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Mission statement: “To make disciples of all people through a faithful ministry of Word and Sacrament.”

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Greetings to you in the name of Jesus!

“But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.” 1 Peter 2:9 (ESV)

Starting on Thursday night September 6, 2018 we will study the new LCMS evangelism program: *Every One His Witness*® — Lutheran Evangelism Program

Witnessing. What’s it all about? The *Every One His Witness* Lutheran evangelism program puts sound doctrine into practical action for sharing the faith with people in our everyday lives.

Participants learn: What is witnessing? Why do we witness? And the “how-to” of witnessing using the LASSIE approach — Listen-Ask-Seek-Share-Invite-Encourage.

Not sure how to witness? ‘LASSIE’ is the answer. This relational, contextual witnessing approach teaches us to naturally share the Good News of Jesus Christ as we Listen-Ask-Seek-Share-Invite-and-Encourage people in our lives who are not yet part of the Church. Completion of the *Every One His Witness* workshop unlocks online participation in context modules like witnessing to members of different world religions or cults, witnessing to people who are unchurched or dechurched, witnessing to those experiencing difficult life events, and witnessing while offering works of mercy. Wondering how to be a witness of Jesus Christ in your particular context? *Every One His Witness* Lutheran evangelism program is for you!

Witness is the purpose of your everyday life. The *Every One His Witness*® Lutheran evangelism program considers the real-world context in which Lutherans find themselves as witnesses of Jesus Christ. It puts sound doctrine into practical action for sharing the faith with the people whom God has placed alongside His witnesses in their everyday lives.

Please sign up in the Narthex to participate. This will allow us to have the correct number of materials on hand for the class. The class will meet for one hour, from 7 to 8 p.m. starting on Thursday, September 6, 2018

Pastor Kohnke



Are you struggling with the “80/20 rule”? It refers to the observation that 20 percent of the people in a congregation end up doing 80 percent of the work.

Maybe in your congregation it’s more of a “90/10 rule.” Whatever the actual numbers, it seems that in most congregations a minority of people are doing the majority of the work.

What does it take to get more people involved? What can you do to increase the number of volunteers in your congregation?

Here are six things to consider:

1. Stop using the word ‘volunteer’

On one hand, the word “volunteer” is a wonderful word. It comes from a Latin word for “will” and conveys the sense that a person is willing to do the work that the Lord has given us to do.

As we use the word, it also conveys the understanding that the person is willing to do it without compensation. But there is a dark side to the word volunteer as we understand it. For most people, the word volunteer implies that serving is optional.

As people crafted, equipped, and called by our Lord to serve, we can’t opt out of the work He has given us (see Ephesians 2:10). Maybe that’s why the Bible doesn’t use the word volunteer to describe us.

Instead, God’s Word calls us “servants.” Consider replacing the word volunteer with the word servant when discussing roles and opportunities for serving.

2. Talk to the people who aren’t currently serving

Too often we broadcast the need for people to help without asking individual people to serve.

Sure, it’s quicker and easier to add a blurb in the bulletin or make an announcement at the end of the service, but how effective has the quicker and easier approach been?

Dump the general appeals for help, and invest some time and energy into engaging the people who aren’t currently serving in some capacity.

Get to know them. Learn about their work, hobbies, skills, things that they enjoy doing, past experiences, etc. Help them discover the needs of the congregation in the light of their interests and abilities.

In other words, focus on building relationships with the less-than-active members of the congregation. Then personally invite them to join in the work.

3. Provide opportunities to try something without a commitment

Put yourself in the place of the people who aren’t active in the work of your congregation. They see the people who are active and observe that they are very busy. Many wear multiple hats and have been serving in their capacities for years, even decades.

To the uninvolved, it looks like getting involved is an all-consuming, life-long commitment. Make sure there are clearly defined and well-publicized opportunities for people to try serving in some way without a long-term commitment.

Giving people a chance to experience serving in a small way can help them become more comfortable about serving in a greater capacity.

