

# The Trinity Trumpet

## January 2022

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### Happy New Year!

### *Biblical Resolutions*

**Hold firmly to your faith (Hebrews 4:14)**

**Assemble with the saints (Hebrews 10:25)**

**Pray and thank God earnestly (1 Thessalonians 5:17-18)**

**Petition God for great blessings (Malachi 3:10)**

**Yield not to temptation (1 Thessalonians 5:22)**

**Notice opportunities to serve others (Galatians 6:10)**

**Examine yourself daily (2 Corinthians 13:5)**

**Work diligently for the Lord (1 Corinthians 15:58)**

**Yearn for righteousness (Matthew 5:6)**

**Exercise godliness (1 Timothy 4:7)**

**Aim for sinless perfection (Hebrews 6:1)**

**Redeem the time, living wisely (Ephesians 5:15-16)**

### Lighting the Way for Others

When Ida Nelson, head tribal clerk of a remote Alaskan village, heard an airplane flying low after dark, she knew something was wrong. Igiugig (Igggy-yaw-gigg), population 70, isn't normally a nighttime destination. Indeed, the medevac flight was coming to pick up a sick child.

Because the local airstrip's lights had been vandalized, the plane was having trouble landing. Nelson began alerting neighbors, and within minutes, villagers lined the runway with their vehicles, headlights blazing. The pilot was able to land and then safely deliver the sick child to an Anchorage hospital. The airlift service praised the residents' determination, but Nelson describes their effort as "normal" and "ordinary."

**What everyday actions can you use to provide light amid darkness? How can you shine Jesus' light in a world that needs him?**

-Excerpts from Newsletter, Newsletter January 2022

**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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### *Saturday Night Worship Change*

During this interim time, before a new pastor arrives at Trinity, the worship committee has decided to join all of Trinity together in one worship service on Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. Beginning Jan. 1st, 2022, we will not have Saturday evening worship services. Let us come together and worship God.

The Worship Committee

### *Worship Leaders Schedule*

Sunday, Jan. 2nd-Pastor Steve Lund  
Sunday, Jan. 9th- Kathy Soetmelk  
Sunday, Jan. 16th-Pastor Steve Lund  
Sunday, Jan. 23rd-Pastor Steve Lund  
Sunday, Jan. 30th-Pastor Steve Lund  
Sunday, Feb.6th-Pastor Steve Lund



The TLC Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 23rd, 2022. The meeting will be immediately following our worship service that morning, in the fellowship hall. Please plan on attending!

Annual reports to be included in the meeting packet are due to Sue in the office by January 3rd, preferably by e-mail at [tlcspaulsen@gmail.com](mailto:tlcspaulsen@gmail.com). Thank You!

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**ANNUAL**  
Committee  
**REPORTS**  
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The 2022 Giving Envelopes are in the Narthex ready for pick up. If you no longer use envelopes to give, as you may give now via Breeze or text to give, please let the office know. This will help for future planning. Thank You!

Any poinsettias left in the sanctuary after Sunday, January 2nd, will be discarded. Thank you to all who purchased a poinsettia thru the youth group this holiday season!



## CHURCH BUSINESS

### **Church Council**

**President:** Kathy Soetmelk  
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**Secretary:** LeAnne McCarthy  
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**Finance:** Mike Jorgensen  
(712) 250-0774

**Outreach:** Alan Blakestad  
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**Stewardship:** Larry Chapman  
(712) 307-2832

**Treasurer:** Shela Jacobsen  
(402) 490-2423

| Weekend of | Total Attendance | Total Gifts Received |
|------------|------------------|----------------------|
| 11/21      | 164              | 5255.00              |
| 11/28      | 135              | 8314.00              |
| 12/05      | 87               | 3892.00              |
| 12/12      | 85               | 4011.00              |
| 12/19      | 91               | 8614.91              |
| 12/24      | 150              | 1472.00              |
| 12/26      | 30               | 8020.00              |



*In  
Memory of*

**Lavern Botcher**– Steven & Nicolle  
Botcher



Altar Flowers

The 2022 altar flower sign up sheet is up in the Narthex now. This is one way you can honor a loved one within the church. Here's how it works: 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.

