

The Trinity Trumpet

July 2021

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A Note From Pastor Eric & Deb

Deb and I are having a hard time expressing in words the gratitude and appreciation we feel for the wonderful service and gathering for our last Sunday at Trinity. God has so richly blessed our ministry together for the last 9 years and we are grateful for the amazing send off. Celebrating 30 years of life and ministry with all of you was an experience that will stay with us forever. Our hearts are so full with the kind, encouraging, and inspiring words in your comments, messages and cards. Thank you all for the wonderful conversations and the hugs, and even though so many tears were shed--it was beautiful to see and feel God's love multiplied through you, God's faithful people. It so warmed our hearts to see and hear from so many people who have been part of what God has done these last 3 decades, weaving our hearts hands together in one way or another. It was bittersweet, but what a way to move into the next chapter of our life--looking forward to what God has planned as we focus on the Cross!!

Love and blessings to you all, Pastor Eric and Deb.



Eric & Deb Meissner

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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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Worship Leaders Schedule

Saturday, July 3 Pastor Ron Rasmussen from Irwin and Jacksonville

Sunday, July 4 Roger Nelson and Neil Paulsen

Sunday, July 11 Karen Rodriguez and Kathy Soetmelk

Saturday, July 17 Pastor Heather Ploen from Shelby

Sunday, July 18 Jerry Conroy

Sunday, July 25 Kathy Soetmelk

Sunday, August 1 Pastor Steve Lund retired LCMC from Omaha



For communion, the bread and wine will be blessed on Saturday nights by the pastors with the lay leaders distributing on the following day. So, there will be communion on July 3rd & 4th and July 17th & 18th. There will also be communion on Sunday, August 1st.

Ron Winter, worship chair, is contacting retired LCMC pastors in the Omaha area to see if any of them are available to help on Sundays.

The call committee has received their instructions through a zoom call that took place on June 24.

The next step in the call process is the congregational workshop which will be **August 22** and will be led by Pastor Christopher Staley, Dean of the Iowa Mission District, NALC. He will also preach and share communion that day. We will have a pot luck dinner. **Please put this on your calendar and plan to be there.** We need as many people as possible to be a part of this workshop. Pastor Staley will put our profile together from this workshop. The profile will go to all NALC pastors. This allows the Holy Spirit to move among the pastors to bring the next pastor to Trinity.

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to help lead worship and to everyone for prayers and working together to be the church.

Please pray for the Pastor that God is calling to Trinity to lead us.

Together in Christ, Kathy Soetmelk, Council President

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**CHURCH
BUSINESS**

Weekend of	Total Attendance	Total Gifts Received
05/30	46	1307.00
06/06	62	3877.00
06/13	151	10298.00
06/20	47	2867.00
06/27	60	1747.00



Robert Andersen— Jerry & Donna Rold, Dick & Jan Holtz, Linda Andersen, Virginia Nelsen

Wesley Young— Jerry & Donna Rold, Betty Oehlertz

Kevin Krohn—Betty Oehlertz

Terry Kuhr—Betty Oehlertz

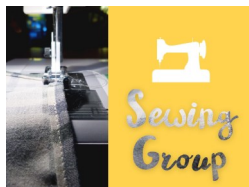
Bobbi Paulsen— Norma Krohn

Peggy Hansen— Hervetta Ronnfeltdt



July 01	Margery	Petersen
July 02	Kya	Hargens
July 02	Kristi	Nielsen
July 02	Daniel	Pattee
July 04	Ryker	DeJong
July 05	Faith	Guyer
July 05	Nolan	Guyer
July 05	Stella	Rold
July 05	Amber	Scott
July 05	Jordan	Young
July 06	Lilah	Partlow
July 07	Kyle	Jorgensen
July 08	Jerod	Johnson
July 08	Maryellen	Luth
July 10	Kavin	Rold
July 11	Brenda	Kay
July 11	Luke	Sternberg
July 13	Eleanore A.	Willett
July 14	Kade	DeJong
July 16	Cash	Freeman
July 17	Burke	Pattee

July 18	Janice	Niemann
July 18	Johnni	Pattee
July 19	Reese	Knop
July 19	Timothy	Kramer
July 19	Betty	Oehlertz
July 19	Etta	Partlow
July 20	Brynnleigh	Lane
July 20	Shirley	Thies
July 21	Cassidy	Espeseth
July 21	Hervetta	Ronnfeltdt
July 22	John	Luth
July 22	Kathy	Soetmelk
July 23	Dean	Krohn
July 23	Terry	McCarthy
July 23	Ethan	Nielsen
July 23	Gerald	Rold
July 25	Randy	Lamp
July 27	Elayna	Hansen
July 27	Shane	Nielsen
July 28	Ellanor	Johnson
July 28	Bonnie	Kardell
July 28	Tatum	Knop
July 28	Peggy	Osbahr
July 29	Niles	Schroder
July 29	Bobbi	Sieh
July 29	Jill	Clayton
July 30	Parker	Krohn
July 31	Jill	Feigenbutz



Plain colored sheets, fitted or flat, of any size are needed for the Christian service group. Bed sheets are used to make quilts which are then donated around the area.

