



Trinity Trumpeter



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

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Welcome to 2019 anno Domini nostri Jesu Christi", which translates to "in the year of our Lord Jesus Christ".

"Theme from *Mahogany* (Do You Know Where You're Going To?)" is a song written by Michael Masser and Gerald Goffin, and recorded by American singer Diana Ross as the theme to the 1975 Motown/Paramount film *Mahogany*. The song is a ballad that portrays its protagonist (Ross) as a poor African-American who becomes a successful Paris fashion designer, in keeping with the film the song was featured in. Remembering the happiness, she had in the past, the song's character faces the reality of a loveless future and decisions that brought her to this point. The chorus, "Do you know where you're going to, do you like the things that life is showing you", propagates the song's sense of nostalgia and loss.

This was the song I had to memorize and sing with my classmates in 1979 for my 8th grade graduation. The words, "Do You Know Where You're Going To?" have echoed in my mind many times since having been memorized. Oh, we think we know where we are going to, we think we know what we shall do. Each week as we would take my Great Aunt, Anna Floeter home from church she would say to us, "See you next Sunday, Lord Willing!" Aunt Anna, who daily read her German Bible took these words from James 4:13-15 "Now listen, you who say, 'Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business and make money.' Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes. Instead, you ought to say, 'If it is the Lord's will, we will live and do this or that.'"

"Do you know where you are going to?" One answer we can be certain. Heaven! I am going to heaven because I believe in Jesus as my Lord and Savior. All other answers we do not hold so certain, so we pray with the hymnist:

Jesus Savior, pilot me Over life's tempestuous sea;

Unknown waves before me roll, Hiding rock and treacherous shoal.
Chart and compass come from thee. Jesus, Savior, pilot me.

As a mother stills her child, Thou canst hush the ocean wild;
Boisterous waves obey thy will When thou say'st to them, "Be still!"
Wondrous Sovereign of the sea, Jesus, Savior, pilot me.

When at last I near the shore And the fearful breakers roar
Twixt me and the peaceful rest, Then, while leaning on thy breast,
May I hear thee say to me, "Fear not, I will pilot thee."

Blessings on Your Journey Through 2019,

Pastor Kevin J. Kohne



Monday Night: A Study on the *Criminals of the Bible* - Monday Evenings @ 7:00 P.M. Beginning January 7th

(Recommended for ages 11+)

Espionage. Fraud. Identity theft. Why are these stories of bad-to-the-bone crimes in the Bible? And what do they have to do with your life today? This criminally good Bible study, geared towards middle schoolers,

explores Bible stories that are often excluded from other studies. Each story points back to Christ and His ultimate heist—stealing our sin and giving us His righteousness instead!

This is a great study for the younger generation.

LOCATION: NOT at the Church. A good detective will need to discover the location. Instructions will be given to those who sign up. **Deadline to sign up Sunday, January 6, 2019** please sign up in the church narthex.

Sunday Morning Bible study continues with Old Testament stories with Pastor Holtzen. 9-9:45am!

Our Mission dollars at Work

Our January \$500 mission dollars go to support Lutherans for Life. Their mission is “Equipping Lutherans to be Gospel-motivated voices for Life, by being positive, life-affirming voices that uphold the truth of the God-given value of human life, both in local congregations and in society, and to affirm that each human life is created and gifted by God, that each human life is someone for whom Jesus Christ died and someone the Holy Spirit desires to call into an eternal relationship with Him.”

They offer resources on abortion, adoption, bioethics, creation, end of life, family living, fetal development, sexual purity, worship and more at Concordia Publishing House.



Quarterly Voters Meeting will be January 27th after church. An election will be held to bring the Board of Trustees to 5 members. The Ladies aide will provide a meal. Free will donation will be collected to cover the cost of the meal. Please email reports to the Church secretary by January 13th. TrinityWaltonSecretary@gmail.com

Ladies Aide Report: meeting is held on the 3rd Thursday of every month in the church basement at 1:30 p.m. They would love to have some new members.

On the 20th this month members of the ladies aid and guests had a very nice lunch at Carmela's bistro on 70th St.

Our charities for the year are the following

Child advocacy. \$107, Friendship home. \$211, Lutheran family services. \$301, People city mission. \$223 Mites \$138.21, Debra of America. \$111, Lutheran world relief. \$211 For a total of \$1302.21

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 raised \$426.47 with the Cookie Walk. Thanks to everyone that donated and bought cookies! This money will be used to make new banners for the church and other charitable activities. Some of the leftover cookies were bagged and given as gifts to our shut-ins.