## **January/February Volunteer Schedule**

|                     | <b>Sunday, Jan. 2nd, 9:30 a.m.</b>  |
|---------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Scriptures & Prayer | Nancy Collins                       |
| Communion Helper    | Lori Winter                         |
| Acolytes            | Evie Scott                          |
| Support             | Greg Petersen                       |
|                     |                                     |
|                     | <b>Sunday, Jan. 9th, 9:30 a.m.</b>  |
| Scriptures & Prayer | Sue Blakestad                       |
| Communion Helper    | N/A                                 |
| Acolytes            | Kendra Hansen                       |
| Support             | Mike Krummel                        |
|                     |                                     |
|                     | <b>Sunday, Jan. 16th, 9:30 a.m.</b> |
| Scriptures & Prayer | Janiece Schroder                    |
| Communion Helper    | Karen Hansen                        |
| Acolytes            | Bella Lamp                          |
| Support             | Dora Rock                           |

|                     | <b>Sunday, Jan. 23rd, 9:30 a.m.</b> |
|---------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Scriptures & Prayer | Amanda Holst                        |
| Communion Helper    | Kathy Soetmelk                      |
| Acolytes            | Madison Holst                       |
| Support             | Gary Soetmelk                       |
|                     |                                     |
|                     | <b>Sunday, Jan. 30th, 9:30 a.m.</b> |
| Scriptures & Prayer | Gayle Stuart                        |
| Communion Helper    | Peggy Osbahr                        |
| Acolytes            | Roman Scheffler                     |
| Support             | Shela Jacobsen                      |
|                     |                                     |
|                     | <b>Sunday, Feb. 6th, 9:30 a.m.</b>  |
| Scriptures & Prayer | Danny Pattee                        |
| Communion Helper    | Ron Winter                          |
| Acolytes            | Tucker Osbahr                       |
| Support             | Sue Paulsen                         |

## 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.

....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.



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### (Jesus and His Parables)

Welcome to 2022! I hope that everyone had a joyous and memorable Christmas celebration, and felt the love of Christ amongst family and friends. I’ll turn the pause button off on the previous Five and Dime article, and try and pick up where I had left off. We had just read the parable of The Prodigal son, and some thoughts on it. From my Study Bible, one of the explanations given is this: “In the story of the lost son, the fathers’ response is contrasted with the older brother’s. The father forgave because he was filled with love. The son refused to forgive because he was bitter. His resentment rendered him just as lost to the father’s love as his younger brother had been. Don’t let anything keep you from forgiving others. If you are refusing to forgive people, you are missing a wonderful opportunity to experience joy and share it with others. Make your joy grow: Forgive somebody who has hurt you.” And in another explanation: “In Jesus’ parable, the older brother represents the Pharisees, who were angry and resentful that sinners were being welcomed into God’s Kingdom. “After all,” the Pharisees must have thought, ‘we have sacrificed and done so much for God.’ Who easy it is to resent God’s gracious forgiveness of others whom we consider to be far worse sinners than ourselves. But if our self-righteousness gets in the way of rejoicing when others come to Jesus, we are no better than the Pharisees.” When I hear and think of the several messages that are being said in this story of The Prodigal Son, I am reminded of a story that I heard about a Pastor who had just delivered a very stirring, and uncomfortable sermon. One that was filled with an extra helping for fire and brimstone. And as the congregation was dismissed and was filing out of the sanctuary to greet their Pastor, most of the congregation was quiet as if just receiving a mild, but stern scolding from their parents. But one particular church member greeted the Pastor with a firm handshake, and with an expression on his face that could almost resemble a smile, said to his Pastor, “You really let them have it today Pastor.” And he proceeded on out the door. Oh how easy is it to do to see the faults and short-comings in other first before we recognize those same issues in our own lives. We hear or read the Word of God, and can quickly pick names out of our internal address book who we think should take notice of that particular scripture or passage. I have often felt that when I read the Bible, I should read it in front of a mirror. Not as an act of vanity, so that I can see myself doing it to build up my pride; but that when I get to those “difficult to take” types of scriptures, that I should first see myself and apply it to myself. And run it through my heart, before placing it on the shoulders of another person.



