

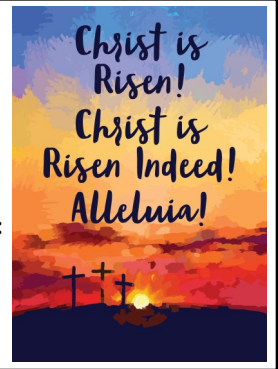
The Trinity Trumpet

April 2020

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God's Word is Still Heard!!!

As we continue with an abundance of caution and prayer filled planning, Trinity Lutheran Church council has decided to continue the **suspension of activities of the church until the end of April.**

Worship will be brought to you in your homes in the following ways:

Walnut TV digital channel 14 or fiber channel 91

1:00p.m. on Sunday

1:00p.m. on Monday

4:00p.m. on Wednesday

Facebook at Trinity Lutheran Church of Avoca

Starting 9:00a.m. Sunday

Website at www.tlcavoca.com

Starting 9:00a.m. Sunday

Be encouraged, though the miles separate us, God's message continues to unite us in Christ's Love. The method of communications has changed, but we have a God that never changes. As the family of God, we are together in Christ!

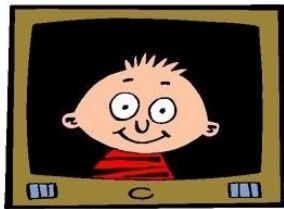
Please also know that I am available at any time by phone at 402-660-1121.

Together in Christ Jesus,

Pr. Eric

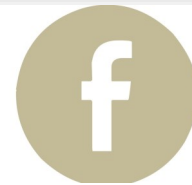


3 Ways to Worship at Home with Us!



See us on Walnutel TV Digital Channel 14 or Fiber Channel 91

- ♦ 1:00 p.m. on Sunday
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- ♦ 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday



“Like” us on Facebook at Trinity Lutheran Church of Avoca for updates!



Visit our website at www.tlcavoca.com



If you feel in your heart to give during this difficult time, we have several ways for you to do so:

- 1) Click on the link below or visit us **Online** at: <https://tlcavoca.breezechms.com/give/online>
- 2) **Text-to-give** by typing any dollar amount in a text message to phone #: (712) 248-4488. This will guide you through your giving.
- 3) **Mail** your giving envelope to: Trinity Lutheran Church, PO Box 456, Avoca, IA 51521



What? Drive-up Food Give Away
When? April 2, 2020
Time? 3:00 - 6:00 pm
Where? Walnut Community Building

The TLC Food Pantry will be holding a drive-up food give away. Please approach the FRONT of the Community Center on Antique City Drive from the South. The flow will be south to north. We will have boxes packed up for different sized families. Due to limited supplies we are going to limit the area that is eligible to use this service, to the AHSTW School district only. So anyone who has an address of Avoca, Hancock, Shelby, Tennant or Walnut will be eligible. Anyone out of the district will not be eligible to use this service. We will need your name, address, phone number and number of people in your household. Anyone wishing to make a food or personal hygiene donation to the TLC Food Pantry, may do so April 2 from 1:00-3:00. Bring donations to the FRONT WEST doors of the Walnut Community Center on Antique City Drive. (The former Walnut Community School). Canned goods, cereal, pasta, peanut butter, jelly, macaroni and cheese. Bread, hand soap, shampoo, body wash, toilet paper (if you can find it!), pancake mix, syrup, are just a few suggestions of what could be used. Thank you for your support during this difficult time.

We are looking for help to assist with our Food Pantry in Walnut on April 2nd.

Here's what's needed:

1-2 pm Food donations. They are being accepted at the Front West door of the Community center.

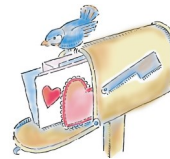
1-3 pm Volunteers. They are needed to help sack food.

3-6 pm Volunteers. They are needed to help distribute food.



Love Comment

Thanks Angela Sieh for using your time and talents to read to our Sunday School kids via Facebook on March 29th! Parents visit the TLC Youth Programs: Faith in Our Future site to see this and other happenings with our youth.



