

The Trinity Trumpet

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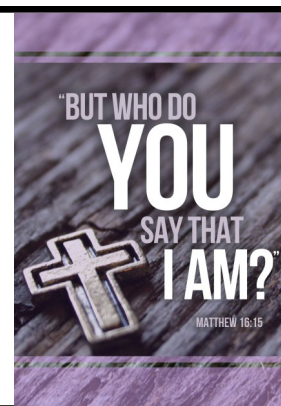
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"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." Matthew 28:18b - 20

"For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. 1 Corinthians 11: 23 – 26 I recommend reading the whole chapter...)

Life Saving Direction verses Commands

Raise your hands if you like being told what to do...anyone...anyone...Buehler? Of course the answer is a resounding NO. Not one of us from infant to person staring into the last day of their life wants to be told what to do. It is proof of our broken and sinful condition. We want to function autonomously with as little intrusion from others as possible. This truth must be established to help make the rest come clear. This inherent independence in us is why many places in scripture (*Rom 5:10, Jms 4:4, Mic 2:8, 1 Jn 4:3...*) declare us to be enemies of God. Sin that lives in us is death, death is opposed to God just as God cannot stand in union with death, hence enemy.

So what does an all-compassionate God who, "does not desire the death of sinners, but that they should turn from their evil ways and live" (*Ezk 33:11*) do? He gives commands of life to those He loves most. We call it the Law most often; the Hebrew word is Torah. God's commands of love are for the good of the individual and the community as well. These words are to put us at the center of a cruciform life that lives richly and actively in a vertical relationship with God (the first table), and because of that relationship we live differently in the world in our horizontal relationships with others (the second table). The Torah though is best translated – teachings. Just as you, a loving parent attempt to teach your children ways in which to live, God teaches us.

But again in our fallen condition we have made these words a negative and diminished His love for us using words like command and law. Its grace, pure grace, just as a parent who loves a child teaches for the child's benefit. In our corrupted condition these things become "optional" in the moment. Make me made enough I will not follow the teachings because the "I" takes over. Maddier still, I might even kill. Harder still, Jesus exposes our lack of desire to follow these teachings when He puts a turbo charger on the teachings as He speaks in the Sermon on the Mount. Do kill –I say if you have even hated or torn down someone – you have killed. We cannot get out from underneath the weight and terror of the Law and Commands.

But God also gives lifesaving direction. Wash! Eat! Drink! Repent! These things are always given to us in the imperative voice. Do this! Go! Make! Teach! These are lifesaving directions given to us because of our condition above. Especially the sacraments. There's our focus. God's first direction is Wash! Baptize in a very specific name, based on the very core creeds. Wash "the others," if you will, so that they may become part of me. (*Peter learned a bit about this sitting with Jesus on that fateful Thursday – Jn 13*)

Then after washing there is Eat! and Drink! Still not an option – Do this! In this meal we declare the mystery of faith in Jesus Christ – He has died, He has risen, He will come again. In it we remember our part – only beggars, we hold out empty hands – again and again; and He fills them and us every time with His very presence. It's not a sign or symbol, a nice idea or spiritual feeling. He declares "this bread is my body; this is my blood." And, as He ascended out of sight from the disciples He declared, "BEHOLD" I am with you always, even to the end of the age." **Behold** – to see, to look upon, experience, become aware, perceive, and discern.

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...These are lifesaving directions because in them we are transformed by His grace and presence. It is a mystery so great (*mind blown*) as all the filth of our sinful condition is washed away. Then, as we live out each day, still failing daily to be all that we should be, we are given direction to come to a sample feast, together as a collection of losers, to experience and live out what He is giving us forever. We

Eat and Drink in our Washed condition at a Thanksgiving Meal (*Eucharist*) that recalls His work for us. Even a foretaste is enough, because the table is being set forever and it will not run out. And, there is that other lifesaving direction – Repent.

Repenting is not our work either. Repentance, the daily life of a believer according to Luther, is one in which we, in honesty, remorse and joy, confess our condition before this great and loving God, who then, true to His word, forgives us in our confession. “We are repented,” one person has put it; because of God’s word and grace, we see our condition and respond to this love, like everything else, we are only a receiver. We do not confess of our own volition, ha, we can’t, we won’t. It’s not in our nature.

