



# Trinity Trumpeter



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### Making the Sign of the Cross

Making the sign of the cross is a matter of Christian freedom. You may do it or not without sin. Those who make it are no more spiritual than those who do not; and some may have very good reason, based upon experience, not to. However, whether you make use of this symbol or not, consider some of the times when the sign of the cross is made—consider what it proclaims.

"The sign of the cross may be made at the Trinitarian Invocation and at the words of the Nicene Creed 'and the life of the world to come.'" It may be made at the Invocation; and in making it, the Christian can joyfully acknowledge, "Jesus made His cross to be mine when I was baptized 'in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.'" Now, as the service begins in that same Name, Jesus is coming to forgive my sins and strengthen that faith—to keep (+) His cross firmly upon me. And now I will confess my sins—deny myself—knowing that He forgives me.

It is also quite good to make the sign of the cross after receiving the Lord's Supper. In doing so, the Christian joyfully declares, "Though I deserved God's punishment for my sin, Jesus gave up His body and shed His blood on His cross. He's risen from the dead, and He's shared His cross with me. And here and now, He has given me that same body and blood (+) given and shed for me at the cross, that I might have everlasting life with Him."

Do you see? The sign of the cross is a way of declaring your salvation: Jesus has made His cross to be yours, so that you do not have to suffer for your sin.

In the Small Catechism, Luther advises us to make the sign of the cross in the morning and the evening. In the morning: "Jesus has shared His cross with me (+). Therefore, I know that, whatever may happen today, God considers me His beloved child and will use all things for my good." In the evening: "Jesus has shared His cross with me (+). Therefore, I know that God has worked all things for my good today, even though I may not understand. And furthermore, where I have sinned today, God will not hold that sin against me—because He already held it against His Son at the cross."

It is a comfort to make the sign of the cross in the time of tragedy—for instance, in time of war: "Were it not for God's favor for the sake of Jesus, all life would be far worse than this dark day. But Christ has died and risen again, and He has placed His cross on me. Therefore, even if I meet a tragic death today, this is not the end. Because Jesus shares His cross with me, (+) I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come."

Again, to make the sign of the cross is a matter of Christian freedom: You may or may not feel comfortable doing it yourself. But when it is made by pastor or people, let this be its proclamation: Christ has died for your sins upon the cross; and by His means of grace, He shares His cross with you—that you may be His own, live under Him in His kingdom, and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence and blessedness.

*Pastor Kevin J. Kohne*



**Monday Night: A Study on the *Criminals of the Bible* - Monday Evenings @ 7:00 P.M. Began January 7<sup>th</sup>**

(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. **Join at any time, 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 February mission dollars go to support Lutherans Heritage Foundation. Their mission statement is “through the mission gifts of people like you, LHF translates, publishes, distributes and introduces books that are Bible-based, Christ-centered and Reformation driven”.



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HERITAGE  
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LHF has published the catechism in more than 80 languages with dozens more requested. In the past decade, LHF has published and distributed nearly 900 titles and three million Lutheran books to pastors, seminary students, missionaries, and churches – all at no cost to them.

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

They do not have much to report. At the monthly meeting they decided what they would have for the voters meeting meal, a variety of soups. February nibbles is canceled as it lands on the same day as the Valentine dinner.

**Sunday Circle group:** Meets the first Sunday of every month after church and are always looking for new members to join the group. Starting January 27<sup>th</sup>, they will again take a collection of items for Clinic with a Heart, a Lincoln faith-inspired organization, that serves the uninsured and underinsured through a ministry of healthcare. Here is the link for the website. For a full list of items needed! There is also a bulletin insert with a complete list as well. <https://www.clinicwithaheart.org> They will collect the

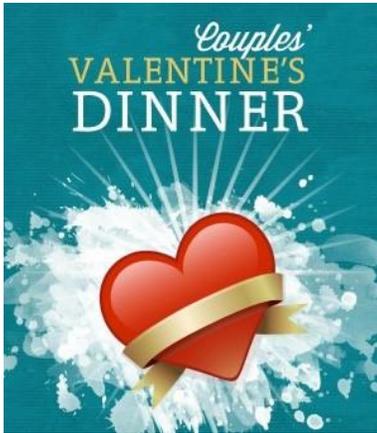
first three weeks in February.



## **Giving Hearts ~N~ Hands:**

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

Due to the winter storm the January Nibbles was cancelled. We will be visiting the shut ins for Valentine's day. We look forward to lively conversation and a gift for each person. For March Nibbles Plus we plan on celebrating with a St Patricks' theme.



