



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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Frequently and Often: What does this mean?

Hebrews 10:19-25 ¹⁹ Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰ by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, ²¹ and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²² let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. ²³ Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. ²⁴ And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, ²⁵ **not neglecting to meet together**, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

The Pastor’s Page in the July newsletter focused on the meaning of church membership as written in the constitution of Trinity Lutheran Church. One of the statements in our constitution states a member will: “Grow in the Christian faith and life through faithful use of the means of grace, searching the Scriptures at home and in fellowship with other members of the congregation and its agencies, partaking of the Lord’s Supper frequently.” In another place in the constitution it again says, “Partake of the Lord’s Supper often (I Cor. 11 :26).

The words ‘frequently’ and ‘often’ can be misunderstood. The Google dictionary gives the following information for the word “**Often**”: frequently; many times. "He often goes for long walks by himself". Synonyms for ‘often’ are: frequently, many times, many a time, on many/numerous occasions, a lot, in many cases/instances, repeatedly, again and again, time and again, time and time again, time after time, over and over, over and over again, day in, day out, week in, week out, all the time, regularly, recurrently, continually, usually, habitually, commonly, generally, ordinarily, as often as not.

And as for the word “frequently”, Google defines ‘frequently’ as regularly or habitually; often. "They go abroad frequently". Synonyms for frequently include: regularly, often, very often, all the time, habitually, customarily, routinely, usually, normally, commonly.

Looking at the membership of Trinity Lutheran more than 40 persons have not communed in the previous 12 months. By the definition of member in the Trinity Constitution and be the definition of “often”

and “frequent”, more than 40 people consider themselves members and according to the constitution are not members.

Why does Scripture encourage us to participate in the Lord’s Supper often (or frequently)? As sinners we need what is offered to us in the Sacrament, namely forgiveness of sins, life and salvation. Believers need to gather together to be strengthened and to give strength. Believers go to the church for worship and fellowship, not just to gain for themselves, but to give to others. Let the subtle error that believers don’t need the church, that they can sit alone at home with their radio or television set on Sunday mornings, be laid to rest by that strong urging. Like blades of grass growing together or charcoal briquettes flowing together, we need each other.

Read Hebrews 10: 26-31 ²⁶ For if we go on sinning deliberately after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, ²⁷ but a fearful expectation of judgment, and a fury of fire that will consume the adversaries. ²⁸ Anyone who has set aside the law of Moses dies without mercy on the evidence of two or three witnesses. ²⁹ How much worse punishment, do you think, will be deserved by the one who has trampled underfoot the Son of God, and has profaned the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified, and has outraged the Spirit of grace? ³⁰ For we know him who said, “Vengeance is mine; I will repay.” And again, “The Lord will judge his people.” ³¹ It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

Stirring exhortation now turns to stern warning in this chapter in Hebrews. Failing to meet together as Christians to receive the Lord’s Supper could lead to turning away from Faith.

Those are indeed stern words. Unfortunately, it won’t matter. Matthew 23:36-38; ³⁶ Truly, I say to you, all these things will come upon this generation. ³⁷ “O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! ³⁸ See, your house is left to you desolate.

In a conversation with a member who has not been frequent at the Lord’s Table I was told a home visit would not change anything, it would not get them back to Trinity Lutheran church on Sunday morning.

Being Spiritually feed is so important, especially in the ever-changing world in which we now live. God is changeless His word stands forever, and He does not change, He is constant. He provides strength, comfort and hope! If Trinity is not the church you find Jesus offering His strength, comfort and hope then please find a Bible preaching, Christ centered church that does and join it, frequently partake of the Lord’s Supper and financially support it.

If Trinity is the church where you do find Jesus offering His strength, comfort and hope then I will see you frequently and often, time and time again at His table receiving forgiveness, life and salvation.

In Christ, Pastor Kohinke

Promotion Sunday for Sunday School students will be August 28th!

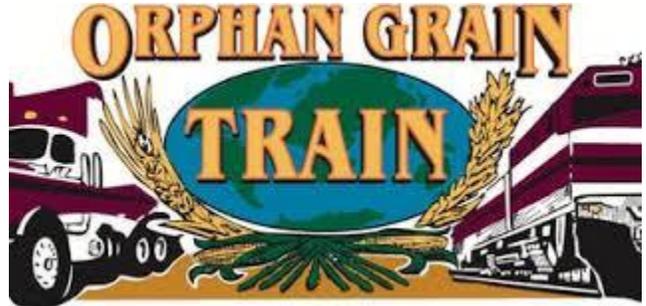


Ladies Tuesday Bible study will be at the home of Anita Crip, 83 J Road in Bennet

Sunday Morning Bible Class for The Month of August: will start the study of Islam part 2 – witnessing - led by Pastor Kohnke.