Giving Hearts ~N~ Hands:

Meetings held the second Wednesday of the month: Next meeting: January 9th @ 10:30

We would like to say Thank You for all those attended this year's Dinner With Friends. We were overjoyed with the great turnout, serving 57 meals. We look forward to seeing you again next year, and remember to tell your family and friends. Everyone is always welcome.

January 13, 2019 We will be hosting Nibbles Out with the Old, In with the New. Please join us in the Fellowship Hall after Church.

Youth Group: We would like to thank everyone who donated at the Advent meal, \$170 was collected. We will be meeting over Christmas break for a bowling and pizza outing. In January we will be making our youth space in the parsonage look like a youth room.

History of Best Loved Hymns Or Could Be Best Loved Hymns

God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It. This is a "new" hymn to our church in that it is included for the first time in the Lutheran Service Book (594). It is a great baptismal hymn that poetically describes the power of baptism over sin, death and the devil. Even though the words tell a powerful story, the tune is light and seems to float through the air as it is sung. We will sing this hymn on January 13 when we commemorate the Baptism of our Lord.

The tune was written by Johann Caspar Bachofen and first published in 1727. He studied theology but served the church and community as a musician, teacher, music director and composer his whole life. Johann, who grew up in Zurich, Switzerland, served in the Reformed Church and he published several collections of hymns that were very popular in his day.

The lyrics were written by Edmann Neumeister and published in 1718. Neumeister was a German Lutheran theologian, poet, hymn writer, and strong opponent of Pietism and is best known for writing the texts for five of Bach's cantatas.

“The main ideas of the hymn are taken directly from the section on Holy Baptism in Luther’s Small Catechism, which, in answer to the question “What benefits does Baptism give? says: “It works forgiveness of sins, rescues from death and the devil and gives eternal salvation to all who believe this, as the words and promises of God declare”.

The hymn was translated in 1991 by an LCMS pastor, Rev. Robert E. Voelker who was a graduate of Concordia Theological Seminary Fort Wayne (1984).

The Hymnal Supplement Handbook paints a perfect picture of the hymn stating that “one cannot escape the impression of a child standing by an adult protector and ridiculing the neighborhood bully.” As you reflect on your baptismal birthday you can sing this song with confidence that in baptism, through the Holy Spirit and with God’s Word, you are united with Christ in His death, resurrection and eternal life and can boldly turn and tell Satan to “drop your ugly accusations”. Thank you Bachofen, Neumeister and Voelker for your gift to the church, and to each of us.

January Birthdays

1/1 Alice Heinke
1/5 - Darin Cheney
1/9 - Jacob May
1/10 - Kim Cheney
1/10 - Tim Malone, Kim Cheney
1/12 - Leonard Harper, Ian Newman,
Arthur Harper, Brooke McPherrin
1/14 - John Snoozy
1/15 - David Cheney, Mark Moerer
1/17 - Madeline Hiatt
1/18 - John Bruss
1/21 - Lydia Oetjen
1/25 - Kathy Mueller
1/27 - Jakob Kemper,
Steve Cartagena, Matthew Rink
1/29 - Ruby Plager



Anniversaries

1/8/1966 Don & Margaret Broening
1/13/2006 Greg & Becky Bruce

February Events!

Nibbles: 10th hosted by Ladies Aide
Wednesday Potluck: 13th
Dinner Out: Place TBD: 17th
Newsletter deadline is Friday 15th.

March:

Ash Wednesday is March 6th, is there anyone who would like to coordinate Lenten dinners? Please let Laura Hametis know!

Stewardship specifically: Giving of your Treasure.

At the start of a new year it may be appropriate to look at Stewardship specifically: Giving of your Treasure. Jesus said in Matthew 28:19 "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." As children of the Heavenly Father we certainly do not want to ignore His word just because it might be hard to accept.

What Is Percentage Giving?

God lays down for the Christian steward one explicit principle of giving in the New Testament. It is called the percentage principle.

God's plan is both beautiful and simple. It calls us to return to Him as He has given to us. Giving to God no longer rests on what we have always done or on the mood of the moment. It is as constant as the Giver's gifts and is proportioned to His gifts.

God's way is the way through which He can increase the outflow of gifts for Gospel work. The person who remains true to the percentage principle will faithfully acknowledge God's generosity by increasing his gifts in ratio to the increase God has granted.

