

# The Trinity Trumpet

## March 2022

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### A Prayer for Lent

This year, Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent, falls on March 2. During worship services that day, pastors in many Christian churches dip a finger in ashes (often made by burning branches from the previous Palm Sunday) and make a cross on parishioners' foreheads.

Why ashes? Traditionally, they're a sign of mourning, humiliation and penitence. Ashes also represent the frailty and temporary nature of human life ("You are dust, and to dust you shall return," Genesis 3:19). Christians are pained because our sins led to Jesus' death. With repentant hearts, we begin the season of Lent, knowing that it leads to Jesus' resurrection on Easter Sunday.

For Ash Wednesday — and throughout the 40 days of Lent — ponder this prayer from an Italian sacramentary, or liturgical book: "O God, you know how fragile is our human nature, wounded as it is by sin. Help your people to enter upon the Lenten journey strengthened by the power of your word, so that we may be victorious over the seduction of the Evil One and reach the paschal feast in the joy of the Holy Spirit."

### The Power of Let

I once crafted a trendy sign that read "Make it happen." It reminded my high-achieving self to take the bull by the horns and work hard. Though that message isn't necessarily harmful, I've come to appreciate a different approach.

On her podcast *The Next Right Thing*, Emily P. Freeman shared the concept of "Let it count." She decided to trade out the word *make*, which implies forceful effort and control, for the word *let*, which is surprisingly more powerful. Consider Colossians 3:15, which begins, "Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts" (NIV, emphasis added). *Let* involves an intentional decision to set aside my selfish desires to *make* and to allow God's way and will to play out instead. When we *let* Christ's peace rule, we can truly "let go and let God," relinquishing control to the One who ultimately holds it.

Although I still have my sign, now it's a reminder to let God and his peace happen — and to let him take the reins of my days and my life.

—Janna Firestone

-Excerpts from Newsletter, Newsletter March 2022



## *Worship Leaders Schedule*

- Ash Wednesday, March 2nd-Pastor Steve Lund
- Sunday, March 6th-Pastor Steve Lund
- Sunday, March 13th– Pastor Steve Lund
- Sunday, March 20th-Pastor Steve Lund
- Sunday, March 27th–Pastor Steve Lund
- Sunday, April 3rd-Pastor Steve Lund



Please join us for Ash Wednesday Service on Wednesday, March 2nd at 7 p.m. , to include Holy Communion and the Imposition of Ashes. Please join us in preparing our hearts for the season of Lent.



Community Lenten Services will be held the following Wednesdays at area community churches during Lent. Worship time for all Wednesday services will be at 7 p.m. Worship will be followed with coffee & cookie fellowship. Each service will have a special theme with the overall series being “In view of God’s Mercy.”

The dates/locations are as follows:

- March 9th-at Peace United Church in Walnut.
- March 16th– at United Church in Avoca
- March 23rd– at St. Mary’s Church in Avoca
- March 30th– at Trinity Lutheran Church in Avoca
- April 6th-at First Presbyterian Church in Walnut



The dates for VBS have been scheduled! VBS will be held June 20th thru the 23rd. This is a week earlier than last year, so please mark your calendars! Also, if you are interested in helping with planning-please contact Sue. All help is encouraged and greatly appreciated!

**June 20-23**

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**Outreach:** Alan Blakestad  
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**Stewardship:** Larry Chapman  
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**Treasurer:** Shela Jacobsen  
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**CHURCH  
BUSINESS**

Weekend of	Total Attendance	Total Gifts Received
01/30	86	8854.00
02/06	76	5270.00
02/13	110	7601.00



**Jeannette Maassen**— Rick Robinson, Sally Matthies, Robert & Thea Housen, Stacy Melenay



Thank you for your donations to the food pantry! They are much appreciated! Donations are still in need. Donations can be left at the church or dropped off at the food pantry in Walnut on Thursdays, between 4 & 6 p.m. Thanks again!



Easter's coming! If you would like to order an Easter Lily, please sign up on the order sheet in the Narthex or call Sue in the office at 343-2518 by March 25th. The Easter lilies not only add to the beauty of our Easter celebration here, but they also help to fund the activities of our youth group!

Thanks to all!

