

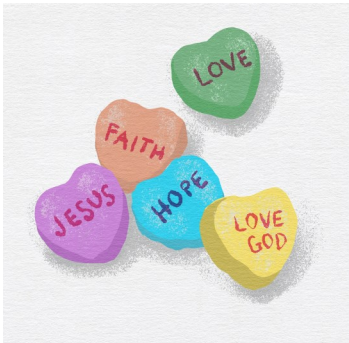
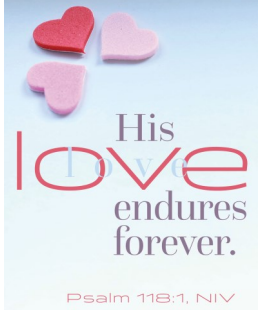
The Trinity Trumpet

February 2022

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The first half of February seems dominated by pink and red, cards and candy. But people not in a loving romantic relationship can sometimes feel left out of the festivities. Of course, all people need love — and certainly love is not limited to the romantic kind. Author Leo Buscaglia, who became known as “Dr. Love” for writing about the topic, said, “Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around.”

Jesus taught that loving one another is second only in importance to loving God (Matthew 22:37-40), and that when we love one another, God lives in us (1 John 4:12). There are so many ways to do that — beyond candy hearts and roses! But Valentine’s Day is as good a reminder as any.

A Prayer to Our Omnipotent God

Remind us, O God, that you are above us, watching over us as a good shepherd. You can see what we cannot see. Remind us that you are below us, ready to lift us up in our weakest moments. Remind us that you are behind us, to give us encouragement when we feel like giving up. Remind us that you are in front of us, calling us to move forward in faith, even when we can't see how things will work out. Remind us that you are beside us, holding our hands, no matter what we're going through. Remind us that you are within us, closer than each breath we take.

Jesus, thank you for being Emmanuel, God-with-us, and for not abandoning us. Thank you for sending us your Holy Spirit, who comes alongside to help us, even when no one else can. As we remember you, O God, strengthen our hope and restore the joy of our salvation. Amen.

—Malcolm Marler, adapted

-Excerpts from Newsletter, Newsletter February 2022



The food pantry is having trouble getting food from the food bank right now. Extra help with food and monetary donations is needed. The pantry is short on everything, so any and all food is welcomed! You can drop off donations at the church or at the food pantry in Walnut on Thursdays from 4-6 p.m. Thank You!

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

Thank you LeAnne McCarthy and Larry Chapman for your time and commitment to the church council over the past years. Thank you to Dick Brown and Karen Hansen for your service on the Endowment committee and Nominating committee, respectively. Congratulations to our newly elected church council members: Amber Johnson and Nicole Krohn. Congratulations and thank you also to Cory Maassen & Ronda Holst who were elected to serve on the Endowment and Nominating committees, respectively.

Trinity Lutheran Church



Focusing on the **CROSS**.
 Following Christ's **LOVE**.

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Worship Leaders Schedule

Sunday, Feb. 6th-Pastor Steve Lund
 Sunday, Feb. 13th- Nancy Collins
 Sunday, Feb. 20th-Pastor Steve Lund
 Sunday, Feb. 27th-Pastor Steve Lund
 Sunday, March 6th-Pastor Steve Lund

Many thanks to all who continue
 to serve on council and the
 multiple committees within our
 church!

February/March Volunteer Schedule

	Sunday, Feb. 6th, 9:30
Scriptures & Prayer Reader	Danny Pattee
Communion Helper	Ron Winter
Acolytes	Maeleigh Rold
Support	Sue Paulsen
	Sunday, Feb. 13th, 9:30
Scriptures & Prayer Reader	Arla Pickham
Communion Helper	Joy Krohn
Acolytes	Ava Paulsen
Support	Dean Krohn
	Sunday, Feb. 20th, 9:30
Scriptures & Prayer Reader	Greg Petersen
Communion Helper	Marge Petersen
Acolytes	Emma Blotzer
Support	Larry Chapman

