The Trinity Trumpet February 2023

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"And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God." **Ephesians 3: 17b-19**

"Though the mountains be shaken and the hills be removed, yet my unfailing love for you will not be shaken nor my covenant of peace be removed,' says the Lord, who has compassion on you." Isaiah 54:10

"This is how much God loved the world: He gave his Son, his one and only Son. And this is why: so that no one need be destroyed; by believing in him, anyone can have a whole and lasting life. God didn't go to all the trouble of sending his Son merely to point an accusing finger, telling the world how bad it was. He came to help, to put the world right again. Anyone who trusts in him is acquitted; anyone who refuses to trust him has long since been under the death sentence without knowing it. And why? Because of that person's failure to believe in the one-of-a-kind Son of God when introduced to him." John 3: 16 – 18 The Message Paraphrase Bible

Better for you and your teeth! A real love letter!

The move is quick from Christmas sweets and chocolates to those pasty, chalky, sappy candied hearts of Valentine's Day. (actually I kinda like 'em – but that's for later) You know, the hearts that have hubba hubba, or love you stamped on a the candy, but as soon as you put them in your mouth the words disappear and all you got is – chalky sweetness. It's like going from supreme to minimal. That is how it works the with the world's messages of love as compared to God's.

We have been given a love letter supreme in the Word in fleshed (Jesus Christ) and in the Word (the Scriptures). This love letter is one that has been handed to us through Christmas announcement, and the giving of the Bible to each person. But, unlike the candy hearts, how many never read or devour this love note. But, because of our condition of sin we live under, we declare we "love" them as we throw the candy hearts in our mouths because hey, we like them. Do we chew and digest the Word of love handed to us by God Himself? And despite what we do and how we keep feeding that artificial love into our loves, that love letter keeps coming, keeps being presented, and keeps sharing it's true meaning because it is love, just as the core of God is love. A love like no other for His fallen creation He longs to redeem and restore to its original condition – and one day will.

Remember Charlie Brown standing on tip toes looking into the big empty mailbox for a valentine from the Little Red-Haired girl? He so longed to find love and acceptance from the one he placed his hopes on, but always found himself disappointed. Human love unfortunately does that. Though people would say we can achieve agape love (the love that flows from God's heart) we flit, flail, and flounder with love because human sin and selfish motivations drive our love by in the moment by eyes, ears, words, feelings, and emotions. That's why we are always "looking for love in all the wrong places. [And in to many faces]" And yet, we just love to eat, and give, those other hearts to others. The "love stamped" on our hearts disappears as soon as it gets wet, the world chew on us, we get stepped on, or worries and fears overtake us. Sounds like the Parable of the Sower and the Soil. God's always sowing the seed of His Word, but we have and allow too much in life to makes us poor receivers of that seed. And yet, He keeps on sowing.

That's why this love letter is so much better for you. From cover to cover it tells of God's unfathomable love for you, and all His creation, and the lengths that He would go to bring a fallen creation back to their home, their identity that He lavishly poured out on them in their baptism. It's a letter written in blood, the blood of the Lamb so that you might "grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, ...so you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God." Eph. 3: 18-19 Instead of being washed away by the world, the more the world rages, the deeper and bolder the print of that message becomes so that "[we] will be His people, and He will be our God." Forever.

I have always found it interesting that the card companies developed a holiday like Valentine's Day and set it right

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

...between Christmas and Lent. At a time when they hope people will come and spend money, again and again, to buy and share fleeting sentiments and candies which share a love as fading as the card and as short lived as the box of chocolate or candy hearts. God, in all the wisdom of the Church, places around the world's love the two supreme demonstrations of His eternal love and gives gifts that will not tarnish or fade. He then invites us to come and seek and store up that treasure where moth and rust can neither devour nor destroy; because we don't need to spend a thing -God has spent His all. The Explanation of the Second Article of the Apostles' creed declares "that He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, purchased and won me . . not with gold or silver, but with His Holy precious blood, and with His innocent suffering and death."

Yep, this love letter is so much better for you, and so much better in every way. It comes hand delivered weekly in worship, in the community of needy, broken people, and it is handed out with the declaration "THIS IS FOR YOU!" Where we get cavities and gain needless weight through this worldly love, God's letter comes and invites us again, invites you again, to come and see. To bring all the cavities and hurts and failings you carry, and lay them before Him so that He can fill, renew and redeem what the world takes from us.