Our Mission Dollars at Work

Mission Statement In loving response to Christ, the Servant, the Orphan Grain Train movement encourages and enables God's people to share personal and material resources in bringing Christ's name and character to needy people both far and near. Sometimes that character expresses itself as a word well spoken, sometimes as a bandage well applied, and sometimes as a child well fed.



What is Orphan Grain Train? Orphan Grain Train is a 501c3 Nonprofit Christian volunteer network that shares personal and material resources with needy people in America and around the world. Grain Train volunteers gather donations of clothing, medical supplies, food, Christian literature, and other aid to meet real needs. The Orphan Grain Train movement is a loving response to Jesus Christ’s example as a servant and His love for us.



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.

Mary Jo attended the LWML planning meeting in preparation for the fall rally in October. The rally will be hosted by Immanuel Lutheran and held at the UNL Chapel.

They would like to thank everyone who has saved their mites and put them in the box in the Narthex. So far \$206.89 has been collected.

Sunday Circle group: Meets the first Sunday of every month after church and are always looking for new members to join the group. It has been a busy summer full of various activities for the group. They are working on a new banner for the church. There will not be a meeting in August, but will be back in September.

Dinner Out will be: will August 18th at Egg & I on 70th & O street. Please let Karen Luebke know if you would like to go. No dinner out in September as that is the same day at the church picnic.

<https://theeggandirestaurants.com/location/lincoln-ne-a/>



August Birthdays

8/1 Zach Maahs
8/2 Lisa Smithers
8/4 Kylee Bruss, Lori Cartagena
8/8 Ivan Bruss, Hank Oetjen
8/9 Duane Cheney
8/11 Cindy Claasen
8/12 Hunter Maahs, Alan Retzlaff, Dottie Schliefert
8/13 David May
8/17 Emily Dowd
8/18 Joshua Harper
8/19 Ethan Kemper
8/21 Connie May
8/25 Ron Mangel
8/26 Don Broening, Kay Oetjen
8/28 Preston Bruss
8/29 Carl Siefert, LoRee May
8/30 Carol Piper
8/31 Nicholas May



August Anniversaries

8/22 Terry & Nancy Klopfenstein (1998)
8/25 Jeremy & Carolyn Bruss (2001)

Bulletin Sponsors

Just for review. I was asked recently just what does the \$15 dollars go towards for the Bulletin Sponsors? It costs the church \$15.00 per week to have the color printed bulletins from Concordia Publishing. It was passed by the voting members, to have members of the congregation to sponsor the weekly bulletin, to help off-set the cost. Before this, the bulletin covers were done by Pastor Wentzel, and he created them for each Sunday. They were then printed on a colored paper.

To be a Bulletin sponsor fill out the form located in the narthex mailbox, and return it with payment in the Secretary's mailbox in the (you guess right) the narthex. You can see what dates are available by looking on the side of the mailbox. A white paper with available dates is listed. Please put your name on the date you picked so others know it's been reserved.

Trinity Lutheran Church 2019 Parades

The 2019 Parade season has come to an end. Thank you to all who helped create floats and all who participated in the parades. We are looking for a parade coordinator for 2020. The horses will not be part of the Trinity parades in 2020. If you are interested in learning more about this position to use your God given talents please speak with pastor.

Giving Hearts ~N~ Hands:

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

Sunday September 15, 2019, 2nd Annual
Trinity Lutheran Church Picnic

BINGO!! Pastor, Candy and family always make this fun.
Water Balloons: weather permitting
Fun, Games, and Socializing
Deb will be throwing tee-shirts

Awesome Dogs, Yummy Yum Yums

Come Join Us:
Bring Friends and Family
And a favorite side dish.

Sunday September 15, 2019
11:30 - ???
2nd Annual Trinity Lutheran Picnic

So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do,
do all to the glory of God.
1 Corinthians 10:31



Church bulletin board

The following appeared in church bulletins or were announced at church services.