**March/April Volunteer Schedule**

	<b>Sunday, March 6th, 9:30 a.m.</b>
Scriptures & Prayer Reader	Karen Hansen
Communion Helper	Neil Paulsen
Acolytes	Cash Freeman
Support	Jim Hansen
	<b>Sunday, March 13th, 9:30 a.m.</b>
Scriptures & Prayer Reader	Janiece Schroder
Communion Helper	Jerry Conroy
Acolytes	Collin Harder
Support	Dale Krohn
	<b>Sunday, March 20th, 9:30 a.m.</b>
Scriptures & Prayer Reader	Karen Rodriguez
Communion Helper	Dora Rock
Acolytes	Ty Nelson
Support	Gary Soetmelk
	<b>Sunday, March 27th, 9:30 a.m.</b>
Scriptures & Prayer Reader	Peggy Osbahr
Communion Helper	Joyce Mez
Acolytes	Terra Buboltz
Support	Sue Paulsen
	<b>Sunday, April 3rd, 9:30 a.m.</b>
Scriptures & Prayer Reader	Amber Johnson
Communion Helper	Nancy Collins
Acolytes	Ella Johnson
Support	Mike Krummel

## 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 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.



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**(Jesus and His Parables)**

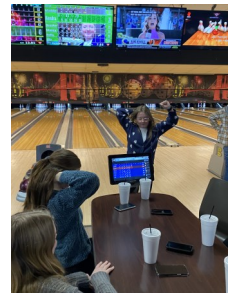
So, as I had mentioned earlier that the heart of this parable was to be ready for Jesus’ return. And I would agree with that. But I would also like to point out another view of this, which I would say that it is a view from our human, earthly eyes. And it is one that has become so much more evident to me in the last couple of months. True it is that we do not know the hour of Jesus’ return, and Jesus doesn’t even know that information. As Jesus himself says in Mark 13:32 in regards to the same topic, “However, no one knows the day or hour when these things will happen, not even the angels in heaven or the Son himself. Only the Father knows.” And that also goes for our time here on earth. When I give that some thought, I go to the parable in Luke 12: 16-22 where it says: Then he (Jesus) told them a story: “A rich man had a fertile farm that produced fine crops. He said to himself, ‘What should I do? I don’t have room for all my crops.’ Then he said, ‘I know! I’ll tear down my barns and build bigger ones. Then I’ll have room enough to store all my wheat and other goods. And I’ll sit back and say to myself, “My friend, you have enough stored away for years to come. Now take it easy! Eat, drink and be merry!”’ “But God said to him, ‘You fool! You will die this very night. Then who will get everything you worked for?’ “Yes, a person is a fool to store up earthly wealth but not have a rich relationship with God.” Life is very much like a balancing act, walking on a tight rope. It does not take much turbulence, and life can become very wobbly. We do have to be “in” the world, but we do not need to be “of” the world. It is right and necessary to be responsible people while we are here, but our focus should always be on the eternal. We have no clue as to when we will be called home to be with Jesus, leaving us without another tomorrow. So many things to say to our loved ones. So many hugs to share. So many stories to exchange, and laughs to be had. But I was going to do that tomorrow..... So be prepared. Get your spiritual relationship with God and Jesus in order, and make the most of the time with those you have with you today. I write this Five and Dime in memory of my two Brother-In-Laws; Dave Christensen, and Jody Wyatt, and my co-worker Gary Kolvek.



Youth group is underway and on the move! We packed hygiene kits with other community groups. Mike Porter led and organized this ministry. We were happy to be included! Casey's provided pizza for the night for the entire group! Saturday, Feb. 5th we had a movie night in the sanctuary. "Overcomer" was given two thumbs up and recommended for everyone to see! And finally,



Sunday the 13th our group traveled to Council Bluffs to go bowling! Our bowling games have room for a little improvement, but the fun and fellowship was right on track! This is a great group of teens and their love and kindness for each other shines bright every time we get together!



# THUNDERBOWL

Family Entertainment



March 01	Christopher	Best
March 01	Ashley	DeJong
March 01	Neil	Paulsen
March 01	Michael	Schuelman
March 02	Dale	Roush
March 02	Laysa	Shreves
March 02	Bodee	Winter
March 03	Jordan	Jacobsen
March 05	Alexis	Crees
March 05	Kelsey	Harder
March 05	Joyce	Kardell
March 06	Ethan	Hansen
March 06	Roxanne	Plymale
March 07	Donna	Schuelman
March 08	Donald	Hansen Jr.
March 08	Robb	Jacobsen
March 08	Brenda	Kelly
March 09	Tanner	Lamp

March 09	Charles	Lane
March 09	Makenzie	Long
March 10	Jade	Brockhoff
March 10	Sarah	Gross
March 12	Calvin	Parker
March 12	Charlotte	Parker
March 13	Laird	Buboltz
March 13	Lois	Partlow
March 13	Saydi	Paulsen
March 13	Morgan	Sieh
March 15	Gerald	Conroy
March 15	Tyson	Osbahr
March 16	Olivia	Sieh
March 17	Brynlee	Holst
March 17	Erin	Ronnfeldt
March 17	Lynn	Roush
March 18	Angela	Fritz
March 18	LeAnne	McCarthy
March 18	Jolene	Schuelman