	Sunday, Feb. 27th, 9:30
Scriptures & Prayer Reader	Roger Nelson
Communion Helper	Kathy Soetmelk
Acolytes	Caden Jorgensen
Support	Ron Winter
	Sunday, March 6, 9:30
Scriptures & Prayer Reader	Karen Hansen
Communion Helper	Neil Paulsen
Acolytes	Cash Freeman
Support	Jim Hansen



Church Council

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(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
01/02	44	2397.00
01/09	63	6059.50
01/16	79	4220.00
01/23	80	2311.00

Mary Jean Krummel– Karen Pope, Lynn Hansen

Jeannette Maassen– Bonnie Kardell, Janiece Schroder



A heartfelt thank you for all of the cards, memorials, food, and flowers after the death of our mother, Mary Jean Krummel. Thank you to Pastor Shari Munyon, the TLC Christian women's circle who served lunch and Pauley Jones Funeral Home for all of their help and support. –The family of Mary Jean Krummel, God Bless You, Gary Krummel, Sally Matthies, Janice Hansen, Susan Wedemeyer & Peggy Christensen.

FEBRUARY
BIRTHDAYS

February 01	Loleta	Hansen
February 01	Jeremy	Holst
February 01	Kaleigh	Lane
February 01	Dorothy	Nelsen
February 01	Carol	Sampson
February 01	Julianne	Thompson
February 04	Gailen	Sidebottom
February 04	Diane	Stamp
February 04	Jerry	Stamp
February 05	Gavin	Winter
February 06	Roy	Guyer
February 06	Lauren	Yates
February 07	Barbara	Piittmann
February 08	Albert	Hoepner
February 08	Henry	Paulsen

February 10	Darlene	Eggerss
February 11	Evelyn	Scott
February 12	Lorie	Espeseth
February 12	Lynn	Gronborg
February 13	Samantha	Andersen
February 15	Denise	Hargens
February 17	James	Berry
February 17	Guy	Scheffler
February 17	Jerrald	Setran
February 18	LaDonna	Conroy
February 19	Evelyn	Clayton
February 19	Lance	Scott
February 20	Ashley	Nielsen
February 21	Ann	Carroll
February 21	Gregery	Fritz
February 22	Paul	Harder
February 22	Mary	Lechtenberger
February 23	Gary	Krummel
February 24	Larry	Feekes
February 24	Jo Ann	Krummel
February 25	Joel	Andersen
February 25	Dale	Krohn
February 26	Amber	Johnson
February 26	Patricia	Jorgensen
February 27	Jessica	Rold
February 28	Hope	Constable

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.

....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.



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(Jesus and His Parables)

As we continue to look at some of Jesus’ parables, I think I’ll conclude this Five and Dime series with the parable of the ten bridesmaids. We find this one is Matthew 25:1-13, and it reads: “Then the Kingdom of Heaven will be like ten bridesmaids who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. The five who were foolish didn’t take enough olive oil for their lamps, but the other five were wise enough to take along extra oil. When the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and fell asleep. “At midnight they were roused by the shout, ‘Look, the bridegroom is coming! Come out and meet him!’ “All the bridesmaids got up and prepared their lamps. Then the five foolish ones asked the others, ‘Please give us some of your oil because our lamps are going out.’ “But the others replied, ‘We don’t have enough for all of us. Go to a shop and buy some for yourselves.’ “But while they were gone to buy oil, the bridegroom came. Then those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was locked. Later, when the other five bridesmaids returned, they stood outside, calling, ‘Lord! Lord! Open the door for us!’ “But he called back, ‘Believe me, I don’t know you!’ “So you, too, must keep watch! For you do not know the day or hour of my return.

Procrastination. I think that is something that all of have dealt with at some point in our lives. And maybe others, like myself, more often than we’d like to admit. I would say that the heart of this one, the lesson Jesus is trying to teach the crowd that has gathered, along with his disciples is that everyone needs to have their spiritual relationship with him in order. We must not get into the habit of always thinking, or relying on that there will be a tomorrow. Pastor Eric would sometimes back that thought up with the saying, “Why do today, what you can put off until tomorrow.” So often that the pressures of today’s world, the numberless activities, and our everyday snags and obstacles, all clamor for our attention. And it is very easy to give way to those things, because they are always staring us right in the eyes, and they are our immediate needs. But for the most part they are temporary and empty, and are not eternal; which is what our eyes are to be focused on. Now that’s not saying we need to discard our obligations to be responsible individuals. But we should to try and put things into a prospective that our Heavenly Father would approve of. So be prepared, and do not delay in that task, for you too may run out of olive oil.