This son of righteousness takes up and calls all broken sinners to come and be released from the weight, the burden crushing them. We drop everything, all those suitcases of sin and shame we bear, we drop them and have hands free, empty and washed hands, to hold out so that He might fill them and us again. “This is my body, given for you. This is my blood shed for you for the forgiveness of sin.”

Commands are important, good, needed, and they come from love for the security and prosperity of all, but life-saving direction is needed even more. You wouldn’t go to the doctor with some disease and when they give you a remedy or prescription, chuck it into the trash and say “I’ll make this on my own” would you. Well in fact yes you would. But the Great Physician has made a remedy available and given us a prescription to follow. Wash! Eat! Drink! Repent! Words and actions of life. We become sacramental people, living out what we experience firsthand for ourselves. We each bear the disease that will kill you, SIN. The doctor has made healing and restoration ours.

God’s Peace, ALWAYS! Pastor Matt

SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT: AUGUST

Our next stewardship opportunity will focus on gathering hygiene products & personal items in need for our community partner New Visions Homeless Services (formerly Mohm’s Place).

New Visions works to provide help, hope, and opportunity to our neighbors who are experiencing homelessness and hunger in Council Bluffs, IA and Omaha, NE.

Each week in August will spotlight specific items New Visions needs to provide care for the population they serve. Items can be placed in marked boxes in the Narthex.

WEEK 1: Travel size men’s deodorant & soap (bar or gel body wash)

WEEK 2: Bath towels, hand towels, sleeping bags and blankets (new or gently used)

WEEK 3: Men’s white socks, underwear, and t-shirts (size L/XL)

WEEK 4: Toothbrushes (singles), men’s razors and shaving cream



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



CHURCH
BUSINESS

Weekend of	Total Attendance	Total Gifts Received
06/25	109	2146.81
07/02	130	7192.00
07/09	106	
07/16	74	

Baptism



On Sunday, July 2nd, 2023, we welcomed Finley Pearl Krummel into the family of Christ! Finley's parents are Emily & Jason Krummel. Her sponsors are Lucas & Amy Lechtenberg.

August/Sept. Volunteer Schedule

	Sunday, August 6th, 9:30 a.m.
Communion Bread	Stephanie Harder & Amber Johnson
Communion Set Up	Becky Bahnfleth, Janiece Schroder
Communion	Leslie & Gary Nielsen, Peggy Osbahr
Scriptures & Prayers	Amanda Holst
Acolytes	Emery Brockhoff
Support	Gary Soetmelk
	Sunday, August 13th, 9:30 a.m.
Communion Bread	Stephanie Harder & Amber Johnson
Communion Set Up	Becky Bahnfleth, Janiece Schroder
Communion	Neil Paulsen, Sue Paulsen, Greg Petersen
Scriptures & Prayers	Dora Rock
Acolytes	Kaeden Lane
Support	Sue Paulsen
	Sunday, August 20th, 9:30 a.m.
Communion Bread	Stephanie Harder & Amber Johnson
Communion Set Up	Becky Bahnfleth, Janiece Schroder
Communion	Marge Petersen, Dora Rock, Donna Rold
Scriptures & Prayers	Danny Pattee
Acolytes	Evan Harder
Support	Shela Jacobsen
	Sunday, August 27th, 9:30 a.m.
Communion Bread	Stephanie Harder & Amber Johnson
Communion Set Up	Becky Bahnfleth, Janiece Schroder
Communion	Janiece Schroder, Eric Sieh, Gary Soetmelk
Scriptures & Prayers	Sue Blakestad
Acolytes	Parker Krohn
Support	Adam Krohn
	Sunday, September 3rd, 9:30 a.m.
Communion Bread	Joy Krohn & Kristen Krohn
Communion Set Up	Stephanie Harder & Kristen Krohn
Communion	Kathy Soetmelk, Judy Williams, Ron Winter
Scriptures & Prayers	Cristin Rold
Acolytes	Jordyn Madden
Support	Dale Krohn



Trinity will again host a Back to School Night here on August 17th at 5 p.m.. This ministry helps to support families with sending their children back to school with needed supplies. Please consider donating a backpack, supplies or monetary support! Donations need to be received by August 4th. And can be brought to the church anytime between now and the 4th. Thank You!

