



Trinity Trumpeter



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Greetings to you in the name of Jesus!

Spiritual gifts, talents, or skills. The talents God has given you are called by different names. Even unbelievers have gifts or talents; many probably have the same skills we have listed on our Gifts Inventory and listed and explained in this newsletter on pages four through eight. How we use the talent and skills we possess is most important. Do we use them for our self, and selves only? Do we use them for evil or do we use them to the Glory of God and His Kingdom?

In 1 Corinthians 12, we learn that the Holy Spirit gives different gifts to each person so that, together, we can most effectively be the church. These gifts are divinely bestowed upon us and freely given by God, not earned. Each of us is called by God to use them for the benefit of others, for the purpose of building up Christ’s church on earth, the Kingdom of Grace. There are many different spiritual gifts, and each of us is blessed with one or more of them. As disciples of Jesus, we have the responsibility to discern, experiment with, and use our spiritual gifts.

The gifts of tongues, interpretation of tongues, healing, bold proclamation, and prophecy are generally known today as charismatic gifts. These gifts are a true mystery of God. There are no patterns or traits that are identifiable in the people who possess them. Therefore, there are no true indicators to determine these gift traits in an assessment, and they are not included in the assessment we have used at Trinity. If these gifts are manifested in someone, that person would be aware of them without the use of an assessment. Because humans cannot explain these gifts, many, even Christians, are suspicious of them.

Many studies have been done and many books have been written on the subject of spiritual gifts. While there is general agreement, most vary in the listing of the gifts and the specific descriptions that they give of each gift. God has given gifts or talents or skills to every believer, and they are to be used to glorify God, to strengthen and serve others, and to build up the body of Christ.

If you completed the Gifts Inventory, look up the spiritual gifts that scored the highest, and read their descriptions in this Trumpeter. How might you use your talent and skills to God’s Glory at Trinity Lutheran Church?

Spiritual Gifts Inventory: If you would like to complete an inventory you may still do so. The inventory is located on top of the mailboxes in the narthex. Completed forms can be returned to the mailbox slot which is clearly marked. The inventory is also at www.trinitywalton.org under “News”.

Pastor Kohnke



Sunday Circle

The collection of healthcare products for Clinic with a Heart was a huge success thanks to the many donations from the congregation. Thank you! We collected 7 containers of Disinfecting wipes, 1 container of coffee, 1 coffee carafe, 400 disposable cups, 24 coloring and activity book, 2 boxes of crayons, 8 containers of allergy medicine, 10 bottles of aspirin, 16 bottles of Tylenol , 14 containers of antacids, 3 containers of antidiarrhea medicine, 9 bottles of cold and sinus tablets, 20 packages of cough drops, 24 bottles of cough syrup, 9 tubes of first aid cream, 3 containers of hemorrhoid medicine, 19 bottles of ibuprofen, 5 containers of laxatives, 5 tube of muscle cream, 2 containers of yeast infection medication, 24 hats, 29 pairs of gloves, 59 pairs of socks, 3 pairs of underwear, 4 boxes of Exam gloves, plus lip balm, floss, band-aids and 2 chocolate Easter Bunnies. The Ladies of the Sunday Circle and the Clinic With A Heart thank God for your generosity. Sunday Circle

On March 17th, four of our group cleaned the ‘Mother’s Room’ at the back of the sanctuary, the play area in the basement, and the Sunday School rooms. Unsafe toys were discarded; everything else was cleaned and disinfected. A collection was taken after the church service on March 25th to help offset the cost of replacing the discarded items.

We are moving our April meeting to April 8th as our scheduled meeting time (first Sunday of the month) falls on Easter. All women of the congregation are welcome to join us after church in the basement (we make every effort to be done by noon).

Welcome

New members will be welcomed in the Divine Service on Sunday, April 28. A lunch, hosted by the Ladies Aid, will be served after the service and then the Voter’s Meeting will be held.

All Trinity members 18 years and older are invited to the Voter’s Assembly. Once a new member signs the constitution they can vote at the next meeting.

New Members:

Andrew Haase	Transferred from St. Paul Lutheran Church, Concordia, MO
John Recknor	Transferred from Messiah Lutheran, Lincoln, NE
Julia Slack	Adult baptism

Conceal and Carry: This course was offered at Trinity Lutheran on Saturday, March 24 from 8 to 6:30 p.m. Thank you to Tracy Rief for setting up this training. Thank you to the Grief Support Group for serving lunch and snacks to the 18 participants. Delbert Eickhoff won a hat for being the best marksman. He did this using a hand gun borrowed from one of the instructors, a gun that kept jamming because it had not been properly maintained. The information learned was valuable even to those who have no intention of concealing and carrying a gun.



From the Mailbox

Thank you all so much for your support and having us share about our mission work! We look forward to reporting back to you again! Take care and God bless! In His Service Elliot, Serena, Lydia, and Josephine Derricks.

Thank you so much Trinity Lutheran for your generous gift to LHF missions! God’s blessings as we soon begin Passion Week. Rev. Mathew Heise, Executive Director, Lutheran Heritage Foundation

Thank you to Pam Siefert and the Choir for the extra work and practices to share the praises of God for Palm Sunday Worship and the Easter Services.