March 19	Wayne	Allen
March 20	Donna	Schuler
March 22	Nicholas	Nelsen
March 22	Shirley	Pattee
March 23	Barbara	Schuelman
March 24	Everett	Hansen
March 24	Gary	Nielsen
March 25	Tucker	Osbahr
March 25	Jackson	Woltmann
March 26	Taylor	McCreehy
March 27	Andrea	Danker
March 27	Abigail	Roush
March 28	Jacob	Collins
March 29	Emma	Jorgensen
March 29	Kiptyn	Lamp
March 29	Hartvig	Nelsen
March 31	Adam	Hansen
March 31	Wyatt	Sieh

## Trinity Lutheran Church - Council Meeting - January 19, 2022

A call to order was made by council president Kathy Soetmelk. In attendance were Kathy Soetmelk, Beth Buboltz, Shelia Jacobsen, Sue Paulsen, Alan Blakestad, Dale Krohn, Mike Jorgensen, and LeAnne McCarthy. Ron Winter joined the group via telephone. Larry Chapman was not present. Kathy read a daily devotion from "Jesus Listens" by Sarah Young and also led the silent centering.

Stephanie Harder was recognized as a guest. She was in attendance to inform the church council that both she and Kristen Krohn will be stepping down as the Sunday School co-superintendents at the end of this school year. She said that she has been involved in Sunday school for 10 years and the program has grown to approximately 80 kids on the Sunday School roster and around 30 adult and teen volunteers supporting the program. Stephanie was thanked for her time and dedication to the Sunday school program. She will send a notification to the group of volunteers to see if it sparks any interest. Discussion ensued surrounding the puppets and sets. Beth Buboltz will be the point of contact for finding new co-superintendents and what to do with the puppet sets.

No formal thank you cards were written, Kathy asked that a thank you be displayed to express thanks to everyone who helped put up and take down Christmas decorations. A motion was made by Mike, seconded by Dale to approve the agenda, motion carried.

Kathy asked that Karen Rodrequz's name be added to last month's minutes under the worship section in regards to gift cards. A motion was made by Dale, seconded by Alan to approve the minutes from the last meeting, the motion was carried. Sheila provided the members with a treasurer's report. A motion was made by Dale, seconded by Mike to approve, the motion was carried. Kathy provided a verbal president's report to the council members. She asked for people who might be in need of prayer. It was discussed how to best pray for those in need, with a weekly printed list, prayer chain, etc. The discussion was tabled. Kathy read thank-yous received.

Sue provided the council with a written report. LYO met Sunday, December 12th after worship service, wrote Christmas cards, decorated sugar cookies, played a game, made a Tik Tok, and ate lunch together. The December 15th meeting was canceled due to extremely high winds and was re-scheduled for January 26th at 7:30 PM to pack hygiene kits with other area groups. The second semester scheduled dates have been sent via email to parents. Sue asked about communion cards, the group discussed that a decision will be made regarding communion cards at a later date.

LeAnne provided an update from the Call Committee. The committee met with Pastor Matt Bahnfelth on January 10th via Zoom. His profile has been reviewed and the committee met again on January 17th to discuss the meeting and his profile. A list of questions was provided to Pastor Matt to answer to clarify. The committee has decided to move forward with a more formal interview with Pastor Matt at a date TBD. Kathy will be officially taking over as council liaison on January 23rd because LeAnne's time on church council has ended.

### Council Reports

1. Education (Beth Buboltz) - replacement for Stephanie/Kristen
2. Outreach (Alan Blakestad) - Peace Haven meal sponsorship
3. Finance (Mike Jorgensen) - there is a signup list for giving statements, not everyone's was printed, only upon request
4. Property Management (Dale Krohn) - the parsonage bathroom was finished, the curtains/blinds will need to be
5. Worship (Ron Winter)

A motion was made by Mike, seconded by Alan to approve the reports, motion carried. No old business was discussed nor was new business brought up.

### Membership Changes were as follows: Deaths & Funerals

Mary Jean Krummel: DOB 9/11/1927, DOD 12/30/2021; services officiated by Pastor Shari Munyon @ Trinity 1/7/22  
Gladys Petersen: DOB 9/29/1929, DOD 1/10/2022; services officiated by Pastor Shari Munyon @ Pauley Jones 1/22/2022  
Beverly Knudtson: DOB 12/26/1949, DOD 1/11/2022; services officiated by Pastor Shari Munyon @ Pauley Jones 1/21/2022  
Jeannette Maassen: DOB 1/15/1923, DOD 1/16/22; services officiated by Pastor Shari Munyon @ Trinity 1/24/22A motion was made to approve the membership changes by Dean, seconded by Mike, motion carried.

A motion was made to adjourn by Ron, seconded by Mike, motion carried.

The next meeting will be held on FEBRUARY 9th at 8 PM. The meeting was closed with The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by LeAnne McCarthy, council secretary.

