

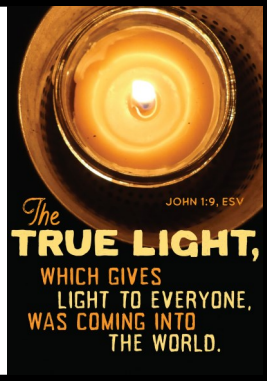
The Trinity Trumpet

January 2020

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Let Us Pray.....!

When we first started ministry together in May of 2012 we talked about the subject of Prayer. A subject we should revisit periodically since each Sunday we proclaim together an Invitation to serious faith. The first thing we say together before we leave is “We will strive to...**Pray** daily.

As we continue in 2020, now is a good time to proclaim anew such an important subject in the life of our family here at Trinity.

Have you ever thought about how God answers prayer? As we approach such a difficult subject, there are four attitudes I believe we need to develop to have answers to our prayers.

First, we must be willing to let God answer in His own time. That means according to His schedule, His timetable. Make no mistake God hears our prayers immediately, but in God’s wisdom, can delay answers to prayers. The frustration we have is we usually think we’re ready before God does. We think we are ready to receive the answer and He’s waiting for us to mature in faith, which often times takes time. After all, you spell faith – PATIENCE. Faith is patient.

Secondly, we must be willing to let God answer in His own way. Not only wherever God thinks best but however God thinks best. The Bible says in Isaiah, “*My ways are not your ways*” God often delays an answer to prayer so He can answer in a way that is bigger than you originally thought. God delayed Hanna’s request for a son many years. But when God finally gave her a son, He gave her Samuel, the greatest Old Testament prophet. Our problem is twofold: We ask too little and we want it too quickly!

Thirdly, we must be willing to let God answer in God’s own power, in God’s own ability. Don’t ask for it, wait three minutes, and then go out and try to work it out on your own. Let God answer in His own power. That’s called a miracle. Remember the story of Sarah and Abraham? God waited until it was humanly impossible, hopeless, then He answered the prayer with a miracle in Isaac.

Fourthly, we must be willing to let God answer for God’s own purpose. Why does God answer prayer? What are His reasons? The entire Bible summarizes why God answers prayer in two statements: For our growth, and for His glory. That is why God answers all prayer. Won’t you explore the Bible with a prayer filled heart? You will be glad you did!

So, as we begin the year 2020 you are extended another **Invitation to Serious faith!** Let us 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 and resources!

And all God’s people said.....AMEN!!!

Together in Christ Jesus,

Pr. Eric

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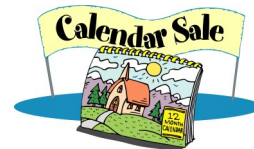
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ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 26th, 2018 at 11:15 a.m. Please meet in the fellowship hall immediately after the 10:15 a.m. worship service.

All Council members and Committee chairpersons: Please submit your reports to Sue by Wednesday, January 15th, preferably by e-mail at tlcspaulsen@gmail.com. Thank You!



It's not too late! Youth group still has some calendars available for the new year! They are \$10.00 each. Contact Sue if you'd like to purchase one. Thanks!

I will sing and
make melody
to the LORD.

Psalms 27:6



Mark your calendars. The musical group "Faith Sound" will be here to lead us in worship on Sunday, February 9th during our 9 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. services.

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

(402) 490-2423



**CHURCH
BUSINESS**

| Weekend of | Total Attendance | Total Gifts Received |
|-------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 12/01/2019 | 238 | 5767.00 |
| 12/08/2019 | 223 | 3485.00 |
| 12/15/2019 | 66 | 4532.00 |
| 12/22/2019 | 128 | 3860.00 |
| 12/24/2019 | 277 | 6295.00 |



*In
Memory of*

Duane Carroll-Melvin & Jane Palittle

Evelyn, Wendy, Derald Rogers— Judith Roger

Trinity Lutheran Church Women met on December 5th, 2019 in the fellowship hall. Shirley Pattee played the piano for a Christmas "Sing A- Long".

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 December 10th only.

Mission Community: No report

Bible Study Group: Will meet at Peace Haven.

New Business: We will be delivering Christmas gifts of Solars to the residents of Avoca Nursing Home and Assisted Living on Christian Service Day, December 10th.

Next meeting will be January 2nd, 2020.

Motion to adjourn was made by Karen Pope. Seconded by Bonnie Kardell.

Preamble was recited.

Happy Birthday was sung to Dolores Harder and Janiece Schroder.