Annual Congregational Meeting
Trinity Lutheran Church
Sunday January 23, 2022

The Annual meeting was called to order by President Kathy Soetmelk, and she gave opening devotions. A motion was made by Dale Krohn to approve the agenda, seconded by Larry Chapman, motion carried.

2021 Minutes

An error was found and will be corrected. Under Memorial Committee nominations, it states members continuing to serve include John Krohn. This should be Joy Krohn. A motion was made by Dale Krohn to approve the 2021 annual meeting notes with the correction added, seconded by Ron Winters, motion carried.

The treasurer's report was given by Shela Jacobsen (see written report), a motion to approve the report was made by Larry Chapman, seconded by Nancy Kelly. Motion carried.

Kathy Soetmelk provided an oral President's Report.

The Audit Committee submitted a written report stating that Church books were in good order.

The Call Committee presented a written report stating that they are in contact with one prospective candidate for the Pastor's open position.

Church Elections now took place:

Church Council

Nomination and election of two members, ending terms of Kathy Soetmelk, Mike Jorgensen, LeAnne McCarthy and Larry Chapman. Only two new members are needed as Kathy Soetmelk has decided to continue on the council for 3 more years (2025) and Mike Jorgensen has decided to continue on the council for 1 more year (2023). Members continuing to serve: Alan Blakestad (2023), Ron Winter (2023), Beth Buboltz (2024) and Dale Krohn (2024). Amber Johnson and Nicole Krohn were voted into the church council for 3-year terms (2025).

Memorial Committee

Nomination and election of two members, ending terms of Beth Schueman & Amanda Holst, members continuing to serve: Joy Krohn (2023), Mick Schuler (2023). Beth Schueman & Amanda Holst were voted to continue to serve on the Memorial Committee for a 3-year term (2025).

Audit Committee

Nomination and election of one member, ending term for J Olesen, members continuing to serve: Chelsie Madden (2023) and Diane Stamp (2024). J Olesen was voted to continue to serve on the Audit Committee for a 3-year term (2025).

Endowment Committee

Nomination and election of three members, ending terms of Kris McCarthy, Lori Winter & Dick Brown, members continuing to serve: Mike Scheffler (2024) & Julie Miller (2024). Kris McCarthy & Dick Brown were voted to continue to serve on the Endowment Committee for a 3-year term (2025), and Lori Winter was voted to continue to serve on the Endowment Committee for a 1-year term (2023).

Nominating Committee

Nomination and election of one member, ending term of Karen Hansen, members continuing to serve: Jason Rold (2023) & Adam Krohn (2024). Ronda Holst was voted to serve on the Nominating Committee for a 3-year term (2025).

Nomination and election of three voting members (two adults and one confirmed youth) to the 2022 Iowa Mission District Convocation. A motion was made by Ron Winters, seconded by Greg Peterson to approve the adult members, Karen Rodriguez and Kathy Soetmelk, to attend the meeting in 2022.

Nominations for Salem Lutheran Home delegates for their annual meeting to be held in March 2022 were decided as Jim and Karen Hansen, Gary and Kathy Soetmelk and Alan Blakestad. A motion was made to approve these delegates by Larry Chapman, seconded by Ron Winters.

The Church Council provided written reports:

Property & Management: written report provided by Dale Krohn – all lights in church have been replaced by LED lights, the carillon is now working again, and some of the parking lot north of the church and the alley have been fixed due to uneven parts.

Outreach: written report provided by Alan Blakestad – reviewed current outreach programs and looking forward to more community collaboration.