Think baby steps!

4. Let some things ‘fall on the floor’

If, somehow in some way, everything ends up getting done people are likely to think that they aren’t really needed.

It’s easy to ignore the repeated, urgent pleas for help when someone is going to do the work even when no one responds to those pleas.

It’s a different story when the unanswered calls for help result in things not being done. Be selective. You don’t want to have the power turned off because no one answered the request to be the treasurer.

But there are things that can be neglected for a while. Let things not happen and make sure that people know what work isn’t being done. People may be more interested and responsive when they see they are actually needed.

5. Rethink the ‘80/20 rule’

The “80/20 rule” is a common term for something called the “Pareto Principle.” Pareto was an Italian economist who observed that a minority of people (about 20 percent) have the majority (about 80 percent) of influence and control.

They are, what some have called, the “vital few.” Every organization (including every congregation) needs the vital few.

In worldly terms, it makes sense to focus the majority of one’s energy on the vital few because efforts on involving the other people can only produce “diminishing returns.”

But the church is not a worldly organization. It is the body of Christ.

As the body of Christ in a given context, each congregation is a body made up of many members which, though different in function, are of equal importance to the body (see 1 Cor. 12:12-27).

A human body has members that make up the vital few (e.g., heart, lungs, brain, kidneys, etc.), but it also has many other parts that are important to its function.

With that in mind, rethink the “80/20 rule.” Instead of trying to get more people to become part of the vital few, focus on encouraging them to be one of the “helpful many.”

Like the “lesser” parts of the human body, the helpful many can make smaller, yet significant, contributions to the congregation’s work as members of the body of Christ.

6. Keep Law and Gospel in perspective

Pounding people with the Law is a great way to make people feel guilty about not helping out like they could or should.

But guilt is a terrible tool to use to get people involved. Unfortunately, it works well enough with some people for us to resort to using it. Don’t.

The Gospel, not the Law, motivates us to do good works. Resorting to the Law may yield some short-term results, but in the long run it will fail because it relies on human efforts.

Instead, trust the Holy Spirit to use the Gospel to move people to do the work that He is calling your congregation to do.

If the Gospel isn’t motivating people to answer your call to action, you may need to rethink what you’re doing. It may be that the work you’re trying to get done isn’t the work that the Lord would have you do.

Be open to the possibilities that the Gospel is moving people to a new kind of good work. It’s called “change.” It’s okay. It’s often how the Gospel reaches people who don’t know Jesus.

And, all things considered, it’s primarily for that blessed work we are “volunteering” (i.e., willing).

The article is by Rev. Mark Wood who serves as director of LCMS Witness & Outreach Ministry and as director of the LCMS Revitalization initiative.

Fund raising for future PARADES

Garage Sale: October 13, 2018 Please check around your home for items to donate to the first annual garage sale of Trinity Lutheran. Everyone is invited to donate items to the sale. Proceeds to support evangelism efforts in future parades. (**Football: NE VS Northwestern- away game**). See full page add on pg. 8 of the newsletter. Feel free to share it with your friends and neighbors.

HONEY: The passionate parade participants will be selling Honey provided by the Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch in Minot, ND. This will provide funding so that we would not have to rely so much on the Thrivent Action Team gift cards to support the expenses incurred for the parades.

Honey Sunday will be **Sunday, November 6th**. The honey comes from the Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch. Bottles of delicious honey will be for sale for only \$8.00 each and be delivered directly to you! Thank you for your support in advance.

Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch is a Christian residential treatment and educational center for children and their families. Learn more: <https://www.dakotaranch.org/> Denise Moerer is in charge of this fundraising event!



Sunday School Promotion Sunday was August 26th Sunday school teachers were installed during this service. Sunday School for Fall starts September 2nd.

The new Sunday school class (Grades 5-8) Ignite!

Is still looking for: lounge/overstuffed chair.

Kids entering the 5th grade are invited to attend the class!!

