

The Trinity Trumpet

September 2021

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Laboring for the Lord

For many people, the pandemic redefined work, with more employees logging hours from a home office — or kitchen table. Boundaries between job and personal life blurred, as did any sense of being “off duty.”



Most of us prefer clear divisions between our tasks and time. While such separations may help with scheduling, they are artificial human constructs. “*Whatever your task,*” says Colossians 3:23 (NRSV, emphasis added) — whether in public or private, family or job, spiritual

or worldly activities — “put yourselves into it as done for the Lord.” Verse 17 tells us to “do everything” in Jesus’ name, “giving thanks to God the Father through him.”

That means even work and worship interlock. As Rick Warren writes, “Work becomes worship when you dedicate it to God and perform it with an awareness of his presence.”

Answers

Answers to prayers come in various ways, sometimes in minutes, sometimes in days.

And some take years to fully unfold the harvest of love and blessings they hold.

Answers to prayers come in various forms, sometimes in sunlight, sometimes through storms.

Some blossom early, and some blossom late, but each one will flower — have faith and wait.

—Helen Inwood, *His Mysterious Ways*

-Excerpts from Newsletter, Newsletter September 2021



Our combined worship service held at 9:30 a.m. will continue into the Fall. We will stay with one worship service at 9:30 a.m. until a new pastor arrives to lead Trinity.



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

- ◆ Friday, September 24 — 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- ◆ Saturday, September 25 — 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Donations will **gladly** be accepted, however, please do not bring them until Sunday, September 19 or after. Thank you!

Worship Leaders Schedule

- Saturday, Sept. 4th – To be determined
- Saturday, Sept. 5th – Pastor Steve Lund
- Sunday, Sept. 12th – Pastor George Black w/ Food for the Poor
- Sunday, Sept. 12th – Carstens Farm w/ Jerry Conroy @ 9 a.m.
- Saturday, Sept. 18th – To be determined
- Sunday, Sept. 19 – Pastor Steve Lund
- Sunday, Sept. 26th, Roger Nelson & Neil Paulsen
- Saturday, Oct. 2nd - To be determined
- Sunday, Oct. 3rd – Pastor Steve Lund



There will be a meeting for all teens wishing to attend confirmation classes AND their parents on Wednesday, September 22 at 6:30 p.m. This will be held in the sanctuary. Confirmation students typically start during the beginning of their 7th grade year of school and finish after their 8th grade year; however, older students are also welcome to attend. Confirmation classes will begin on Wednesday, September 29 at 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.. Those who have completed their two years' of classes will be confirmed on Reformation Sunday, October 31, led by Pastor Steve Lund.



Sunday School will begin on Sunday, September 12th, during our 9:30 a.m. worship service. All children ages 3 years through 8th grade are welcome and encouraged to join us! Stephanie Harder and Kristin Krohn will serve as co-superintendents of Sunday School. Please reach out to these ladies if you have questions. We look forward to another great year of Bible-based learning with your children!

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**CHURCH
BUSINESS**

Weekend of	Total Attendance	Total Gifts Received
08/01	48	5047.00
08/08	77	2787.00
08/15	76	3042.00
08/22	98	2273.35



Kevin Krohn– Donna Larsen, Marvin & LeAnne Travis
Wesley Young– Janiece Schroder
Lou Meissner– Don & Dorothy Nelsen

SEPTEMBER



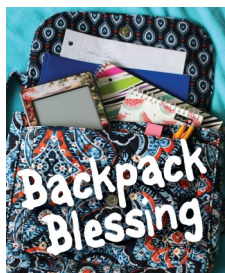
September 01	Larry	Chapman
September 01	Lu Ann	Jensen
September 01	Donald	Pattee
September 03	Lane	Thornton
September 04	Benjamin	Kramer
September 04	Jaycie	Schueman
September 04	Dean	Willett
September 05	Kristyn	Nielsen
September 05	Robert	Scott
September 07	William	Bylund
September 07	Marvin	Piittmann
September 10	Sage	Brockhoff
September 10	Janet	Holtz
September 10	Kyle	Sternberg
September 10	Kami	Willett
September 11	Ella	Hansen
September 11	Mary Jean	Krummel
September 11	Shelby	McCreedy