No more looking into an empty box hoping for love to be sitting there waiting for us like Charlie Brown. The book is at hand. Worship and God's Word is at hand. Given and shed for you is declared.

I Love You! - God

Blessed day of Love – every day from our Lord and Savior Pastor Matt

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Please join us for Ash Wednesday Service on Wednesday, February 22nd 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.



Three New Bible Studies Stating Soon!

-Beginning Sunday February 5th an 8 WEEK Study (10 people Max)

The Bible as the Word of God study from the NALC

Sunday Mornings 8 am in the Confirmation Room

Please sign up in Narthex

-Beginning Tuesday February 7th Ongoing bible study.

Tuesdays Starting at 6 PM Approx 1 to 1 1/2 hours in Confirmation Room

First Study - Why do we need to Study this stuff anyway?

Following Study - What does it mean to believe?

Please sign up in Narthex

-Beginning Thursday February 9th

The Augsburg Confession - What does it mean to be a Christian

who is Lutheran?

Thursday mornings 9 AM Approx 1 to 1 1/2 hours

Please sign up in Narthex

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	Total	Total Gifts
Weekend of	Attendance	Received
12/24	313	
12/25	46	9540.00
01/01	65	3178.00
01/08	155	9256.00
01/15	140	4246.00
01/22	83	8415.00



Thank you to all who helped us celebrate our golden anniversary. Whether you gave us greetings, sent cards, or attended our party, we truly appreciate your thoughtfulness.



Steve Frum-Bill Osbahr, Peggy & Leroy Osbahr

Judy Robinson – David Robinson

-Donnie & Loleta Hansen



New Members If you have been considering joining the community of faith that gathers and serves here at Trinity Lutheran Church New Member classes are being prepared to Begin on Sunday after worship for four weeks **February 5, 12, 19 and 26.** Class will last no longer than 1 1/2 hours Please Sign up for this class as materials need to be purchased. The class will be working with the Lutheranism 101 The Course and will lead to a different course. Please sign up in the Narthex so we can plan accordingly.



"Have you ever wondered how many rolls of toilet paper it would take to fill the Narthex? Same here!

What seems like a basic household hygiene item is in fact a crucial need for many families in our community. Starting February 5th through 19th, we will be hosting the "Can You

Spare A Square?" Toilet Paper Drive in support of our TLC Food Pantry.

Please place unopened packages of any size on the tables on the north side of the Narthex (no single rolls please unless they are individually wrapped).

Let's start the year off on a roll!"

Indescribable Joy of Giving - Chapter ONE - The Rev. Carl Johnson

THE GRACE OF GIVING

John 3:16 - For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

2 Corinthians 8:1-7 - We want you to know, brothers, about the grace of God that has been given among the churches of

Macedonia, for in a severe test of affliction, their abundance of joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. For they gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means, of their own accord, begging us earnestly for the favor of taking part in the relief of the saints — and this, not as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then by the will of God to us. Accordingly, we urged Titus that as he had started, so he should complete among you this act of grace. But as you excel in everything — in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all earnestness, and in our love for you — see that you excel in this act of grace also.

Wow! To borrow from the old Hallmark ad campaign: God cares enough to send His very best!

What Christ endured for us and for our salvation on the cross goes beyond human imagination. Seeing that our God spared nothing from us — not even His Son, His very self — shows us the true measure of His love.

Contrast that to other religions.

I am always amazed at the gods of other religions: they are depicted as cold and uncaring. Some are even downright evil. The notion that the gods actually care about humans is beneath them. Being creatures of human imagination, they are limited by reason. No reasonable god would sacrifice itself for mere mortals. Gods are to be served, not to serve. They stand aloof. It breaks the contract of religions, which is: we serve gods in order to get stuff from them. Religion by its very nature is ultimately a self-serving enterprise.

Some people make the mistake of believing that the Christian God is a mean, judgmental, coldhearted God; that the Christian God wants us to go to hell, and so He stacks the deck against us. Not so! Our God is deeply passionate. God is the one who loved you first (since before the universe was created) and is the one who loves you best.