A note from Tami Schechinger at Salem Lutheran Homes: Please be encouraged to send notes, cards or letters to residents of Salem during this time.

Salem Lutheran Homes
 Attn: Activities
 PO Box 358a
 Elk Horn, IA 51531

APRIL Birthdays

April 01	Jorden	Johnson
April 01	DeLores	Krummel
April 02	Linda	Feekes
April 02	Kathy	Jacobsen
April 03	Dean	Schueman
April 04	Connie	Schroder
April 05	Melissa	Christian
April 06	James A.	Johnson
April 06	Barbara	Lynch
April 06	Blakely	Maassen
April 06	Maelie	Madden
April 06	Sally	Matthies
April 07	Makenzie	Whyte
April 08	Baylee	Meyers
April 08	Carrie	Rees
April 10	Trevor	Coon

April 11	Nancy	Kelly
April 11	Rylinn	Madden
April 11	Kyle	Rock
April 11	Traci	True
April 12	Katherine	Roush
April 13	Reva	Bylund
April 13	Mark	Gress
April 13	Abbie	Willett
April 15	Emma	Blotzer
April 15	Milton	Hanson
April 15	Christian	Jorgensen
April 15	Carol	Pattee
April 15	Roman	Scheffler
April 16	Leslie	Nielsen
April 18	Cody	McCreedy
April 18	Nancy	Mohr
April 19	Bella	Lamp

April 19	Kamryn	Tooley
April 20	Ronda	Holst
April 21	Lucy	Krohn
April 22	Hugo	Dittmer
April 22	Roger	Kubik
April 23	Cristin	Rold
April 23	Talon	Stevens
April 24	Shela	Jacobsen
April 26	Ross	Pattee
April 26	Harley	Spencer
April 27	Lisa	Willett
April 28	Lacey	Brockhoff
April 28	Karen	Dittmer
April 28	Heather	Smith
April 28	Nicole	Tiarks
April 30	Katelin	Schroder

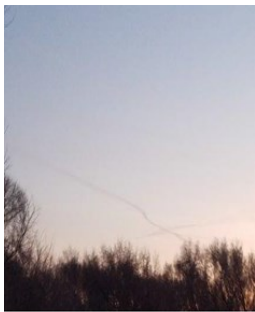
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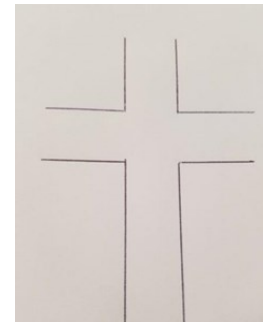
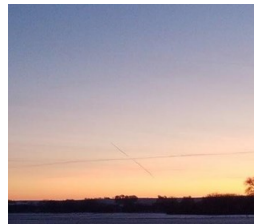
Welcome to "Trinity's Five & Dime". This section is dedicated to stories, experiences, and devotionals where together we can share God's spiritual candy. Glory be to God for the opportunity to share with you some thoughts, experiences, and scripture regarding our everyday lives. Praise and glory to God for his never changing word, faithful love, and countless blessings. May his life-giving word nourish us and strengthen us as we strive to fulfill the purposes, He has for us. Amen.

Neil Paulsen

...As I backed the car out of the garage and turned it so that I was headed to go down the lane, I was able to look in the northeast direction. And it just so happens that in that direction, there is a break in the trees where more of the sky is visible.



The Three Crosses (Part 2)



