

The Trinity Trumpet

May 2021

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GOD
ABIDES IN
THOSE WHO CONFESS THAT
JESUS
IS THE
SON OF GOD,
AND THEY
ABIDE IN
GOD.
1 JOHN 4:15, NRSV

Stress free Spring?

Are you having a stress free spring? Experts say that one of the greatest causes of stress in our lives is **WORRY!** If you don't worry, don't read on: If you worry read on.

We all have pet worries: finances, jobs, relationships, marriage, kids, health, etc. There are three problems with worry. Worry is unhelpful, it's unreasonable, and it's unhealthy. What good is it?

It's unhelpful because it never accomplishes anything. It is stewing without doing. It's like racing your car engine – you create a lot of smoke and noise but you don't go anywhere. Worry never solved a problem. Worry cannot change the past, control the future, and only makes us miserable today!

It's unreasonable. It exaggerates your problems, makes mountains out of molehills. The more you worry about something the bigger it gets in your mind. To worry about something you can change is silly – change it. Either way, don't worry!

It's unhealthy. The body was not made to worry, it's unnatural. When you worry you get ulcers, backaches, headaches, insomnia. Our bodies were not made to worry. Plants and animals don't worry. The only thing that worries in God's creation is people. The good news is that if worry is learned it can be unlearned.

What is the antidote to worry? Psalm 23:1 "The Lord is my Shepard; I shall not want." Believe God will take care of me. I have everything I need. I love as Psalm 23 continues, "He makes me lie down in green pastures". God knows what we need more than we do! God is wiser than we are! Will we listen to God?

If I let the Lord be my Shepard how is that an antidote to worry? What does a Shepard do? A Shepard *provides, protects, guides, and corrects*. The amazing thing is this: God has promised to do these four things in your life if you'll thrust Him. Won't you let Him be your Shepard?

Together in Christ!

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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YOUTH GROUP News Youth group will meet on Sunday, May 2nd at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Dinner will be served. Hard to believe, but this will be our last meeting of the school year.

Please join us on May 2nd, as we celebrate our High School Graduating Seniors. We will be honoring them during the 10:15 a.m. service. Scholarships that were awarded from our Endowment and Memorial committees will also be announced during this time.

Please RSVP & Hope all can join us!

Congrats to the Class of 2021!



The last day of Sunday School will be May 9th, which will include 3rd and 4th graders getting their Bibles, attendance awards, thanking volunteers, and the kids singing. Also, On May 2nd, the kids will do a Mother's Day craft for you awesome mothers.

Join us as we finish out Sunday School for the year!



If you pre-registered for VBS, please watch your inbox. You'll be receiving the link for full registration soon. These will be due by June 1st. Thank you for pre-registering! We do have a limited number of spots available yet. Please contact Sue to sign up. Volunteers are still needed. Also, If anyone in the congregation has a camper or RV that would be willing to let our Camp Counselors from Okoboji use during this week, we'd much appreciate it! We need to be a little creative with housing this year due to Covid. We're looking forward to a great week of fellowship and fun with our day campers!



June 28th—July 1st

Church Council

President: Kathy Soetmelk
(712) 249-9027

Property Management: Dale Krohn
(402) 880-5072

Secretary: LeAnne McCarthy
(712) 307-0117

Christian Education: Beth Buboltz
(402) 419-3076

Worship: Ron Winter
(531) 205-5378

Finance: Mike Jorgensen
(712) 250-0774

Outreach: Alan Blakestad
(712) 343-2566

Stewardship: Larry Chapman
(712) 307-2832

Treasurer: Shela Jacobsen
(402) 490-2423



**CHURCH
BUSINESS**

| Weekend of | Total Attendance | Total Gifts Received |
|-------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 03/28 | 172 | \$4889.15 |
| 04/04 | 167 | \$12,371.00 |
| 04/11 | 104 | 2579.00 |
| 04/18 | 157 | 3200.00 |

Please do your part to respect the guidelines and to be respectful of our neighbors and the diversity of opinions on the guidelines while in church. Please enter for worship thru the West doors. Please note that those doors will open only 10 minutes prior to service. You are encouraged to find your seat promptly upon entering. Also upon entering the sanctuary, you will see hand sanitizer and masks for your use. Wearing of masks continues to be highly encouraged. Pews have been marked every other pew for use. Families are asked to sit together. After service concludes, please be patient upon exiting to give others space to exit and exit thru the North door. Please maintain 6 feet of distancing as each situation allows.

