



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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There is a story about a pastor who was walking through a dangerous part of town. Suddenly, a mugger approached the pastor, pointed a gun at him, and demanded all his money. The pastor opened his coat to get his wallet for the mugger. The mugger noticed the pastor's collar and realized he was a pastor. Immediately the mugger stopped the pastor. "Sorry, I did not realize you were a pastor, you can keep your money."

The pastor was very relieved that he could keep both his money and his life. He began talking to the would-be mugger. The pastor got a couple of candy bars out of his pocket and offered one to the would-be mugger. "No thanks," the man replied. "I gave up chocolate for Lent."

You and I may laugh at that story. Unfortunately, it is all too true for many of us. "I don't go around mugging people," you say. I am sure you do not. However, how many of us work to prepare our "outside" for Lent, but forget to prepare our "insides" for Lent and Easter. We may give up eating certain foods, do some Spring cleaning, get our house ready for the family to come for Easter dinner. That is preparing the "outside."

The book of Joel tells us, "Tear your hearts and not your clothes, and turn to the Lord your God because he is kind, merciful, slow to get angry, full of love, and feels sorry about disaster" (Joel 2:13).

What is our "inside?" It is our heart, our soul. It is the way we act toward our family and friends. It is the way we act towards God.

How can we prepare our "inside" for Lent and Easter? You and I can do this by coming to church to hear God's word every Sunday and Wednesday. We can do this by reading God's word every day. We do this by thinking about all that God has done for us in sending Jesus Christ to die and become alive again.

Lent is a time we remember with sadness why Jesus had to come and die on the cross. Lent is also a time we remember with JOY that Jesus rose from the dead that first Easter morn. Jesus defeated death and the devil for us and gave us life with HIM now and forever in heaven.

Come, join us this Lenten season. Together we will prepare our whole selves for the joy of Easter.

In Christ, *Pastor Kohnke*



Monday Night: A Study on the *Criminals of the Bible* - Monday Evenings @ 7:00 P.M. will be on hold through the Lenten season. The *Criminals Bible* study will resume April 29th.

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

Our Mission Dollars at Work

The mission that Trinity has opted to support this month is Lutheran Hour Ministries. We all are familiar with their mission statement: “Bringing Christ to the Nations and the Nations to the Church”. Lutheran Hour Ministries proclaims the Gospel to more than 125 million people worldwide each week. They have 34 ministry centers on 6 continents that serve more than 50 countries. The Lutheran Hour airs weekly on more than 1,800 radio stations and the Armed Forces Network. It’s first broadcast was on October 2, 1930. It airs on am1110 KFAB on Sunday mornings at 6:30 a.m. You can also listen anytime on their website or download their app.



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.

Would like to remind you of saving your Best Choice labels. They currently have 300. You can leave them in the mailbox marked “Best Choice Labels” in the narthex. Also, remember to drop your mites in the box in the narthex. The ladies appreciate your help in completing their mission goals!

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

Would like to thank everyone who donated items for Clinic with a heart! The last week for collection will be the day the newsletter is available.



Youth Group: The youth sold 43 tickets for the Valentine Dinner that brought in \$860.00, the silent auction netted an even \$600.00. Expenses include tables, table covers glasses, food, and items purchased for auction sold separately or added to make baskets etc....\$588.58. For a profit of \$872.42. A Big Thank You to all who volunteered, donated, purchased tickets and a round of applause to our youth servers!

A Big Thank you to Karla Snoozy and her crew for putting the event together in 3 weeks!



Giving Hearts ~N~ Hands:

Meetings held the second Wednesday of the month @ 10:30

In February we visited 6 of our shut in members delivering Valentine Baskets. What a blessing for us to connect with our friends. At our February group meeting we had the joy of planning the meal where everyone is Irish, for Trinity that day will be March 10th.

Please join us for Irish Nibbles ~~ Sunday March 10th 11:00 ~~ Fellowship Hall We will be serving corned beef and cabbage, potatoes, bread and many tasty options.

God Has Blessed Us All!