O Lord Jesus Christ, heavenly King, thank you for bringing both Jews and Gentiles to hear your voice. Enable us to follow your holy Word, as those from the East followed the leading of a star. Give us grace to confess your holy name. Rule us by your Spirit, so that the joys of your birth may increase in us. Hear our prayers and cries. Accept our offerings, which you yourself have given us: the gold of our faith, the incense of our prayers, and the myrrh of our contrite hearts. Deliver us from the destructive ways of sin, and lead us in the ways of peace and in the paths of righteousness. Grant us all, when this life is done, a participation in the joys of the Year of Jubilee in heaven, where we shall praise and serve you and the Father who live and reign in unity with the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

—Wilhelm Loeh (adapted)



|            |           |               |
|------------|-----------|---------------|
| January 01 | Barbara   | Brown         |
| January 01 | Evalyn    | Irlbeck       |
| January 01 | Lesley    | Krummel       |
| January 02 | Carmen    | Martens       |
| January 02 | Eugene    | Sornsen       |
| January 06 | Conner    | Hansen        |
| January 06 | David     | Niemann       |
| January 07 | Kaeden    | Lane          |
| January 08 | Derek     | Kardell       |
| January 08 | Vicki     | Schueman      |
| January 10 | Jim       | Lechtenberger |
| January 10 | Jessi     | Wade          |
| January 12 | Erik      | Jorgensen     |
| January 13 | Mary      | Hildebrand    |
| January 14 | Roger     | Kay           |
| January 15 | Jeannette | Maassen       |
| January 15 | Marvin    | Schuler       |
| January 16 | Joshua    | Guyer         |
| January 16 | Julie     | Miller        |

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|------------|-------------|-------------|
| January 17 | Wendy       | Dierking    |
| January 17 | Alan        | Sieh        |
| January 18 | Gage        | Clay        |
| January 18 | David       | Kardell     |
| January 18 | Ryker       | Krummel     |
| January 19 | Lauren      | Guyer       |
| January 19 | Evan        | Harder      |
| January 19 | Amanda      | Holst       |
| January 19 | David       | Sampson     |
| January 20 | Callum      | Maassen     |
| January 21 | Penny       | Langer      |
| January 22 | Henry       | Nelsen      |
| January 22 | Jimmy       | Young       |
| January 24 | Bruce       | Krummel     |
| January 25 | Darian      | Hansen      |
| January 25 | Lauren      | Knop        |
| January 25 | Rita        | Kohlscheen  |
| January 25 | Mackenzie   | Sampson     |
| January 25 | Hayden      | Woltmann    |
| January 26 | Christopher | Jarrett     |
| January 26 | Kate        | Jarrett     |
| January 28 | Autumn      | Boysen      |
| January 28 | Lou         | Funk        |
| January 28 | Cole        | Harder      |
| January 28 | Lori        | Snyder      |
| January 29 | Jason       | Best        |
| January 31 | LeRoy       | Hansen      |
| January 31 | Madison     | Long        |
| January 31 | Sophia      | Luth        |
| January 31 | Denise      | Young       |
| January 31 | Leo         | Bargenquast |



A big thank you to Nancy Collins, Stephanie Harder and Kristen Krohn for all their hard work and dedication to the children of Trinity. The Christmas program on December 5th was a great success!

*Sunday school will resume on January 9th!*



On December 12th the youth group met for our year end celebration. We wrote Christmas cards, had a cookie decorating context and played a game! Our December 15th meeting was postponed due to extreme wind conditions, so we will meet again soon to get the hygiene kits packed. Our second semester dates have not been set yet, but will be emailed out soon! If you'd like to get involved with our youth group, please don't hesitate to inquire! The more the merrier!