May/June Volunteer Schedule

| | Saturday, May 1, 5:00 p.m. | Sunday, May 2, 9:00 a.m. | Sunday, May 2, 10:15 a.m. |
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| Scriptures & Prayer | Dick Brown | Nancy Collins | |
| Acolytes | N/A | Emma Blotzer | Zach Nielsen |
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| | | Sunday, May 9, 9:00 a.m. | Sunday, May 9, 10:15 a.m. |
| Scriptures & Prayer | | Janae Sternberg | N/A |
| Acolytes | | Luke Sternberg | Ty Nelson |
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| | Saturday, May 15, 5:00p.m. | Sunday, May 16, 9:00 a.m. | Sunday, May 16, 10:15 a.m. |
| Scriptures & Prayer | Ronda Holst | Karen Hansen | Alice Botcher |
| Acolytes | N/A | Cash Freeman | Macy Thornton |
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| | | Sunday, May 23, 9:00 a.m. | Sunday, May 23, 10:15 a.m. |
| Scriptures & Prayer | | Jerry Conroy | Gayle Stuart |
| Acolytes | | Terra Buboltz | Evie Scott |
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| | | Sunday, May 30, 9:00 a.m. | Sunday, May 30, 10:15 a.m. |
| Scriptures & Prayer | | Neil Paulsen | Deb Meissner |
| Acolytes | | Tucker Osbahr | Kaden Jorgensen |
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| | Saturday, June 5, 5:00 p.m. | Sunday, June 6, 9:30 a.m. | |
| Scriptures & Prayer | Roger Nelson | Janiece Schroder | |
| Acolytes | N/A | Chase Wheatley | |

If you are sick or experiencing any symptoms of COVID- Please STAY HOME!

Baptism



On April 18th, during the 10:15 a.m. worship service, Landon Gary Madden was baptized by Pastor Eric Meissner.

Landon's parents are Chelsie and Charles Madden Jr. His sponsors are Hannah Constable & Corey and Marie Madden. Welcome, Landon, into the family of Christ!



Notes from Your library:

I have placed in your library a number of books by Karen Armstrong.

The following is straight from Wikipedia so I take no pride in authorship.

Karen Armstrong OBE FRSL (born 14 November 1944) is a British author and commentator of Irish Catholic descent known for her books on comparative religion.^[1] A former Roman Catholic religious sister, she went from a conservative to a more liberal and mystical Christian faith. She attended St Anne's College, Oxford, while in the convent and majored in English. She left the convent in 1969.^[1] Her work focuses on commonalities of the major religions, such as the importance of compassion and the Golden Rule.

One of the books is *Fields of Blood: Religion and the History of Violence* We all have heard more people have been killed in the name of Religion than any other reason. Karen Armstrong goes to great lengths to dispel this theory. For example the thirty years war was more about boundaries than about religion.

More next time about books that have come from my library. I will not be cataloging the books because if they are not read I will return them to my library. Also there will be no check out for any book borrowed. I trust they will be returned. If someone borrows the book and does not return the same then I can only conclude that person needed the book more than did the library.

I leave you with the hope that the pandemic will allow open access to the library.