Lent and Easter Schedule 2019

Ash Wednesday- March 6 A Time for Renewal of Servanthood (Holy Communion and imposition of ashes)

"Whoever want to become great among you must be your servant." (Matthew 20:26)

Lent 2 - March 13 A Time for Renewal of Obedience

Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. (1 Peter 5:6)

Lent 3 March 20 A Time for Renewal of Witness

Whoever acknowledges me before men, I will also acknowledge him before my Father in heaven. But whoever disowns me before men, I will disown him before my Father in heaven. (Matt. 10:32-33)

Lent 4 March 27 A Time for Renewal of True Religion

"They tie up heavy loads and put them on men's shoulders, but they themselves are not willing to lift a finger to move them." (Matt 23:4)

Lent 5 April 3 A Time for Renewal of Priorities

Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For everything in the world-the cravings of sinful man, the lust of his eyes and the boasting of what he has and does-comes not from the father but from the world. The world and its desires pass away, but the man who does the will of God lives forever. (1 John 2:15-17)

Lent 6 April 10 A Time for Renewal of Godly Fear

You did not receive a spirit that make you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship. (Rom. 5:15)

Maundy Thursday- April 19 A Time for Renewal of Christian Unity

Is not the cup of thanksgiving for which we give thanks a participation in the blood of Christ? And is not the bread that we break a participation in the body of Christ? Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body. For we all partake of the one loaf. (1Cor. 10:16-17)

Good Friday – April 20 A Time for Renewal of Faith

We are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. God presented him as a sacrifice of atonement, through faith in his blood. (Rom. 3:24-25)

Easter - April 22 Easter: A Time for Renewal of Hope

Put your hope in the Lord, for with the Lord is unfailing love and with him is full redemption. (Ps. 130:7)

History of Best Loved Hymns

Children of the Heavenly Father

LSB 725

This traditional hymn was written by a woman named Caroline V. Sandell Berg (1832-1903). Growing up, most people knew Caroline (Karolina in Swedish) as Lina, when she was a member of a there Pietist wing of Swedish Lutherans. Throughout her years growing up, she grew to be very close with her father who was a minister. Her father was adamant about Lina growing up with an education far beyond what was typically expected out of women in that given time. Lina began writing poems early on in her life when she would write for Sunday school classes. Over her short life time Lina is said to have written over 1,700 different texts. Her most famous text, however, is still Children of the Heavenly Father.

There are two different takes on when this hymn was actually written, but between many different sources, it was about 50/50 for which story was actually true. The first story was that Lina was such a "Daddy's Girl," that she wrote the hymn to honor her father and to say thank you to him for raising her and protecting her. The second story presents a potentially accurate take on when the hymn was written as well, but it does take a bit of a darker tone. When Lina was at the age of 26 (1858), her life quickly became filled with adversity. Her year started off with a few of her distant relatives falling ill to numerous different diseases and eventually passing away. Still, none of those deaths would shake her foundation nearly as much as the death of her Father did. Lina and her Father were said to have been on a boat, when the boat suddenly lurched forward because of a wave throwing her father over board. Before anyone was able to lead a rescue out to her Father, it was too late. It was said that the profound effect that watching her Father drown was what caused Lina to write the text to this hymn.

Regardless of how the text came about, it wasn't until 1925 that the text was actually translated from the original Swedish into the English Lutheran version by a man named Ernst W. Olson.

The Hymn:

- (1) Children of the heav'nly Father Safely in His bosom gather;
Nestling bird nor star in Heaven Such a refuge e'er was given.
- (2) God His own doth tend and nourish; In His holy courts they flourish;
From all evil things He spares them; In His mighty arms He bears them.
- (3) Neither life nor death shall ever From the Lord His children sever;
Unto them His grace He showeth, And their sorrows all He knoweth.
- (4) Though He giveth or He taketh, God His children ne'er forsaketh;
His the loving purpose solely To preserve them pure and holy.
- (5) Lo, their very hairs He numbers, And no daily care encumbers
Them that share His ev'ry blessing And His help in woes distressing.
- (6) Praise the Lord in joyful numbers: Your Protector never slumbers.
At the will of your Defender Ev'ry foeman must surrender.