Dr. James Nestingen talks about how the grammar of the gospel always puts God as the subject of the sentence. God acts first. The motive is love. He cannot help Himself. His love compels Him to send His only Son. No reasonable god would give up its "godness" in order to become human, let alone suffer and die for those who were their enemies (Romans 5:10). God's love goes beyond human reason. Far beyond.

The power of John 3:16 is that it begins in God's love. It begins with God as the subject. It provides motivation. And yet we constantly underestimate the measure of God's love. Think of "my cup runneth over." Imagine holding a 12-ounce glass while bucket upon bucket is poured into it — a constant stream of way too much. That doesn't even begin to do God's love justice. Grace upon grace. Gift upon gift. To begin to comprehend is the beginning of being overwhelmed by the grace of God. Grace means gift.

We begin this study by noting the title of this chapter: The Grace of Giving actually means "The Gift of Giving." Beginning with John 3:16 is appropriate because all giving is a mere response to the greatest Gift: Jesus. It doesn't get more basic than the gift of God's love, gift of Jesus, gift of faith, gift of eternal life. Add these four gifts together and we have the indescribable joy!

In 2 Corinthians, Saint Paul was writing to the saints in Corinth about the saints in Macedonia. Saint, saint, saint. You are a saint because saints are those people who have been set apart by God in baptism to serve Him. If you have been baptized, then you are a saint. The saints in Macedonia were so overwhelmed by the gift of being claimed by God and made His own people that they could not help but to beg to be allowed to participate in the collection for the relief of the saints in Jerusalem.

"I want to play, too!" "Put me in, Coach!" "I want to thank God by helping!" "I beg you to let me help."

In the Small Catechism, Martin Luther offers these comments on the Third Petition of the Lord's Prayer: "Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven." What does this mean? "The good and gracious will of God is surely done without our prayer, but we ask in this prayer that it may be done also among us."

God's will is unstoppable. You would have better luck stopping a speeding freight train with your bare hands than trying to thwart the will of God, "but we ask in this prayer that it may be done also among us." We want to be doing God's will. He doesn't need us, but we need Him. We need to be a part of His will. The Macedonians begged to be a part of the relief effort because they wanted to be doing the will of God.

In 2 Corinthians 8, Paul says, "But they gave themselves first to the Lord and then by the will of God to us" (v. 5). The ordering is important: "First to the Lord and then by the will of God to us." God always comes first. God's giving begets giving. Even in the midst of "a severe test of affliction" and "their extreme poverty," there was "a

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Feb./March Volunteer Schedule

FOOD PANTRY THANK YOU FOR	
SAYING YES	Sunday, Feb. 5th, 9:30 a.m.
Communion Set Up	Greg & Marge Petersen
Communion	Dean & Joy Krohn, Neil Paulsen
Scriptures & Prayers	Arla Pickham
Acolytes	Kaden Lane
Support	Dean Krohn
	Sunday, Feb. 12th, 9:30 a.m.
Communion Set Up	Greg & Marge Petersen
Communion	Peggy Osbahr, Sue Paulsen, Dora Rock
Scriptures & Prayers	Gayle Stuart
Acolytes	Parker Krohn
Support	Shela Jacobsen
	Sunday, Feb. 19th, 9:30 a.m.
Communion Set Up	Greg & Marge Petersen
Communion	Eric Sieh, Judy Williams, Becky Bahnfleth
Scriptures & Prayers	Sue Blakestad
Acolytes	Emery Brockhoff
Support	Sue Paulsen
	Ash Wednesday, Feb. 22, 7:00 p.m.
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...wealth of generosity on their part" (v.

2). Their cups overflowed, and when their cups overflowed, they experienced the indescribable joy of giving.

In conclusion:

- God is the first Giver *(John 3:16)*. God gives first and shows us how to give.
- God's grace and his love for us inspire us to give (2 Corinthians 8 and John 3:16).
- God has planted in each of us a need to give a need to give to God and a need to give to others (2 Corinthians 8:5).
- God's love for us compelled His Son to redeem us, like the Macedonian churches whose joy for Jesus removed the obstacles and produced a generosity beyond their means.
- We are most complete and most fulfilled when we give.

