

The Trinity Trumpet

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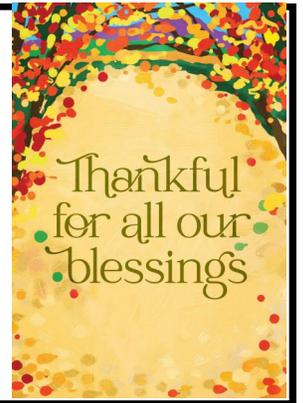
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“To everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven.” Ecclesiastes 3:1

God’s Time is Every time

It was the Byrds who famously sang the verses of Ecclesiastes – “To everything, turn, turn, turn, there is a season, turn, turn, turn...” I wonder if anyone could do that in this time we are living in? But the real point I’m going for here it that God is a God of order, Period; even the Byrds new that. The creation accounts in Genesis prove that God is about taking chaos and moving it to order, taking what is formless and giving it form. The purpose, life of course.

God’s orderliness in comparison to our world demonstrates that everything about life is proving the complete brokenness of a fallen creation, broken relationships in every direction, and even the condition that we lie to ourselves that this is the case. These all point to this brokenness, at the core of us and everything around us. And yet God’s order and His desire for is still underscore and rule over the chaotic up and downness of life as we move through it. The Seasons are the proof.

I relished the fact that the first day of autumn fell on a Sunday this year and besides the marking of the calendar day, the weather made what I believe is its turn to become Fall. Cool weather, rustling leaves, fall growth still appearing as harvesting is begun and those things that were planted in our gardens are beginning to show signs of its impending death for annuals, and a long winter’s nap for those things perennial.

Have you ever paid attention to how much we participate in the seasons as they move under God’s hand? We till, we break ground, we plant, we water, we tend, we enjoy, we clear out, and cover up for protection, and we wait as we watch the ground of our plantings just as God does in His. Age doesn’t, we all recognize that we walk through the seasons of our life as the perennials that God has made us. That should give us joy. In our baptism God has planted us as a plant that will grow through the seasons until, at last, we have our final bloom in this world as we wait to become an eternal.

No matter where we are in the season of our life, we also have seasons that move through the seasons, but always with a purpose as God is tending His planting. I might be a youth in the Spring of my life, and clearly seem to be suffering through a Fall or harsh Winter till it breaks. I can be senior clearly and lately in the Fall of life, and still be feeling the warmth and growth of a budding Spring, and the blessings of life that rain down on us. Even in Winter, as all turns cold and the life of eternity planted in us comes to hibernate waiting for the Spring of resurrection, even there the summer sun shines on many who have participated fully in God’s order and seasonal timing.

Seasons seem often to be upended as the weather in a broken world throws them into chaos where we move through an arctic winter into a blistering summer and spring and fall seem nonexistent. Sometimes we are blessed to have it all work as we would hope, but yet still face the inevitability of the blast of winter to close out our cycle.

I’m not sure where you are right now other than being able to see who is in Spring and who is moving to that Winter, but to know all the other storms and seasons you are rolling around in only happens if you present them to me so I can walk with you through them. I am wrestling in my own fallish winter storm period with blasts of spring. If it were not for the Wisdom of the writer of Ecclesiastes to remind us again, that all these seasons are moving under the hand of a God who is just and merciful, it would be easy to succumb sometimes, as some do, and terminate our season prematurely.