AGENDA  
ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING  
TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH, AVOCA, IOWA  
SUNDAY, JANUARY 23rd, 2022

Mission Statement for Trinity Lutheran Church  
Focusing on the Cross...Following Christ's Love

CALL TO ORDER – President Kathy Soetmelk

OPENING DEVOTIONS – President Kathy Soetmelk

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

APPROVAL OF THE ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

TREASURER'S UPDATE – Shela Jacobsen

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Kathy Soetmelk

AUDIT REPORT

CALL COMMITTEE REPORT-Chelsie Madden

DIRECTOR OF MINISTRY IN DAILY LIFE REPORT- Sue Paulsen

ELECTIONS

Church Council -- Nomination & election of two Church Council members. Members whose terms are ending: Mike Jorgensen, Larry Chapman, Kathy Soetmelk & LeAnne McCarthy. Members continuing to serve: Alan Blakestad, 2023; Ron Winter, 2023; Beth Buboltz, 2024; Dale Krohn, 2024

Memorial Committee – Nomination & election of two Memorial Committee members. Members whose terms are ending: Beth Schueman & Amanda Holst. Members currently serving: Joy Krohn, 2023; Mick Schuler, 2023; Nancy Collins, 2024; Peggy Osbahr, 2024.

Endowment Committee –Members whose terms are ending: Kris McCarthy, Lori Winter, Dick Brown. Members currently serving: Mike Scheffler, 2024; Julie Miller, 2024

Audit Committee – Nomination & election of one Audit Committee member. Members whose terms are ending: J Olesen. Members continuing to serve: Chelsie Madden, 2023; Diane Stamp, 2024

Nominating Committee – Nomination & election of one Nominating committee member. Members whose terms are ending: Karen Hansen. Members continuing to serve: Jason Rold, 2023; Adam Krohn, 2024

Nomination & election of three (3) voting members (two adult and one confirmed youth) to the 2022 Iowa Mission District Convocation.

Nominations for Salem Lutheran Homes delegates (12)

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Property and Management – Dale Krohn

Outreach – Alan Blakestad

Finance – Mike Jorgensen

Worship – Ron Winter

Education – Beth Buboltz

Stewardship – Larry Chapman

TRINITY COMMITTEES AND ORGANIZATIONS

Memorial Committee – Joy Krohn

Trinity Lutheran Church Women – Laura Ann Allen

Lutheran Youth – LYO – Sue Paulsen

Lutheran Men's Group – Dick Holtz

Endowment Committee – Dick Brown

DISCUSSION & ADOPTION OF 2022 BUDGET

NEW BUSINESS

OTHER BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

ADJOURNMENT & CLOSING PRAYER

## Trinity Lutheran Church - Council Meeting - December 8, 2021

Trinity Lutheran Church  
Council Meeting Minutes – December 8, 2021

In Attendance: Kathy Soetmelk, Alan Blakestad, Mike Jorgensen, Ron Winters, Dale Krohn, Beth Buboltz, Sue Paulsen, and Shela Jacobsen. Absent: Larry Chapman, 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: Nancy Collins, Steph Harder & Kristen Krohn for writing and directing the Christmas program once again. Also cards were wrote to these 3 for their direction of the Abelskiver supper, Gary Soetmelk for once again chairing the Operation Christmas Child, and Lesley Krummel for her great work with Trinity's Angels!

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Mike Jorgensen, seconded by Alan Blakestad, motion carried.

Dale Krohn made a motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting, seconded by Mike Jorgensen, motion carried.

Shela gave the Treasurer's Report. A motion was made to approve the Financial reports by Dale Krohn, seconded by Alan Blakestad, motion carried.

**PRESIDENTS REPORT:** Kathy reported we gathered 561 Christmas shoeboxes this year, she has started the Advent Adult Bible Study each Sunday after church now, and we are still needing 4 volunteers for the Bell Choir.