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Finance: Mike Jorgensen provided no written report

Worship: written report provided by Ron Winters – thanks to all that have stepped up during our transition with no pastor as we have had excellent volunteers. Also big thanks to Pastor Steve Lund for lending a hand.

Stewardship: Larry Chapman provided no written report

Education: written report provided by Beth Buboltz – we had another great year for Sunday School, Christmas program and Vacation Bible School. We will also be in search of new Sunday School superintendents as Steph Collins and Kristen Krohn are stepping down as is Nancy Collins who wrote the Christmas program.

The Trinity Lutheran Church committees and organizations reports:

Memorial Committee: no written report submitted

Nominating Committee: written report provided by Karen Hansen

Trinity Lutheran Church Women: no written report submitted

Lutheran Youth Organization: written report provided by Sue Paulsen

Lutheran Men's Group: no longer meeting

Endowment Committee: written report provided by Dick Brown

Library Committee: written report provided by Milt Hanson

Discussion & adoption of 2022 budget, a motion to accept 2022 budget was made by Nancy Collins, seconded by Nancy Kelly, motion carried.

New business was now discussed. Dale Krohn brought up that we need to fix issues in the north parking lot as all the water is running south into the church. The foundation is being affected as well as inside the fellowship hall. We will also need to have a new roof put on above the narthex as the new furnace/ac unit is now installed and is no longer up there. This will prevent that roof from its continual leaking into the narthex. Dale asked for permission to cash in our \$75,000 CD for these projects if need be. A motion to cash in the \$75,000 CD and use for these repairs was made by Larry Chapman, seconded by Greg Peterson.

A question was asked about if the projects cost more than the \$75,000 so the original motion was amended to add: if the total of the above projects exceeds \$75,000, the details will be presented to the congregation again for approval. Motion was made by Nicole Krohn, seconded by Dale Krohn, motion carried.

A motion was made by Ron Winters to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Larry Chapman, motion carried.

The meeting ended with all reciting the Lord's Prayer.

Submitted by Shela Jacobsen



Wednesday, January 26th—Meeting at the church at 7:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Pizza will be served for dinner. We'll be packing hygiene kits for the homeless with other area groups.

Saturday, February 5th— Movie night at the church. Meet at 6:30 p.m. for pizza with movie starting at approximately 7 p.m. Open to all MS thru HS teens!

Sunday, February 13th— Bowling. We'll plan to leave approximately 10:45 a.m. We'll bowl for a couple of hours and head back home. We will eat lunch there.

Sunday, March 6th—Meeting at TLC fellowship hall. 10:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

Thursday, March 17th— **Toby Mac Concert** 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. at Baxter Arena

Saturday, April 9th—Meeting at TLC fellowship hall. 10 a.m. to Noon. Packing food bags for the school backpack program. Lunch.

Sunday, April 24th—Worship in Omaha with lunch following.

Saturday, May 7th— To be determined.

Sunday, May 15th— To be determined.

February 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 5 p.m. Alleluia Choir 6:30 p.m.—7:30 p.m. Confirmation	3 2 p.m.—TLCW Meeting 4 p.m.—6 p.m. Food & Clothing Pantry	4	5 7 p.m. Youth Group
6 9:30 a.m. Worship with Communion/Sunday School	7	8 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Christian Service	9 5 p.m. Alleluia Choir 6:30 p.m.—7:30 p.m. Confirmation 7:30 p.m. Worship Meeting 8 p.m. Council Meeting	10 4 p.m.—6 p.m. Food & Clothing Pantry	11	12
13 9:30 a.m. Worship / Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Youth Group	14	15	16 5 p.m. Alleluia Choir 6:30 p.m.—7:30 p.m. Confirmation	17 4 p.m.—6 p.m. Food & Clothing Pantry	18	19
20 9:30 a.m. Worship with Communion/Sunday School	21	22 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Christian Service	23 5 p.m. Alleluia Choir 6:30 p.m.—7:30 p.m. Confirmation	24 4 p.m.—6 p.m. Food & Clothing Pantry	25	26
27 9:30 a.m. Worship with Communion/Sunday School	28					

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Worship Services
Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

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