Man's way of financing the kingdom is inadequate; God's way is fruitful; it will get the job done. We give as He has given to us. (See Luke 6:38)

On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with his income, saving it up, so that when I come no collections will have to be made. (I Cor. 16:2 NIV)

Adapted from an article entitled, "The Power of Pure Stewardship," by Carl W. Berner, Sr.

How Much Should I Be Giving?

Faced with raising kids, mortgage payments, car payments and a never-ending list of bills each month-how do we respond to God's call to deepen our financial commitment to him?

Considering that a "tithe" is 10% of our income, how do we make that kind of a significant financial contribution to the church? Especially when it seems there's nothing left over at the end of the month?

For many of us that do not have a life-long discipline of tithing, and this is the case for most of us, tithing may seem like an unrealistic, really unreachable goal. Fortunately, what many of us have discovered is that growing toward a tithing relationship with God is much easier if we approach it like any of life's great challenges - **in small steps**. What I would like to share with you is the concept of "**Grow One**".

Let's take a look at this very simple "Grow One" chart that we use as a tool to help us move toward a tithing relationship with God. Look at the chart on the next page and then read the examples below.

First of all let's determine our current level of **percentage giving** based on our current income. If I had a household income of \$50,000 per year and I gave the church \$20 dollars per week, then you can see that my household would be giving just over 2%. If my household contributed \$96 dollars per week, with a household income of \$50,000 per year then I would be giving a tithe, beyond that would be giving "beyond a tithe"

For most of us, when we see "where we are on the chart" it is very revealing and very challenging. Until we see it on the chart, we might think we are giving more than we actually are. We can see that, for the most part, moving up one level of percentage giving can be a rather minor adjustment in our weekly or monthly budgeting. For many of us moving up two, three or even five percentage points may be less than two tickets to a movie and a light meal afterwards.

If all of us answered this call to increase our percentage giving, it would make a tremendous difference for God's ministry here at Trinity and help accomplish our primary goal of sharing Christ.

The important thing is to listen to what God is calling us to do.

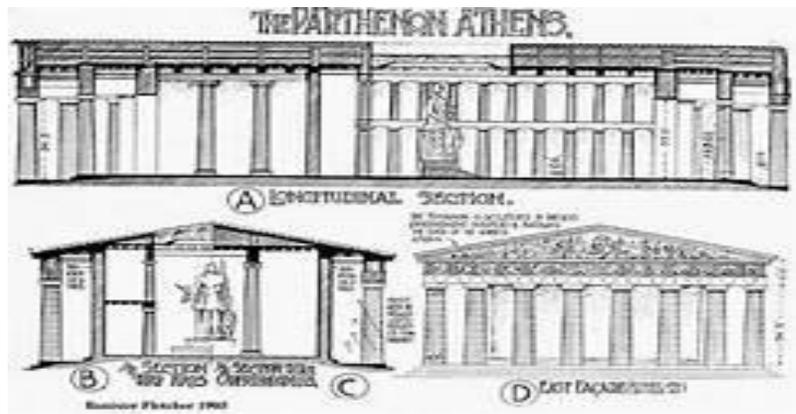
We all need to prayerfully consider our current level of giving. You may be surprised to learn just how easy it will be to Grow one percentage point and possibly more.

