry Chapman	September 11	Mary Jean Krummel	September 21	Debra Paulsen
September 01	Lu Ann Jensen	September 11	Shelby McCreedy	September 22	Corbin Pieken
September 01	Donald Pattee	September 11	Karen Pope	September 23	Karen Rodriguez
September 03	Lane Thornton	September 11	Gayle Stuart	September 24	Bobbi Lund
September 04	Jaycie Schueman	September 12	Kerry Danker	September 25	Blake Holst
September 04	Dean Willett	September 14	Katherine Collins	September 25	Victorine Jensen
September 05	Kristyn Nielsen	September 14	Norma Glissmann	September 25	Joy Krohn
September 05	Robert Scott	September 14	Margaret Johannsen	September 25	Trevor Madden
September 07	Marvin Piittmann	September 14	Katie Johnson	September 26	Krislyn McCarthy
September 10	Sage Brockhoff	September 14	Robert Jr. Jorgensen	September 26	Jason Rold
September 10	Janet Holtz	September 15	Deanna Whyte	September 26	Alan Sieh Jr.
September 10	Kyle Sternberg	September 16	Stephanie Harder	September 28	Darren Krohn
September 10	Kami Willett	September 17	Joy Best	September 29	James Best
		September 20	Marilyn Chapman	September 29	Gladys Petersen

**Trinity Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes
August 13, 2019**

Members Present: Dean Krohn, Larry Chapman, Mike Jorgensen, Kathy Soetmelk, Cristin Rold. Josh Guyer, Katie Collins, Sue Paulsen, & LeAnne McCarthy

Call to order made by president Dean Krohn. Dean led the group in an opening prayer. No guests were present.

Thank you cards were prepared for Ashleigh Maassen & Courtney Kardell for leading our PK VBS group this summer, for the United Church ladies for preparing the snacks for VBS, and for Roger & Kathy Nelson for providing housing for all of the VBS counselors.

A motion was made by Larry to approve the agenda, seconded by Cristin, motion carried. A motion to approve the minutes from last meeting was made by Mike, seconded by Katie, motion carried. Sheila was not able to attend the meeting, but provided her report. A motion to approve the report was made by Kathy, seconded by Mike, motion carried. No bills payable were submitted.

Dean gave the presidents report which included a comment about the work that was done on the parsonage. Pastor was attending the NALC conference and on vacation and was not present at the meeting, no report was given.

Sue provided a written report for the group. VBS was held 7/22 - 7/25 and we had approximately 114 VBS attendees and 32+ helpers. The United Church women's group provided & served snacks each day, Roger & Kathy Nelson hosted all nine counselors, and we raised money to sponsor Carolina Alexa through World Vision. On July 22nd, a group of 25 students and leaders from a Michigan Youth Group spent the night at Trinity. The annual back to school night was held on August 12th and 32 students were given supplies and backpacks to start the school year. Our first youth group outing of the year will be held on September 4th. The group plans to head to the Fellowship Church in Oakland for a youth rally featuring Eric Samuel Timm, orator, author, and artist. The AHSTW football team will be using the fellowship hall every Thursday during the football season to have their pre-game meals. The first order of t-shirts with the new TLC log have been ordered!

Council reports were provided to the group. Cristin updated the group on education, she provided a handout showing the Joe Beckmann information and posters. She also stated that Steph Harder & Ashley DeJong will again be leading our Sunday School program this year, which will begin on September 8th. Josh provided an update on outreach and said he is waiting for a call to see how many backpacks will be sponsored, we might be short on sponsorship compared to the need and would have to make up the difference. Mike said there isn't an update for the finance committee. Larry said the improvements to the parsonage were done. Katie gave an update for the Stewardship committee, stating there is a church potluck scheduled for September 8th. Kathy provided an update on Worship. Beth Buboltz will join the worship committee, we've sold some older music equipment, Peggy Osbahr will now schedule the volunteers for the 9 am service, Sue will handle the 10:15 am service. On September 1st we will start two services each Sunday again, 9 am and 10:15 am. A motion was made to approve the council committee reports by Cristin and seconded by Josh, motion carried.

Old business of the school scoreboard was discussed with an update by Sue. No motion was made. There was no new business.

Membership list changes were provided. Deaths and funerals, JoAnn Lees funeral was held on 7/11/2019, DOB 6/16/1941 and DOD 7/6/2019. Baptisms included Calen Charles Winter and Roree Joyce Winter, date of birth 3/26/2019 and baptism was held on 7/14/2019. No other membership changes were provided. A motion was made by Kathy to approve, seconded by Katie, 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 September 10th.

Respectfully submitted by LeAnne McCarthy

September 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8 a.m. Bible Study 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. Worship/ Nielsen Baptism 11:30 a.m. Bible Study	2 Labor Day Church Office Closed	3 6 p.m. Alive in Christ Choir	4 6:15 p.m. Youth Group 6:30 p.m. Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Alleluia Choir	5 2 p.m. TLCW Meeting 4 p.m.-6 p.m. Food Pantry 6:30 p.m. Peace Haven Worship	6 Pastor's Day Off	7 5 p.m.- Worship
8 8 a.m. Bible Study 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. Worship/ Sunday School 11:30 a.m. Church Potluck	9 2 p.m. Prayer Team	10 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	11 6:30 p.m. Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Alleluia Choir	12 7:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast 4 p.m.-6 p.m. Food Pantry	13 Pastor's Day Off	14 5 p.m.- Worship Jorgensen/Flippin Wedding
15 8 a.m. Bible Study 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. Worship/ Sunday School 11:30 a.m. Bible Study Rummage Sale Donations Accepted All Week	16 9:30 a.m. Salem Lutheran Home Worship	17 6 p.m. Alive in Christ Choir	18 6:30 p.m. Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Confirmation Students & Parent Meeting 7:00 p.m. Students being confirmed this year/ Parent Meeting	19 9:30 a.m. Faith Bible Study 2 p.m. Avoca Nursing Home Worship 4 p.m.-6 p.m. Food Pantry	20 Pastor's Day Off 8 a.m.—8 p.m. Rummage Sale	21 8 a.m.—11 p.m. Rummage Sale 5 p.m.— Worship
22 8 a.m. Bible Study 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. Worship/ Sunday School 11:30 a.m. Bible Study 12:30 p.m. Youth Group	23	24 8:30 a.m.—3 p.m. Christian Service 6 p.m. Alive in Christ Choir	25 6:30 p.m. Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Confirmation 6:30 p.m. Alleluia Choir	26 4 p.m.-6 p.m. Food Pantry	27 Pastor's Day Off	28 5 p.m.- Worship Kardell/ Robinson Wedding
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Saturdays at 5 p.m.
Sundays at 9:00 a.m. and 10:15 a.m.
Holy Communion: Celebrated at each worship service
Sunday School during the 10:15 a.m. service starting Sept. 8th

For assistance or to leave information,
contact the church office at the number shown above.
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