Table grace was sung.

Laura Ann Allen, Secretary.

January 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:

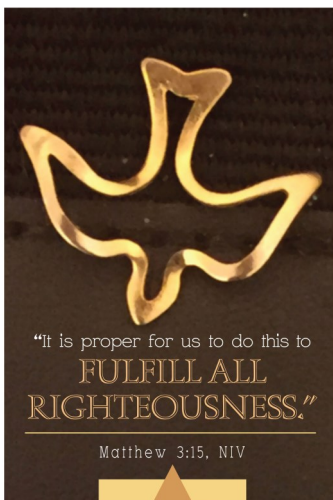
Kathy Soetmelk: 5 p.m. service Cell 712-249-9027
 Peggy Osbahr: 9:00 a.m. service Cell 402-680-8256
 Sue Paulsen: 10:15 a.m. service Cell 402-639-6054

| | Saturday January 4 , 5:00 p.m. | Sunday January 5 , 9:00 a.m. | Sunday January 5 , 10:15 a.m. |
|--------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Scripture Readings | Judy Williams | Neil Paulsen | Travis Lane |
| Prayers | Donna Rold | LaDonna Conroy | Sue Blakestad |
| Support | Donna Rold | Jerry Conroy | Dean Krohn |
| Communion Asst. | Judy Williams | Neil Paulsen | Sue Paulsen, Dean & Joy Krohn |
| Acolytes | n/a | Tyson Osbahr | Kaeden Rold |
| Camera | n/a | n/a | Saydi Paulsen |
| Greeters | Norma Krohn | Bonnie Kardell and JoAnn | Jason & Jessica Rold Family |
| Ushers | n/a | Mabel Jacobsen and Julie | Travis & Kaleigh Lane |
| Altar Guild | Roger & Kathy Nelson | Bonnie Kardell & JoAnn | Janiece Schroder & Maxine Sornsen |
| | | | |
| | Saturday January 11 , 5:00 p.m. | Sunday January 12 , 9:00 | Sunday January 12 , 10:15 a.m. |
| Scripture Readings | Kathy Soetmelk | Carolyn Spencer | Amber Johnson |
| Prayers | Ronda Holst | Janiece Schroeder | Deb Meissner |
| Support | Kathy Nelson | Shela Jacobsen | Dustin DeJong |
| Communion Asst. | Ronda Holst | Janiece Schroeder | Deb Meissner, Dale & Jane Tech |
| Acolytes | n/a | Lauren Yates | Lilly Scott |
| Camera | n/a | n/a | Eli Collins |
| Greeters | Carolyn Oldenburg | Erin Ronnfeldt Family | Gary & Katie Collins Family |
| Ushers | n/a | Mike and Wendy Jorgensen | Lance & Amber Scott |
| Altar Guild | Roger & Kathy Nelson | Bonnie Kardell & JoAnn | Janiece Schroder & Maxine Sornsen |
| | | | |
| | Saturday January 18 , 5:00 p.m. | Sunday January 19 , 9:00 | Sunday January 19 , 10:15 a.m. |
| Scripture Readings | Roger Nelson | Donna Rold | Janiece Schroder |
| Prayers | Judy Willams | Peggy Osbahr | Karen Hansen |
| Support | Roger Nelson | Jerry Conroy | Jim Hansen |
| Communion Asst. | Judy Williams | Peggy Osbahr | Robb Jacobsen & Amy Goetzinger, |
| Acolytes | n/a | Anistyn Roskens | Ayden McCarthy |
| Camera | n/a | n/a | Macy Thornton |
| Greeters | Rose Krohn | Donna and Jerry Rold | Josh & Lauren Guyer Family |
| Ushers | n/a | Donna and Mick Schuler | Terry & LeAnne McCarthy |
| Altar Guild | Roger & Kathy Nelson | Bonnie Kardell & JoAnn | Janiece Schroder & Maxine Sornsen |

| | Saturday January 25 , 5:00 | Sunday January 26, 9:00 a.m. | Sunday January 26 , 10:15 a.m. |
|--------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Scripture Readings | Ronda Holst | Ronda Holst | Betty Kubik |
| Prayers | Jan Holtz | Nancy Kelly | Deb Meissner |
| Support | Carolyn Oldenburg | Dora Rock | Ron Winter |
| Communion Asst. | Reva Bylund | Dora Rock | Ron & Lori Winter, Deb Meissner |
| Acolytes | n/a | Graycen Partlow | Isabelle Wheatley |
| Camera | n/a | n/a | Zach Nielsen |
| Greeters | Norma Krohn | Ronda Holst and Reva Bylund | Ryan & Beth Nielsen Family |
| Ushers | n/a | Tegan and Devin Schroeder | Keven & Charity Wheatley |
| Altar Guild | Roger & Kathy Nelson | Bonnie Kardell & JoAnn Krummel | Janiece Schroder & Maxine Sornsen |