Nord, LLC Study on Mission and Ministry of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

During the season of Lent the congregation has been meeting prior to the Wednesday worship service to review the findings of this Nord, LLC Mission and Ministry study. We heard again that we might be keeping this great church a secret. Instead, we need to be inviting our friends, neighbors, and members who have not been attending, to come and worship. Like the Apostle Andrew, who was known as the bringer, we too can bring others to Jesus.

Based on the results of the study the following actions have been taken or initiated:

- ✓ Started second worship service: Thursday night at 7:00 p.m.
- ✓ Improved signage in the building: Shirley Holtzen has posted many signs.
- ✓ Identified a clear Mission Statement: Approved at the January 28, 2018 Voters' Meeting. "To make disciples of all people through a faithful ministry of Word and Sacrament."
- ✓ Streamlined communion registration: Communion registration cards are now in the pews.
- ✓ Added Children's Message to Worship service: These take place every Sunday and Thursday
- ✓ Added Special Music/Choir: Choir sang at Christmas, Palm Sunday and Easter
- ✓ Added Holiday Dinner: December 2 2017 "**Dinner with Friends**" and scheduled for **December 1, 2018 – "Celebrating with Friends"**. Sponsored by **Giving Hearts ~N~ Hands**
- ✓ Developed youth program (post 5th grade) Junior youth group led by Grace Kohnke.
- ✓ Planned for after Worship fellowship: Nibbles starts **April 8, 2018** hosted by Giving Hearts ~N~ Hands.
- ✓ Planned intentional ministries to serve the community: **Picnic August 19, 2018** with games and dunk tank – coordinated by the **Giving Hearts ~N~ Hands**
- ✓ Distributed Spiritual Gifts Inventory: This has been available for several weeks at church and additional information is in this issue of the Trumpeter.
- ✓ Studied and will update ditch Signage: New sign will go up at the corner of 162nd and "O" street on the north side on the Kohnke property. This sign was removed from that same corner on the south side when recent work was done on the ditch. Also, being investigate by the Board of Elders would be an electronic sign at the corner of 148th and Old Cheney on the south east corner.
- ✓ Refined Circulation through chancel: Chancel currently serves as circulation of traffic for Sunday School students have been instructed on proper walking and respect when crossing through the chancel.

Ongoing discussion: Prepare defensible building plan; secure building for children's protection; seek highest and best use of the parsonage (currently rental)

The following committees have been organized and topics are being studied. Reports will be given at future Voters' Meeting!

Investigate Daycare: Committee members: Becky Nisley, Rosanne McClarnon, Karla Snoozy.

Investigate Playground: Committee members: Karla Snoozy, Hank Oetjen

Create a masterplan of Trinity property: (full site, 20 years plan with provision for change).

Committee members: Sandy Dorn, Mike Kemper, **seeking more members.**

Review electrical systems: Trustee Randy Schroeder will obtain information from certified electricians on the condition of the electrical system of the church.

Consider wheelchair seating in sanctuary: to be discussed at Voters' Meeting on April 28th

Next meeting for our continued discussion will be after the Worship Service on April 8, 2018. Enjoy Nibbles and discussion. Nibbles has grown to a light lunch served by Giving Hearts ~N~ Hands

Explanation of Gifts

1. Administration

The gift of Administration will benefit you in understanding and setting goals for various groups and organizations. It will give you direction in making effective plans to achieve those goals. You will be able to plan programming, work with facts and/or figures, and see that goals and ideas are accomplished. Scriptural References: 1 Corinthians 12:28, Acts 6:1-7

People with this gift:

- develop strategies or plans to reach identified goals.
- assist ministries to become more effective and efficient – doing the right things right.
- create order out of organizational chaos.
- manage or coordinate a variety of responsibilities to accomplish a task.
- organize people, tasks, or events, managing details carefully and thoroughly.

A person with this gift is usually:

- Thorough, Objective, Efficient, Goal-oriented, Responsible, Organized, Methodical, Conscientious
- This gift belongs to the category **RESPONSIBILITY**. You may find it useful to get information on other gifts that belong to this category: Leadership and Shepherding.

2. Craftsmanship: Arts and Crafts

This gift or glorified talent will give you the ability to use your hands, thoughts, and mind to further God's Kingdom through artistic, creative means. You may also serve as a trainer for others to develop their abilities in this area. Scriptural References: Exodus 31:3-11, Ezekiel 27:4, 1 Chronicles 4:14

People with this gift:

- work with cloth, paints, glass, decorations, photos, other craft materials.
- make things that increase the effectiveness of others' ministries.
- enjoy serving with their hands to meet tangible needs.
- design and build tangible items and resources for ministry use.

A person with this gift is usually:

- Creative, Imaginative, Resourceful, Practical, Designer, Handy, Helpful, Discreet

This gift belongs to the category **ART**. You may find it useful to get information on other gifts that belong to this category: Craftsmanship – Manual, Music – Vocal, Music – Instrumental, and Writing.

