

The Trinity Trumpet

July 2022

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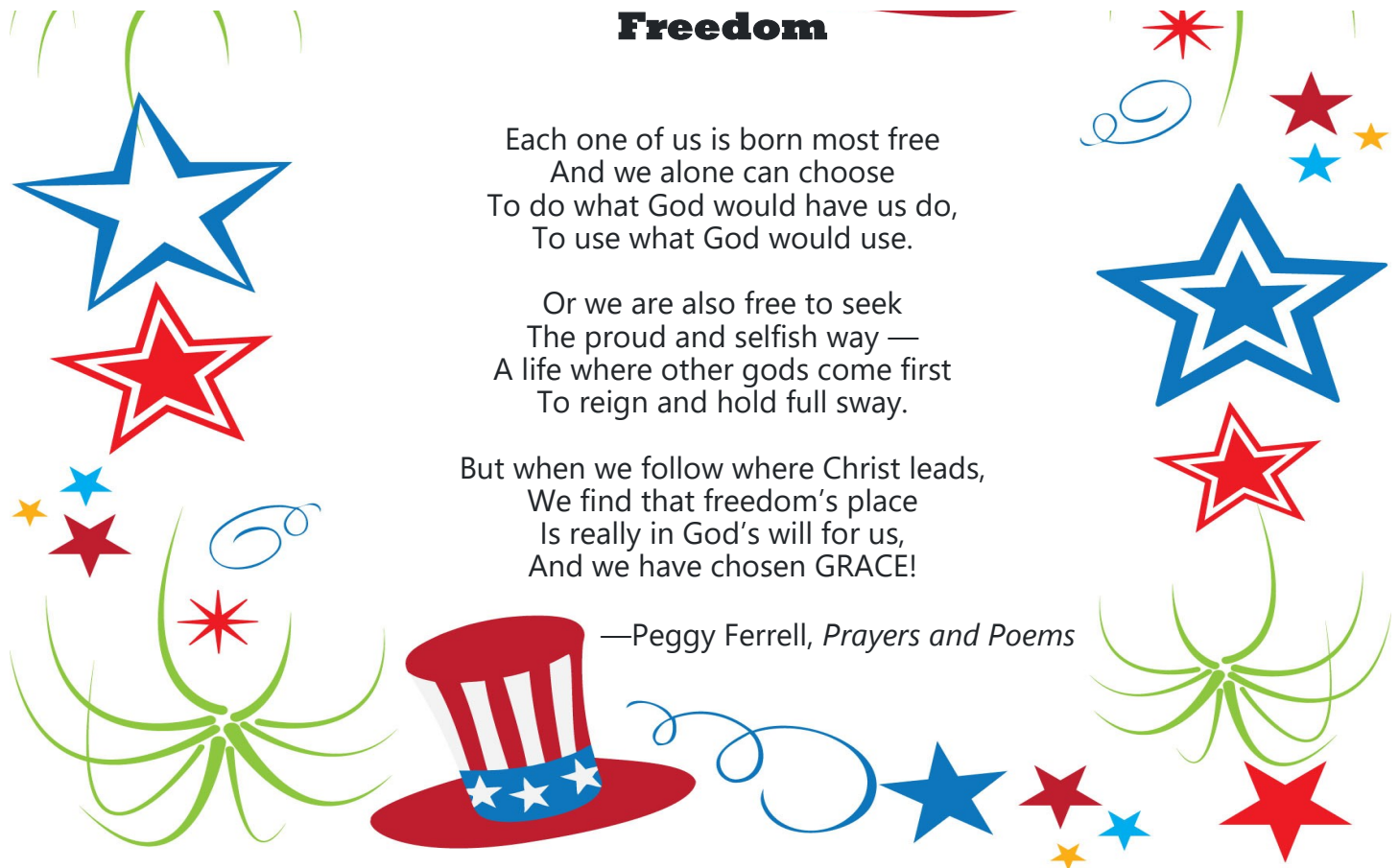
Freedom

Each one of us is born most free
And we alone can choose
To do what God would have us do,
To use what God would use.

Or we are also free to seek
The proud and selfish way —
A life where other gods come first
To reign and hold full sway.

But when we follow where Christ leads,
We find that freedom's place
Is really in God's will for us,
And we have chosen GRACE!

—Peggy Ferrell, *Prayers and Poems*



The Soul as Soil



Gardeners who've dealt with inhospitable conditions can relate especially well to Jesus' parable of the sower. Drought, invasive critters and thorny weeds often seem to conspire against growers' efforts. Yet when seeds fall on "good soil," the crop yield is abundant — up to a hundred times what was sown (Matthew 13:8).