March Birthdays

3/2 – Selisha McPherrin
3/6 - Julie Maahs
3/6 - Grace Kohnke
3/7 - Diane Lemke
3/10 - Ryan Plager
3/10 - Terry Klopfenstein
3/12 – Ann McPherrin
3/14 - Shelley Peterson
3/17 - Gary Finke
3/21 - Derek Hodtwalker
3/22 - Roseanne McClarnon
3/23 - Deb Rocker
3/24 - Enid Newman
3/25 - Sandy Siefert
3/26 - Bob Bremer
3/31 - Kim May



Anniversary

3/24/84 - Steve & Lori Cartagena

Wedding:

Rachel Obenland & Nathaniel Kemper
March 30th

March/April Events!

No Dinner out in April
Newsletter deadline is Friday 22nd.
Palm Sunday, April 14.
Easter April 21.
Confirmation, May 5.

Choir Practice!

The Choir will begin practice on Ash Wednesday, March 6th, after the service. John Recknor will be leading us.

Dinner out:

Our next dinner out will be ~~February 17~~, March 17th at Lee's Chicken. 1940 West Van Dorn Street.

Because of the snow Lee's was postponed to March!
See www.leschickenlincoln.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.
There will be no dinner out in April, as that is Easter Sunday!



2019 Vacation Bible School

June 17-21 ~~ 5:30pm-8pm



Summer is coming which means VBS! We hold a week long VBS every June, where kids are feed God's word as well as super every night. This is completely free to those students who attend and we want to keep it that way.

The Church's current budget for VBS is \$500. The actual cost of VBS in 2018 was \$1200 (curriculum materials alone were \$534.93). Extra expenses were paid by Thrivent funds as well as by parents and VBS volunteers. We are always doing fun and exciting new things, so we are are doing some fundraisers this year to help pad the church's budget for this year's VBS and years to come.

Easter lilies cost: \$8.00. The sponsorship for each lily will be \$12.00 with the extra \$4.00 going into the VBS account. Anyone who sponsors a lily will be able to take theirs home and plant it in their flower garden for years to come! A note of your sponsorship will also appear in the bulletin. Sign up page will be in your bulletins.

VBS Round-UP Day during the Sunday School hour on May 19th. This will be in lieu of the Bennet Park event we had last year. Kids will be able to invite friends, neighbors, etc.! During that time, we will have a sneak peak of songs, lessons, Hoppy the puppet, have a fun snack and of course get signed-up for VBS.

Bridal Fashion show:

SAVE THE DATE! It's time to get all those beautiful dresses out of the closet! If you have a dress that you or someone else has probably only worn once, get ready to wear it again! Come model your bridal gown, bridesmaid, mother's, flower girl, prom or other special occasion dress. You can also choose to have someone else model your gown or just bring it to show everyone.

We want to hear all about your special day and raise funds for our Vacation Bible School!

Trinity Lutheran Church ~~ Sunday, June 2nd ~~ Seven O'clock In The Evening ~~ Cake and Punch Reception to Follow ~~ Adult Tickets \$8.00 ~~ Student Tickets (5-18 years) \$5.00 (4 and under free)

See Kilee Oetjen or Erin Singh (402)560-7845 to enter your gown, the entry fee is the same as a ticket price for the event. Models will not need an additional ticket for event/reception.

Gown entries start March 1st. Ticket sales will begin in April.

Albert's Joke of the Month.

It's just one that is too long to add to the bulletin:

A man broke into a house one night, his goal was to take something small and valuable. While he was searching through the stuff, he heard a small voice "Jesus is watching you." He stopped for a moment and said to himself "This must be a voice from my old Sunday school." So, he continued searching, about 5 minutes later he heard the voice again "Jesus is watching you." He turned his flashlight to the direction and he saw a parrot. He said to the parrot "What is your name?" The parrot replied "Moses" The robber then said "What kind of silly people would name their parrot Moses?" The parrot looked up and said "The same people who named the Rottweiler Jesus!"