Back to School Ministry

Trinity's Back to School Night will be held on Wednesday night, August 18th, 2021 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!



We will again be collecting donations of backpacks!

Other donation suggestions include:

Expo Markers	Plastic 2 pocket folders	Pencils
Single Subject Notebooks	Notecards	Washable Markers
24 Colored pencils	Scissors	Highlighters
1 inch binders	Glue	Blue/black packages of Pens
Earbuds	Over the ear- Headphones	Monetary Donations

July/August Volunteer Schedule

	Saturday, July 3, 5:00 p.m.	Sunday, July 4, 9:30 a.m.
Scriptures & Prayer Reader		Dora Rock
Acolytes	N/A	Cash Freeman
Support	Gary Soetmelk	Dora Rock
		Sunday, July 11, 9:30 a.m.
Scriptures & Prayer Reader		Travis Lane
Acolytes		Charlie Lane
Support		Sue Paulsen
	Saturday, July 17, 5:00 p.m.	Sunday, July 18th, 9:30 a.m.
Scriptures & Prayer Reader	Ronda Holst	Amanda Holst
Acolytes	N/A	Ava Paulsen
Support	Reva Bylund	Sue Paulsen
		Sunday, July 25, 9:30 a.m.
Scriptures & Prayer Reader		Robb Jacobsen
Acolytes		Macy Thornton
Support		Mike Krummel
		Sunday, August 1, 9:30 a.m.
Scriptures & Prayer Reader		Sue Blakestad
Acolytes		Emma Blotzer
Support		Larry Chapman
	Saturday, August 7, 5:00 p.m.	Sunday, August 8, 9:30 a.m.
Scriptures & Prayer Reader	Dick Brown	Alice Botcher
Acolytes	N/A	Evie Scott
Support	Gary Soetmelk	Jim Hansen

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



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(Jesus and His Parables)

Glory be to God the Father for his unfailing love, mercy, and grace. That he loves us unconditionally through all of our achievements and our short-comings. We thank you for our past, present, and a future in your presence. Amen.

In this story of the Five and Dime, I wanted to talk a little bit about Jesus and his parables. Just as the title of this story is somewhat confusing as shown above with just the pictures, so too, can some of the parables be confusing. Not only as to what is being said, but to whom is it being directed to? I'm not going to suggest that I know the message, or have the answers to all of the parables that Jesus used to teach his disciples, and the people who were becoming his followers; because there are a few that still baffle me, and I am definitely clueless as what Jesus' message is in his story problem.

Jesus used parables to teach, or point out various things: 1) That eternal focus was more important than earthly focus. 2) Certain ways to live our lives. 3) To point out the incorrect leadership of the Pharisees and religious leaders. And 4) What the Kingdom of God is like; just to name a few. For starters, we'll look at the parable of the Four Soils, taken from Mark 4: 3-20. "Listen! A farmer went out to plant some seed. As he scattered it across his field, some of the seed fell on a footpath, and the birds came and ate it. Other seed fell on shallow soil with underlying rock. The seed sprouted quickly because the soil was shallow. But the plant soon wilted under the hot sun, and since it didn't have deep roots, it died. Other seed fell among thorns that grew up and choked out the tender plants so they produced no grain. Still other seeds fell on fertile soil, and the sprouted, grew, and produced a crop that was thirty, sixty, and even a hundred times as much as had been planted!" Then he said, "Anyone with ears to hear should listen and understand." Later, when Jesus was along with the twelve disciples and with the others who were gathered around, they asked him what the parables meant. He replied, "You are permitted to understand the secret of the Kingdom of God. But I use parables for everything I say to outsiders, so that the Scriptures might be fulfilled: 'When they see what I do, they will learn nothing. When they hear what I say, they will not understand. Otherwise, they will turn to me and be forgiven.'"

Trinity Lutheran Church - Congregational Council Meeting - June 9, 2021

A call to order was made by council president Kathy Soetmelk. In attendance at the meeting were President Kathy Soetmelk, Dale Krohn, Beth Buboltz, Ron Winter, Mike Jorgensen, Alan Blakestad, Shelia Jacobsen, Sue Paulsen, Pastor Eric Meissner, and LeAnne McCarthy.

Kathy opened the meeting by leading the group in a silent centering and prayer. No guests were present. Pastor read his favorite passage from Psalm 121 instead of a passage from Prayers of a God Chaser. A motion was made by Dale, seconded by Ron to approve the agenda, motion carried. A motion was made by Dale, seconded by Mike to approve the minutes from the last meeting, motion carried. A motion was made by Ron, seconded by Dale to approve the minutes from the special meeting (May 23, 2021), motion carried.