But here is the great joy and promise. Everything, every time, every season falls under the gaze and care of the God who not only made it, but still tends it today. Our hope and our catch holds rest in God’s amazing

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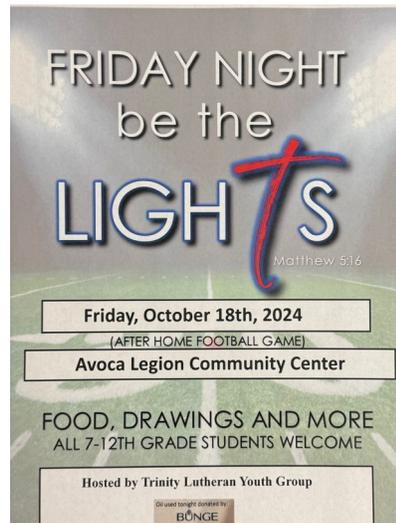
...Word that does what it says, "Let there be" and there was. We cling to the proofs of God's presence, who not only is from where everything began but to whom everything will be returned. Holding all together like a pin in a map to show a destination, is the cross of Jesus Christ planted firmly in that Word that does, "It is finished" so we can declare in every season, "He is RISEN." Indeed He is, because God's time is every time, and in His time He created, redeemed, and claims YOU. No matter the season, it is in God's time, and He is yours and you are His.

**GOD'S PEACE. ALWAYS
Remember Who you Are! Remember
Whose you ARE!**

Pastor Matt



We have some collections downstairs and we're looking for information! We have eye glasses, pill bottles, cell phones, and pop tabs that had been collected at one time and now need a new home. If you have information on where these items could go and be put to good use, please let Sue know! In the meantime, please do not add to these collections until we know if we will continue to gather and pass along the items. Thank you!



Wednesday, Sept.
11th– 6:30 p.m. –
7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept.
25th, 6:30 p.m. –7:30
p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 9th,
6:30 p.m. –7:30 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 18th,

“Friday Night be the Lights” Following the Football Game

Wednesday, Oct. 23rd, 6 p.m.—7 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 27th, 11:30 a.m., Christmas Child
Shoobox Packing

Wednesday, Nov. 6th, 6 p.m.—7p.m.

Friday thru Sunday, Nov. 15 –17th, FCA Week-
end of Champions, Kearney, NE

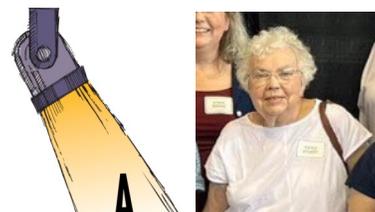
Wed, Nov. 20th, TBA

Wed, Dec. 4th, TBA

Wed, Dec. 11th, TBA

Sunday, Dec. 15th, 9:30 a.m. –11:30 a.m.

Christmas Coffee Service & Worship



A Penny for your Thoughts

Gayle Stuart

From: Little Falls, MN
(Military Reservation)

Where do you like to vacation? Have traveled
all over-many countries and all the states.

Favorite Hobby? All kinds of reading and music.

What about Trinity touches your heart?

The bible studies & music

Fellowship Leaders



Oct. 6th –Denise Young & Dorothy Nelsen

Oct. 13– Wendy Dierking & Reva Bylund

Oct. 20–Leslie Nielsen & TBA

Oct. 27–Kathy Soetmelk & TBA

Nov. 3rd– Hot Breakfast, Eric Sieh, Ryan Winter & Darrian Irlbeck



October 02	Annabelle	Buboltz
October 02	Ellia	Krummel
October 02	Frank	Nelsen
October 02	Louie	Swisher
October 03	Margaret	Schenck
October 05	Max	Scheffler
October 05	Anthony	Wade
October 06	Justin	Woltmann
October 07	Nicholas	Buboltz
October 07	Justin	Kelly
October 07	Courtney	Robinson
October 08	Beth	Jarrett
October 08	Travis	Lane
October 08	Charles	Pattee
October 09	Ashtyn	McCarthy
October 09	Macy	Thornton
October 10	Marlin	Andersen
October 10	Amy	Jacobsen
October 10	Jaelyn	Johnson
October 10	Dale	Kardell
October 11	Rilon	Hilgenberg
October 11	Lucas	Plumb
October 12	James	Schueman
October 13	Jerry	Espeseth Jr
October 13	Ty	Jarrett
October 13	Gemma	Rold
October 13	Arlene	Roush
October 14	Amy	Buboltz
October 14	Kevin	Jorgensen
October 14	Duane	Nielsen
October 15	Kitty	Barlow