Do you have something you would like to say? Submit your letter to the Editor via trinitywaltonsecretary@gmail.com.



Summer 2019 Camp Luther is located in Schuyler Nebraska and has week long camps available for school age kids in June and July! Visit their website for a list of all the various options. I have many happy memories of Camp Luther and it was always a week full of fun and Bible study! Color brochures are located in the Narthex.

<https://www.campluther.org/>

Voters' Meeting Recap: Two new Trustees were voted in, Deb Rocker, and Joyce Oetjen. After much discussion a vote was made to make repairs to the church sign in the parking lot. More discussion was held regarding a second sign for the church located on 148th & Old Cheney, more investigation is needed before this can happen. An audit committee was formed, Mike Kemper, Tim Holtzen, Andrew Haase, volunteered. Steve Cartagena was volunteered by voting members. Tim Holtzen was selected to be the voting member for the next Synodical president. Nathaniel Kemper will help him with his choice.

Come Celebrate with Sandi Siefert as she Turns 60!

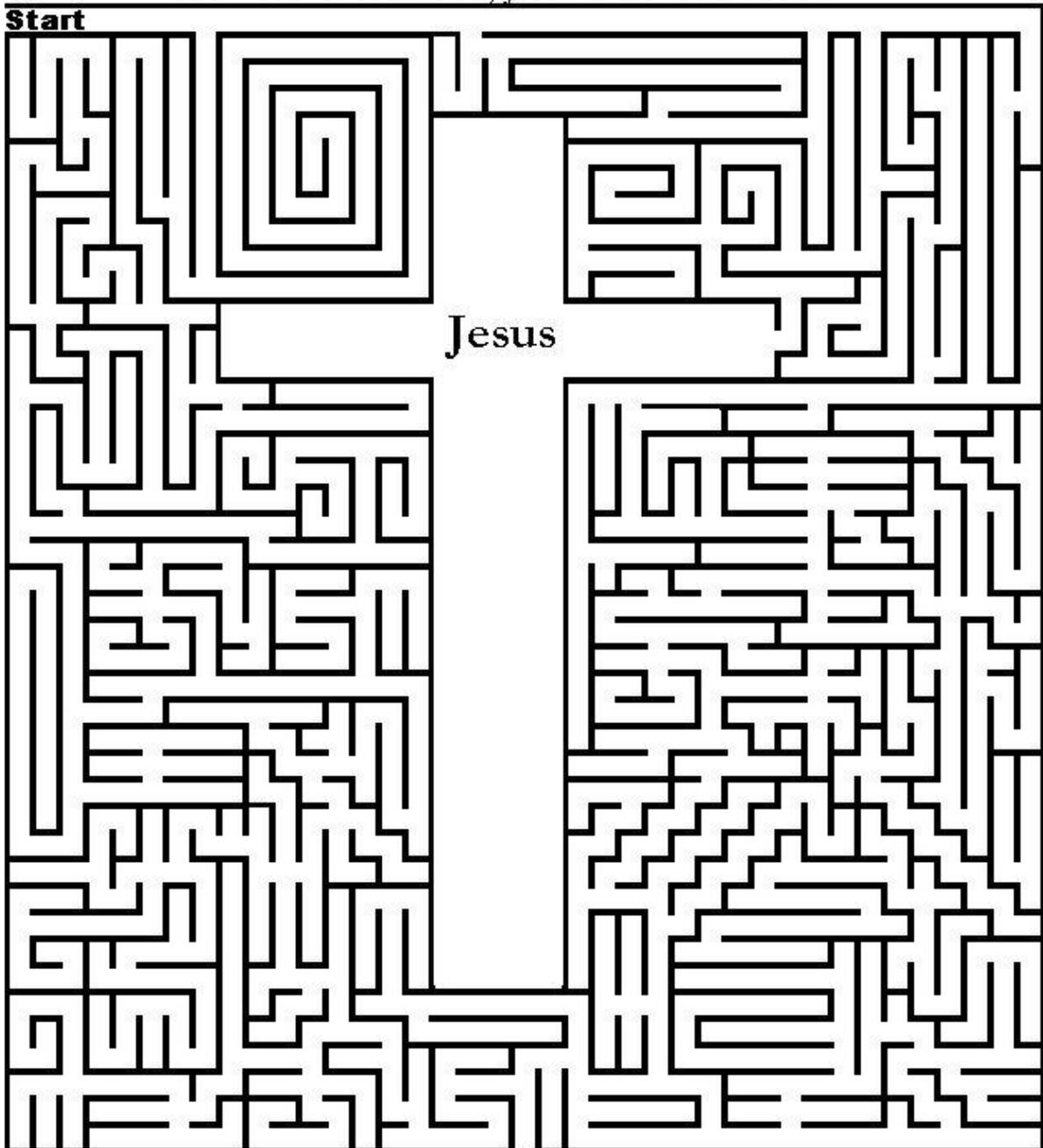
Your Invited! Sunday, March 24th from 11-4. Sandy would like to have a lunch birthday celebration with a cake to follow after church. This will be open to the congregation as well as non-members Sandy would like to invite for the open house.