Shelia provided the members with a printed treasurer's report, balance sheet, and check register. No current bills were submitted. A motion was made by Alan, seconded by Dale to approve this information, motion carried.

Kathy provided a verbal president's report to the council members. She stated that the church has elected members of the call committee to find a new pastor and they are: Eric Sieh, Samantha Scheffler, Danny Pattee, Kristen Krohn, Saydi Paulsen (youth rep), Arla Pickham, Dorthy Nelsen, Darlene Eggerss, Chelsey Madden, and LeAnne McCarthy (council rep). Tentatively the date of August 22nd has been set for the church congressional workshop. Kathy expressed thanks to Pastor Eric for his time with us and assured him as a congregation we will continue to focus on the cross.

Pastor provided his report. He stated his last Sunday will be June 13th for a 9:30 am service. A special service is planned with time for memories afterwards and then a potluck in the basement to follow.

Sue provided the council with a written report. Vacation Bible School is scheduled for June 28th through July 1st from 9 - 2 PM. PreK and K attendees will let out at 11:30 each day. To date, approximately 60 kids are registered for the four days of camp. Due to less camp counselors available from Okoboji, the youth group will be volunteering to assist with the day camp. Kathy & Roger Nelsen will be hosting the camp counselors again. ***Thank you Kathy & Roger! Sue stated that a possible power surge had ruined the second computer monitor in the sanctuary and the front office answering machine. The answering machine was replaced with voicemail through the telephone company and Shelia will assist with getting a new monitor. Oxen Technology was on-site to fix connectivity issues the church was having after this. Sue will be out of the office Friday, June 11th and on vacation July 23rd through Friday July 30th.***

Council Reports

Outreach (Alan Blakestad) - Alan provided several key points he felt we should consider when donating to charity. 1) Does the group or organization meet their outcomes? 2) Who sits on the board and who is CEO? 3) What is their mission? 4) Evaluation of main supporters. 5) What administration cost do they incur and are they more than 10%?

Property Management (Dale Krohn) - We are still waiting for Feekes to install the new furnace system. Josh Guyer looked at the parking lot/ally problems we are having and Mike brought a survey of the land and Mike & Dale will discuss after the meeting to see what we can do to best fix the issues we are having.

Worship (Ron Winter) - Ron gave an update from the worship committee on finding substitutes until a full-time pastor is found. The committee has commitments through July 4th for stand-ins and is working on the rest of the dates of summer. Ron will continue to provide updates as this continues.

A motion was made by LeAnne, seconded by Mike to approve the reports, motion carried.

No old business was presented, no new business was presented.

The following membership changes were given:

Address Change: Eric & Deb Meissner, 4821 S. 153rd Street, Omaha, NE 68137

Deaths & Funerals: Roberta Paulsen - DOB 4/22/1931, DOD 5/12/2021, Funeral 5/15/2021—Terry Kuhr - DOB 8/6/1945, DOD 5/12/2021, Graveside Service 5/15/2021—Kevin Krohn - DOB 9/15/1958, DOD 5/22/2021, Funeral 5/27/2021—Peggy Hansen - DOB 11/16/1949, DOD 6/1/2021, Funeral 6/5/2021

A motion to approve the membership changes was made by Dale, seconded by Ron, motion carried. A motion was made to adjourn by Ron, seconded by Beth, motion carried. The next meeting will be held on July 14th at 7 PM. The meeting was closed with The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by LeAnne McCarthy, council secretary.

July 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 4 p.m.—6 p.m. Food & Clothing Pantry 6 p.m. VBS Closing Ceremony	2	3 5 p.m.—Worship with Communion
4 9:30 a.m. Worship with Communion	5 Office Closed	6	7	8 4 p.m.—6 p.m. Food & Clothing Pantry	9	10
11 9:30 a.m. Worship	12 6 p.m. Call Committee Meeting	13 8:30 a.m.—3 p.m. Christian Service	14 8 p.m. Council Meeting	15 4 p.m.—6 p.m. Food & Clothing Pantry	16	17 5 p.m.—Worship with Communion
18 9:30 a.m. Worship with Communion	19	20	21	22 4 p.m.—6 p.m. Food & Clothing Pantry	23 Sue on Vacation	24
25 9:30 a.m. Worship	26 Sue on Vacation	27 8:30 a.m.—3 p.m. Christian Service Sue on Vacation	28 Sue on Vacation	29 4 p.m.—6 p.m. Food & Clothing Pantry Sue on Vacation	30 Sue on Vacation	31

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



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In an emergency, contact Kathy Soetmelk at (cell) 712-249-9027, (work) 712-764-4201 or
(home) 712-343-2429.

Worship Services

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

Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

Holy Communion: Celebrated as noted on the calendar.

Sunday School will resume after Labor Day.