September 11	Karen	Pope
September 11	Gayle	Stuart
September 12	Kerry	Danker
September 14	Katherine	Collins
September 14	Norma	Glissmann
September 14	Margaret	Johannsen
September 14	Katie	Johnson
September 14	Robert Jr.	Jorgensen
September 15	Deanna	Whyte
September 16	Stephanie	Harder
September 17	Joy	Best
September 17	Evelyn	Soetmelk
September 20	Marilyn	Chapman
September 21	Debra	Paulsen
September 22	Corbin	Pieken
September 23	Karen	Rodriguez
September 24	Bobbi	Lund
September 25	Blake	Holst
September 25	Joy	Krohn
September 25	Trevor	Madden
September 26	Krislyn	McCarthy
September 26	Jason	Rold
September 28	Darren	Krohn
September 29	James	Best
September 29	Gladys	Petersen

To my Trinity Family:

A note to thank you for all of your cards, prayers, hugs, and phone calls I recieved after the loss of my son, Kevin Krohn. It was comforting to my family to be able to celebrate his life with a beautiful service at Trinity led by Pastor Eric & Kathy Soetmelk surrounded by so many of you. Kevin tried to live by the Golden Rule and certainly many of you helped shape his spiritual life.

In Christian Love,
 Normalee Krohn.



Back to School Ministry

Thank you to all who helped and donated for our Back to School night ministry. We had 21 children participate in this ministry this year. The excitement of the kids picking out backpacks and supplies was wonderful to experience! Thanks again, Trinity, for supporting this ministry.

September/October Volunteer Schedule

	Saturday, Sept. 4th, 5:00 p.m.	Sunday, Sept. 5th, 9:30 a.m.
Scriptures & Prayer Read-		Karen Hansen
Acolytes	N/A	Terra Buboltz
Support	Gary Soetmelk	Ron Winter
		Sunday, Sept. 12th, 9:30 a.m.
Scriptures & Prayer Read-		Dora Rock
Acolytes		Collin Harder
Support		Dora Rock
	Saturday, Sept. 18, 5:00 p.m.	Sunday, Sept. 19th, 9:30 a.m.
Scriptures & Prayer Read-	Dorothy Nelsen	Travis Lane
Acolytes	N/A	Charlie Lane
Support	Gary Soetmelk	Sue Paulsen
		Sunday, Sept. 26th, 9:30 a.m.
Scriptures & Prayer Read-		Amber Johnson
Acolytes		Ella Johnson
Support		Larry Chapman
	Saturday, Oct. 2nd, 5:00 p.m.	Sunday, Oct. 3rd, 9:30 a.m.
Scriptures & Prayer Read-	Roger Nelson	Gayle Stuart
Acolytes	N/A	Ty Nelson
Support	Gary Soetmelk	Jim Hansen



7th through 12th graders, watch your mail and our Facebook page for Youth Group activities starting in September! All teens are invited to participate, so encourage others to join us for Faith, Friends, Fun, and Food! Please visit Trinity's Facebook page to sign up. Even you are already a participating member, this helps to keep all information current. Please feel free to contact Sue Paulsen at (402) 639-6054 with any questions.



Two Trinity led Worship Services on Sunday, September 12th

At 9:00 a.m., Jerry Conroy will be leading a worship service at Carstens Farm, outside of Shelby, during their annual celebration. Each year, churches and pastors from around the area take turns leading Sunday worship there. Thank you to Jerry Conroy for volunteering to lead for us!

At 9:30 a.m., during Trinity's normal worship time, we will have Pastor George Black visiting and leading us in service. He helps with the Food for the Poor ministry and we will be learning more about that ministry during this time. His brief biography can be read below.

BIOGRAPHY FOR PASTOR GEORGE BLACK(NALC)

Pastor George was born in Toledo, Ohio on February 4, 1948. He earned a B.A. degree in African History from the University of Colorado in 1972. He graduated from Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne, IN in 1977 with a Masters of Divinity degree. In 1994 he earned a Doctorate of Ministry degree from Concordia Theological Seminary. He has pastored six congregations during his 37 year career as a parish pastor. He taught as a visiting professor for four years in the Doctor of Ministry program at Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne. Pastor George also served twelve years on the LCMS Foundation Board of Directors, of which the last eight he served as its chairman. A dozen times in the past twenty years he was served as a short term theological missionary in Ghana, West Africa. In May of 2014 he retired from the parish ministry. In June of 2014 Pastor George began preaching part time for Food for the Poor. In November of 2016 he moved to Foresthill, CA, a mountain community in Northern California. He serves as a half time pastor for a small North American Lutheran Church congregation, Our Savior Lutheran Church, in Auburn, CA, fifteen miles below his home. In March of 2020, Pastor George became a pastoral member of the North American Lutheran Church (NALC). He and his wife, Julie K. nee Aarthun celebrated their 52st wedding anniversary on 2-28-2021. God has blessed them with three children and two grandchildren.