Adult Bible Study:

A new Sunday morning Bible class with Pastor Holtzen will begin Sunday, September 2nd. The title of the study is, "The Unity of the Testaments Through Types and Anti Types, Prophecy and Fulfillment." Join us in the basement from 9:00 to 9:45.

School Daze with Pastor Kohnke

"I'm not related to the one in Eagle but I am related to the other one!" stated one student in my class with the last name of Porath. "Yes, I know the Kemper boys!" replied a student with Waverly as her hometown. Classes began on Monday, August 20th and are held Monday, Wednesday and Friday. I

unintentionally insulted people! I made a statement then followed it by saying, "**I am more familiar with teaching adults!**" (think about that one)

OH MY! Immediately, I said, "I mean, older adults, much, much older adults."

One student said while laughing, "Now you are offending them." So, I apologized and told them at times I may communicate things incorrectly, poorly or just plain offensive to some group. Know that I might be doing that communication on purpose to get you to apply what you have learned about classroom communication and cultural sensitivity or I may have no clue what I just said. Your task is to stop me, point it out, and demonstrate what you have learned in the class regarding what I did. I explained my role was to demonstrate best practice in teaching but sometimes I will demonstrate poor practice and I want you, the student, to be able to identify it!



I am teaching Educational Psychology and Child Development from 9:00 a.m. - 9:50 a.m.; 10:00 a.m. - 10:50 a.m. We start each class with the squeak of a dog toy - a duck- squeezed by a student: one squeak I start - two squeaks I end... no further talking, even if I am in mid thought or sentence. Little do they know, or maybe they do, one day we will talk about the classical conditioning we all were a part of, thanks Pavlov and his dog. :)

Please do not hesitate to call me on my cell phone, 402-641-6733 leave a message if I am not available and I will return your call if that is appropriate. Or you can text me.

July Voters' Meeting Recap:

Much was debated and discussed at the July Voter's meeting. One major project discussed was the remaining stained-glass windows. Tim Malone is coordinating this project, he reports that two families have donated money to help finish up the remaining windows that need repair. But additional money would be needed to fully complete the project. The voters then decided that the \$10,000 donated to the church. from Mary Lou Retzlaff, would be used to cover the balance that remained.

A new church sign was also discussed, for the church parking lot. After much discussion, it was agreed that more research is needed as to the type of sign, and the possibly of a location off church grounds, so it would get more visibility.

Wedding Guidelines were proposed by the Board of Elders. After much discussion and debate, it too was tabled for further discussion at the October meeting. The Guidelines are posted on the church website if you would like to review them.



HAITI LUTHERAN MISSION SOCIETY

Our Mission dollars at Work

Our \$500 Mission Dollars for September goes to The Haiti Lutheran Mission Society. Their mission is based on Matthew 28:16-20. *Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age."*

Haiti is a very poor country, one of the poorest on earth. It has been ravaged by hurricanes and earthquakes. The Haiti Lutheran Mission Society is bringing the Gospel of Jesus Christ to these people as well as humanitarian aid. Their mission is threefold: Saving Souls by supporting 4 churches, 1 orphanage and providing seminary training for future pastors; Healing Bodies by supporting a medical clinic and mission trips of doctors and nurses from the US; and Providing Christian Education by supporting 3 accredited schools.



Giving Hearts ~N~ Hands:

The following people were involved with getting the First Annual Church Picnic put together: Marie Lantz, Delbert Eickhoff, Joyce Oetjen, Roger Kraemer, Deb Rocker, Deb Pfeifer, Kristi Sullivan, Kay Oetjen, Maggie Broening & Randy Schroeder.

From the Group:

Thanks to all of you our First Annual Picnic was a success. In spite of the "Multi-Million Dollar Rain" we had a blessed turn out. Yes, you can indeed grill hotdogs and hamburgers in the rain, ask Hank Oetjen, Kirk Nisley, and Roger Kraemer. A special thank you to Kay Oetjen who supervised them with great skill.