Trinity Lutheran Church  
Council Meeting Minutes – February 9, 2022

In Attendance: Kathy Soetmelk, Alan Blakestad, Mike Jorgensen, Ron Winters by phone, Dale Krohn, Beth Buboltz, Sue Paulsen, Nicole Krohn, Amber Johnson and Shela Jacobsen.

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

Election of Officers: Officers elected were as follows:

President: Kathy Soetmelk – A motion was made by Dale Krohn, seconded by Beth Buboltz Vice President: Alan Blakestad – a motion was made by Mike Jorgensen, seconded by Dale Krohn Secretary: Amber Johnson – a motion was made by Mike Jorgensen, seconded by Beth Buboltz Treasurer: Shela Jacobsen – no motion necessary

All motions were carried.

Recognizing Guests: None

Thank You Cards: None

Approval of Agenda: A motion to approve the agenda was made by Alan Blakestad, seconded by Nicole Krohn, motion carried.

Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting: Mike Jorgensen made a motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting, seconded by Dale Krohn, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Shela gave the Treasurer's Report. Financials for January were not presented because of glitch in the software transferring amounts from 2021 to 2022. She gave a report from the Bank statement numbers for January. A motion was made to approve the Financial reports by Dale Krohn, seconded by Mike Jorgensen, motion carried.

PRESIDENTS REPORT: Kathy reported she would like to start up a mentoring program with the youth from the church. She wants to learn about the youth so we can all interact with them also. She will be asking for volunteers also

Sue's Report: Sue provided the group with the Director of Ministry in Daily Life report. LYO met on Jan 26<sup>th</sup> to pack hygiene kits with other area groups and had a large number of youths in attendance. They also met on Sat Feb 5<sup>th</sup> for pizza and a movie at the church. 15 students in attendance. They will meet Feb 13<sup>th</sup> after church to go to Council Bluffs for bowling and lunch

CALL COMMITTEE REPORT: We are still in contact with a prospect for the pastor's position and will do another zoom meeting with him as he is in Illinois. We have also had another prospect approach us from Maryland. We will meet with him also.

CHURCH COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance: Mike Jorgensen reported that giving was good for January & he is still taking names of people that want their annual statements printed out instead of getting them from Breeze

Worship: No report except to say that Pastor Steve Lund will not be doing worship on Sunday Feb 13, Nancy C will

Property Management: Dale Krohn reported that All About Doors from Omaha came out and has fixed the north Narthex doors so they now open with a key!!

Education: Beth Buboltz reported that she will be working on more outreach to fill the Sunday School Supervisor position for next year

Outreach: Alan Blakestad mentioned to new members about our participation with other church to provide a Sunday meal & entertainment at Peace Haven in Walnut. He also wants us to write up descriptions of each council committee, so everyone knows exactly what is expected of their committee. Alan & Nicole will work on this together

Stewardship: No Report at this time

Dale Krohn made a motion to approve the committee reports, seconded by Mike Jorgensen, motion carried.

Old Business discussed: None at this time

New Business discussed: Dale Krohn brought up that the automatic door to the ramp is not working. All About Doors took a look at it and said the circuit board is not working. The guy said it may be more feasible to replace the entire door mechanism instead of just the circuit board and he will get pricing but thought it was around \$2,400 with a 3-year warranty. Dale Krohn made the motion to purchase a new door mechanism for \$2400 with a 3-year warranty. Amber Johnson seconded. Motion carried.

Membership changes: None

Adjournment: Mike Jorgensen made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Nicole Krohn seconded. Motion carried. Respectfully submitted by Shela Jacobsen – Treasurer (for Amber Johnson – our new Secretary) Next Meeting March 9, 2022

# March 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 6:30 p.m.—7:30 p.m. Confirmation 7 p.m.—Ash Wednesday Service	3 2 p.m.—TLCW Meeting 4 p.m.—6 p.m. Food & Clothing Pantry	4	5
6 9:30 a.m. Worship with Communion/Sunday School 11 a.m.-Youth Group at TLC	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 p.m. Lenten Service at Peace United 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 with Communion/Sunday School	14	15	16 5 p.m. Alleluia Choir 6:30 p.m.—7:30 p.m. Confirmation 7 p.m. Lenten Service at United Church of Avoca	17 4 p.m—6 p.m. Food & Clothing Pantry 5:30 p.m.-Youth Group to Toby Mac Concert	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 7 p.m. Lenten Service at St. Mary's Church	24 4 p.m—6 p.m. Food & Clothing Pantry	25	26
27 9:30 a.m. Worship with Communion/Sunday School	28	29	30 6:30 p.m.—7:30 p.m. Confirmation 7 p.m. Lenten Service at Trinity	31		



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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.**