

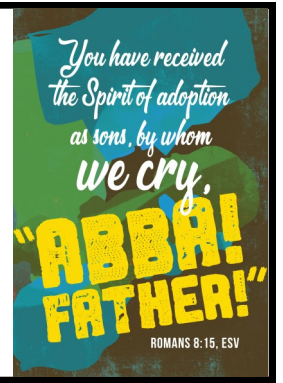
# The Trinity Trumpet

## June 2022

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## Celebrating the Church's Birthday

On Pentecost, we remember when the Holy Spirit descended on Jesus' disciples. As they gathered in Jerusalem 10 days after Jesus' ascension, they saw tongues of fire, heard rushing wind and began speaking in many languages. Because the disciples could then share the good news with all the pilgrims assembled for the Pentecost festival, the occasion marks the birthday of the Christian church. That day alone, about 3,000 people devoted their lives to Christ.

Like the Holy Spirit, Pentecost is important and relevant today. As theologian Henri Nouwen writes, "Without Pentecost the Christ-event — the life, death and resurrection of Jesus — remains imprisoned in history as something to remember, think about and reflect on. The Spirit of Jesus comes to dwell within us, so that we can become living Christs here and now."

## The Church Hive

Bees live in a cooperative way described as "eusociality," or good relations. Each bee contributes a specific skill to the colony, synchronizing its efforts for the benefit of all. Likewise, a church's health depends on all members fulfilling their responsibility to the organism as a whole. Descriptions of hive life mirror Paul's words about the body of Christ, with members having different gifts "but the same Spirit" (1 Corinthians 12:4).

According to R.S. Beal Jr., who was both a pastor and a zoology professor, a beehive is the perfect "living illustration of how to walk in unity." He wrote, "Those of us who have believed in Jesus belong to one another just as much as we belong to Christ. We cannot live independently of one another anymore than we can live independently of Christ. Like the bees, we must learn to practice the sacrifice, labor, sharing, and submission of love that together we 'may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ'" (Ephesians 4:15, KJV). How are you using your own spiritual gifts to build up your church "hive"?



-Excerpts from Newsletter, Newsletter June 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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**Congrats to the  
 Class of 2022!**

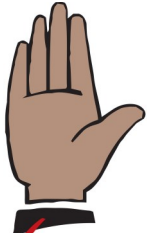
2022 TLC graduates are: Jordan Blotzer, Adryan Bruce, Darian Hansen, Jaden Luth, Ashtyn McCarthy, Ally Meyers, Lane Nelson, Aaron Roloff, & Abbie Willett



Seniors pictured above: Jordan Blotzer, Darian Hansen, Ashtyn McCarthy, Ally Meyers and Abbie Willett

***Worship Leaders Schedule***

- Sunday, June 5th-Pastor Steve Lund
- Sunday, June 12th-Pastor Steve Lund
- Sunday, June 19th-Pastor Steve Lund
- Sunday, June 26th-Pastor Steve Lund
- Sunday, July 2nd- TBD



There will be a special congregational meeting on June 5 at 10:30 following the worship service for the purpose of voting to extend a call to Pastor Matt Bahnfleth to serve Trinity as pastor. All confirmed members are eligible to vote.



**Vacation Bible School June 20-23**

Thank you for registering your child(ren) for VBS! After signing up, you should have received a health form and information form via email. These need to be returned to the church before VBS starts. If you did not receive those forms, please let Sue know! We are looking forward to a fun, faith filled week during June 20th thru the 23rd! Our theme this year is "Anchored in Hope." Also, if you are available to help us out in any capacity that week, please let Sue know. Even a few hours a couple days that week can be a big help!! All help is encouraged and greatly appreciated! See you soon!!

### **Church Council**

**President:** Kathy Soetmelk

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**Property Management:** Dale Krohn

(402) 880-5072

**Secretary:** Amber Johnson

(402) 681-6847

**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:** Nicole Krohn

(712) 309-2318

**Treasurer:** Shela Jacobsen

(402) 490-2423



**CHURCH  
BUSINESS**

<b>Weekend of</b>	<b>Total Attendance</b>	<b>Total Gifts Received</b>
05/01	125	—
05/08	140	1781.58
05/15	95	2940.00
05/22	65	1015.25