February Volunteer Schedule

| | Saturday February 1 , 5:00 | Sunday February 2 , 9:00 a.m. | Sunday February 2 , 10:15 a.m. |
|--------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Scripture Readings | Dick Brown | Nancy Collins | Joyce Mez |
| Prayers | Ronda Holst | Janiece Schroeder | Amanda Holst |
| Support | Don Nelsen | Larry Chapman | Gary Soetmelk |
| Communion Asst. | Donna Rold | Neil Paulsen | Jerry & Joyce Mez, Sue Paulsen |
| Acolytes | n/a | Tyson Osbahr | Justin Freeman |
| Camera | n/a | n/a | Nathan Jorgensen |
| Greeters | Rose Krohn | Breanna Pauley Family | Chelsie & Chuck Madden Family |
| Ushers | n/a | Nancy and Ken Collins | Jason & Amanda Holst |
| Altar Guild | Reva Bylund | Nancy & Ken Collins | Jane & Dale Tech |



A sacred partnership

Bible scholar William Barclay notes that John the Baptist was “startled and unwilling” when Jesus asked to be baptized. The evangelist thought *he* needed what *Jesus* could give, not the reverse!

We are pros at taking our needs to God – indeed he invites this: “Call on me in the day of trouble” (Psalm 50:15). But God also comes to *us* with needs: “Mortal, I am sending you” (Ezekiel 2:3, NRSV); “Go ... make disciples” (Matthew 28:19); “Carry each other’s burdens” (Galatians 6:2, NIV).

Apparently, God prefers partnership to acting solo. From the beginning, God has invited people to name the animals, tend the garden, welcome strangers, build the tabernacle, proclaim his word, ensure justice and mercy, share his love.

What does God need from you, as Jesus needed baptism from John? Salvation is God’s alone to accomplish, but then he calls us to share work with him, for the world’s sake. So we echo Jesus: “Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this” (Matthew 3:15, NIV).

–Heidi Mann

AGENDA
ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH, AVOCA, IOWA
SUNDAY, JANUARY 26th, 2020
Mission Statement for Trinity Lutheran Church
Focusing on the Cross...Following Christ's Love

CALL TO ORDER – President Dean Krohn

OPENING DEVOTIONS – Pastor Eric Meissner

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

APPROVAL OF THE ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

TREASURER'S UPDATE – Shela Jacobsen

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Dean Krohn

AUDIT REPORT

PASTOR'S REPORT – Pastor Eric Meissner

ELECTIONS

Church Council -- Nomination & election of two Church Council members. Members whose terms are ending: Dean Krohn and Cristin Rold. Members continuing to serve: Katie Collins, 2021; Josh Guyer, 2021; Mike Jorgensen, 2022; Larry Chapman, 2022; Kathy Soetmelk, 2022; LeAnne McCarthy 2022

Memorial Committee – Nomination & election of two Memorial Committee members. Members whose terms are ending: Joy Krohn and Brenda Kelly. Members currently serving: Nancy Collins, 2021; Peggy Osbahr, 2021; Beth Schueman, 2022; Amanda Host, 2022

Endowment Committee –Members whose terms are ending: None Members currently serving: Karen Rodriguez, 2021; Mike Scheffler, 2021; Kris McCarthy, 2022; Lori Winter; 2022; Dick Brown, 2022

Audit Committee – Nomination & election of one Audit Committee member. Members whose terms are ending: Jim Hansen. Members continuing to serve: Danny Pattee, 2021; J Olesen, 2022

Nominating Committee – Nomination & election of one Nominating committee member. Members whose terms are ending: Roger Nelson. Members continuing to serve: Jeff Harder, 2021; Karen Hansen, 2022

Nomination & election of three (3) voting members (two adult and one confirmed youth) to the 2020 Iowa Mission District Convocation.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Property and Management – Larry Chapman