Perhaps next year we can make use of the beautiful, colorful chairs, tables and tents that our volunteer group spent so much time setting up. And thank you to all of those who helped get everything over to the Church Fellowship Hall. Sorry that your looked like you were in a wet tee shirt contest.

Thank you to everyone that prepared and brought food. With so many side dishes and desserts, extra tables had to be set up to hold them all. They must have been wonderful as all those empty bowls indicated. We hope you enjoyed every bite. We were truly blessed with an abundance of food. I guess no one has ever complained that there was too much food. Did anyone go away hungry?

Due to the rain many of our outdoor games will be enjoyed next year. This however didn't stop Deb Rocker from throwing balled up tee shirts at you. You could hear her yell "Heads Up" as she would toss a tee shirt at your face. We hope that you got the size you needed, if not maybe you can trade it off.

BINGO!!! Thank you, Pastor and Candy Kohnke, for a fun game of Bingo. Including the Bible and congregation as the answers were both challenging and educational. The prizes from Menards are always a hit. Thank you to Joyce Oetjen for supplying additional prizes. Can you organize this again next year?

We enjoyed food, friendship, and fellowship, serving 127 guests. Our biggest gift was your presence. We hope to see you again next year.

Thank You, Giving Hearts ~N~ Hands

Next meeting: September 12th 10:00

Future Activities planned:

Nibbles: 2nd Sunday of each month.

Host the “Celebrating with Friends” on Saturday, December 1, 2018

August Dinner out & Nibbles: Our next dinner out will be September 16th. Place: TBA watch the Sunday Bulletin for more details.

Nibbles will be the second Sunday in September, hosted by Giving Hearts ~N~ Hands.

Ladies Aide Report: meeting is held on the 3rd Thursday of every month in the church basement.

“We are asking for donations of shampoo and conditioner for LWML. The items will be redistributed to women in need.” You can also give money to the ladies and they will buy the items.



Best Choice labels are also needed for our annual fundraiser. 1000 labels are needed, we have approximately 300. We receive \$60 for collecting the labels and, then donate that to Lutheran Family Services.

Sunday Circle group: Meets the first Sunday of every month after church and is always looking for new members to join the group.

The Sunday Circle asked the Derrick’s family (Lutheran Bible Translators working in Cameroon, Central Africa) what kind of items they could use; items they cannot get in their remote location. A list was sent to Karen Luebke, items were bought and then sent to them. It only took 2 months for the package to reach them. The girls exclaimed “Mommy, it’s just like Christmas!”. We plan on preparing an actual Christmas package next. Of course, it will have to be sent in October to get there in time. In the package we put powdered cheese, powdered salad dressings, barbecue seasoning, ponytail ties for the girls, and many other powdered condiments. We haven’t started on the Christmas package yet, we will discuss this at the September meeting.

Our mission: Showing the love of Christ through service to others.





September Birthdays

9/1 Mark Kemper, Mat Broening
 9/2 Melinda Larsen
 9/4 Laura Hametis
 9/6 Andrew DeNino

9/7 Adra Bremer
 9/15 Elizabeth Gierke
 9/18 Tracy Refior
 9/22 Kaytlan Rocker, Emma Rink
 9/27 Madelyn Rosecrans
 9/30 Klint Bremer

September Anniversaries

9/11 Jeff & Christie Gierke 1990
 9/23 Rev. Kevin & Candace Kohnke 1995
 9/25 Dennis & Rosanne McClarnon 1977

NEW: Help the church enter the digital age.

If you want to save the church some paper, you can join the email list for next newsletter. Just send a message to the church secretary and let her know you want to join the "Newsletter Email list" please include your first and last name in the email. Send emails to: trinitywaltonsecretary@gmail.com

Kids Bible Wordsearch

ANIMALS IN THE BIBLE?
 Puzzle # 2

Fit the words in the list into the diagram below reading forward, backward, up, down, diagonally, always in a straight line.