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| May 01 | Ayden | McCarthy |
| May 02 | Kaeden | Rold |
| May 03 | Eliza | Luth |
| May 05 | Kendra | Hansen |
| May 05 | Gianna | Rock |
| May 05 | Carolyn | Spencer |
| May 05 | Dale | Tech |
| May 06 | Emery | Brockhoff |
| May 06 | Josey | Jacobsen |
| May 06 | Jacob | Kelly |
| May 09 | Jagger | Johnson |
| May 10 | Becky | Jacobsen |
| May 10 | Mabel | Jacobsen |
| May 12 | Adalin | Lamp |
| May 12 | Gary | Pattee |
| May 13 | Taryn | Constable |
| May 13 | Linda | Schumacher |
| May 14 | Corey | Madden |
| May 16 | Laura Ann | Allen |
| May 16 | Erin | Carroll |
| May 16 | Claira | Yates |
| May 17 | Kaden | Jorgensen |
| May 17 | Donald | Nelsen |
| May 19 | Kevin | Hansen |

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| May 19 | Wayne | Krohn |
| May 19 | Michael | Sampson |
| May 19 | Trey | Starr |
| May 21 | Robert | Brown |
| May 21 | Michael | Hansen |
| May 21 | Taylen | Hansen |
| May 21 | Steven | Jorgensen |
| May 23 | Lexy | Knop |
| May 24 | Devin | Hoepner |
| May 25 | Teresa | Hoepner |
| May 25 | Wendy | Jorgensen |
| May 25 | Ron | Winter |
| May 26 | Callie | Gronborg |
| May 26 | Lori | Sampson |
| May 26 | Marley | VanCleave |
| May 27 | Alan | Blakestad |
| May 27 | Cassidy | Feigenbutz |
| May 27 | Chad | Hansen |
| May 27 | Regina | Hansen |
| May 28 | Ashtyn | Danker |
| May 28 | Jake | Olesen |
| May 29 | Kaleah | Guyer |
| May 30 | Robert | Andersen |
| May 31 | Verdean | Berry |



Trinity Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes – April 14, 2021

In Attendance: Pastor Eric, Dale Krohn, Alan Blakestad, Beth Buboltz, Larry Chapman, and Shela Jacobsen. Absent: Leanne McCarthy, Mike Jorgensen, Ron Winters, Kathy Soetmelk

A call to order was made by Alan. He opened the meeting for President Kathy Soetmelk that could not attend. There is not a quorum present so no motions will be made this evening.

Thank You cards were written to show our appreciation for good deeds to: Tom & Mary Rock for a very generous donation to the Sunday School program, and to Rose Sternberg for making 54 Easter masks for the Sunday School.

A motion to approve the agenda was not made.

A motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting was not made.

Shela gave the Treasurer's Report. A motion was not made.

Pastor gave his monthly report. He asked if we were aware of anyone sick or in the hospital. Upcoming events are: April 18-Madden Baptism, May 5 will be the last day of confirmation, May 9 will be the last day of Sunday School and on May 2, we will be honoring our Seniors at the 10:15 service. We also discussed if we need to make any necessary changes still due to Covid. It was decided to leave communion as it for now, and everyone can make their own decisions on mask wearing. The full choir will also be allowed to sing again if they choose.

Sue provided the group with the Director of Ministry in Daily Life report. Mar27th – LYO went to the movie "I Still Believe" at the Phoenix in Neola with 14 youth attending. Apr 11th – Youth met in the Fellowship Hall for lunch and a lesson loving our neighbors. 5 members were in attendance and they tagged soda bottles with the phrase "We're SODA-lighted you're our neighbors". They then walked around the church neighborhood knocking on doors handing them and making sure that our neighbors know they are welcome at church.

Looking forward: only one or two meetings left before the summer break

VBS Update: Ingram Okoboji is limiting their camp counselors to 3-4 per camp. In consideration of that, a pre-registration link was put on Facebook. A volunteer link was also posted as we'll need all hands helping!

Church Council Reports: Finance: No report at this time

Worship: no report at this time

Property Management: Dale Krohn asked the council to come early to show and discuss issues with our parking lots and the water seeping into the church on the north wall from the sloping parking lot. He had one bid for the work and will get others to present to the congregation to get this all repaired. Dale will also be taking off the swinging door in the kitchen as it is falling apart and will not be replacing it.

Education: Beth Buboltz reported that her committee met on VBS which consisted of Beth, Sue and Courtney Kardell. VBS has been moved to the end of June this year from the normal end of July. The deadline to sign up is June 1st this year. Beth also reported they will be following the school's guidelines on Covid since the kids are used to them. Many volunteers are still needed to help out that week. She also said that some kids will be singing in church on May 9 since we don't have a youth choir at this time.