Outreach – Josh Guyer

Finance – Mike Jorgensen

Worship – Kathy Soetmelk

Education – Cristin Rold

Stewardship – Katie Collins

TRINITY COMMITTEES AND ORGANIZATIONS

Memorial Committee – Joy Krohn

Trinity Lutheran Church Women – Laura Ann Allen

Lutheran Youth – LYO – Sue Paulsen

Lutheran Men's Group – Dick Holtz

Endowment Committee – Dick Brown

DISCUSSION & ADOPTION OF 2020 BUDGET

NEW BUSINESS

OTHER BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

ADJOURNMENT & CLOSING PRAYER

Trinity Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes
December 10, 2019

In Attendance: Pastor Eric, Dean Krohn, Shela Jacobsen, Mike Jorgensen, Kathy Soetmelk, Katie Collins & LeAnne McCarthy.

A call to order was made by Dean. He led with a prayer and silent centering to start the meeting.

Roger Nelson was recognized as a guest. He expressed concern over the coroline system not functioning as it should. He has not acquired a quote at this time and thinks it could possibly be the wiring. We will have someone look at the wiring prior to moving forward with a quote for a new system.

Thank you cards were prepared for Gary Soetmelk for all of his hard work and dedication to the shoebox program. Nancy Collins for the beautiful youth Christmas program. Nancy Collins, Joy Krohn, and Donna Rold for the organization and dedication to the Aebleskiver & Sausage Dinner. A reading from the book *Prayers of a God Chaser* was given by Pastor Eric.

An approval of the agenda motion was made by Mike, seconded by Katie, motion carried. An approval of the minutes from the last meeting a motion was made by Katie to approve, seconded by Mike, motion carried. Shela gave the treasurer's report, a motion was made by Mike to approve, seconded by Katie, motion carried. Dean gave the president's report reading a letter from Gary Soetmelk and expressing his gratitude for the Christmas program.

Pastor gave his monthly report. He asked if we were aware of anyone sick or in this hospital. Upcoming scheduled events are Christmas Eve services at 4 pm and 6 pm. Pastor will be on vacation December 25th-January 2nd to spend time with their 7th grandchild. Pastor provided a nominating committee report. Pastor said there will be a church council thank you dinner on January 14th at 6:30 pm at Pastor & Deb's home.

Sue provided the group with the Director of Ministry in Daily Life report. On November 17th the youth group fueled up with lasagna for lunch and filled and packages 118 shoeboxes! On December 1st the youth group met at 11:30 am and had pizza from Casey's. The youth group tied 4 fleece tie blankets to donate to the McCarthy family in memory of Ayzlee McCarthy to be donated to local children's hospitals. The youth group also prepared 35 Christmas cards. This was the last meeting of the calendar year. Looking forward calendar dates have not been scheduled yet, but meetings will resume in January. In other daily life activities, a total of 57 poinsettias were purchased this year. Pictures are completed and directory work will begin soon. Carpet cleaning is scheduled for December 17th. Please have all annual reports emailed to Sue by January 15th. There are three kitchen ovens not working, W&S appliance will be contacted. 2020 calendars are current for sale for \$10.

Church council reports were given. There were no reports given for education, outreach, property management, or stewardship. Mike gave an update on the finance committee and Kathy gave an update on worship indicating they're preparing for Christmas. A motion to approve all reports was made by Kathy, seconded by Mike, motion carried.

New business was discussed. The 2020 budget was reviewed and a motion was made by Mike, seconded by Kathy to approve a 3% salary increase for Sue & Pastor. Motion carried. A donation request was made for support for the AHSTW Youth basketball. No motion was made.

No membership changes. A motion was made to adjourn by Katie and seconded by Kathy. The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer. The next meeting will be held on January 14, 2020 at 6pm with church council dinner after. The annual meeting will be held on January 26th after the 10:15 am church service.

Respectfully submitted by LeAnne McCarthy - Secretary.

Christmas Sunday School Program

“Where’s the Line to See Jesus?”

On Sunday, December 8th, during the 10:15 a.m. service, the Sunday school children performed the play “Where’s the Line to See Jesus?” written by our very own Nancy Collins! There was a wonderful turnout of kids who participated and many in the pews attending! The play included music, singing, a dancing duet, piano solo’s and even Santa Claus. Thank you Nancy and helpers for making this years Christmas program so great for all!



Below: This year, the Sunday School classes, used their holiday offerings to purchase gifts for 7 children on the Angel Tree! Great job kids!