October 15	Kimberly	Gress
October 15	Kathy	Nelson
October 15	Jeffrey	Schmidt
October 15	Valdine	Schueman
October 16	Chelsie	Madden
October 16	Nash	Schroder
October 17	Kendal	Best
October 17	Kasen	Krummel
October 17	Jaden	Luth
October 19	Alexandria	Kramer
October 19	Jason	Krummel
October 19	Janet	Pattee
October 19	Jacob	Roush
October 19	John	Scott
October 19	Lori	Winter
October 20	Trace	Phippen
October 21	Gayle	Carroll
October 21	Norma	Pattee
October 22	Kasey	Coolidge
October 23	Kevin R.	Jacobsen
October 23	Emily	Roush
October 24	Olivia	McCarthy
October 25	Reece	Schueman
October 26	Jo Ann	Schuemann
October 27	Adryan	Bruce
October 27	Collin	Harder
October 28	Lisa	Irlbeck
October 29	Suzette	Blakestad
October 29	Donna	Rold
October 30	Don	Buboltz
October 31	Mark	Bornholdt

 Weekend of	Total Attendance	Total Gifts Received
09/01	68	6300.20
09/08	44 / 94	3750.00
09/15	41 / 107	2905.00



David Niemann–

Mark Bornholdt,
Bill & Reva Bylund,

Maxine Sornsen, Janiece Schroder, Ronda Holst, Betty Oehlertz

Thank you friends of the church for the kind words, deeds, and memorials for David Niemann. We appreciate your thoughts and prayers.

Bless You– Dave's Family

Church Council

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October/November Volunteer Schedule

	Sunday, Oct. 6th, 8:15 a.m.	Sunday, Oct. 6th, 10:15 a.m.
Communion Support	Dora Rock, Linda Andersen	Laird Buboltz, Kristen Krohn
Communion/Offering	Neil Paulsen	Jerry Conroy, Wendy Dierking, Kendra Hansen
Scriptures & Prayers Readers	Arla Pickham	Cristin Rold
Greeters	Darrian & Lisa Irlbeck Family	Amber & Lance Scott Family
Acolytes	Jaeylen Johnson	Blair Krohn
Worship Steward	Darrian Irlbeck	Adam Krohn
	Sunday, Oct. 13th, 8:15 a.m.	Sunday, Oct. 13th, 10:15 a.m.
Communion Support	Dora Rock, Linda Andersen	Laird Buboltz, Kristen Krohn
Communion/Offering	Ronda Holst	Holly Hansen, Jim & Karen Hansen
Scriptures & Prayers Readers	Kathy Soetmelk	Donna Rold
Greeters	Sue Paulsen Family	Christina Berndt Family
Acolytes	Stella Rold	Rylinn Madden
Worship Steward	Sue Paulsen	Greg Petersen
	Sunday, Oct. 20th, 8:15 a.m.	Sunday, Oct. 20th, 10:15 a.m.
Communion Support	Dora Rock, Linda Andersen	Laird Buboltz, Kristen Krohn
Communion/Offering	Leslie Nielsen	Joy Krohn, Kristen Krohn, Kiptyn Lamp
Scriptures & Prayers Readers	Janae Sternberg	Christina Berndt
Greeters	Dan & Megan Hansen & Family	Ryan & Gina Winter & Family
Acolytes	Lucas Plumb	Kiptyn Lamp
Worship Steward	Ron Winter	Ryan Winter
	Sunday, Oct. 27th, 8:15 a.m.	Sunday, Oct. 27th, 10:15 a.m.
Communion Support	Dora Rock, Linda Andersen	Laird Buboltz, Kristen Krohn
Communion/Offering	Dorothy Nelsen	Terry McCarthy, Neil Paulsen, Sue Paulsen
Scriptures & Prayers Readers	Jerry Conroy	Becky Banfleth
Greeters	Linda Schumacher	Danny & Johnni Pattee & Family
Acolytes	Katie Scheffler	John Scott
Worship Steward	Shela Jacobsen	Gary Soetmelk
	Sunday, Nov. 3rd, 8:15 a.m.	Sunday, Nov. 3rd, 10:15 a.m.
Communion Support	Reva Bylund, Ronda Holst	Janiece Schroder, Becky Banfleth
Communion/Offering	Donna Rold	Matt Todd, Greg & Marge Petersen
Scriptures & Prayers Readers	Lisa Irlbeck	Sue Blakestad
Greeters	Scott & Christina Berndt & Family	Cory & Ashleigh Maassen & Family
Acolytes	Morgan Sieh	Lane Thornton
Worship Steward	Darrian Irlbeck	Mike Krummel