3. Craftsmanship: Manual

This gift or glorified talent will give you the ability to use your hands and ideas in the area of maintenance, upkeep, and improvement of God's physical blessings.

Scriptural References: 2 Chronicles 34:9-13, 1 Chronicles 4:14, Ezekiel 27:4-9

People with this gift:

- work with wood, paints, metal, glass, electrical, plumbing, and other raw materials.
- make things that increase the effectiveness of others' ministries.
- enjoy serving with their hands to meet tangible needs.
- design and build tangible items and resources for ministry use.
- work with different kinds of tools and are skilled with their hands.

A person with this gift is usually:

- Creative, Imaginative, Resourceful, Practical, Designer, Handy, Helpful, Analytical

This gift belongs to the category **ART**. You may find useful to get information on other gifts that belong to this category: Craftsmanship – Arts and Crafts, Music – Vocal, Music – Instrumental, and Writing.



4. Evangelism

The gift of Evangelism will give you the power to share the Good News of the love of Jesus in such a way that those with whom you share will come to know Jesus as their Lord and Savior.

Scriptural References: Ephesians 4:11, Acts 5:42, Acts 13:42-43, Acts 11:20-21



People with this gift:

- communicate the message of the Bible with clarity and conviction.
- can insert spiritual truths into normal conversation and the ability to sense the timing of when to do so.
- challenge others to become fully devoted followers of Christ.
- adapt the presentation of the gospel to connect with the individual's needs.
- have the ability to converse easily with strangers and people of short acquaintance.

A person with this gift is usually:

- Sincere, Respectful. Candid, Genuine, Influential, Spiritual, Confident, Relational

This gift belongs to the category **OUTREACH**. You may find it useful to get information on the other gift that belongs to this category: Faith.

5. Exhortation (Encouragement)

The gift of Exhortation is the special ability that God gives to certain members of the body of Christ to minister words of consolation, encouragement, comfort, and counsel to other members of the body in such a way that they feel helped and healed. Scriptural References: Romans 12:8, Acts 14:21-22, Hebrews 10:25

People with this gift:

- come to the side of those who are discouraged to strengthen and reassure them.
- confront, challenge, exhort, and encourage those who have gotten off track in their faith or life; help others change their behavior by applying biblical truth.
- often have people around them because they cheer them up by their simple attitude and demeanor and down-to-earth advice.
- emphasize God's promises and to have confidence in the Lord's will.

A person with this gift is usually:

- Positive, Motivating, Reassuring, Supportive, Challenging, Sensitive, Trustworthy, Optimistic

This gift belongs to the category **SUPPORT**. You may find it useful to get information on the other gift that belongs to this category: Giving.

6. Faith

The gift of Faith will allow you to see with confidence what God's will is for your life and, more importantly, for the body of Christ, of which you are a member. You will have no fear of moving ahead, even though everything around you seems to be holding you back.

Scriptural References: 1 Corinthians 12:8-9, Romans 4:20-21, Acts 27:21-25

People with this gift:

- believe the promises of God and inspire others to do the same.
- act in complete confidence of God's ability to overcome obstacles.
- have an attitude, in various crises that arise, not only that God can do something, but that God will do it.
- advance the cause of Christ because they go forward when others will not.
- ask God for what is needed and trust the Lord for provisions.

A person with this gift is usually:

- Prayerful, Optimistic, Positive, Inspiring, Trusting, Assured, Hopeful, Spiritual

This gift belongs to the category **OUTREACH**. You may find useful to get information on the other gift that belongs to this category: Evangelism.

7. Giving

The gift of Giving will allow you to give liberally of your treasures and time with cheerfulness. As you give, you will experience much joy and satisfaction. References: Romans 12:8, Mark 12:41-44, Malachi 3:10, 2 Corinthians 8:1-7

People with this gift:

- manage their finances and limit their lifestyle in order to give as much of their resources as possible.
- support the work of the ministry with sacrificial gifts to advance the Kingdom.
- meet tangible needs that enable spiritual growth to occur.
- provide resources, generously and cheerfully, trusting God for provisions.

A person with this gift is usually:

- Charitable, Responsible, Accountable, Conscientious, Resourceful, Disciplined, Generous, Provident

This gift belongs to the category **SUPPORT**. You may find it useful to get information on the other gift in this category: Exhortation.

8. Helps

The gift of Helps is the special ability that God gives to certain members of the body of Christ to invest the talents they have in the life and ministry of other members of the body, thus enabling them to increase the effectiveness of their own spiritual gifts. Scriptural References: 1 Corinthians 12:28, Romans 16:1-2, Mark 2:3-4

People with this gift:

- serve behind the scenes wherever needed to support the gifts and ministries of others.
- look for opportunities to assist people in their work.
- enjoy knowing that they are freeing up others to do what God has called them to do.
- are more willing to take orders than give orders.
- like to attend to the needs of others.

A person with this gift is usually:

- Available, Willing, Dependable, Loyal, Helpful, Reliable, Humble, Supportive

This gift belongs to the category **ASSISTANCE**. You may find it useful to get information on other gifts in this category: Hospitality, Mercy, Prayer, Serving.