| Annual Income | Weekly Income | Beyond a Tithe | | Tithe | Upper Range of Giving | | | Middle Range of Giving | | | Lower Range of Giving | | |
|---------------|---------------|----------------|-------|-------|-----------------------|-------|-------|------------------------|-------|-------|-----------------------|------|------|
| | | 15% | 12% | | 10% | 9% | 8% | 7% | 6% | 5% | 4% | 3% | 2% |
| \$15,000 | \$288 | \$43 | \$34 | \$28 | \$25 | \$23 | \$20 | \$17 | \$14 | \$11 | \$8 | \$5 | \$2 |
| \$22,000 | \$423 | \$63 | \$51 | \$42 | \$38 | \$34 | \$30 | \$25 | \$21 | \$17 | \$13 | \$8 | \$4 |
| \$25,000 | \$481 | \$72 | \$58 | \$48 | \$43 | \$38 | \$34 | \$29 | \$24 | \$19 | \$14 | \$10 | \$5 |
| \$30,000 | \$577 | \$87 | \$69 | \$58 | \$52 | \$46 | \$40 | \$35 | \$29 | \$23 | \$17 | \$12 | \$6 |
| \$40,000 | \$769 | \$115 | \$92 | \$77 | \$69 | \$62 | \$54 | \$46 | \$38 | \$31 | \$23 | \$15 | \$8 |
| \$50,000 | \$962 | \$144 | \$115 | \$96 | \$87 | \$77 | \$67 | \$58 | \$48 | \$38 | \$28 | \$19 | \$10 |
| \$60,000 | \$1,154 | \$173 | \$138 | \$115 | \$104 | \$92 | \$81 | \$69 | \$58 | \$46 | \$35 | \$23 | \$12 |
| \$70,000 | \$1,346 | \$202 | \$162 | \$135 | \$121 | \$108 | \$94 | \$81 | \$67 | \$54 | \$40 | \$27 | \$13 |
| \$80,000 | \$1,538 | \$231 | \$185 | \$154 | \$138 | \$123 | \$108 | \$92 | \$77 | \$62 | \$46 | \$31 | \$15 |
| \$90,000 | \$1,731 | \$260 | \$208 | \$173 | \$156 | \$138 | \$121 | \$104 | \$87 | \$69 | \$52 | \$35 | \$17 |
| \$100,000 | \$1,923 | \$288 | \$231 | \$192 | \$173 | \$154 | \$135 | \$115 | \$96 | \$77 | \$58 | \$38 | \$19 |
| \$120,000 | \$2,308 | \$346 | \$277 | \$231 | \$208 | \$185 | \$162 | \$138 | \$115 | \$92 | \$69 | \$46 | \$23 |
| \$140,000 | \$2,692 | \$404 | \$323 | \$269 | \$242 | \$215 | \$188 | \$162 | \$135 | \$108 | \$81 | \$54 | \$27 |

Stewardship truths to contemplate:

- Abundant grace brings abundant blessing and spurs abundant ministry.
- Consistent giving empowers consistent ministry.
- The Richest generosity often comes out of the deepest poverty.
- Nothing truly belongs to us: everything belongs to God.
- Wise stewards are happy with what they have, not harried by what they don't have.
- Oneness of heart and mind brings greatness of power and witness.

Dinner out: Our next dinner out will be January 13th at the Parthenon. Located at 5500 S. 56th St. They have a great Sunday buffet and the full menu is available as well. Be sure to take a dessert to go!



**Newsletter Survey ~ The Results are in:
Over 120 Survey's went out. We received 6 back.**

1. Places you would like to eat out at in 2019: **Valentino's, Red Lobster, Olive Garden, Parkers, Hacienda Real, Cactus, Lee's Los Margarita's, China Buffet, Big Red, Granit City, Lazlos, Parthenon, Honest Abe's, HyVee, Small town Venues, Venue & Fireworks**
2. This is the first time we have had a monthly newsletter. Is this something you would like to continue?
Yes 2 No 0 Write in: **Every other month**
3. What kinds of things would you like to see in future newsletters?
**Encouraging stores of real-life events on how faith has made the difference.
Get to know a Church member section (Two suggested this)
History of best loved hymns
A section of the catechism.
Names & Addresses of Shut-ins**
4. Starting in January we will be sending out the newsletter via EMAIL! Please include the email you would like the newsletter to go to! Feel free to include more than one. If you do not use email, we will still print a copy for you!!
Just to be clear...we will still print the newsletter...we will still put them in active members mailboxes at church. We just want to save paper/time and postage. Inactive members will no longer be getting a newsletter. If we have your email, we can send you a notice when the newsletter is posted to the website.
5. What kinds of fun activities would you like to see happening in our church?
Game Night, Talent night, trivia/game night, Trunk or treat, Valentine's dinner, Christmas Caroling or Easter Caroling, parades, plant exchange sale in the spring, health and wellness clinic, cooking group, woodworking, financial planning, Scrapbooking, quilting, card making, Bingo, Cake walk, Secret gift exchange, Secret pal scripture exchanges, traveling group: tell us about your adventures.
6. What Bible study topics would you like to see offered?
**Hope, Peace, Joy (short study 3-4 weeks)
Compare/contrast of world religions
Lutheran views on Islam & other topics
Books of the Bible
Lutheran history
The Reformation
Why we do what we do? For example: closed communion
The minor prophets**
7. What particular day that would be best for a Bible study?
(Current Studies available now on Sunday morning before church, Monday evening @ 7:00, and the women's Bible study once a month on the first Tuesday)
Monday, Any time, A pot luck / brunch Bible study.