**Youth Group:** On Sunday, February 10<sup>th</sup> the youth group will host a Valentine's dinner. Cost will be \$20/ person. \$40 for a couple. Your choice for dinner will be 1) Chicken Cordon blue over prosciutto wrapped asparagus and rustic mashed potatoes. 2) Beef Stroganoff over golden mashed potatoes with a side of steamed green beans and slivered almonds. Both meals include fresh rolls, spinach salad and a Valentine's dessert bar.

A Silent auction will take place during the dinner as well. Money raised will support youth group activities and items needed for the youth room.

Tickets available after Church.

## **History of Best Loved Hymns**

### **A look at another Baptism hymn "Dearest Jesus, We are Here,"**

"Dearest Jesus, We are Here," was first published in Benjamin Schmolck's *Heilige Flammen der himmlisch-gesinnten Seele* (Striegau, now Strzegom, Poland, 1704) along with 49 more of his other hymns. Catherine Winkworth translated the text. Born the son of a preacher, Benjamin Schmolck began his religious career early in his life.

Born the son of Martin Schmolck, in Brauchitzchdorf in Selesia, B. Schmolck was allowed to give his first sermon at the age of 16 (Schmolck's father was the pastor at the church in Brauchitzchdorf). In 1697, during his last year of study at the University of Leipzig, Schmolck supported himself by selling some of his poetry to wealthy patrons in the town, helping to spread his reputation as a poet. Finally, after finishing his studies, Schmolck returned to Brauchitzchdorf in 1701, was ordained, and served as an assistant to his father. In 1702, he married a woman named Anna Rosina Rehwald, and moved to Friedenskirche at Schweidnitz, where he would remain for the rest of his life.

One of the most important rites as a Christian, is that of Baptism. The Baptism is a way of bringing us into the light of Christ, and symbolizes a rebirth, or even a birth into Christ. At the time of Baptism, we are washed clean and given a new start. In the second stanza, we see "Born of water and the Spirit, Will My kingdom ne'er inherit." This is in reference to John 3:5, because unless we are washed clean with water, and born of the spirit, we cannot enter into the kingdom of Heaven. As a Christian who has been baptized, we are reminded daily that we are washed clean, and our spirit has been sealed by the sign of the cross. The imagery presented by water fits in to the imagery of what God truly is. Water can bring life, it refreshes us when we need it, it cleans us when we need it, and it can provide some good old-fashioned fun, but water can also be very dangerous, and can be seen as wrathful. By being born of water, we are born clean, and by being born of the spirit, we will always be cleansed with the water from the river of life that descends from Christ's throne in Revelations. The Holy Spirit creates faith in the water and the Word of God and by faith in Christ we receive forgiveness and life eternal.

## February Birthdays

2/6 Jule Maahs,  
2/9 Justin Harper  
2/11 Arlin Nisley  
2/12 Arthur Harper  
2/13 Debra Pfeifer  
2/14 Barrett May  
2/16 Matthew Singh  
2/18 Nathan Rink  
2/22 Benjamin Broening  
2/25 Nancy Klopfenstein  
2/27 Madison Rink



### Weddings!

2/14 Julia Slack and Jeff Luebke  
2/16 Kourtney Kempkes & Nathan Grimes

## March/April Events!

Nibbles: 10<sup>th</sup> hosted by Ladies Aide  
Wednesday Potluck: 13<sup>th</sup>  
Dinner Out: Place: TBD 17<sup>th</sup>  
Newsletter deadline is Friday 15<sup>th</sup>.  
Palm Sunday, April 14.  
Easter April 21.  
Confirmation, May 5.

## Easter Happenings:

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

### Dinner out:

Our next dinner out will be February 17, at Lee's Chicken. 1940 W. Van Dorn Street. See [www.leeschickenlincoln.com](http://www.leeschickenlincoln.com) for the full menu. Please let Karen Luepke know if you will be joining the group.

We are still open to ideas of places to go in 2019.



**First parade of 2019 is the Unadilla Ground Hog Celebration** parade on February 2. Line up at 1:30 p.m. @ Dan's Tire Shop. The Parade is at 2:00 p.m. We do NOT know what our entry shall be yet. Weather will play a factor. If you are willing to participate please send an email to [TrinityWaltonPastor@gmail.com](mailto:TrinityWaltonPastor@gmail.com) so that you can be kept informed of the plans.

June 8<sup>th</sup> will be the next parade.