JANUARY Birthdays

| | | |
|------------|-----------|---------------|
| January 01 | Barbara | Brown |
| January 01 | Evalyn | Irlbeck |
| January 01 | Lesley | Krummel |
| January 02 | Carmen | Martens |
| January 02 | Eugene | Sornsen |
| January 06 | Conner | Hansen |
| January 06 | David | Niemann |
| January 07 | Kaeden | Lane |
| January 08 | Derek | Kardell |
| January 08 | Vicki | Schuelman |
| January 10 | Jim | Lechtenberger |
| January 10 | Jessi | Wade |
| January 13 | Mary | Hildebrand |
| January 14 | Roger | Kay |
| January 15 | Jeannette | Maassen |
| January 15 | Marvin | Schuler |

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|------------|----------|----------|
| January 16 | Joshua | Guyer |
| January 16 | Julie | Miller |
| January 17 | Wendy | Dierking |
| January 17 | Alan | Sieh |
| January 18 | Gage | Clay |
| January 18 | Mary Ann | Johnson |
| January 18 | David | Kardell |
| January 18 | Ryker | Krummel |
| January 19 | Lauren | Guyer |
| January 19 | Evan | Harder |
| January 19 | Amanda | Holst |
| January 19 | David | Sampson |
| January 20 | Callum | Maassen |
| January 21 | Penny | Langer |
| January 22 | Henry | Nelsen |
| January 22 | Jimmy | Young |

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|------------|-------------|-------------|
| January 24 | Bruce | Krummel |
| January 25 | Darian | Hansen |
| January 25 | Lauren | Knop |
| January 25 | Rita | Kohlscheen |
| January 25 | Mackenzie | Sampson |
| January 25 | Hayden | Woltmann |
| January 26 | Christopher | Jarrett |
| January 26 | Kate | Jarrett |
| January 28 | Autumn | Boysen |
| January 28 | Lou | Funk |
| January 28 | Cole | Harder |
| January 28 | Lori | Snyder |
| January 29 | Jason | Best |
| January 31 | LeRoy | Hansen |
| January 31 | Sophia | Luth |
| January 31 | Denise | Young |
| January 31 | Leo | Bargenquast |

January 2020

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|--|---|---|--|--|------------------------|-----------------------|
| | | | 1 Happy New Years! Office Closed | 2 2 p.m. TLCW Meeting 4 p.m.-6 p.m. Food Pan-try 6:30 p.m. Peace Haven Worship | 3 Pastor's Day Off | 4 5 p.m.- Worship |
| 5 8 a.m. Bible Study 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. Worship/ Sunday School 11:30 a.m. Bible Study | 6 2 p.m. Prayer Team 5:30 p.m. Bell Choir | 7 6 p.m. Alive in Christ Choir | 8 6:30 p.m. Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Alleluia Choir 6:30 p.m.—8 p.m. Confirmation | 9 4 p.m.-6 p.m. Food Pan-try | 10 Pastor's Day Off | 11 5 p.m.- Worship |
| 12 8 a.m. Bible Study 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. Worship/ Sunday School 11:30 a.m. Bible Study | 13 5:30 p.m. 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 6:30 p.m.—8 p.m. Confirmation Annual Meeting Reports Due | 16 9:30 a.m. Faith Bible Study 2 p.m. Avoca Nursing Home Worship 4 p.m.-6 p.m. Food Pan-try | 17 Pastor's Day Off | 18 5 p.m.- Worship |
| 19 8 a.m. Bible Study 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. Worship/ Sunday School 11:30 a.m. Bible Study | 20 9:30 a.m. Salem Lutheran Home Worship 5:30 p.m. Bell Choir | 21 6 p.m. Alive in Christ Choir | 22 6:30 p.m. Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Alleluia Choir 6:30 p.m.—8 p.m. Confirmation | 23 4 p.m.-6 p.m. Food Pan-try | 24 Pastor's Day Off | 25 5 p.m.- Worship |
| 26 8 a.m. Bible Study 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. Worship/ Sunday School 11:30 a.m. Annual Meeting | 27 5:30 p.m. Bell Choir | 28 8:30 a.m.—3 p.m. Christian Service 6 p.m. Alive in Christ Choir | 29 6:30 p.m. Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Alleluia Choir 6:30 p.m.—8 p.m. Confirmation | 30 4 p.m.-6 p.m. Food Pan-try | 31 Pastor's Day Off | |

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Saturdays at 5 p.m.
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Holy Communion: Celebrated at each worship service
Sunday School during the 10:15 a.m. Worship service

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