That parable emphasizes the need for hearts to be receptive to God's Word. But it's also a reminder to plant Scripture persistently. Just as soil and weather conditions change, so may someone's attitude toward following Jesus. Pastor J. Ellsworth Kalas writes, "Whenever we serve as witnesses to the faith, we must do so with all earnestness, because one doesn't know the season in which the soul currently abides. That uninterested, distracted or unresponsive person may be nearer the Kingdom than we — or they — realize." Kalas adds, "We dare not give up on anyone at any time — including ourselves."

—Excerpts from Newsletter, Newsletter July 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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Worship Leaders Schedule

- Sunday, July 3rd-Karen Rodriguez
- Sunday, July 10th-Pastor Steve Lund
- Sunday, July 17th-Pastor Steve Lund
- Sunday, July 24th-TBA
- Sunday, July 31st- Pastor Steve Lund

CHANGE



July's council meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 6th at 8 p.m. The date listed on the calendar as the 13th is incorrect. Thanks!

On June 5th, a special congregational meeting was held following the 9:30 a.m. worship service. A vote was taken as to whether or not to extend a call to Pastor Matt Bahnfleth to serve Trinity as pastor. The vote passed and a call was then later extended. Pastor Matt has accepted and will begin in the pulpit on August 21st. Please join us in welcoming him!



Many thanks to all who donated of their time, talents and resources for VBS this year! Together, we served 103 kids! A big shout out and thanks to Dean & Joy Krohn, Angie & Dale Maassen and Arla Pickham for being our host homes for our 6 Okoboji counselors. We collected 358 items throughout the week for our food pantries! A pool party was thrown on Wednesday night of VBS for our helpers and youth group. Thursday night was our closing ceremony and we ended the night/week with DQ ice cream! **We had a blast at VBS!**



Pool Party for helpers and friends!

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**CHURCH
BUSINESS**

Weekend of	Total Attendance	Total Gifts Received
5/29	70	2,210.00
6/5	120	2,810.00
6/12	87	2790.00
6/19	75	4,643.90
6/26	100	1,295.00



*In
Memory of*

Gene Sornsen– Callie Gronberg

Bonnie Willett– Shirley Thies, Family of Bonnie Willett, Janiece Schroder,

Dick Brown–Janiece Schroder, Julie Miller

SALEM LUTHERAN HOME NEEDS A PICKUP TRUCK

Salem Lutheran Home in Elk Horn is in need of a reliable pickup to use for snow renewal and everyday hauling of repair materials. The pickup that has served this purpose for years was totaled in the April hail storm that hit Elk Horn. And you may be award that the last few years, used **dependable, affordable** pickups are hard to find.

If you have or know someone that has a pickup they no longer need or use and would be willing to sell, give Administrator Nick Norby a call at Salem Lutheran Home (605-370-3916 (c) or email Nick at nnorby@good-sam.com

If you are willing to gift a pickup, it would be a great contribution and could be tax deductible.

Please keep Salem Lutheran Home in your thoughts and prayers as the Board and Administrator try to find a needed replacement pickup for the home's daily duties.

Sincerely,

Salem Home Council Members Alan Blakestad and Nancy Collins

July/August Volunteer Schedule

	Sunday, July 3rd 9:30 a.m.		Sunday, July 24th, 9:30 a.m.
Scriptures & Prayer Reader	Dora Rock	Scriptures & Prayer Reader	Gayle Stuart
Communion Helper	N/A	Communion Helper	N/A
Acolytes	Kendra Hansen	Acolytes	Terra Buboltz
Support	Jim Hansen	Support	Larry Chapman
	Sunday, July 10th, 9:30 a.m.		Sunday, July 31st, 9:30 a.m.
Scriptures & Prayer Reader	Peggy Osbahr	Scriptures & Prayer Reader	Roger Nelson
Communion Helper	Marge Petersen	Communion Helper	Greg Petersen
Acolytes	Makenna Paulsen	Acolytes	Evie Scott
Support	Sue Paulsen	Support	Ron Winter
	Sunday, July 17th, 9:30 a.m.		Sunday, Aug. 7th, 9:30 a.m.
Scriptures & Prayer Reader	Janiece Schroder	Scriptures & Prayer Reader	Danny Pattee
Communion Helper	Nancy Collins	Communion Helper	Neil Paulsen
Acolytes	Ty Nelson	Acolytes	Collin Harder
Support	Mike Krummel	Support	Dean Krohn

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



“Lord, teach us to pray” Luke 11:1 **(Part 1)**

Glory be to God, the Father, for his unfailing word; to Jesus, his Son, for fulfilling his word; and to the Holy Spirit, his advocate, for guiding us in his word. Amen.