## **June/July Volunteer Schedule**

<b>Sunday, June 5th, 9:30 a.m.</b>	
Scriptures & Prayer Reader	Arla Pickham
Communion Helper	Sue Paulsen
Acolytes	Emma Blotzer
Support	Gary Soetmelk
<b>Sunday, June 12th, 9:30 a.m.</b>	
Scriptures & Prayer Reader	Jerry Conroy
Communion Helper	Greg Petersen
Acolytes	Caden Jorgensen
Support	Dean Krohn
<b>Sunday, June 19th, 9:30 a.m.</b>	
Scriptures & Prayer Reader	Amber Johnson
Communion Helper	Joyce Mez
Acolytes	Ella Johnson
Support	Ron Winter
<b>Sunday, June 26th, 9:30 a.m.</b>	
Scriptures & Prayer Reader	Travis Lane
Communion Helper	Joy Krohn
Acolytes	Tucker Osbahr
Support	Dale Krohn
<b>Sunday, July 2nd, 9:30 a.m.</b>	
Scriptures & Prayer Reader	Dora Rock
Communion Helper	Karen Hansen
Acolytes	Kendra Hansen
Support	Jim Hansen



**Gene Sornsen**— Linda Andersen, Ron & Pat Knutson, Virginia Nelsen, Roger & Betty Kubik, Gary & Deanna Krummel, Norma Pattee, Bonnie Kardell

**Dick Brown**— Dolores Harder, Reva & Bill Bylund, Bonnie Kardell



We are in need of host homes during the week of June 20th. Please prayerfully consider opening your home to host our VBS counselors. Please let Sue know if you are interested. Multiple homes are needed to house everyone or one family could host all counselors too! Please call if you have questions.

## 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.

Neil Paulsen

...We should consider music, engineering, medicine, art, justice, freedom, and love – the whole gamut of human existence – through the lens of the revealed truths of God’s word.



### What Was I Thinking (Part 3)

The Apostle Paul understood this, so he gave us a list of qualities with which to construct the framework of our thinking. As followers of Christ, Paul said, our thoughts ought to be directed and governed by qualities like truth, honor, justice and purity. We are, he says to think about those things in which there is “any excellence.” The word he uses for “excellence” is the Greek word *arête*, which is the most comprehensive word in the Greek language for “virtue.” In other words, Paul gives us the standard against which we can judge our thought patterns on a regular basis. We can look to God’s word and ask, “Is what I’m choosing to think about, and the way that I am choosing to think about it, in line with moral excellence? Is it in line with God’s approval? What a challenge this is! This manner of thinking won’t happen in a vacuum or without plenty of effort. If we hope to cultivate it, we must meditate on God’s word day and night (Joshua 1:8). As we continually strive to be transformed by the renewal of our minds (Romans 12:2), we will not only glorify God, but also be strengthened in our ability to contend for the gospel in our conversations. So, as you think about your thoughts, here are three questions to ask as you seek to apply this verse in your life:

Is there anything I should think about more?

Is there anything I should think about less, or not at all?

Is there anything I should think about differently?

As soon as I read through that Scripture and devotional, it quickly set things back into the right perspective. The battles seemed to have subsided, at least for now. Until the evil one finds another way to try and make me want to just float downstream with the rest of those who are “of the world.” So I will leave you with this thought, may your battles be few, and the fighting light. And remember that while we are still here on this side of heaven, we are in the world; but we are not to be of the world. Peace be with you all. Amen.



3rd graders pictured above receiving their bibles: Max Scheffler, Tanner Lamp, Brynnleigh Lane, Hudson Harder, Cohen Griffen, & Olivia McCarthy

## Sunday School Year End Celebration!

THANK YOU to Stephanie Harder & Nancy Collins for 10 years of service to the Sunday School Program and to Kristen Krohn for her years of service as Sunday School Superintendent, alongside Steph. All three have stepped down and we welcome Beth Buboltz and Angela Sieh as the new Superintendents.



17 Sunday School Children were awarded Attendance Awards this year!



Youth group met for the last time this school year, on Wednesday, May 18th. We ate pizza in the fellowship hall and then traveled to Life.Church in Elkhorn, NE. We partook in worship and activities! We enjoyed worshipping alongside so many other peers! Next Up: VBS! Any and all youth group members who can help with VBS are encouraged to reach out to Sue!



## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

June 01	Adam	Krohn
June 01	Christian	Pieken
June 02	Rodney	Hargens
June 02	Robert	Jensen
June 04	Lillian	Scott
June 05	Dennis	Langer
June 06	La Verne	Kock
June 06	Peyton	VanCleave
June 07	LaVonne	Sidebottom
June 08	Bentley	Madden
June 08	Philip	Rodriguez
June 09	Dustin	DeJong
June 09	Susan	Paulsen
June 10	Travis	Hensley
June 10	Daniel	Rold
June 11	Ken	Collins
June 12	Novalee	Hutter
June 12	Wayne	Jacobsen
June 13	Penelope	Rold
June 14	Reese	Parker
June 15	Shane	Brockhoff
June 15	Graycen	Partlow
June 16	Joseph	Blotzer
June 16	Madison	Holst
June 16	Nikki	Jorgensen
June 16	Nathan	Smith
June 17	Marlene	Nelsen
June 19	Linda	Andersen
June 19	Benjamin	Ehlers
June 20	Katlyn	Patzner
June 20	Brandy	Luth
June 22	Richard	Holtz
June 22	Eric	Meissner
June 22	Dora	Rock
June 23	Eric	Allen
June 23	Blair	Krohn
June 23	Judith	Ring
June 24	Steven	Denton
June 24	Abigail	Plymale
June 26	Mark	Bruns
June 26	Ivan	Irlbeck
June 26	Hayli	Paulsen
June 27	Dennis	Hoffmann
June 27	Alan	Maassen
June 29	Rosalie	Krohn
June 30	Tonya	Olesen
June 30	Richard	Schenck