9. Hospitality

The gift of Hospitality gives you the ability to be open and caring to those in need. You enjoy providing open arms, an open house, and a warm welcome for those in need of friendship, food, and lodging.

Scriptural References: 1 Peter 4:9-10, Acts 16:15, 3 John: 5-8

People with this gift:

- provide an environment where people feel valued and cared for.
- meet new people and help them to feel welcomed.
- create a safe and comfortable setting where relationships can develop.
- seek ways to connect people together into meaningful relationships.
- set people at ease in unfamiliar surroundings.

A person with this gift is usually:

- Friendly, Sociable, Trusting, Caring, Outgoing, Relational, Responsive, Indulgent

This gift belongs to the category **ASSISTANCE**. You may find it useful to get information on other gifts in this category: Helps, Mercy, Prayer, Serving.



10. Knowledge

The gift of Knowledge will give you the ability to discover, accumulate, analyze, and use information and ideas you have learned and thought out for the well-being of the body of Christ. Your sharing of your gift of Knowledge will help the church to become healthy and grow. References: 1 Corinthians 12:8; 1 Corinthians 13:2

People with this gift:

- learn easily and recall the material accurately and in detail.
- discover biblical truth which enables them to better serve the body.
- have a deep love for the Scriptures, and enjoy digging deeper in the Bible for insight, understanding, and truth.
- carefully study and research subjects they want to understand better.
- organize information for teaching and practical use.

A person with this gift is usually:

- Learned, Studious, Curious, Observant, Insightful, Analytical, Reflective, Truthful

This gift belongs to the category **EDUCATION**. You may find it useful to get information on other gifts in this category: Teaching, Wisdom.

11. Leadership

The gift of Leadership is the special ability that allows you to be a goal-setter and leader of God's people. You have the ability to set goals in accordance with God's purposes for the future and to communicate these goals to others in such a way that they voluntarily and harmoniously work together to accomplish those goals for the glory of God. Scriptural References: Hebrews 13:17, Acts 7:10

People with this gift:

- provide direction for God's people or ministry.
- take responsibility and establish goals.
- cast the vision and present the big picture for others to see.
- motivate others to perform to the best of their abilities.
- like to initiate some form of action and direct the efforts of the group.

A person with this gift is usually:

- Inspiring, Motivating, Persuasive, Influential, Responsible, Initiating, Trustworthy, Visionary

This gift belongs to the category **RESPONSIBILITY**. You may find it useful to get information on other gifts in this category: Administration, Shepherding.



12. Mercy

The gift of Mercy allows you to reach out to people who are in need. Your words of care and concern, your compassionate actions, will aid in building up others. The things you will do will allow those you serve to see the love of Christ in you and through you. Scriptural References: Romans 12:8, Acts 9:36, Luke 10:33-35

People with this gift:

- focus upon alleviating the sources of pain or discomfort in suffering people.
- address the needs of the hurting, poor, or marginalized.
- express love, grace, and dignity to those facing hardships or crisis.
- serve in difficult or unsightly circumstances and do so cheerfully.
- concern themselves with individuals or social issues in which people are treated unjustly.

A person with this gift is usually:

- Empathic, Compassionate, Caring, Comforting, Sensitive, Tolerant, Responsive, Kind

This gift belongs to the category **ASSISTANCE**. You may find it useful to get information on other gifts in this category: Helps, Hospitality, Prayer, Serving.

13. Music: Instrumental

This gift or glorified talent will allow you to play an instrument in such a manner that it will bring praise to God and build up those around you. Scriptural References: 1 Chronicles 16:42, Psalm 150:4-5, Isaiah 38:20

People with this gift:

- play a musical instrument quite well and enjoy it.
- feel secure in the fact that their musical ability will be of benefit to other people with whom they come in contact.
- can use their musical ability to help and inspire others to worship God.
- see that their instrument playing is a spiritual encouragement for others.

A person with this gift is usually:

- Creative, Expressive, Sensitive, Artistic, Imaginative, Demonstrative, Intuitive, Unconventional

This gift belongs to the category **ART**. You may find it useful to get information on other gifts in this category: Craftsmanship – Arts and Crafts, Craftsmanship – Manual, Music – Vocal, Writing.

14. Music: Vocal

This gift or glorified talent will allow you to use your voice to sing praises to the



Lord in such a manner that those around you will feel strengthened and built up.

Scriptural References: Colossians 3:16, 2 Chronicles 5:12-13, Nehemiah 12:42, James 5:13

People with this gift:

- sing quite well, and enjoy it.
- have special joy singing praises to God, either alone or with other people.
- feel secure in the fact that their musical ability will be of benefit to other people with whom they come in contact.
- can use their musical ability to help and inspire others to worship God.
- see that their singing is a spiritual encouragement for others.

A person with this gift is usually:

- Creative, Expressive, Sensitive, Artistic, Imaginative, Demonstrative, Intuitive, Unconventional

This gift belongs to the category **ART**. You may find it useful to get information on other gifts in this category: Craftsmanship – Arts and Crafts, Craftsmanship – Manual, Music – Instrumental, Writing.