Over the course of this past year, I have been given the opportunities to speak to our church family by way of leading a couple of church services. On which occasions, I had talked about prayer; and it would seem fitting at this time to conclude that discussion on the topic of prayer. For starters, I will give a recap of what I had laid out in those messages, and then continue on from there.

The focus of my discussions was on the Apostle Paul, who I feel second behind Jesus, was one of the biggest prayer warriors of the New Testament, and it will be on Paul’s prayers that I will be concentrating on. I’d like to go back to Ephesians, chapter 6 and give you verses 13 through 18, which we have had the privilege of hearing them several times during our services. “Therefore, put on every piece of God’s armor so you will be able to resist the enemy in the time of evil. Then after the battle, you will still be standing firm. Stand your ground, putting on the belt of truth and the body armor of God’s righteousness. For shoes, put on the peace that comes from the Good News so that you will be fully prepared. In addition to all of these, hold up the shield of faith to stop the fiery arrows of the devil. Put on salvation as your helmet, and take the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God”, and here is the focus of these verses, “pray in the Spirit at all times and on every occasion, Stay alert and be persistent in your prayers for all believers everywhere.” The first few items that are called out as the “armor of God”, I would say that they are defensive or reactive weapons for when the attack begins and you use those to protect you. And the last weapon that Paul is telling the church in Ephesus to use is prayer, and I would say that it is used as both an offensive or proactive weapon, before the battle begins; and also as a defensive weapon. So pray before, during, and after your spiritual battles, and pray with persistence!

JULY

BIRTHDAYS

July 01	Margery	Petersen
July 02	Kya	Hargens
July 02	Kristi	Nielsen
July 02	Daniel	Pattee
July 04	Ryker	DeJong
July 05	Faith	Guyer
July 05	Nolan	Guyer
July 05	Stella	Rold
July 05	Amber	Scott
July 05	Jordan	Young
July 06	Lilah	Partlow
July 07	Kyle	Jorgensen
July 08	Jerod	Johnson
July 08	Maryellen	Luth
July 10	Kavin	Rold
July 11	Brenda	Kay
July 11	Luke	Sternberg
July 13	Eleanore A.	Willett
July 14	Kade	DeJong
July 16	Cash	Freeman
July 17	Burke	Pattee
July 18	Johnni	Pattee
July 19	Reese	Knop
July 19	Timothy	Kramer
July 19	Betty	Oehlertz
July 19	Etta	Partlow
July 20	Brynnleigh	Lane
July 20	Shirley	Thies
July 21	Cassidy	Espeseth
July 21	Hervetta	Ronfeldt
July 22	John	Luth
July 22	Kathy	Soetmelk
July 23	Dean	Krohn
July 23	Terry	McCarthy
July 23	Ethan	Nielsen
July 23	Gerald	Rold
July 25	Randy	Lamp
July 27	Elayna	Hansen
July 27	Shane	Nielsen
July 28	Ellanor	Johnson
July 28	Bonnie	Kardell
July 28	Tatum	Knop
July 28	Peggy	Osahr
July 29	Niles	Schroder
July 29	Bobbi	Sieh
July 29	Jill	Clayton
July 30	Parker	Krohn
July 31	Jill	Feigenbutz

Baptisms IN THE CHURCH FAMILY



Rhett Eugene Clayton & Lyla Jane Clayton were welcomed into the family of Christ thru baptism during our 9:30 a.m. service on June 26th. Rhett & Lyla's parents are Jill and Kyle Clayton. Their sponsors are Darren Krohn, Brian Krohn, Garrett Clayton and Connor Clayton.

Congratulations Clayton Family!

On June 12th, during our 9:30 a.m. worship service, we welcomed Madeline Jeanne Christensen into the family of Christ thru baptism. Madeline's parents are Zachary & Lauren Christensen. Her sponsors are Megan Gage & Ethen Christensen.

Congratulations Christensen family!



On June 5th, during our 9:30 a.m. worship service, Nolan Herbert Krohn was baptized by Pastor Steve Lund and welcomed into the family of Christ. Nolan's parents are Darren and Nicole Krohn. His sponsor is Preston Vorthmann.

Congratulations Krohn Family!

**Trinity Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes- June 1, 2022**

Members Present: Kathy Soetmelk, Beth Buboltz, Nicole Krohn, Shela Jacobsen, Alan Blakestad, Dale Krohn, Mike Jorgensen, Ron Winter, and Amber Johnson. Guest: Sue Paulsen

Call to Order: Kathy called the meeting to order by reading a devotion from a book titled *Being Lutheran with a silent centering*.

Recognizing Guests: No guests were present.

Thank You Cards: None.

Approval of Agenda: A motion was made by Mike Jorgensen, seconded by Ron Winter, motion carried.