Trinity Lutheran Church  
Council Meeting Minutes– May 11, 2022

Members Present: Kathy Soetmelk, Nicole Krohn, Alan Blakestad, Ron Winter via phone, Mike Jorgensen. Guest: Sue Paulsen

Call to Order: Kathy called the meeting to order by reading a devotion from a book titled “*My Utmost by His Highest*” with a silent centering.

Recognizing Guests: No guests were present.

Thank You Cards: No cards sent this month.

Approval of Agenda: A motion was made by Alan Blakestad, seconded by Mike Jorgensen, motion carried.

Approval of Last Meeting Minutes: A motion was made by Mike Jorgensen, seconded by Nicole Krohn, motion carried.

Treasurer’s Report: Shela Jacobsen submitted a written report. A motion was made to approve the report by Mike Jorgensen, seconded by Alan Blakestad, motion carried.

President’s Report/Comments: Kathy ordered Max Lucado devotional books for our graduating Seniors.

Sue’s Report: We met on Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup> and decorated the church for Easter, ate lunch and cleaned up the church neighbors yard. Had 9 in attendance. We met on Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup> and packed the remaining needed bags for the backpack program. Had 10 in attendance. We meet again on Wednesday, May 18<sup>th</sup> for our last meeting of the school year. Other items to report: Senior luncheon details were discussed. VBS registration is out and due the 18<sup>th</sup>. Sue out of the office May 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>.

Call Committee: Committee has met and has moved forward with plans to pursue Pastor Matt coming to Trinity. Pastor Matt is still contemplating employment here. A compensation package is being put together to offer him.

Council Reports: A motion was made to approve the council reports by Nicole Krohn, seconded by Mike Jorgensen, motion carried.

Education: No Report.

Outreach: Alan reported that the Abelschiever meal planned for Sunday, April 24th at Peace Haven Nursing Home in Walnut was cancelled due to Covid concerns. They will reschedule.

Finance: A large donation was given, split between group.

Property Management: No report.

Stewardship: Cards were sent out. Currently working on shut-in communication.

Worship: No report

Old Business: The constitution was reviewed.

New Business: Will review the way communion is received once a new pastor arrives. Discussion was held on the compensation agreement for Pastor Matt. A motion was made to approve the compensation package by Ron Winter, seconded by Mike Jorgensen, motion carried.

Membership Changes: No address changes, new members, baptisms, transfers, removal from rolls., or name changes. Deaths and funerals: Eugene Sornsen-DOB-01/02/1930, DOD-04/18/2022, Funeral -04/21/2022 officiated by Pastor Steve Lund. Richard Brown- DOB-11/02/1938, DOD- 05/07/2022, Funeral- 05/17/2022 to be officiated by Pastor Steve Lund. Ron Winter made a motion to approve these membership changes, seconded by Alan Blakestad, motion carried.

Adjournment: Nicole Krohn made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mike Jorgensen, motion carried. Next meeting will be held on June 8, 2022.

Respectfully submitted by Sue Paulsen, Director of Ministry in Daily Life

# June 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 2 p.m.–TLCW Meeting 4 p.m.—6 p.m. Food & Clothing Pantry	3	4
5 9:30 a.m. Worship with Communion/krohn Baptism 10:30 a.m. Congregational Vote	6	7	8 8 p.m. Council Meeting	9 4 p.m.—6 p.m. Food & Clothing Pantry	10	11
12 9:30 a.m. Worship with Communion/Christensen Baptism	13	14 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Christian Service	15	16 4 p.m.—6 p.m. Food & Clothing Pantry	17	18
19 9:30 a.m. Worship with Communion	20 VBS	21 VBS	22 VBS	23 VBS 4 p.m.—6 p.m. Food & Clothing Pantry 6 p.m. Closing VBS Gathering	24	25
26 9:30 a.m. Worship with Communion/Clayton Baptism	27	28 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Christian Service	29	30 4 p.m.—6 p.m. Food & Clothing Pantry		

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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 will resume after Labor Day.**