Confirmation Team Building Event - Friday August 4, 2023. Finish the Summer off on a HIGH note. 8th grade (second year) confirmation students and 7th grade incoming students. We are going to have supper at Jimmy John's in Council Bluffs and then off to Tree Rush Adventure at Fontenelle Forest in Bellevue, NE. We will be meeting at the Church and Departing no later than **5 PM**, a bit earlier will certainly help. Our climbing times in The Glow in the Park is at 6:45 and 7 for 3 hours. We will return directly to the church hopefully home between **11 and 11:15**. PLEASE check your calendar, and get back to Pastor Matt ASAP so that I can finalize reservations. Looking also for 5 adults who would be willing to drive and climb (just like the Pastor). Hope you will make time for this kick off event.

My First Bible Class



offered normally to students going into 3rd grade Sunday School, will be offered for 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students who have not yet received a bible or who would like the extra training and skills to navigate the bible. Each student will be presented with an Adventure Bible in worship upon completion of the classes. We will meet **two Saturday mornings** in a row in **August, the 19th and the 26th starting at 9:00 am until noon**. The 19th there will be some light breakfast foods and on the 26th we will have some pizza to celebrate the completion of the classes. 1 Parent, or Surrogate Parent (grandparent or trusted adult) is asked to participate with the student to be able to share and to work with them after classes. Please register with Pastor Matt by August 1 so materials can be acquired.

Vacation Bible School

Thank you TLC for your continued support of VBS! We had a daily average attendance of 91 children. Dean & Joy Krohn and Pastor Matt & Becky Bahnfleth hosted our total of six counselors this year. Courtney Robinson, Ashley Maassen & Kristyn Nielsen led and organized our preschool side of things. We had more adult helpers and more high school aged helpers this year! Our kitchen helpers were amazing with all the fun and nutritious snack offerings, led by Pastor Matt. Joyce Mez and Karen & Jim Hansen were our clean up crew! **It takes the church to raise our village and help them**

grow in their relationship with Christ!
Thanks again to all the many who helped in anyway to serve that mission!



Uncovering the Truth
of who God is
and who we are



Indescribable Joy of Giving – Initial Wrap Up – Pastor Matt Bahnfleth

Giving is Life and Life is Giving

As we began seven months ago to focus on Stewardship, we offered an independent study to help each member grow in faith through giving. We started out with a statement that, “Stewardship is not about money, but money is a part of Stewardship. Stewardship is about your life and relationship with God and how each of us are stewards of what we have been given in line with what our bounteous God has poured out upon us. This is not just a subject for the older members, but for children, teens, college aged, young families, middle aged – Stewardship is about your [and my life of faith].”

If you have read the articles, wrestled with the questions to engage you, and the prayers offered each month, I hope that you have been given much to reflect on, places to grow in faith, and been reminded above all, of the abundant bounty that God “lavishly” pours out on us. All this tied together in growing in the greatest treasure, not wealth of any kind in this world, but eternally. **Luke 6:38** puts it this way, “Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.” What Luke is talking about is the life that mimics Christ because it has learned to stand opposite this world. That verse falls amidst a group of interesting verses to show you its not about money or getting, here; but rather because you have learned what you truly have been given, your whole life and way changes because your ultimate focus has changed.

I enjoyed how each chapter showed what life IS, this living generously, because it exists surrounded by a deep and ever-growing understanding of the God who loves and gives to us. In the 2nd chapter worship was the focus. Worship is more prominent than most understand today, especially because in our “worship” we are receivers, and there is only one time that we “respond” by giving; and what we give is not even ours, our tithes, and offerings. In other words, we really don’t even give, WE RETURN.

This reminds me of when we are told to “put on the armor of God” **Eph. 6: 10 – 18**. Have you ever noticed - all that armor is defensive, for our protection. The armor is God gift for our protection. In all there is only one offensive weapon we are given ... told to take up, The Sword which is the Word of God. That’s it. Worship functions in this same way by being all receiving of defensive (protective) parts in worship that call us to look to God alone for our hope. In that hope we offer only one “overt act,” the giving of offerings. Giving is our act of worship responding to all that has come before: confession, forgiveness, God’s Word, message, credal confession of faith. And after, we receive all the more in the prayers and Holy Sacrament. Why and to what do we “give?” Not the music, the sermon, the pizzaz, the charismatic pastor, but to the God of mercy and love who has given what we can never repay. Giving in worship is an act acknowledging all that God is doing in our hearts and lives. Giving is always a love response — not to the sermon, but to the Gospel. We give because we love Jesus.