Our new service changes have begun! Volunteers will receive a weekly email reminder when it is your turn to serve. Included in the email, will be the volunteer duty descriptions to help clarify any questions you may have about serving in a new role. These roles/descriptions are also located in a binder in the narthex under the bulletin board by the bathroom. Also in that same location, is the volunteer schedule for the current month. **If you are unable to serve at your scheduled time, please find a replacement and then let Eric Sieh know. Eric can be contacted by calling/texting him at (402) 650-3065 or by emailing him at ericmsieh@gmail.com**

Thank you!

***Oct.
Communion
Bread***

Denise Young & Jordyn
Speede

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

...And yet still he comes again and again calling out, my daughter. My son. You’re my child. I predestined to adopt you into my family. I made you. I sought you. I bought you. I love you. I’m with you.



“Lord, teach us to pray” Luke 11:1 **(Part 20)**



Pastor Alistair Begg once said that he remembered walking down the Tottenham Court Road one day in London, in a vast crowd right in the center of the city. And in a way that he had no explanation for at all, it was as though God picked him up and gave him a hug and set him back down on the Tottenham Court Road again. Later, he was talking to a friend who was a Pentecostal brother, and he told him, “Hey, I was walking down the Tottenham Court Road, and God hugged me.” His friend Joel laughed and said, “Well, you remember that, because he ain’t gonna do it a lot.” As wonderful as that may have been and felt, it is not the key to fullness. If it were, everyone would be traveling to the Tottenham Court Road frequently, asking for God to hug them just like they did Alistair Begg. God is our Father, and his Spirit lives in us. His Son loves us more than we can ever know. So, our fullness is about experiencing a relationship. Maybe he will give you a hug. Sometimes he will give you a rebuke. Often he will speak to us through his word. Always he will give us what we need, because he’s God and he’s our Father. Always he will be loving us. As it says in the words of the hymn by Frances R. Havergal:

O fill me with Thy fullness, Lord,
Until my very heart o’erflow
In kindling thought and glowing word,
Thy love to tell, They praise to show.

That’s what we are called into experiencing and enjoying, day by day. That’s what we’re to pray for, day by day – for ourselves, and for our brothers and sisters in our church. Paul wanted his friends to know the closeness of God. Do you know how loved you are? It is too big to comprehend – but it is not too wonderful to begin to experience.

Father, please pour out the Spirit upon us in increased measure. Save us from paddling around in the shallows of limited vision and understanding and please sweep us up into the ocean of your matchless love. Lord, forgive me my small view of your vast generosity, and grant that every thought of your Fatherly care may cause my love for your Son Jesus to deepen and then overflow, so that others may be caught up in your embrace. For the sake of Jesus, in whose name I pray. Amen (Prayer by Alistair Begg).

August Council Meeting Minutes

The church council met on August 8, 2024 with the following members present: Kathy Soetmelk, Darrian Irlbeck, Shela Jacobsen, Sue Paulsen, Amber Johnson, Nicole Krohn, Eric Sieh, Arla Pickham, and Megan Hansen.

