

The Trinity Trumpet

November 2021

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Where do you live?



A man who resided near the border of two states had been told for years his house was in Minnesota. But when a new survey revealed that he actually lived in Wisconsin, he proclaimed, "Thank goodness! I never could bear those cold Minnesota winters."

Defining where we live certainly affects our attitude. Followers of Jesus, or saints, consider their true home to be in God's dynamic presence. St. Paul was so connected to God through prayer that mystical experiences left him not knowing whether he was in or out of his body (see 2 Corinthians 12:1-10). Living with one foot in heaven and the other on the way there, Paul could know peace.

"Whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's," he concludes (Romans 14:8). Christian saints who are still living on earth can rest assured: Our true home is always with the Lord.

The Subversive Table

"The Lord's Supper [is] a profoundly subversive political event in the lives of the participants," writes Richard Beck in *Unclean*. "The sacrament brings real people — divided in the larger world — into a sweaty, intimate, flesh-and-blood embrace where 'there shall be no difference between them and the rest.'" Beck is quoting Walt Whitman, for whom "them" refers to "the wicked and the righteous."

In our day, I think of political conservatives and liberals who receive equally the grace of God through Christ's body and blood. I think of the man in a church I pastored, who took pride in stirring up controversy. I didn't like him. But at the Lord's table, though "divided in the larger world," we shared a sacrament with no difference between us.

I think of my former parish near an Air Force base. Many members were military personnel and surely knew one another's rank. But in church — at the conference table, the dinner table and especially the communion table — no difference existed between a colonel and a captain, a commissioned officer and an NCO. It was a beautiful example of God's kingdom subverting the world's tendency to divide.

—Heidi Hyland Mann

-Excerpts from Newsletter, Newsletter November 2021



Pastor Wendel has informed me that the updated vacancy list has been emailed to all Pastors in the NALC. The new vacancies are highlighted to stand out as compared to the ones that have been on the list for awhile.

We have yet to have anyone apply, but Pastor Wendel will continue to monitor our profile and let me know if anything changes. I will be sitting in on a Zoom meeting call with other Call Committee Chairs across the region. This will be led by Pastor Wendel with the purpose of letting us know what to expect once we receive an application.

-Chelsie Madden



Worship Leaders Schedule

Saturday, Nov. 6th –Pastor Ron Rasmussen
 Sunday, Nov. 7th– Pastor Steve Lund
 Sunday, Nov. 14th– Pastor Steve Lund
 Saturday, Nov. 20th– Pastor Heather Ploen
 Sunday, Nov. 21st–Pastor Steve Lund
 Wednesday, Nov. 24th–Pastor Steve Lund
 Sunday, Nov. 28th– Neil Paulsen
 Saturday, Dec. 4th– Pastor Ron Rasmussen
 Sunday, Dec. 5th–Sunday School Program



The Sunday School kids will begin practice for the Christmas program starting on Sunday, November 7th.

Program Practice Practices will be held during Sunday School. The Sunday School Christmas program will be held on Sunday, December 5th during our 9:30 a.m. worship service. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend!



Operation Christmas Child is in full swing! We have shoeboxes available yet if anyone would like to fill another one or if someone you know is interested. The deadline to return the filled boxes is the morning of November 21st. Filled shoeboxes are taken that day to the next stop on their journey to reach the kids. The link below is a great reminder of why we give and continue to fill just one more box.

<https://video.samaritanspurse.org/evangelines-story/>

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(712) 307-2832

Treasurer: Shela Jacobsen
(402) 490-2423



**CHURCH
BUSINESS**

Weekend of	Total Attendance	Total Gifts Received
10/03	114	4436.00
10/10	76	3212.40
10/17	121	2088.00



Jerry Mez— Gary & Deanna Krummel, Don & Loleta Hansen, Normalee Krohn, Roger & Betty Kubik, Marvin & Leanne Travis, Jim & Denise Young, Joyce Mez, Karen & Jim Hansen