It's almost time to start thinking about packing shoeboxes again. This is a great time of year to gather up any school supplies that might still be out to help fill a box for children around the world. If you'd like to help out or be a part of this ministry team, please contact Gary Soetmelk.

Trinity Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes – August 11, 2021

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

A call to order was made by Kathy. She opened the meeting with a devotion and silent centering

Thank You cards were written to show our appreciation for good deeds to: Melissa Jacobsen-always cleaning up Church's sidewalk as she walks by, Mary Rock-for her large donation to Sunday School, Terry McCarthy & Noel from Marne Elk Horn-fixed our worship Recording issues we were having

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Ron Winters, seconded by Alan Blakestad, motion carried.

A motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting was made by Alan Blakestad, seconded by Mike Jorgensen, motion carried.

Shela gave the Treasurer's Report. A motion was made to approve the Financial reports by Mike Jorgensen, seconded by Ron Winters, motion carried.

Sue provided the group with the Director of Ministry in Daily Life report. LYO-nothing to report at this time as they will be soon starting back up with meetings. Trinity's Back to School Night will be held on Wed 8/18/21 at 5:30pm. We only have approximately 21 kids signed up this year which is way below what we normally have. The Choir's annual rummage sale will be held again finally on September 24th & 25th. Sue also reported that \$50 from Stars N Stripes which was in it's first year selling fireworks in Avoca. They chose 5 organizations in Avoca to donate some of the profit too and we were one of them!! Sue had an idea for Athlete Devotionals as a possible outreach. The football boys always have their weekly dinners at TLC before football games so thought it would be a good time to put out books they could take and she could put posters up on the walls. She found a good book on Amazon for this @ \$7.99/ea. Mike Jurgensen made a motion that Sue could spend up to \$450 for devotional books for our area athletes. Ron Winters seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CHURCH COUNCIL REPORTS:

Finance: No Report at this time

Worship: Ron applauded our great volunteers we've had step up to help with worship services each week, and they've all agreed to do more services in rotation. We will be asking Pastor Steve Lund who has been doing a few services if we will perform Confirmation services. We will also be continuing with the communion cups until further notice.

Property Management: No Report at this time

Education: No Report at this time

Outreach: Alan reported he's looking into practices of the NALC to see what we can benefit from them & them from us

Stewardship: No Report at this time

Old Business discussed: None

New Business discussed: Kathy reported that we will be having quite a large new class of confirmands starting this season and will need 3 teachers at least. So far, Neil Paulsen & Kathy Soetmelk have volunteered to teach. Sue Paulsen said she would be a substitute. We will need to find one more teacher.

Membership changes: None

Adjournment: Ron Winters made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Alan Blakestad seconded. Motion carried.

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

Next Meeting will September 8, 2021

September 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 4 p.m.—6 p.m. Food & Clothing Pantry	3	4 5 p.m.-Worship
5 9:30 a.m. Worship with Communion	6 Office Closed	7	8 7:30 p.m. Worship Meeting 8 p.m. Council Meeting	9 4 p.m.—6 p.m. Food & Clothing Pantry	10	11
12 9:00 a.m. Carstens Farm Worship led by Jerry Conroy 9:30 a.m. Worship with Communion/ Food for the Poor	13	14 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Christian Service	15	16 4 p.m.—6 p.m. Food & Clothing Pantry	17	18 5 p.m.— Worship
19 9:30 a.m. Worship with Communion Rummage Sale Dona- tions drop off	20 6 p.m. Call Committee Meeting Rummage Sale Do- nations drop off	21 Rummage Sale Dona- tions drop off	22 6:30 p.m. Confirma- tion Students & Parents Meeting	23 4 p.m.—6 p.m. Food & Clothing Pantry	24 8 a.m.—8 p.m. Rummage Sale	25 8 a.m.—11 a.m. Rummage Sale
26 9:30 a.m. Worship	27	28 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Christian Service	29 6:30 p.m.- 7:30 p.m. Confirmation Class	30 4 p.m.—6 p.m. Food & Clothing Pantry		

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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 Sept. 12th, during 9:30 a.m. service.