Sue provided the group with the Director of Ministry in Daily Life report. LYO-Nov21st, they traveled to Escape Omaha after worship service and had 23 youth and 5 parent drivers. Dec 12<sup>th</sup> after worship, they will be writing Christmas cards and decorating sugar cookies. On Dec 15<sup>th</sup>, they will meet with community groups to package hygiene kits for the homeless. Also, Yandas Audio Visual was here on Nov 22<sup>nd</sup> to fix the sound system, and we purchased new microphones. Annual reports from council members/committees are due by January 3<sup>rd</sup> for the annual meeting on Sunday Jan 23<sup>rd</sup>. The office will be closed Friday Dec 17<sup>th</sup> and Thursday Dec 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**CALL COMMITTEE REPORT:** We've been in contact with someone that had their name submitted to us. More to come.

### CHURCH COUNCIL REPORTS:

Finance: Giving envelopes for 2022 have arrived and will be available in the narthex shortly

Worship: Ron asked if he could purchase some restaurant gift certificates for some volunteers that have been a great help during our time without a pastor. The council approved this for him and he will purchase for Kathy Soetmelk, Neil Paulsen, Nancy Collins, Roger Nelson, and Jerry Conroy.

Property Management: Midwest Glass looked at the Sanctuary doors and suggested we keep them as they are in good condition and find a way to fix them to open easier. New ones would have to be custom made because they are larger than normal size and would be expensive. We decided we are not ordering new ones at this time.

Education: Sunday School is on a short break and will resume on Jan 9<sup>th</sup>.

Outreach: No Report at this time

Stewardship: No Report at this time

Mike Jorgensen made a motion to approve the committee reports, seconded by Alan Blakestad, motion carried.

Old Business discussed: The Nominating Committee has found volunteers to run for open Council seats to include Nicole Krohn and Amber Johnson

New Business discussed: we discussed purchasing Christmas gift cards for Pastor Lund, Pastor Ploen, Pastor Rasmussen, Sue Paulsen, and Mary Fairchild, our great custodian for all their hard work during this transition. The new 2022 Budget was also presented. Shela will make a few changes and get it back to the council by email to approve.

Membership changes: None

Adjournment: Mike Jorgensen 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 January 12, 2022



# January 2022

| Sun  | Mon                                 | Tue                                      | Wed  | Thu   | Fri | Sat |
|--|-------------------------------------|--|--|---|-----|-----|
|  |                                     |  |  |   |     | 1   |
| 2<br>9:30 a.m. Worship with Communion  | 3                                   | 4  | 5<br>5 p.m. Alleluia Choir<br>6:30 p.m.—7:30 p.m. Confirmation   | 6<br>2 p.m.—TLCW Meeting<br>4 p.m—6 p.m. Food & Clothing Pantry | 7   | 8   |
| 9<br>9:30 a.m. Worship / Sunday School resumes                               | 10<br>6 p.m. Call Committee Meeting | 11<br>8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Christian Service | 12<br>5 p.m. Alleluia Choir<br>6:30 p.m.—7:30 p.m. Confirmation<br>7:30 p.m. Worship Meeting<br>8 p.m. Council Meeting | 13<br>4 p.m—6 p.m. Food & Clothing Pantry                       | 14  | 15  |
| 16<br>9:30 a.m. Worship with Communion/Sunday School                         | 17                                  | 18                                       | 19<br>5 p.m. Alleluia Choir<br>6:30 p.m.—7:30 p.m. Confirmation  | 20<br>4 p.m—6 p.m. Food & Clothing Pantry                       | 21  | 22  |
| 23<br>9:30 a.m. Worship with Communion/Sunday School<br>10:30 Annual Meeting | 24                                  | 25<br>8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Christian Service | 26<br>5 p.m. Alleluia Choir<br>6:30 p.m.—7:30 p.m. Confirmation  | 27<br>4 p.m—6 p.m. Food & Clothing Pantry                       | 28  | 29  |
| 30<br>9:30 a.m. Worship with Communion/Sunday School                         | 31                                  |  |  |   |     |     |

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(home) 712-343-2429.

**Worship Services**  
**Sundays at 9:30 a.m.**

**Holy Communion: Celebrated as noted on the calendar.**  
**Sunday School during 9:30 a.m. service.**