15. Prayer

This gift or unique role will allow you to pray for other members of the body in such a way that your prayers will be of benefit to them. You will enjoy praying regularly and, perhaps, for extended periods of time. You may be able to see frequent and specific answers to prayer. Ref.: James 5:14-16, Colossians 4:12, Acts 6:4, Acts 12:5, Ephesians 6:18

People with this gift:

- have a strong faith that God listens to and answers prayer.
- enjoy their role of intercessor and praying for the needs of others.
- are attentive to the needs of others and how God is working in their lives and in the world.
- find peace in prayer and receive strength from God through the Spirit.
- are comfortable being entrusted with people's pain and suffering as well as their joys and celebrations.

A person with this gift is usually:

- Caring, Spiritual, Patient, Faith-filled, Reliable, Sincere, Dedicated, Trustworthy,

This gift belongs to the category **ASSISTANCE**. You may find it useful to get information on other gifts in this category: Helps, Hospitality, Mercy, Serving.

16. Serving

The gift of Serving will allow you to see things that need to be done. Often these are tasks overlooked by others, and needs are going unmet. Assuming the role of the servant will bring you much joy and will build up the body of Christ. Scriptural References: Romans 12:7, 2 Timothy 1:16-18, Romans 14:18-19

People with this gift:

- find the small and practical things that need to be done and enjoy doing them without being asked.
- sense God's purpose and special meaning in fulfilling regular and needful hands-on tasks.
- have pleasure in meeting everyday responsibilities.
- enjoy doing routine tasks in the church that would bore others.
- would rather do a job than find someone else to do it.

A person with this gift is usually:

- Available, Willing, Helpful, Reliable, Hard-working, Flexible, Humble, Supportive

This gift belongs to the category **ASSISTANCE**. You may

find it useful to get information on other gifts in this category: Helps, Hospitality, Mercy, Prayer.

Called to *Serve*

17. Shepherding

The gift of Shepherding (pastoring) will give you the ability to reach out and care in a spiritual manner for an individual or for a group. You will serve as one who is a counselor, an encourager, a shepherd. You will see that God's Word is fed to those in your care, and you will also feel a responsibility for the general well-being of the individual or group. Scriptural References: Ephesians 4:11, 1 Thessalonians 5:12, Acts 20:28

People with this gift:

- take responsibility to nurture the whole person in their walk with God.
- provide guidance and oversight to a group of God's people.
- model with their life what it means to be a fully devoted follower of Jesus.
- strive to lead others to greater obedience to God.
- feel responsible to lead and protect any that God has entrusted to their care.

A person with this gift is usually:

- Caring, Nurturing, Guiding, Supportive, Discipling, Protective, Relational, Restoring

This gift belongs to the category **RESPONSIBILITY**. You may find it useful to get information on other gifts in this category: Administration, Leadership.

18. Teaching

The gift of Teaching will give you the ability to share knowledge with members of the body (children and/or adults) that will serve in building them up in Christ. Your teaching will aid the growth and health of the body. Scriptural References: 1 Corinthians 12:28, Romans 12:7, Ephesians 4:11, Acts 20: 20-21

People with this gift:

- communicate biblical truth that inspires greater obedience to the Word of God.
- challenge listeners simply and practically with the truths of Scripture.
- focus on changing lives by helping others understand the Bible better.
- give attention to details and accuracy.
- prepare themselves through extended times of study and reflection.

A person with this gift is usually:

- Organized, Enthusiastic, Articulate, Disciplined, Authoritative, Expressive, Analytical, Practical

This gift belongs to the category **EDUCATION**. You may find it useful to get information on other gifts in this category: Knowledge, Wisdom.



19. Wisdom

The gift of Wisdom will allow you to have a special understanding of situations that arise in people's lives. You will be able to offer counsel and advice. As you do this, the body of Christ will become healthier and grow. Scriptural References: 1 Corinthians 12:28, Acts 6:3-10, 1 Corinthians 2:6-16

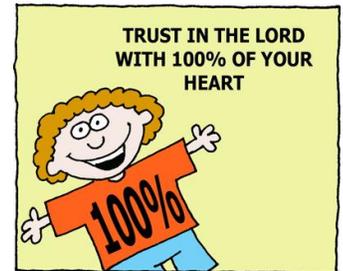
People with this gift:

- focus on the unseen consequences in determining the next steps to take.
- receive an understanding of what is necessary to meet the needs of the body.
- provide simple, practical solutions in the midst of conflict and confusion.
- hear the Spirit provide direction for God's best in a given situation.
- apply spiritual truth in specific and practical ways.

A person with this gift is usually:

- Sensitive, Insightful, Logical, Judicious, Practical, Prudent, Rational, Reasonable

This gift belongs to the category **EDUCATION**. You may find it useful to get information on other gifts in this category: Knowledge, Teaching.