Outreach: Alan reported that he has been in touch with Sue about some ideas that will be shared later. He will also be meeting with the TLC women to see if they have any needs at this time.

Stewardship: no report at this time.

Old Business discussed: Dale reported the new furnace will be installed soon.

New Business discussed: None

Membership changes: None

Respectfully submitted by Shela Jacobsen – Treasurer (for LeAnne McCarthy – Secretary)

Next Meeting will May 12, 2021

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. 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

...When we discover afresh that romance is more deeply set than the drivel served up by our culture, than we will more rightly hold our spouse in the model of unconditional love.



Love On The Cross (Part 2)

Agape, is described as charity. This is our chief aim, the unconditional love of the Father given to us through his Son. Affection, friendship, and romantic love are each the training ground for charity to grow. It’s also a rival to the three. C.S Lewis reminds us that, all humans pass away, and that we are not to put our goods in a leaky vessel. But yet, we are made to love and we are in want of it. If we play it safe, stay within the comfort of a safe boundary, and keep to ourselves what we’ve been blessed with, then we are not living out what the Gospel says, and demonstrating the parable of burying the coin safely in the ground.

Lewis goes on to say: “There is no safe investment. To love at all is to be vulnerable. Love anything, and your heart will certainly be wrung and possibly be broken. If you want to make sure of keeping it intact, you must give your heart to no one, not even to an animal. Wrap it carefully round with hobbies and little luxuries; avoid all entanglements; lock it up safe in the casket or coffin of your selfishness. But in that casket—safe, dark, motionless, airless—it will change. It will not be broken; it will become unbreakable, impenetrable, irredeemable. The alternative to tragedy, or at least to the risk of tragedy, is damnation. The only place outside Heaven where you can be perfectly safe from all the dangers and perturbations of love is Hell. If we think that perhaps love is not worth the sorrow and pain, then we are more pagan than Christian. Though the fall has invited such selfishness to linger heavy in our culture, ours is the Gospel charge – to go to the nth degree to love those who are broken, not for some vague humanitarian effort, but to make disciples of all nations, ‘Baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.’ (Matthew 28:19-20) Let us ask God to awaken such and abandoned and reckless love to come alive in us.”

As I contemplated this agape love that Jesus has for us and how that looks to me, I think I can best describe it as Jesus’ character; to love in this way is to treat, or care for someone who can do nothing for you. Isn’t this also how we are showered with God’s mercy and grace? Mercy is when God spares us from the bad things we deserve. Grace is God giving us the good things we don’t deserve. And blessings are when He is generous with both.

May 2021

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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| | | | | | | | 1 5 p.m. Worship |
| 2 8:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. Worship/Sunday School/Senior's Honored School/Youth Group 6:00 p.m.— Youth Group | 3 | 4 | 5 6:30 p.m.— 7:30 p.m. Confirmation Class | 6 4 p.m—6 p.m. Food & Clothing Pantry | 7 Pastor's Day Off | 8 | |
| 9 8:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. Worship/Year End Sunday School Program | 10 | 11 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Christian Service | 12 8 p.m. Council Meeting | 13 4 p.m—6 p.m. Food & Clothing Pantry | 14 Pastor's Day Off | 15 5 p.m.— Worship | |
| 16 8:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. Worship | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 4 p.m—6 p.m. Food & Clothing Pantry | 21 Pastor's Day Off | 22 | |
| 23 8:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. Worship | 24 | 25 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Christian Service | 26 | 27 4 p.m—6 p.m. Food & Clothing Pantry | 28 Pastor's Day Off | 29 | |
| 30 8:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. Worship | 31 | | | | | | |

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Worship Services

1st & 3rd Saturdays at 5 p.m.

Sundays at 9:00 a.m & 10:15 a.m.

Holy Communion: Celebrated at each worship service.

Sunday School during the 10:15 a.m. worship service.