Donald Pattee—The Family of Don Pattee. Jerry & Donna Rold, Karen & Jim Hansen

Mary Ann Johnson— Janiece Schroder

NOVEMBER



November 01	Santino	Emmanuel
November 01	Adam	Harder
November 01	Nicole	Lamp
November 02	Richard	Brown
November 02	Kyle	Clayton
November 06	Preston	Scott
November 06	Erika	VanCleave
November 07	Normalee	Krohn
November 07	Tyler	Pieken
November 07	Dale	Schroder
November 07	Laraine	Scott
November 08	Diana	Taylor
November 08	Bonnie	Willett
November 09	Michael	Griffen
November 09	Angela	Sieh

November 10	Mikayla	Emmanuel
November 10	Jersey	Hilgenberg
November 10	Jane	Tech
November 11	James W.	Johnson
November 13	Rachel	Johnson
November 13	Michael	Krummel
November 13	Gregory	Petersen
November 13	Devin	Schroder
November 14	Holly	Hansen
November 14	Dolores	Harder
November 14	Marilyn	Krohn
November 14	Kathleen	Roush
November 16	Virginia	Lamp
November 18	Virginia	Nelsen
November 18	Brenda	Roloff
November 20	Joyce	Mez

November 22	Jessica	Jacobsen
November 22	J	Olesen II
November 22	Kotie	Schmidt
November 23	Adriawna	Luth
November 23	Ryan	Winter
November 26	Julie	Engel
November 27	Charlotte	Bledsoe
November 27	Madison	Thornton
November 28	Ava	Hensley
November 28	Nathan	Jorgensen
November 28	Sidni	Oswehr
November 28	Aaron	Roloff
November 30	Brian	Buboltz
November 30	Heath	Lamp
November 30	Landon	Madden
November 30	Beth	Schuelman



ALL HANDS ON BOARD-IT'S AEBELSKIVER TIME

We are busy planning for our annual Aebleskiver Supper to be held November 18th. It will be a takeout ONLY again this year. There will be NO limit on how many aebleskiver's or sausage's you order. If placing a big order, (over 20 Aebleskivers), you may be given a later pick up time. Plan for the upcoming holidays and a family favorite meal and freeze those treats!!

Call in orders will begin on November 18th during the hours of noon and end at 6:00 p.m.. Please phone 712-343-2518 or 402-639-9186 to place your order that day. You can also complete a form ahead of that day and turn it in. We will have forms in the Narthex a few Sundays ahead of the event or see the form below. A Facebook link will also be posted a few weeks ahead of time to place orders as well.

On the 18^h the youth of TLC will deliver your order out to your car and collect your payment. Please note that no change will be provided. As you arrive to pick up your order, follow the signs in front of TLC to direct you to the pickup area. No need to get out of your car. The youth will be there to deliver! If placing a huge order, (over 20 Aebleskivers) for your freezer, you may be given a later pick up time.

As in past years, we would appreciate the use of your aebleskiver pan. They are a precious shared commodity we rely on for our fryer workers! Please drop your pan off at the church by Tuesday, November 16th or call one of the committee members listed below and we would be happy to pick it up from your house.

When you get asked or called to help Thursday, November 18th, please consider working a shift. We NEED You. This has become an all church fundraiser. We would love to have the MEN and youth join us in our day of cooking and fellowship, too. All can help with batter, frying sausage, and setting up and clean up. We're adding another batter station this year to help keep up with our extra busy times. We will not kick anyone out of the kitchen! We appreciate everyone's help in this Trinity Lutheran Church annual event!

The 2021 Aebleskiver/Sausage Committee, Stephanie Harder -402-639-9186, Kristen Krohn-712-249-9902, Nancy Collins-402-639-9127

Take- Out ORDER-AEBLESKIVER SUPPER

Pick Up Times: 4:00-7:30 P.M

Return Order Forms to TLC by Tuesday, Nov. 16th.