Questions to Engage

- 1. What is God's motive for sending His Son?
- 2. What gift is better than Jesus?
- 3. When you receive a gift, what do you say?
- 4. How did the Macedonians say thank you to God for His love, the gift of Jesus, the gift of faith, and the gift of eternal life?
- 5. Why does giving, when motivated by love, bring joy?

Prayer: Oh Lord God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, we thank and praise you for the mystery of the depth of your unbounded love. You withhold nothing from us. Fill us with your love that our cups might truly overflow. Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.



Loleta	Hansen
Jeremy	Holst
Kaleigh	Lane
Dorothy	Nelsen
Carol	Sampson
Gailen	Sidebottom
Diane	Stamp
Jerry	Stamp
Gavin	Winter
Roy	Guyer
Lauren	Yates
Barbara	Piittmann
Albert	Hoepner
Henry	Paulsen
Darlene	Eggerss
Evelyn	Scott
Lorie	Espeseth
Lynn	Gronborg
Samantha	Andersen
Denise	Hargens
	Jeremy Kaleigh Dorothy Carol Gailen Diane Jerry Gavin Roy Lauren Barbara Albert Henry Darlene Evelyn Lorie Lynn Samantha

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



Sunday, January 29– 10:45 a.m. to Noon– Pack food bags for the school backpack program. Lunch
 Sunday, February 12– 5:30 p.m. Valentines Dinner and Speed Rounds of getting to know church and community members. Set up at 5:30 Dinner and fun 6 pm until approximately 7:30p.m.

Sunday, February 19th- 10:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Lunch

Sunday, March 5th– 10:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please wear old clothes to paint in. Lunch.

Thursday, March 16th– 5 p.m. "Sidewalk Prophets" Concert in Corning, IA. RSVP's needed! Limited tickets!

Friday, April 7th— 11 a.m. Minden Bowling Alley for lunch and bowling.

Sunday, April 23rd-TBA

Sunday, May 7th—TBA



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

...He held up his free hand and gave a nod to all as to say "Thank you for your patience", and then resumed his place on the corner holding his sign.



Stepping Out of the Boat (Part 3)

The UPS truck's flashers turned off, had he sped on down 35th Avenue to the rest of his route, and then our traffic picked up where it had left off. A rush of thoughts and feelings filled my car as I made my way through that intersection. First off, a feeling of embarrassment with my frustration that my plans were delayed because of that brief traffic jam. I wanted nothing more than to finish my shopping, and get out of this hoard of shoppers and get home to Deb. While this man had no money to shop with and no home to get to. Second, my admiration to that UPS driver. On a day when he was buried with packages to deliver and to be picked up, at one of the busiest intersections in that area, he did what almost everyone would have skipped doing. To stop his truck in traffic, and give a homeless man money out of his own pocket. Talk about stepping out of the boat to do the will of God. I guess I must have learned the lesson that God was wanting me to see that night, as I did find my last couple of gifts at Target and I was shortly on my way home. And as I replayed that selfless gift of humanity that night, some scripture came into my mind. In Matthew 25:31-40 we read, "But when the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit upon his glorious throne. All the nations will be gathered in his presence, and he will separate the people as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will place the sheep at his right hand and the goats at his left. "Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the creation of the world. For I was hungry, and you fed me. I was thirsty, and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger, and you invited me into your home. I was naked, and you gave me clothing. I was sick, and you cared for me. I was in prison, and you visited me.' "Then these righteous ones will reply, 'Lord, when did we ever see you hungry and feed you? Or thirsty and give you something to drink? Or a stranger and show you hospitality? Or naked and give you clothing? When did we every see you sick or in prison and visit you?" "And the King will say, 'I tell you the truth, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me!' Thanks to that UPS driver for delivering that message, package, gift or whatever you'd like to call it to me that pre-Christmas night; and above that, all thanks, glory, and praises to God for the gift of his son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Trinity Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes- January 11, 2023

<u>Members Present:</u> Kathy Soetmelk, Dale Krohn, Ron Winter, Shela Jacobsen, Sue Paulsen, Pastor Matt, Amber Johnson, Mike Jorgensen, Nicole Krohn, Beth Buboltz, and Alan Blakestad.