The 3rd chapter reminded us that relationship is key. “A Spirit of generosity grows from spending time with one another, sharing burdens and joys, and from a heart willing to listen to the honest needs and wants of our loved ones, communities, and our church. The necessity of relationships and the generosity that forms there is modeled for us from the very first pages of scripture.” It begs the question of living being giving by being present together, differently than in the world, “How could we ever seek to live separately from one another?” In those relationships we witness others we trust, learning and leading in giving joyfully, not worried about what they might be parting with, but instead excited about what God is doing. Generosity has a ripple effect that becomes the miracle of faith in our lives. Look again at the miracle imbedded in the account of the Feeding of the 5,000.

As we grow to see how God has so richly blessed us, we fight against the world, and our very nature, to keep a tight control over what we think is ours, and we strive more and more to hold onto the wealth and possessions (that He has blessed us with) with a **loose** grip? It’s not ours. It’s all His. Life is transformed from scarcity thinking to abundance thinking. Our old heart of scarcity that said to us, “I only have so much. If I give away what I have then I’ll have less and may never be able to make it up” to trusting Paul’s words in **Philippians 4:19** “*And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.*” Abundance thinking sees the world as limitless and full of possibilities because God is Lord of all and already holds us in His hand. When we grow in faith and the result will be growing in generosity.

The beauty of this is that it proves what is being said, but the only way to see it and trust it is to do it, with the right heart and mind.

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August 02	Delaney	Carroll
August 02	Michelle	Freeman
August 02	Exton	Hansen
August 02	Sheryl	Harder
August 02	Peggy	Jacobsen
August 03	Courtney	Hensley
August 03	Jennifer	Partlow
August 05	Jayna	Engle
August 05	Kieghan	Johnson
August 06	Marie	Madden
August 06	Becky	Woltmann
August 08	Breanna	Pauley
August 10	Ava	Paulsen
August 10	Makenna	Paulsen
August 10	Samantha	Scheffler
August 11	Cara Beth	Buboltz
August 11	Gary	Collins
August 11	Janae	Sternberg
August 12	Andrea	Emmanuel
August 12	Larry	Lippold
August 14	Jackson	Hensley
August 15	Karen	Hansen
August 15	Michael	Scheffler
August 17	Alice	Botcher
August 17	Julaine	Carley
August 17	Courtney	Harder
August 17	Gary	Soetmelk
August 17	Matthew	Sternberg
August 18	Alisha	Allen
August 18	Alexander	Hansen
August 18	Ethan	Hoepner
August 18	Brittany	Kelly
August 19	Eli	Collins
August 19	Wilma	Klindt
August 21	Kristen	Krohn
August 21	Preston	Krohn
August 23	Jordan	Blotzer
August 23	Roger	Nelson
August 24	Joan	Johnson
August 24	Betty	Kubik
August 25	Connie	VonEschen
August 26	Sienna	Christian
August 26	Courtney	Freeman
August 27	Jim	Hansen
August 28	Robin	Andersen
August 31	Jason	Holst

...For many, giving of our time, talents, and treasures may seem like a total chore, a duty void of any joy because of a fear there isn't enough. Henri Nouwen once said, "Every time I take a step in the direction of generosity, I know I am moving from fear to love. Look at the Old Testament account of the people of God giving to build a tabernacle. (*Exodus 36:1-7*). Imagine for a moment if giving was so generous, and joy so overflowing, in our congregation that we had to tell those who gave to stop giving! Imagine what work we could be part of in building the Kingdom of God here and abroad. Paul writes in 2 Corinthians 9 that "*God loves a cheerful giver.*" Why is this so? Because a giver can't be cheerful unless his or her heart is fully open towards God. Joy comes from God. It is a spiritual gift. (*Galatians 5:22*).

Jesus told people that He "*came not as a thief, but that they might have life, and have it abundantly.*" **John 10:10**. In that abundant life, we live and give, and in giving in life we live.

Engage

1. Considering everything above, what might be possible for Trinity to accomplish in the Kingdom? How might the very heart of TLC be changed?
2. Amid our world of over busyness and needing to have more, do you think that people find themselves struggling more not only in work and play, but in feeling that "the world is not enough?" Do you?
3. In Tanzania the greatest word I have learned is a question to be asked here in our lives – enatosha – it is enough. What is enough? God's answer – "*My grace is sufficient for you.*" (**2 Cor. 12:9**) If we are living and believing that as individuals and as a congregation, what would be different?
4. Throughout scripture we are called to be content, trusting in God's gracious hand now and forever. Look to your life and ask, where do I wrestle with being discontent? How might I pray that God would help me to be – content?