	Quantity	Amount
Aebleskiver	_____ 75c each	_____
Sausage	_____ 75c each	_____
	Total	_____

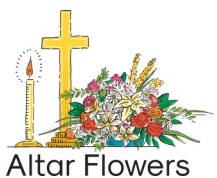
Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Time picking up _____

November/December Volunteer Schedule

	Saturday, Nov. 6th, 5:00 p.m.	Sunday, Nov. 7th, 9:30 a.m.
Scriptures & Prayer Reader	Ronda Holst	Amanda Holst
Acolytes	N/A	Madison Holst
Support	Gary Soetmelk	Mike Krummel
		Sunday, Nov. 14th, 9:30 a.m.
Scriptures & Prayer Reader		Greg Petersen
Acolytes		Emma Blotzer
Support		Ron Winter
	Saturday, Nov. 20th, 5:00 p.m.	Sunday, Nov. 21st, 9:30 a.m.
Scriptures & Prayer Reader	Roger Nelson	Karen Hansen
Acolytes	N/A	Ava Paulsen
Support	Gary Soetmelk	Jim Hansen
		Sunday, Nov. 28th, 9:30 a.m.
Scriptures & Prayer Reader		Janae Sternberg
Acolytes		Evie Scott
Support		Dale Krohn
	Saturday, Dec. 4th	Sunday, Dec. 5th
Scriptures & Prayer Reader	Dorothy Nelsen	Gayle Stuart
Acolytes	N/A	Makenna Paulsen
Support	Gary Soetmelk	Sue Paulsen



Altar Flowers

The altar flower sign up sheet is located in the Narthex, hanging on the wall. This is one way you can honor a loved one within the church. How does it work? You choose a date and write your “in honor of” or “in memory of” information and name next to the date you wish to provide flowers for the altar. This list is sent once a month to our local flower shop. They deliver the flowers for the altar on the weekend you have signed up for. If you’d like specific flowers/colors, you would call the flower shop to make those arrangements ahead of your sign up date. The flower shop will then bill you directly. There’s open dates left yet for the remainder of this year and 2022’s open dates will be open to sign up at the end of December!



Christmas Dinner

The Good Guy boxes will be going out once again this year! These are boxes that are filled with food to prepare a nice Christmas dinner for a family. Each box differs in the amount of food given, depending on the size of the family wishing to receive a box. The food boxes will go out in December on the same day that Angel Tree gifts are given out. If you would like to be a part of this ministry, by helping to fill boxes the morning of and/or helping to hand them out, please contact Shela Jacobsen or let Sue Paulsen know. If you would like to donate to this ministry, please mark your donations “Good Guys boxes.” Thank you in advance for your consideration!

JOIN THE
Youth Group



On Sunday, October 5th, the youth group traveled to Council Bluffs to Target to shop for Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes. Each youth member was given a budget of \$25.00 to spend to fill a box for a child. We had 25 youth who joined us on this trip! After shoeboxes were filled, we headed

to CityLite Church in Council Bluffs to attend a worship service there together. Many thanks to the drivers who volunteered to get us there and to those who donate to make days like these possible for our group!



Our group will meet next on Sunday, November 7th, immediately following the worship service. We'll be packing lots of items...more shoeboxes AND bags of food for our backpack program. All hands are needed-We do great work when we all work together! Also, if anyone wishes to contribute "Wow" items (stuffed animals/dolls/jump ropes/toys for our shoeboxes, we are in need of more those and it would be greatly appreciated to help fill our remaining boxes yet to pack!



On Friday, October 15th, the youth group hosted a special event at the Avoca Clubhouse. The event was called "Friday Night *be the* Lights." All 7th thru 12th graders within the school district were invited to join us. We had a taco/nacho bar for the kids to enjoy, table games, Christian music, and prize drawing giveaways for the kids to enjoy. The youth hosted 96 kids from our community this night. We've received lots of positive feedback from the kids and community on this event! Many asking..."When can we do it again?!" Many, many thanks to all who made this event possible!



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.

...Your brother is back,' he was told, 'and your father has killed the fattened calf. We are celebrating because of his safe return.'