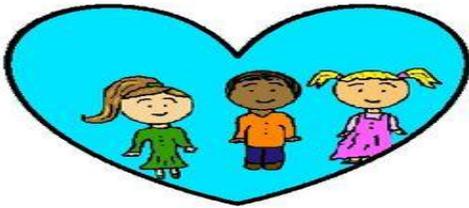
**Albert's Joke of the Month.**  
**It's just one that is too long to add to the bulletin:**

A PLANE IS ON ITS WAY TO TORONTO, WHEN A BLONDE IN ECONOMY CLASS GETS UP AND MOVES TO THE FIRST-CLASS SECTION AND SITS DOWN. THE FLIGHT ATTENDANT WATCHES HER DO THIS AND ASKS TO SEE HER TICKET. SHE THEN TELLS THE BLONDE THAT SHE PAID FOR ECONOMY CLASS AND THAT SHE WILL HAVE TO SIT IN THE BACK.

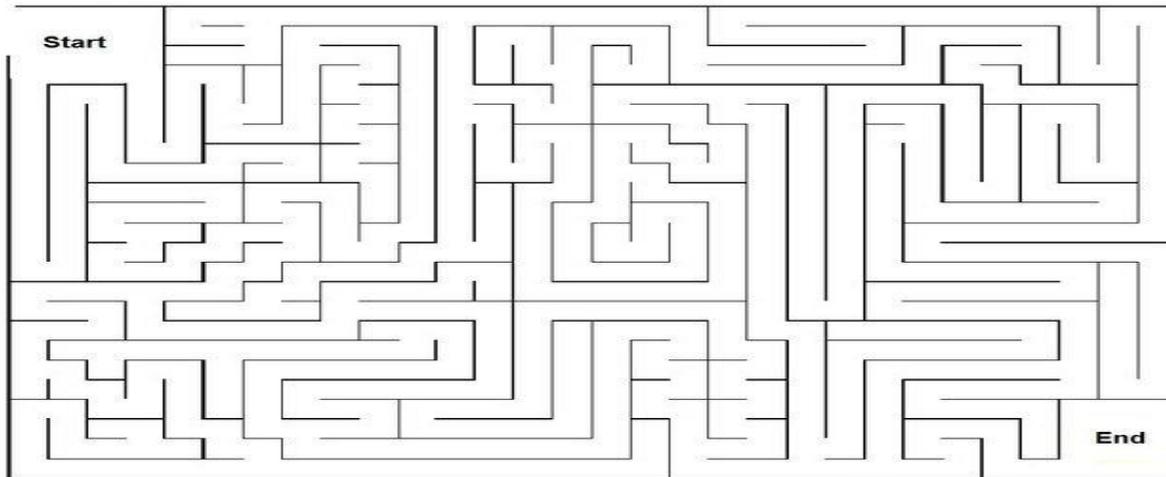
THE BLONDE REPLIES, "I'M BLONDE, I'M BEAUTIFUL, I'M GOING TO TORONTO AND I'M STAYING RIGHT HERE."

THE FLIGHT ATTENDANT GOES INTO THE COCKPIT AND TELLS THE PILOT AND THE CO-PILOT THAT THERE IS A BLONDE BIMBO SITTING IN FIRST CLASS, THAT BELONGS IN ECONOMY AND WON'T MOVE BACK TO HER SEAT. THE CO-PILOT GOES BACK TO THE BLONDE AND TRIES TO EXPLAIN THAT BECAUSE SHE ONLY PAID FOR ECONOMY SHE WILL HAVE TO LEAVE AND RETURN TO HER SEAT. THE BLONDE REPLIES, "I'M BLONDE, I'M BEAUTIFUL, I'M GOING TO TORONTO AND I'M STAYING RIGHT HERE." THE CO-PILOT TELLS THE PILOT THAT HE PROBABLY SHOULD HAVE THE POLICE WAITING WHEN THEY LAND TO ARREST THIS BLONDE WOMAN WHO WON'T LISTEN TO REASON. THE PILOT SAYS, "YOU SAY SHE IS A BLONDE? I'LL HANDLE THIS, I'M MARRIED TO A BLONDE. I SPEAK BLONDE." HE GOES BACK TO THE BLONDE AND WHISPERS IN HER EAR, AND SHE SAYS, "OH, I'M SORRY." AND GETS UP AND GOES BACK TO HER SEAT IN ECONOMY. THE FLIGHT ATTENDANT AND CO-PILOT ARE AMAZED AND ASKED HIM WHAT HE SAID TO MAKE HER MOVE WITHOUT ANY FUSS.