20. Writing

This gift or glorified talent will allow you to put your thoughts and ideas into words that will be meaningful and relevant to those who read them. As they read, people will find guidance, knowledge, courage, or edification. Scriptural References: Psalm 45:1, Philippians 3:1, Jude 3

People with this gift:

- can easily formulate their thoughts and ideas into effective written forms.
- have skill with words.
- can compose articles for newspapers, newsletters, etc., in an efficient and meaningful way.
- feel secure in the fact that the words they write is of benefit to those who read them.
- have been told that others have been helped and encouraged by their writing.

A person with this gift is usually:

- Creative, Articulate, Organized, Learned, Sensitive, Confident, Practical, Challenging

This gift belongs to the category **ART**. You may find it useful to get information on other gifts in this category: Craftsmanship – Arts and Crafts, Craftsmanship – Manual, Music – Vocal, Music – Instrumental.



There you have all twenty gifts that were listed on the inventory. Did you read about your top two or three gifts?

What we now need from our gifted people is a volunteer to create a list of example ministry opportunities for each of the twenty gifts.

For example, under “**20. Writing**”, it might state:

Example Ministry Opportunities available at Trinity:

Newsletter writing, publicity, letter writing, card writing, seasonal devotionals, writing for website or Facebook

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Best Choice

Trinity Ladies Aid

The Ladies Aid participates in the Save-A-Label program, which helps non-profit organizations raise money. The money generated from this program is given by the Ladies Aid to Lutheran Family Services of Nebraska. The Ladies Aid earns \$.03 for each Best Choice UPC symbol redeemed, with a minimum of 1,000 labels required for redemption.

Save Best Choice® Labels... It's Just that Easy

Just save the labels of Best Choice products. Be sure to save the UPC portion (proof of purchase). The Ladies Aid will earn \$30 in cash for each bundle of 1,000 UPC's.

Please put your labels in the church mailbox of Ladies Aid President: Mary Jo Cobert.



Saturday April 14th, 1-4 pm, Open House 80th Birthday Party for Roger Krahmer! in the church basement. Celebrate with us and have a piece of cake and a glass of punch!

Sunday April 15, 11:30 a.m. Fellowship lunch at the Big Red Restaurant (8933 Andermatt Dr)

Sunday April 8, 2018 11:15 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall: **Giving Hearts ~N~ Hands** a newly organized church group will serve a light lunch. Then we will continue the discussion of the Nord, LLC Mission and Ministry Study.

Sunday May 13, 2018 11:15 a.m. Nibbles will be served by Giving Hearts ~N~ Hands The Nord, LCC Mission and Ministry study suggested we have more fellowship opportunities after Divine Service. We offer Nibbles! Nibbles: plural noun - small items of food, usually served with beverages.



The Young Investors (Y.I.) Club makes saving money fun while teaching children to give thanks for God's blessings. Through Y.I. Club

newsletters, activities and web pages including the Y.I. Activity Center, your child learns the value of saving, spending and sharing money—while empowering ministry through LCEF.

As members of LCEF's Y.I. Club, young investors have unique experiences depending on their age levels. Children ages 0 to 18 can participate in the Y.I club. Current interest rate is 3.500 % for deposits of \$25 to \$1,000. Check out www.LCEF.org Where your investments do more for the Church.



On April 2, LCEF will open the Kaleidoscope Fund grant process. Funds will be granted in amounts between \$25,000 to \$250,000. These grants help LCMS congregations, schools, church workers and the communities they impact.

The process begins with a grant proposal summary and it is due June 15, 2018. Trinity could write a proposal for **Ministry Outreach and Expansion!**

Will you help Pastor Kohnke write the proposal?



April Birthdays

- 4/3 Doris Heineke
- 4/4 Sandy Dorn
Shirley Retzlaff
- 4/5 Erin May
- 4/9 Erin Singh
- 4/12 Ethan Singh
- 4/14 Tom May
- 4/15 Margaret Broening
- 4/19 Jill Rink

- 4/21 Betty Hodtwalker
Roger Krahmer
- 4/25 Andrew Haase
Nancy Malone
- 4/27 Mary Kohnke
- 4/28 Bianca Singh
- 4/29 Andrew Rocker

April Anniversaries

4/29 - Dimitros & Laura Hametis (2012)

If there are any errors to the Birthday and Anniversary listings, please send an email to TrinityWaltonSecretary@gmail.com or call the office and leave a message with the correction.

Recently updated membership information forms hve not been entered into the computer system yet.



Trinity Ladies Aid have purchased a saddle stapler for the church office in memory of Mary Lou Retzlaff. This stapler is used to staple the multi-page worship services that we sometimes use. The stapler was well used for the Easter Services.

Children's Sunday School



Listed here are the Lessons for April

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| Apr. 1 | The Resurrection of Jesus | John 20:1-18 |
| Apr. 8 | Ananias and Sapphira | Acts 4:32-35 |
| Apr. 15 | Jesus Appears on the Emmaus Road | Luke 24:13-35 |
| Apr. 22 | Jesus Speaks of His Second Coming | Luke 21:25-36; |
| Apr. 29 | Philip and the Ethiopian Eunuch | Acts 8:26-40 |

Memory work folders were sent home on Easter Sunday for the Sunday school children grades 1-5. This is a great way to get the children prepared for Confirmation. We encourage parents to take time to review each week's verse with their children. Children will get points for completed memory work each week as well as attendance. They will be able to use points to purchase items out of the rewards cabinet. Students will have 2 memory work folders, one to keep at home and one in the classroom.