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(Jesus and His Parables)

"The older brother was angry and wouldn't go in. His father came out and begged him, but he replied, 'All these years I've slaved for you and never once refused to do a single thing you told me to. And in all that time you never gave me even one young goat for a feast with my friends. Yet when this son of yours comes back after squandering your money on prostitutes, you celebrate by killing the fattened calf.' "His father said to him, 'Look, dear son, you have always stayed by me, and everything I have is yours. We had to celebrate this happy day. For your brother was dead and has come back to life! He was lost, but now he is found!"

WOW! Does this one cut to our humanness and self-centered heart, or what?? (Writer's disclaimer: "And by the way, this is strictly from my own personal view that I would make these statements. It is not my intention to speak for another person, or put somebody's name to them either.") Right out of the gate I can easily relate to the older brother and how he felt. In several scriptures throughout the Bible, it talks about "the wicked being allowed, or that experience prosperous periods", and the book of Psalms comes to mind. Psalm 73: 3-9 reads "For I envied the proud when I saw them prosper despite their wickedness. They seem to live such painless lives; their bodies are so healthy and strong. They don't have troubles like other people; they're not plagued with problems like everyone else. They wear pride like a jeweled necklace and clothe themselves with cruelty. These fat cats have everything their hearts could ever wish for! They scoff and speak only evil; in their pride they seek to crush others. They boast against the very heavens, and their words strut throughout the earth." I for one can see how easy it is to become jealous of someone who is prosperous, and that may not be leading a Christian life. But then, I must be careful that I am not trying to sit as the supreme judge and call them "wicked" in my own knowledge or thoughts. In most circumstances, even from the times when these scriptures were written, to our current times; children didn't receive their inheritances until their parents (in Biblical times when the father passes away). But in this story, the younger son wanted his share of his father's worth before the father passed away. #1 – this represents a pretty good case of disrespect for the father, and #2 – in a way he's telling his father that he was wishing that he had already died. In either case, I would have a hard time hearing that from my son.

Trinity Lutheran Church - Council Meeting - October 13, 2021

A call to order was made by council president Kathy Soetmelk. In attendance were Kathy Soetmelk, Dale Krohn, Ron Winter, Alan Blakestad, Shelia Jacobsen, Sue Paulsen, Beth Buboltz, and LeAnne McCarthy. Absent were Mike Jorgensen and Larry Chapman. Kathy led the group in prayer. No guests were present. Thank you cards were presented and filled out.

A motion was made by Dale, seconded by Ron to approve the agenda, the motion was carried.

Kathy made a modification to the meeting notes from the last meeting in regards to Jim & Karen Hansen not volunteering to do the meal at Peace Haven, but that they brought the request to the council. A motion was made by Ron, seconded by Dale to approve the minutes from the last meeting, the motion was carried.

Sheila provided the members with a treasurer's report. Dale presented a bill for the lifting of the sidewalk to Sheila. A motion was made by Ron, seconded by LeAnne to approve, the motion was carried. Kathy provided a verbal president's report to the council members. She indicated that she and Neil were leading the confirmands this year and have implemented a few changes. It is a large group with 17 youth members attending.

Sue provided the council with a written report. Friday, September 24th Sue led 32 youth group members and 5 parent drivers for a morning at the zoo. Sunday, October 10th, 25 youth members and 5 parent drivers spent time at Target filling shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. Afterwards, the group worshiped together at Citylight church in Council Bluffs. This upcoming Friday, October 15th, the youth group is hosting all 7-12th graders who want to join at the clubhouse in Avoca after the homecoming game. A taco bar, raffle prizes and games will be provided for the youth. Sue stated she had spent a substantial amount of time on audio visual equipment this past month. The control box is broken but can be replaced under warranty. The motor on the screen is broken. A combination of possible lightning strike and others running audio visuals are possibly to blame. Sue will get a quote from Yandas and provide it to the council for approval to repair. Sue asked about donating the money received during the Carsten Farms service back to the group. A motion was made by Dale, seconded by Alan to donate approximately \$360 in money received during the Carsten Farms service back to Carsten Farms and also make a donation of \$400 to the Food for the Poor International. Motion carried. Sue stated that all main floor carpets were cleaned by Service Master this past week. Sue presented a quote for the wireless doorbell for the amount of \$80, a motion was made by Dale, seconded by Ron to approve the quote, motion carried. It was stated that the school backpack program will be short on supplies and funds this school year. A motion was made by LeAnne, seconded by Ron to approve up to \$2500 to cover these costs during the remaining 21/22 school year, motion carried.