<u>Call to Order:</u> Kathy called the meeting to order by reading a section from a book titled *Truth For Life for our devotion*.

Recognizing Guests: No guests present.

<u>Thank You Cards:</u> Thank you card was sent to Warren Winterhoff who donated money to the TLC food pantry.

Approval of Agenda: A motion was made by Alan Blakestad, seconded by Nicole Krohn, motion carried. Approval of Last Meeting Minutes: Corrections from the previous minutes are as follows: under Name Changes the spelling of Tayler Engel for her wedding/name change, Old Business section the word "formed" should read "activated", and the misspelling of Mike Jorgensen last name under absent council members. Minutes were corrected and a motion was made to approve the minutes by Dale Krohn, seconded by Ron Winter, motion carried.

<u>Treasurer's Report:</u> No bills were submitted. A motion was made to approve the report by Mike Jorgensen, seconded by Dale Krohn, motion carried.

<u>Pastor's Report:</u> Attendance to the Christmas worship services were smaller than expected. Matt thought Advent services went well. Confirmation class is back on schedule for Wednesday evenings. Matt would like to get more bible studies started soon.

<u>President's Report/Comments:</u> Kathy provided appreciative comments to the council members whose terms on the board have been completed.

<u>Sue's Report:</u> LYO met on Sunday, January 8th. There were 6 teens in attendance to have lunch, watch a 15 minute video on faith disciplines and discuss things to keep in mind as we begin the New Year. Next LYO gathering will be on January 29th.

Council Reports:

<u>Education:</u> Sunday school is back in session. Schedules for volunteers, teachers, and treats are lined up through the end of the school year ending on May 14, 2023.

Outreach: Alan has prepared a packet of information for the incoming council member.

Finance: Giving statements will be available this month.

<u>Property Management:</u> Current projects are new shingles on the church roof. Dale helped Pastor Matt hang a new white board in the downstairs classroom. Dale will be looking for a new cooler for the church kitchen.

<u>Stewardship:</u> Continued plans to rearrange furniture in the narthex. Nicole is working on the plans for a toilet paper drive for the TLC Food Pantry

Worship: No report.

Old Business: Nominating committee have three candidates appointed for the fill roles on the council. Yandas brought out the new equipment for the sound system. Dale Krohn made a motion to go ahead and purchase the new equipment based on the new estimate, seconded by Mike Jorgensen, motion carried. Continued discussion in preparation for the annual meeting scheduled for Sunday, January 22nd after the church service. The meeting will be held in the fellowship hall with council members providing refreshments. The connection cards are ready to be printed. Alan Blakestad made a motion to have the connection cards printed by Vista Print for 500 copies, seconded by Beth Buboltz, motion carried. New Business: There will be a training presented soon on the AED system. Review and discussion over the proposed budget for 2023. Dale Krohn made a motion to increase the salary for Director of Daily Life salary, seconded by Ron Winter, motion carried. Mike Jorgensen made a motion to negotiate Pastor Matt's salary of \$46,000 for the 2023 budget, seconded by Nicole Krohn, motion carried. Ron Winter made a motion to increase the Treasurer's pay, Alan Blakestad seconded the motion, motion carried. Alan Blakestad made a motion to present the 2023 budget to the congregation for the annual meeting, seconded by Ron Winter, motion carried.

Membership Changes: None

<u>Adjournment:</u> Alan Blakestad made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Beth Buboltz, motion carried. Next meeting will be held on February 8, 2023.

Respectfully submitted by Amber Johnson, Secretary

February 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 2 p.m.– TLCW Meeting 4 p.m.–6 p.m. Food & Clothing Pantry 6:15 p.m. Peace Haven Worship	3 Pastors Day Off	4
5 8 a.m. Adult Bible Study 8 a.mWord of God Study 9:30 a.m. Worship / Sunday School 10:45a.m. New Member Class	6 5:30 p.m. Bell Choir	7 6p.m. Bible Study	8 5:30 p.m.–7:15 p.m. Confirmation Class 8 p.m. Council Meeting	9 9a.mBible Study 4 p.m—6 p.m. Food & Clothing Pantry	10 Pastors Day Off	11
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Worship Services
Sundays at 9:30 a.m.
Holy Communion: Celebrated during each worship service.
Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.