8. We have tried to put together a large event around the Easter and Christmas Holiday, but we have not had anyone sign up to help. However, in the Nord study it was discussed that we need to do such an event to help bring in new people. Many people agreed and said they would help!!
 Would such an event be possible if someone besides Pastor (who tried to get an event going around Lent last year) or Laura (who tried to get the Living Nativity started with no luck) was in charge? Would we have a group of people who would be able to work together to do large events? **Two people said they would work with a group.**

OR would you like to brainstorm a different kind of event?

Community Dinners/Supper for a free will donation/fundraiser for church

This question was only answered by 3 of the 6 survey's returned.

Please, if you have not filled out your December survey, there is still time. Feel free to put it in the Secretary's mailbox in the Narthex. We would like to hear from you! Please include your name if we have questions about your answers. ☺



Trinity Lutheran Church

2019 Parades

The Trinity Lutheran Church parade season begins early in 2019. We shall kick off the parade season with the 31st Annual Ground Hog Day Celebration on February 2, 2019 in beautiful downtown Unadilla. Sing up sheets will be in the narthex prior to each parade.

| Date | City | Event | Line up time | Parade time |
|-------------|---------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| February 2 | Unadilla | Ground Hog Celebration | 1:30 p.m. @ Dan's Tire Shop | 2:00 p.m. |
| June 8 | Palmyra | Old Settlers | 3:30-4:30 p.m. High School | 5:00 p.m. |
| June 22 | Eagle | Eagle Days | 1:00 p.m. North - Eagle Park. | 2:00 p.m. |
| July 4 | Bennett | 4 th of July | 9:00 a.m. TBD | 10:00 a.m. |
| July 4 | Waverly | 4 th of July | 10:00 a.m. TBD | 11:00 a.m. |
| July 13 | Syracuse | German Fest | 11:00 a.m. Fairgrounds | noon |
| July 27 | Syracuse | Otoe County Fair | 4:00 p.m. TBD | 5:00 p.m. |
| Aug. 10 | Weeping Water | Cass County Fair | 5:00 p.m. TBD | 6:00 p.m. |

Events in bold print are new venues for Trinity in 2019!

If you know of other community events that Trinity Lutheran Church should have a presence at please let pastor know. Just send an email to TrinityWaltonPastor@gmail.com

We will need lots of volunteers to cover all these parades. In 2018 Trinity was in 6 parades those listed above, not in bold print, and we also were in the July 4th parade in Seward.

January 2019

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|---|---|--|---------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 30 10 am Divine Service | 31 | 1 New Year's Day | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 6 9 am Bible Class 10 am Divine Service 11:15 am Sunday Circle 11:15 a.m. Undecorate the Church | 7 7:00 p.m. Criminals Bible Study | 8 10:00 a.m. Grief Support Group 12:45 pm Ladies' Bible Study @ home of Shirley Holtzen | 9 10:30 am Giving Hearts ~N~ Hands 12pm Pot Luck | 10 | 11 | 12 7:30am Elder's Meeting |
| 13 9 am Bible Class 10 am Divine Service 11:15am Nibbles Voters meeting Reports Due | 14 7:00 p.m. Criminals Bible Study | 15 10:00 a.m. Grief Support Group | 16 | 17 1:30 pm Ladies Aide | 18 Newsletter Deadline! | 19 |
| 20 9 am Bible Class 10 am Divine Service 11:15 am Confirmation Class 11:30 am Dinner Out | 21 7:00 p.m. Criminals Bible Study | 22 10:00 a.m. Grief Support Group | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| 27 9 am Bible Class 10 am Divine Service 11:15 am Voter's Meeting | 28 7:00 p.m. Criminals Bible Study | 29 | 30 | 31 | 1 | 2 |

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 January 2019
Sunday 10:00 a.m.

Elders

6th Tim Holtzen, Hank Oetjen
13th Tracy Refior, Roger Pearson
20th Nathaniel Kemper, Alan Retzlaff
27th Tracy Refior, Roger Pearson

Ushers

6th Delbert Eickhoff, Josh May
13th Ethan Kemper, John Page
20th Deborah Rocker, Carl Seifert
27th Nate Rink, Jakob Kemper

Acolytes

6th Brooke McPherrin, Katheryn Stewart
13th Kaytlan Rocker, Nolan Maahs
20th Shannon Moerer, Whitney Bruce
27th Greyson & Sophia May

Altar Guild

6th Mary Jo Colbert, Denise Moerer
13th Shirley Retzlaff, Rosann McClarnon
20th Madeline Hiatt, Deb Pavay
27th Erin Singh, Megan Rexroth

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