Prayer – Lord, the eyes of all look to You, and You give them their food in season. You open Your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing. Help our unbelief so that having Your Son and His gifts of forgiveness, life, and eternity, through our adoption in baptism we might loosen our hands, hearts, and minds on what is Yours and give, serve, and share to the glory of Your kingdom, and the abundance of life, now and forever. We pray this in the name of the one who bore witness, and still does, to Your glorious kingdom and defines abundant life for those who follow Him in love, Jesus Christ our Redeemer. AMEN



The choir will be holding their annual rummage sale in September. Please consider saving and donating some items. The sale will be held on September 29th and 30th. Items can be dropped off at the church on September 24th, but please, no sooner than that.

Your items are greatly appreciated and important for a successful sale!

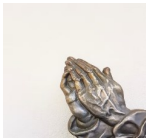
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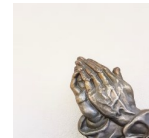
Welcome to “Trinity’s Five & Dime”. This section is dedicated to stories, experiences, and devotionals where together we can share God’s spiritual candy. Glory be to God for the opportunity to share with you some thoughts, experiences, and scripture regarding our everyday lives. Praise and glory to God 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

...This is the Christian’s “certain hope” which provides confidence and excitement. We know our best days are all ahead of us. We know that death isn’t the end of the best time of our life; it’s the start of it.



“Lord, teach us to pray” Luke 11:1 **(Part 9)**



Next we need to learn how to pray for riches. One day, you and I are going to be very, very rich. That’s because we have an inheritance ahead of us. In Ephesians chapter 1 verse 14, Paul tells us that the Holy Spirit dwelling in God’s people is the “the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it.” Our inheritance is already ours, but we have not taken ownership of it all. There is more that yet awaits us, and we’ll enjoy it when we enter into eternity. For us to benefit from an inheritance, a death is required. Usually, it is someone else’s death. Here, it is ours. So in Ephesians 1:18, we see what Paul is praying for us, “I pray that your hearts will be flooded with light so that you can understand the confident hope he has given to those he called – his holy people who are his rich and glorious inheritance.” This kind of prayer was habitual to Paul. He also prayed like this for the church in Colossae in Colossians 1:11-12. “We also pray that you will be strengthened with all his glorious power so you will have all the endurance and patience you need. May you be filled with joy, always thanking the Father. He has enabled you to share in the inheritance that belongs to his people, who live in the light.” This key point is not only found in Paul’s epistles, but throughout the Bible. Peter also gives this same type of encouragement to his readers in 1 Peter 1:3-5. “All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is by his great mercy that we have been born again, because God raised Jesus Christ from the dead. Now we live with great expectation, and we have a priceless inheritance – an inheritance that is kept in heaven for you, pure and undefiled, beyond the reach of change and decay. And through your faith, God is protecting you by his power until you receive this salvation, which is ready to be revealed on the last day for all to see.” Peter says that our inheritance is unfading. It’s never going to dissipate or disappoint. It will be there exactly as God has planned, ready to be entered into on the day when God, who is shielding you on your journey, gets you to that destination.

Trinity Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes- July 13, 2023

Kathy called the meeting to order on July 13, 2023 with Dale Krohn, Shela Jacobsen, Sue Paulsen, Pastor Matt, Amber Johnson, Arla Pickham, Nicole Krohn, and Beth Buboltz in attendance. Thank you cards were sent to the following individuals for the various VBS assistance: Courtney Kardell and Ashleigh Maassen for coordinating the Pre-K group of children, Joan Frum for the ice cream, Dean and Joy Krohn for the pizza, and Pastor Matt and Becky for opening their home for the counselors. We also sent a thank you card to the Paulsen family for running the booth during the 4th of July event. A motion was made by Nicole Krohn to approve the agenda with Dale Krohn to second the motion, motion carried.

The June council meeting minutes were read and approved. Arla Pickham made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Beth Buboltz, motion carried.

The treasurer's report was reviewed with no bills submitted. A motion was made to approve the report by Dale Krohn, seconded by Nicole Krohn, motion carried.