LeAnne provided an update from the Call Committee. There have been no applicants for the pastor position. The profile we compiled went out via email to all NALC members this past week. LeAnne also provided an update on the community presentation entitled Rachel's Challenge that was presented at the school this evening. This could be a possible outreach opportunity in the future. GG Harris is the main contact at the school and they have formed a group entitled FOR (Friends of Rachel).

Council Reports

Education (Beth Buboltz) - Plans are underway for this year's Christmas program.

Outreach (Alan Blakestad) - Peace Haven dinner, Rummage Sale

Finance (Mike Jorgensen) - no report

Property Management (Dale Krohn) - Painting has been completed at Parsonage, Bathroom is being renovated, Garage Door will be replaced, the West Door of the church is being looked at by Western Door, and he said we are still waiting for Feekes to install new HVAC unit in Narthex.

Stewardship (Larry Chapman) - no report

Worship (Ron Winter) - Pastor Lund has agreed to do the upcoming confirmand service, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. A motion was made by Alan, seconded by Dale to approve the reports, motion carried. No old business was presented. New business items were Angel Tree, Good Guys, and which council members terms are expiring 2022.

The following membership changes were presented: Deaths & Funerals

Connie Jorgensen: DOB 10/08/1949, DOD 09/14/2021, service officiated by Pastor Ron Rassmussen

Donald Pattee: DOB 09/01/1933, DOD 09/08/2021, service was officiated by Pastor Shari Munyon

Jerry Mez: DOB 08/30/1940, DOD 09/29/2021, service was officiated by Pastor Shari Munyon

Mary Ann Johnson: DOB 01/18/1938, DOD 10/07/2021, private interment with immediate family scheduled for a later date

Weddings

Taylor Madden & Wyatt Anzalone; 10/02/2021, officiated by Pastor Heather Ploen

A motion to approve the membership changes was made by Ron, seconded by LeAnne, motion carried. A motion was made to adjourn by Dale, seconded by Ron, motion carried.

The next meeting will be held on NOVEMBER 10th at 8 PM. The meeting was closed with The Lord's Prayer. Respectfully submitted by LeAnne McCarthy, council secretary.

November 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
			6:30 p.m.– 7:30 p.m. Confirmation Class	1:30 p.m.– TLCW Meeting 4 p.m.–6 p.m. Food & Clothing		5 p.m.-Worship with Communion/ All Saints
7 9:30 a.m. Worship with Communion/All Saints 10:30 a.m. Youth Group	8	9 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Christian Service	10 6:30 p.m.— 7:30 p.m. Confirmation 7:30 p.m. Worship Meeting 8 p.m. Council	11 4 p.m—6 p.m. Food & Clothing Pantry	12	13
14 9:30 a.m. Worship with Communion/Kramer Baptism	15	16	17 6:30 p.m.— 7:30 p.m. Confirmation Meeting	18 4 p.m—6 p.m. Food & Clothing Pantry 4-7:30 p.m. Aebleskiver Take-Out Dinner	19	20 5 p.m.– Worship with Communion
21 9:30 a.m. Worship with Communion 10:30 a.m. Youth Group Depart	22	23 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Christian Service	24 Thanksgiving Eve Worship 6p.m. No Confirmation	25 Happy THANKSGIVING!	26 Office Closed	27
28 9:30 a.m. Worship	29	30				

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(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 during 9:30 a.m. service.