Just as I had put the car in drive, and started to move forward, I noticed something in the sky that caught my eye. I brought the car to a quick stop and rolled down the window. It appeared to be a couple of vapor trails or jet streams that had crossed paths in the sky and had formed a cross. Whatever wind was present that morning had cause a little bit of a bow in what I would call the vertical piece of the cross, but it still had the appearance of a cross. I sat there for a few seconds just taking in the sight and feeling that it was God's way of saying that he's here. It was so subtle there in the sky, and yet it felt like it was something much larger than that. And with that feeling, I decided that I should snap a quick photo of it with the camera on my phone. I clicked a quick couple of pictures, rolled up the window, and headed on my way. As I headed south down the lane, I made it past the rest of the trees that are on the east side of the house. I was about halfway down the lane when I looked to the east, and once again, there in the sky in a completely different area were two more jet vapor trails in the shape of a cross. And this one was more impressive than the first! I quickly brought the car to a stop, rolled down the window and took a few pictures of this one. As I looked at the sky and the cross, the vertical piece went from north to south, and the horizontal piece was east to west. And as I looked at it, it seemed very appropriate for it to be in this direction, as if Jesus were on that cross, his hands would be stretched from east to west. I sat there in the middle of the lane in awe and wonder for probably 20 more seconds and started to roll up the window. As the window went up, I started to think to myself, how rare it might be to see two crosses in the sky at the same time. And as soon as I finished that thought, the thought of the three crosses on Calvary where Jesus and the two thieves were crucified quickly popped into my mind...

Church Council

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CHURCH BUSINESS

Weekend of	Total Attendance	Total Gifts Received
03/01	149	8637.00
03/08	198	3541.00
03/15	113	2059.00



Dorothy Eggerss-Betty Oehlertz, Donna & Jerry Rold

Trinity Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes
March 10,2020

In Attendance: Pastor Eric, Kathy Soetmelk, Dale Krohn, Ron Winter, Alan Blakestad, Mike Jorgensen, Josh Guyer.
Guest Present: Sue Paulsen

A call to order was made by Kathy. She opened the meeting with a devotion, prayer and silent centering . Pastor Eric read from "Prayers of a God Chaser."

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Mike Jorgensen and seconded by Josh Guyer. MC.

A motion to approve the last meeting minutes was made by Dale Krohn and seconded by Alan Blakestad. MC.

A motion was made to approve the treasurer's report was made by Ron Winter and seconded by Josh Guyer.

Submission of Current Bills payable – none

Presidents Report/ Comments – Would like to begin looking at finding a Nativity set to display on the church grounds during Christmas.

Pastor Eric's report– TLC to host the mid-week Lenten Service March 18; Salem Home Annual Mtg 2 p.m March 15; Nash Schroeder Baptism March 29; Palm Sunday/First Communion Sunday April 5; Maundy Thursday April 9; Good Friday April 10; Easter 7 & 10:15 Services, breakfast 8:30; No home communions will be given during this outbreak of the coronavirus. Worship service will suspend handshakes and passing the offering plate. Hand sanitizer will be used prior to communion. Worship services will be suspended if the school were to close.

Sue Paulsen, Directory of Ministry in Daily Life report: 2/16– YG met and packed backpack program bags. Waiting for final directory proof to be returned from Lifetouch to be approved for print.

Council Reports: Education– Josh Guyer, no report; Outreach-Alan Blakestad, discussion on previous outreach efforts; Finance-Mike Jorgensen, securing one more volunteer to join committee; Property Management, Dale Krohn, door lock discussion and discussion on water in the church off the parking lot; Stewardship-Larry Chapman, absent, no report; Worship-Ron Winter, no report.

Old Business– Door lock discussion. Motion made by Josh Guyer to approve up to \$2000.00 for a new door lock system and seconded by Mike Jorgensen. MC. New Business–None

Membership Changes- Deaths and funerals: Dorothy Eggerss, DOB-04/03/1929. DOD-02/26/2020, Funeral, 03/03/2020; Baptisms: 02/23/2020, Evelyn Rose Soetmelk, DOB-09/17/2019; Parents-Aaron & Jackie Soetmelk, Sponsors-Mike Shaw and Sarah Shaw-Dixon; 03/08/2020, Burke Wallace Pattee, DOB- 07/17/2019; Parents-Daniel & Johnni Pattee, Sponsors- Jake & Meg Muller; Weddings: 02/22/2020, Alexandria Parks & Timothy Kramer; A motion was made to approve the changes by Dale Krohn, seconded by Josh Guyer. MC.

Ron Winter made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mike Jorgensen. MC.

Respectfully Submitted: Sue Paulsen, for LeAnne McCarthy, Secretary

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Worship Services
Are suspended through April 30th at this time.