ANTELOPE
APE
BADGER
CALF
CHAMELEON
CROCODILE
DEER
FOX
FROG

J	M	W	P	Z	L	O	C	I	P	W	N	F
Z	Y	F	O	A	K	O	Y	L	K	S	O	Q
P	Y	U	R	K	X	K	I	Z	S	T	E	U
E	D	Q	C	E	W	L	A	E	C	A	L	F
C	Y	T	U	X	F	O	N	D	O	G	E	X
J	G	U	P	Y	P	I	T	Z	R	A	M	Z
R	U	I	I	C	X	M	E	N	P	W	A	Q
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HEDGEHOG
HEIFER
MULE
PORCUPINE
RAM
SCORPION
STAG
WHALE

<http://biblewordgames.com>

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WHEN: Saturday October 13, 2018
8am-5pm

WHERE: Trinity Lutheran church in the basement
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WHY: TO RAISE MONEY FOR EVANGELISM PROJECTS
AND 2019 PARADES.

CONTACT: DENISE MOERER 402-219-1010
ITEMS MAY BE DELIVERED TO CHURCH ON
THURSDAY FROM 4-7PM OR FRIDAY 4-7.
START CLEANING OUT YOUR CLOSETS, GARAGES.
ITEMS NOT SOLD WILL BE DONATED TO COMMUNITY MEMORIAL
THRIFT STORE IN SYRACUSE

September

2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Sunday School & Adult Bible Class 9:00 a.m. Divine Service 10:00 a.m. Sunday Circle: 11:15 a.m.	3 Labor Day	4 Ladies Bible study at the home of Betty Hodtwalker 12:45 p.m	5	6 Every One His Witness 7 p.m.	7 Rehearsal 5:00 p.m. May/Rexroth	8 Elder's Meeting at HyVee 7:30 a.m. Church reserved: 10:00-5:00 Wedding May/Rexroth 3:00 p.m.
9 Adult Instruction: 8:10am Sunday School & Adult Bible Class 9:00 a.m. Divine Service 10:00 a.m. Nibbles: 11:15 a.m.	10	11	12 Giving Hearts ~N~ Hands 10:00 a.m. Pot Luck Noon	13 Every One His Witness 7 p.m.	14	15
16 Adult Instruction: 8:10 am Sunday School & Adult Bible Class 9:00 a.m. Divine Service 10:00 a.m. Dinner Out 11:30 a.m.	17	18	19 Deadline October Trumpeter Newsletter	20 Ladies Aid 1:30 p.m. Every One His Witness 7 p.m.	21	22
23/30 Adult Instruction: 8:10 a.m Sunday School & Adult Bible Class 9:00 a.m. Divine Service 10:00 a.m.	24	25	26	27 Every One His Witness 7 p.m.	28	29

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 September, 2018
Sunday 10:00 a.m.

Elders

2nd Nathaniel Kmper, Tim Holtzen
9th Hank Oetjen, Alan Retzlaff
16th Tracy Refior, Roger Pearson
23rd Tim Holtzen, Alan Retzlaff
30th Hank Oetjen, Roger Pearson

Ushers

2nd Kirk Nisley, Ethan Kemper
9th Randy Schroeder, Roland Meyer
16th Jeff Plager, John Page
23rd Nate Rink, Ryan Plager
30th Carl Seifert, Mark Moerer

Acolytes

2nd Nolan Maahs, Kaytlan Rocker
9th Brooke McPherrin, Katheryn Stewart
16th Marin Maahs,
23rd Sophia & Grayson May
30th Shannon Moerer, Whitney Bruce

Altar Guild

2nd Diane Rink, Erin Singh
9th Sandy Dorn, Lisa Kemper
16th Laura Hametis, Becky Nisley
23rd Shirley Retzlaff, Denise Moerer
30th Lori Cartagena, Betty Hodtwalker

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