"I TOLD HER, 'FIRST CLASS ISN'T GOING TO TORONTO.'"



# Jesus Loves The Little Children Maze



**Mark 10:13** And they brought young children to him, that he should touch them: and his disciples rebuked those that brought them.

**Mark 10:14** But when Jesus saw it, he was much displeased, and said unto them, Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God.

**Mark 10:15** Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein.



## Newsletter Via Email!

Each month the newsletter is uploaded to the church website for viewing in full color! This will be the first month that an email is sent out to let you all know that it is ready to view and download for reading. We will still have paper copies available for you to view.

WHY are we doing this? Several reasons, it saves paper, printing costs, and stamps from newsletters being mailed out.

(Prices of stamps increases to 55 cents January 27<sup>th</sup>). You can see what is going on in the church before receiving the physical newsletter. If you prefer a paper copy, you will still receive one in your mail box at the church, however they will no longer be mailed out. (Except shut in's will still receive theirs via snail mail). An email was sent out on January 22<sup>nd</sup>. IF you did not receive this email, then we don't have your email address. Please send it to: [trinitywaltonsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:trinitywaltonsecretary@gmail.com) and Laura will get you added to the list.

Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

## New Section coming soon!

One of the ideas that was suggested in the December survey was a "Letter to the Editor" section. Do you have something you would like to say? Submit your letter to the Editor via [trinitywaltonsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:trinitywaltonsecretary@gmail.com).



As Requested in the December Newsletter Survey, some had asked to post a list of members on the shut-in list.

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Lincoln NE 68516

Madelyn Kuska  
Tabitha Grace Point #113  
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Lincoln NE 68510

*Traditions and Customs*  
Looking for Dates




- One of the most popular customs of Valentine's Day observed worldwide is to go on a date with sweetheart. Those without a date start looking for one days before the festival. The custom originated from the popular English belief that birds chose their partners on February 14. For this reason, Valentine's Day was called "the Birds' Wedding Day" in parts of Sussex.

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In Germany, heart-shaped ginger cookies are a typical gift presented on *Valentine's Day.*



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 Ground Hog Celebration Parade Unadilla, 1:30pm
3 9am Bible Class 10am Divine Service 11:15am Sunday Circle	4 7pm Criminals Bible Study	5 12:45pm Ladies' Bible Study at the home of Shirley Retzlaff, 1905 South 148th Street	6	7	8	9 7:30am Elder's Meeting
10 9am Bible Class 10am Divine Service  6:00 Valentines Dinner	11 7pm Criminals Bible Study	12	13 10:30am Giving Hearts ~N~ Hands 12pm Pot Luck	14 6:30 Slack/Luebke Wedding	15 5:00 Kempkes- Grimes-Rehearsal  March Newsletter deadline	16 4:00 Kempkes- Grimes-Wedding
17 9am Bible Class 10am Divine Service 11:30am Dinner Out	18 7pm Criminals Bible Study	19	20	21 1:30pm Ladies Aide	22	23
24 9am Bible Class 10am Divine Service 11:15 Confirmation: Lords Supper	25 7pm Criminals Bible Study	26	27	28		

**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](mailto:tah@nebrwesleyan.edu)

**Those serving in February 2019**  
**Sunday 10:00 a.m.**

**Elders**

**3<sup>rd</sup>** Alan Retzlaff, Tim Holtzen  
**10<sup>th</sup>** Hank Oetjen, Roger Pearson  
**17<sup>th</sup>** Nathaniel Kemper, Tracy Refior  
**24<sup>th</sup>** Alan Retzlaff, Hank Oetjen

**Ushers**

**3<sup>rd</sup>** Mark Moerer, Carl Seifert  
**10<sup>th</sup>** John Page, Deborah Rocker  
**17<sup>th</sup>** Jeff Plager, Marie Lentz  
**24<sup>th</sup>** Andrew Haase, Joyce Oetjen

**Acolytes**

**3<sup>rd</sup>** Whitney Bruce, Shannon Moerer  
**10<sup>th</sup>** Nolan & Marin Maahs  
**17<sup>th</sup>** Katheryn Stewart, Brooke McPherrin  
**24<sup>th</sup>** Sophia & Greyson May

**Altar Guild**

**3<sup>rd</sup>** Lisa Kemper, Sandy Kemper,  
**10<sup>th</sup>** Becky Nisley, Laura Hametis  
**17<sup>th</sup>** Lori Cartagena, Betty Hodtwalker  
**24<sup>th</sup>** Kristi Refior, Allison Kemper

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