Pastor Matt shared with the council the updated plans for the mission trip in Punta Gorda, Florida. Individuals attending the mission trip will give a presentation to the church upon their return. Pastor Matt shared that he will be able to serve in the kitchen during the week of the mission trip.

Sue Paulsen reported that there were 91 children per day at VBS this year. During the week there were 73 meal bags collected and donated to the food pantry as part of the service project. August newsletter items need to be submitted by the week of July 18th. Sue will be on vacation the week of July 24th thru the 28th. Back to school night is scheduled for August 17th 5-7. Dale Krohn made a motion to support the back to school program for \$2500, seconded by Beth Buboltz, motion carried.

Nicole Krohn shared that the "If I Were A Visitor" survey will conclude this month. Results will be compiled for the Council to review and discuss in August. The next giving opportunity for our congregation will be "Assignment August", a drive to collect hygiene and personal items for New Visions Homeless Services of Council Bluffs. Each week in August will focus on specific items needed for the community they serve. Specific details will be provided for the August newsletter and also announced weekly at worship.

Eric Sieh shared a report for the worship committee even though he was absent. He has met with the Pastor and continues to fine tune the volunteer job descriptions for the worship committee. Along with that, Eric will begin to seek volunteers to be the head of each department (i.e. Communion, greeter, etc.). Job descriptions, when completed, will be posted in the Narthex. Continued discussion about the possibility of moving to two services and how the formats of the services would look, as well as what impact that would have on Sunday School.

Beth Buboltz shared her report for the education committee. Discussion and preparation for Sunday school in the new school year. Kathy Soetmelk shared that the job descriptions for the different committees are almost complete. Dale Krohn gave his report about property management. The air conditioner will be repaired next week. Arla Pickham shared her report from the outreach committee. To start a 2 by 2 concept of individuals going out into the community to visit with those that need the presence of church family outside of church. Arla, Nicole, and Pastor will begin this 2 by 2 concept. Hoping to seek out volunteers to take part in this initiative to serve beyond the church.

For old business, council members who are or reside in town are assigned a day to check on doors at the church in the evening. Looking for members to attend the Iowa District Convention held in September. New business, the current insurance through Grinnell Mutual will be canceled by the end of this month (July). A new insurance group will be determined through email amongst council members. Looking at getting a credit card issued to Pastor Matt.

Nicole Krohn made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Dale Krohn, motion carried. The next council meeting will be held on Thursday, August 17, 2023 at 7:00pm.

Respectfully submitted by Amber Johnson, Secretary

August 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Office Closed NALC Convocation	2 Office Closed NALC Convocation	3 9 a.m.-Bible Study 2 p.m.- TLCW Meeting 4 p.m-6 p.m. Food & Clothing Pantry 6:15 p.m. Peace Haven Wor- ship	4 5 p.m.-11 p.m. Confirmation Team Building Event	5
6 8 a.m. Adult Bible Study 9:30 a.m. Worship Potluck following worship	7 Office Closed NALC Convocation	8 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Chris- tian Service Office Closed NALC Convocation	9 Office Closed NALC Convocation	10 9 a.m.-Bible Study 4 p.m-6 p.m. Food & Clothing Pantry NALC Convocation	11 Pastors Day Off NALC Convocation	12 NALC Convocation
13 8 a.m. Adult Bible Study 9:30 a.m. Worship	14 Office Closed NALC Convocation	15 Office Closed NALC Convocation	16 Office Closed NALC Convocation	17 9 a.m.-Bible Study 2 p.m. Avoca Nursing Home Worship 4 p.m-6 p.m. Food & Clothing Pantry 5p.m.- 6 p.m.- Back To School Night 7 p.m.-Council Meeting	18 Pastors Day Off NALC Convocation	19 9 a.m.-12 p.m. My First Bible Class
20 8 a.m. Adult Bible Study 9:30 a.m. Worship	21 9:30 a.m. Salem Lutheran Nursing Home Worship	22 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Chris- tian Service 10 a.m.-Allen Place Worship	23 2 p.m.-Avoca Nursing Home Worship	24 9 a.m.-Bible Study 4 p.m-6 p.m. Food & Clothing Pantry	25 Pastors Day Off NALC Convocation	26 9 a.m.-12 p.m. My First Bible Class Boysen Wedding
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Worship Services
Sundays at 9:30 a.m.
Holy Communion: Celebrated during each worship service.
Sunday School will resume after Labor Day.