Mary Lou Retzlaff bequeathed Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church \$10,000 in her will. Because her will did not state a specific use for the gift, the Voter's assembly, which meets on April 29, 2018 at 11:30 a.m. will decide as to where the money will be directed. Mary Lou loved her church very much and was involved in all the James Nord, LLC listening sessions. She often stayed for more than one session in a day. She was very excited to learn more about what her church could be doing and where the church ministries might be led by the Lord.



If you have Trinity Lutheran Church listed in your Will and do not have a specific fund designated in your will and would like to speak with someone about the gift, you can certainly speak to Trinity Treasurer Rosanne McClarnon or Pastor Kohnke.



VBS 2018

Strap on your life jacket and get ready for a rip-roaring river ride with Splash Canyon: **God's Promise on Life's Wild Ride**. VBS will be held June 18th to 22nd From 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. Supper will be provided. Get ready for thrills and spills! At this river-rafting VBS adventure, children and volunteers discover that on life's wild ride, Jesus is by our side.

NEW THIS YEAR! We are planning a **Sneak-Peak and Sign-Up Event** at the Bennet park set for Thursday, May 31st 5:00-7:00 p.m. with a possible church service in the park to follow. This event will include a duck prize pool, cookie decorating, the splash pad and of course signing kids up for VBS! **Exciting news!** We will be hosting a pool party at the Syracuse pool on Saturday, June 23rd from 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 p.m. **VBS students are invited to participate in the Divine Service on Sunday, June 24th at 10:00am** VBS leaders will briefly meet on April 22nd following the church.



Giving Hearts ~N~ Hands: Is a new group here at Trinity for promoting fellowship for men and women of all ages for involvement in church activities. We will have an organizational meeting on **Wednesday, April 11, 2018 at 1:00 p.m.** following the monthly Potluck.

Acting Officers:

President: Roger Kraemer; Secretary: Delbert Eickhoff ; Treasurer: Deb Rocker



Activities planned:

Serving Nibbles on April 8th, 2018 after the Worship Service. (Nord Summary Discussion)

Coordinate the Church Picnic on August 19, 2018

Host the "Celebrating with Friends" holiday Dinner on December 1, 2018

Promote the Love of Jesus through involvement in Church activities by inviting inactive members, members and non-members to participate.



We had 72 units photographed for the 2018 Trinity Lutheran Church Directory. In total we received 10 activity pages for the directory. Our work is done at this time; LifeTouch has the materials from us. We now wait for the proof copy. Thank you to all who had their picture taken. Special thanks to our photographers Beki Maahs and Dick Heinke for taking group photos of our organizations.

A Junior Youth Group meeting was held on Sunday February 25th, 2018 from students in grades sixth through eighth grade. Six girls gathered in the church fellowship hall for discussion on activities. On April 28 the Junior Youth will gather at the Kohnke house from 1 to 4 p.m. to watch movies, hang out, and get to know one another. If you have any questions please email Grace Kohnke – Grace.Kohnke@cune.org



Welcome to Laura Hametis. Laura is the office secretary and will be in the office on Thursday mornings, 8am-11am. Please send her an email or leave a message on the church phone if you need to be in contact with her. In the short time Laura has been in training she has systematize our electronic files and made it possible for both of us to work on the same files remotely! Please give her a warm welcome. *Pastor Kohnke*



A tithe is one-tenth part of something. When speaking of giving a tithe of your income it would be one-tenth part of your gross (total amount of income you make) or net (the amount of income you bring home). Often people will argue if the tithe is of your gross or net income. Because the Old Testament speaks of first fruit giving it would appear that the tithe was to be from the gross income.

God commanded that Old Testament Israelites give a tithe of their income to support the ministry of the priests. A tithe was where their grateful giving to God was to start. In addition to that 10%, they gave offerings and gifts to God.

Is that Old Testament command still in effect? Short answer: no. Jesus' coming has freed us from the demands of all the Old Testament laws. But if God was teaching his Old Testament people about giving by requiring 10% of the resources He gave them as an offering, doesn't it make sense there's a lesson there for us who respond to him motivated by our sin-forgiving Savior?

Many people in the church use the concept of the tithe as a place to start or to work toward that goal for giving to God. The Bible teaches us that we are caretakers or stewards of all that we possess. God is the true owner. Since God is the true owner we are giving back to Him what is really His. Thus, one can hardly boast if giving a tithe or 10% of income is all that is done.

In fact, the New Testament consistently urges offerings that go beyond a tithe. Romans 12:1 states, "I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship." This text exhorts us to offer "our bodies," all of ourselves, as living sacrifices. We read in Galatians 2:20 "I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me." This text gives us a picture of how grateful believers want to live entirely by faith in the Son of God who loved and gave himself for us. 1 Corinthians 10:31 reminds us that, because of the good news of forgiveness in Christ, whatever we do, even eating and drinking, is done to God's glory. "So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God." 1 Corinthians 10:31. 1 Corinthians 16:2 states, "On the first day of every week, each of you is to put something aside and store it up." One man once said, "I have no money at the end of the week to give to God." Perhaps, he forgot to study 1 Corinthians 16:2.

"Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7 (ESV). In the Greek language "cheerful" means hilarious giver. God seeks from us hilarious giving. May the Holy Spirit empower all of us to be hilarious givers and then let us prayerfully watch what God will do. "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." (Matt. 6:21)

Data from Trinity Lutheran 360 Member Program

Retrieved on 3-29-18 (Last offerings entered 3/11 to 3/17)

	January 2018	February 2018	March 2018
Number who contributed between \$0.01 and \$10.00 per week	9	10	21
Number who contributed between \$10.01 and \$25.00 per week	16	16	8
Number who contributed between \$25.01 and \$50.00 per week	11	10	7
Number who contributed between \$50.01 and \$100.00 per week	5	6	4
Number who contributed between \$100.01 and \$200.00 per week	5	4	2
Number who contributed between \$200.01 and \$500.00 per week	1	4	1
Number who contributed more than \$500.00 per week	1	1	0

April 2018

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Easter Sunday 1</p> <p>Divine Service 7:00 a.m. Breakfast 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Class 9:00 a.m. Divine Service 10:00 a.m.</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Special Confirmation Class 9:00 to noon Banner Making Noon to 2:00 p.m.</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Ladies Bible study at the home of Rosanne McClarnon 12:45 p.m. Adult Instruction 8:00 p.m.</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Grief Recovery 10:00 a.m. Confirmation 5:00 p.m.</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Divine Service 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8</p> <p>Sunday School & Adult Bible Class 9:00 a.m. Divine Service 10:00 a.m. Nibbles: 11:15 a.m. Fellowship Hall Nord Summary - Discussion Sunday Circle: 11:15 a.m.</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Spring Pastors' Conference, Younes Conference Center, Kearney</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Spring Pastors' Conference, Younes Conference Center, Kearney Adult Instruction 8:00 p.m.</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Grief Recovery 10:00 a.m. Pot Luck Noon Giving Hearts ~N~ Hands 1:00 p.m. Confirmation 5:00 p.m.</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Divine Service 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Elder's Meeting at HyVee 7:30 a.m. Open House 1-4 p.m. Roger Kraemer's 80th</p>
<p>15</p> <p>Sunday School & Adult Bible Class 9:00 a.m. Divine Service 10:00 a.m. Big Red Restaurant (8933 Andermatt Dr) at 11:30 a.m.</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Adult Instruction 8:00 p.m.</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Grief Recovery 10:00 a.m. Confirmation 5:00 p.m. Deadline May Trumpeter Newsletter</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Ladies Aid 1:30 p.m. Divine Service 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22</p> <p>Sunday School & Adult Bible Class 9:00 a.m. Divine Service 10:00 a.m. VBS Meeting 11:15 a.m. Dorn/ Kemper Wedding 3:30 p.m.</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Adult Instruction 8:00 p.m.</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Grief Recovery 10:00 a.m. Confirmation 5:00 p.m.</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Divine Service 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Jr Youth at Kohnke Home: 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.</p>
<p>29</p> <p>Sunday School & Adult Bible Class 9:00 a.m. Divine Service 10:00 a.m. Confirmation Students read their Faith Story Lunch: 11:15 am. Voter's meeting 11:30 a.m.</p>	<p>30</p>					

Acolytes, Ushers, and Altar Guild servers please send an email to Tim Holtzen as he is setting up an email reminder for those who serve. Thank you! tah@nebrwesleyan.edu

Those serving in April, 2018
Sunday 10:00 a.m. Thursday 7:00 p.m.

Elders:

Apr 01/5 Alan Retzlaff, Tim Holtzen
Apr 08/12 Tracy Refior, Roger Pearson
Apr 15/19 Nathaniel Kemper, Tim Holtzen
Apr 22/ 26 Hank Oetjen, Roger Pearson
Apr 29/May 3 Alan Retzlaff, Tim Holtzen

Acolytes:

Apr 01 7:00 a.m. Katherine Stewart, Brooke McPherrin
April 01/5 10:00 a.m. Nolan Maahs, Kaytlan Rocker
April 08/12 Grayson May, Katherine Stewart
April 15/19 Kaytlan Rocker, Maggie Broening
April 22/26 Nolan Maahs, Sophia May
April 29/May 3 Katherine Stewart, Brooke McPherrin

Ushers:

Apr 01/5 Delbert Eickhoff, Alex Broening
Apr 08/12 Kirk Nisley, Nate Rink
Apr 15/19 Roland Meyer, John Page
Apr 22/26 Matt Broening, Jeff Plager
Apr 29/May 3 Josh May, Ethan Kemper

Altar Guild:

April 01/5 Sandy Dorn, Lisa Kemper
April 08/12 Laura Hemetis, Becky Nisley
April 15/19 Lori Cartagena, Betty Hodtwalker
April 22/26 Kristi Refior, Allison Kemper
April 29/May 3 Shirley Retzlaff, Margene Meyer

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