Please RSVP to Heidi Whyrick 402-219-1112 by Sunday March 17th.

Happy Retirement to Betty Hodtwalker who for approximately 60 years counted the weekly offering on her designated Sunday. Thank you, Betty, for your many years of service in counting the gifts to the Lord.

Wednesday Night Ushers: **March 6th**, John Page, Jakob Kemper, **March 13th** Delbert Eickhoff, Ryan Plager, **March 20th** Kirk Nisley, Joyce Oetjen, **March 27th** Ethan Kemper, Randy Schroeder

In a world of confusion, Jesus is the clear choice.



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March 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 9am Bible Class 10am Divine Service 11:15am Sunday Circle	4	5 12:45pm Ladies' Bible Study at the home of Kathy Muller, 1077 N. 162nd	6 Ash Wednesday 6:00 Dinner 7:00 Divine Service with Holy communion and imposition of ashes	7	8	9 7:30am Elder's Meeting
10 9am Bible Class 10am Divine Service 11:15 Nibbles Plus	11	12	13 10:30am Giving Hearts ~N~ Hands 6:00 Dinner 7:00 Lenten Service	14	15	16
17 9am Bible Class 10am Divine Service 11:30am Dinner Out	18	19	20 6:00 Dinner 7:00 Lenten Service	21 1:30pm Ladies Aide	22 April Newsletter deadline	23
24/31 9am Bible Class 10am Divine Service (24 th) Sandy Siefert's Birthday Party	25	26	27 6:00 Dinner 7:00 Lenten Service	28	29 Obenland/Kemper Rehearsal @ 5:00	30 3:30 Obenland/Kemper Wedding

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 March 2019
Sunday 10:00 a.m.

Elders

3rd Nathaniel Kemper, Tim Holtzen
10th Alan Retzlaff, Roger Pearson
17th Tracy Refior, Nathaniel Kemper
24th Tim Holtzen, Alan Retzlaff
31st TBD

Ushers

3rd Kirk Nisley, Jeff Plager
10th Mark Moerer, Nate Rink
17th Matt Broening, Deb Pfeifer
24th Josh May, Roland Meyer
31st Deb Rocker, Andrew Haase

Acolytes

3rd Shannon Moerer, Whitney Bruce
10th Grayson & Sophia May
17th Brooke McPherrin, Kathern Stewart
24th Nolan Maahs, Kaytlan Rocker
31st Marin Maahs, Whitney Bruce

Altar Guild

3rd Shirley Retzlaff, Margene Meyer
10th Madeline Hiatt, Deb Pavey
17th Erin Singh, Megan Rexroth
24th Lisa Kemper, Sandy Kemper
31st Kristi Refior, Allison Kemper

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