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

Treasurer's Report: Shela Jacobsen shared the Treasurer's Report. No current bills. A motion was made to approve the report by Ron Winter, seconded by Mike Jorgensen, motion carried.

President's Report/Comments: Preparation for moving forward with salary package for Pastor Matt, congregation vote scheduled for Sunday, June 6, 2022.

Sue's Report: LYO met on Wednesday, May 18th for our last meeting of the school year. The group ate Casey's pizza at TLC and then traveled to Life Church in Elk Horn, NE for a youth night of worship, fellowship, and fun. Approximately 14 youth and 3 drivers attended. VBS is fast approaching. I'm still in need of volunteers and host homes. Planning committee meets again on June 2nd at 10 a. VBS is June 20th through June 23rd. There are approximately 52 registered kids. On July 30th there will be a youth group from Wisconsin that will be staying overnight in the church. This group has stayed over before on their way to a mission trip in Texas. Sue will be out of the office on vacation Friday, July 22nd through Friday, July 29th.

Call Committee: Nothing new.

Council Reports: A motion was made to approve the council reports by Alan Blakestad, seconded by Beth Buboltz, motion carried.

Education: Planning with new superintendents.

Outreach: None.

Finance: None.

Property Management: Estimates on the repairs of the narthex. The air conditioner and new heater will be set up. Investigating the concrete work outside the church.

Stewardship: Wanting to look at the nursery room that includes the toys, safety of the pack and play.

Worship: Will need to find someone to lead worship on July 3rd and 24th. The cross was taken down.

Old Business: Alan reviewed the constitution and has some ideas. A description of the committee chair roles.

New Business: Discussion of Pastor Matt's salary compensation agreement. The congregation vote will be a paper ballot. Discussion about moving expenses for Pastor Matt if the vote passes. A small discussion around the communion on how it is currently happening and whether to go back to the old way prior to Covid. This communion discussion will reconvene once the new pastor begins.

Membership Changes: No new address changes, no new name changes. No new members, Bonnie Willett-DOB: 11/08/1927, DOD: 05/30/2022, funeral held on 06/03/2022 to be officiated by Shari Munyon. No baptisms, no transfers out, and no weddings reported. Cory and Jenny Faust will be removed from the rolls. Nicole Krohn made a motion to approve these membership changes, seconded by Ron Winter, motion carried.

Adjournment: Dale Krohn made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Beth Buboltz, motion carried. Next meeting will be held on July 6, 2022.

Respectfully submitted by Amber Johnson, Secretary

Minutes from the Congregation Meeting

A special meeting was called to order on Sunday, June 5, 2022, following the 9:30 a.m. worship service to vote on issuing a call to Pastor Matt Bahnflath to serve as pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church.

Council President Kathy Soetmelk opened the meeting with a prayer and devotion.

Kathy shared information about Pastor Matt and his focus of ministry as well as the proposed compensation package.

Eric Sieh, member of the call committee, made a motion that Trinity Lutheran Church issue a call to Pastor Matt Bahnflath. A second to the motion was made by Darlene Eggers. The vote was conducted by written ballot.


The vote was favorable and a letter of call will be sent to Pastor Matt Bahnflath.

Preliminary cost estimate to move Pastor Matt from Illinois to Avoca is \$7800 through United Van Lines. This amount requires a congregational vote. There was discussion about using volunteers to move Pastor Matt, but no one volunteered. Dean Krohn made a motion to cover the moving expenses for moving Pastor Matt whatever that cost will be. It was seconded by Greg Petersen. Motion carried.

A motion was made to adjourn the congregational meeting by Dean Krohn and seconded by Wendy Dierking. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned.

Secretary, Amber Johnson

July 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 9:30 a.m. Worship	4 Office Closed 	5	6	7 2 p.m.– TLCW Meeting 4 p.m.–6 p.m. Food & Clothing Pantry	8	9
10 9:30 a.m. Worship with Communion/Robinson Baptism	11	12 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Christian Service	13 8 p.m. Council Meeting	14 4 p.m.–6 p.m. Food & Clothing Pantry	15	16
17 9:30 a.m. Worship with Communion/Nelsen Baptism	18	19	20	21 4 p.m.–6 p.m. Food & Clothing Pantry	22 Office Closed-Vacation	23
24 9:30 a.m. Worship	25 Office Closed-Vacation	26 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Christian Service Office Closed-Vacation	27 Office Closed-Vacation	28 4 p.m.–6 p.m. Food & Clothing Pantry Office Closed	29 Office Closed 9 p.m. Youth Mission from Wisconsin	30
31 9:30 a.m. Worship with Communion						

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



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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.