Kathy Soetmelk called the meeting to order. Arla Pickham led devotion and opening prayer for our meeting. A motion was made by Nicole Krohn to approve the agenda, seconded by Eric Sieh. The July minutes were corrected and approved. Amber Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes, and seconded by Nicole Krohn. A motion was made to approve the treasurer's report by Arla Pickham, seconded by Megan Hansen.

Council Reports:

Stewardship- Nicole Krohn

The Summer Backpack Program wrapped up on August 5th. We were able to meet our goal of providing 400 bags to student participants throughout the summer. I will be managing the Backpack Program going forward into the school year along with Amber Johnson. We will be reaching out to community organizations in the coming months to seek donations for funding as well as their potential participation in packing bags.

Property Management- Darrian Irlbeck

Annual maintenance was performed on the parsonage AC unit. The church grounds were sprayed for weeds. WCI foundation repair is coming September 10 to provide an estimate to fix the foundation to prevent water from leaking into the fellowship hall. Maverick Roofing has been down to look at the leaking gutters on the east side of the church and will be providing an estimate to replace them with new seamless gutters. Looking into switching pest control companies.

Education- Megan Hansen

We have selected the Sunday School curriculum - Sunday Schoolhouse. The process to find teachers for the upcoming year has started & is going well. I encourage us to pray over the program & classes as we adjust to Sunday School between the two services.

Outreach- Arla Pickham

The Penny for your Thought- getting to know people, will come to an end when we begin the two services coming up in September.

DFDL- Sue Paulsen

LYO: Will resume in September. New bible studies are being looked at to start the year. The back to school night will be held on Wednesday, August 14th from 5- 6 p.m. If you are available to help set up and distribute -please let me know. We will begin setting up at 4:15 p.m. Currently, we have 30 students registered.

Old Business:

Backpack Back to School opportunity will be Wednesday, August 14th from 5-7. The Tuck Pointing project has been completed. Needing new gutters and downspouts. Maverick gave a bid of \$4564 to replace the ones that were not new with the roof and are causing water problems.

Megan Hansen made a motion to have the Maverick company complete the new gutters and downspouts. The motion was seconded and carried.

New Business:

BackPack food program leadership will be led by Nicole Krohn now. Our church will fund the first semester. Asking to approve \$3750. Megan made a motion to approve the additional amount, Darrian seconded the motion; motion carried. Arla Pickham made a motion to get the Costco membership, seconded by Darrian Irlbeck; motion carried.

Vision & Goal Setting:

Discussed a new worship schedule, goals, and ideas for Rally Day.

Adjournment:

Nicole Krohn made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Darrian Irlbeck; motion carried. Next meeting will be held on September 12, 2024.

Respectfully submitted by Amber Johnson, Secretary



Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

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Fri

Sat

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
		5:30 p.m.—7:15 p.m. Confirmation Class	2 p.m. TLCW Meeting 2 p.m. Avoca Nursing Home Worship 4 p.m—6 p.m. Food & Clothing Pantry 6:15 p.m. Peace Haven Worship	Pastors Day Off		
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
8:15 a.m. Traditional Worship 9:30 a.m. Sunday School/ Fellowship/Bible Study 10:15 a.m. Contemporary Worship 5:30-7 p.m. Bible Study	8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Christian Service 4-5:30 p.m.- Seedlings	5:30 p.m.—7:15 p.m. Confirmation Class 6:30 p.m.— 7:30 p.m. Youth Group	4 p.m—6 p.m. Food & Clothing Pantry 7 p.m. Council Meeting	Pastors Day Off		
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20	21	22	23	24	25	26
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In an emergency, contact Pastor Matt Bahnfleth at (cell) 402-750-8327.

Sunday Worship Services Schedule
Traditional Worship at 8:15 a.m.
Sunday School/ Fellowship/Bible Study 9:30 a.m.
Contemporary Worship at 10:15 a.m.
Holy Communion celebrated during each worship service.