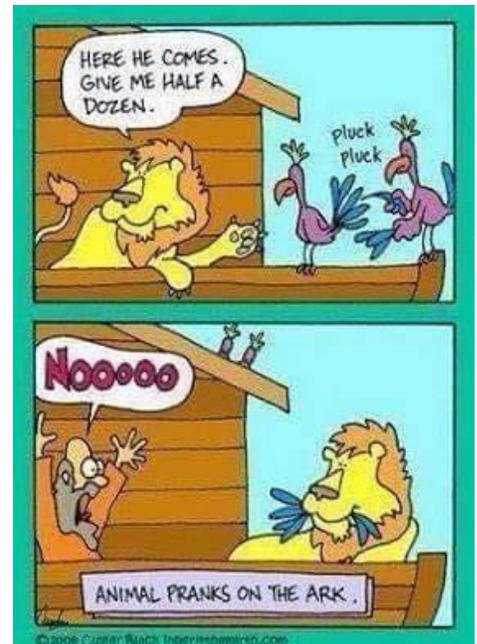
The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water.' The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.'	The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hostility.
Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.	At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be 'What is Hell?' Come early and listen to our choir practice.
Don't let worry kill you off – let the Church help.	The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.
Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I will not pass this way again', giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.	This evening at 7pm there will be hymn singing in the park across from the Church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.
For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.	Low Self-Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7pm. Please use the back door.
The Rector will preach his farewell message, after which the choir will sing 'Break Forth Into Joy'.	The Associate Minister unveiled the church's new tithing campaign slogan last Sunday: 'I Upped My Pledge – Up Yours.'
Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.	This being Easter Sunday, we will ask Mrs Lewis to come forward and lay an egg on the altar.
Potluck supper Sunday at 5pm – prayer and medication to follow.	

Compiled by Max Bowen

Alberts Joke of the month!



From your Secretary,
good to know I was not
the first one to say Sin
instead of Sing!!



History of Best Loved Hymns

How Firm a Foundation, R. Keene (1787)

LSB 728

When it first appeared in print, the author's name was only listed as "K" leaving many baffled as to the true author of the song. Extensive research has uncovered the songwriter. English pastor John Rippon published the hymnbook, *A Selection of Hymns from the Best Authors*, in which the song first appeared. Most likely the song was written by Rippon's song leader, R. Keene. Regardless of its authorship, the Bible is the real foundation of "How Firm a Foundation." Many of the song's phrases are direct Scripture quotations, and certainly, the entire song is a Scripture-soaked testimony to God's Word. The theologian Charles Hodge loved the song. During one prayer meeting in which the song was sung, Hodge was so gripped with emotion that he couldn't sing the words, "I'll never, no never, no never forsake." The song is so rich that it is worthy of meditation, and certainly deserves the place of recognition that it has had during its long history.

Bible Trivia: Speaking of Churches ~~ July Answers.

1. Laodicea
2. Philippi
3. Thessalonica
4. Philippi
5. Troas
6. Ephesus
7. Antioch
8. Epaphras
9. Thyatira
10. Peter

Down on the Farm ~~ Answers in September Newsletter ~~ Watch the Sunday bulletin for clues.

1. What was the Farmer Elisha doing when Elijah threw his mantle upon him?
2. What suffering man was a farmer?
3. Who planted the first garden?
4. What judge was a wheat farmer?
5. What king of Judah loved farming?
6. Who was the first man to plant a vineyard?
7. What barley farmer married a Moabite woman and became an ancestor of David?
8. Who was the first farmer?
9. For what cripple did David order Ziba to farm the land?
10. Who had a vineyard that Ahab coveted?
11. What Patriarch farmed in Gerar and received a hundredfold harvest?
12. What lieutenant of David had his barley fields destroyed by Absalom?
13. What kin, famous for his building projects, also planted vineyards, gardens, and orchards?



Please join us on Sunday, September 9th at 9:00 a.m. (NOTICE CHSNGE OF DATE)
Jan Bruick will provide a presentation on Alaska Mission for Christ. We will learn how we can be a part of this mission by sending a team to Alaska in the summer of 2020! Learn more at <https://www.alaskamissionforchrist.org/>

Or follow them on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/alaskamissionforchrist/> on Facebook you will see lots of pictures of the mission teams and the variety of ages represented.

August 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4 9 am Bible Class 10 am Divine Service	5	6 12:45pm: Ladies Bible Study	7	8	9	10 7:30 am Elder's Meeting
11 9 am Bible Class 10 am Divine Service	12	13	14 10:30 am Giving Hearts ~N~ Hands	15 1:30pm Ladies Aide	16 Newsletter Deadline	17
18 9 am Bible Class 10 am Divine Service 11:30 Dinner Out Mom's Food Pantry	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 9 am Bible Class 10 am Divine Service Promotion Sunday	26	27	28	29	30	31

Nibbles is on hold till March of 2020, due to Holidays and other church activities.

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 August 2019
Sunday 10:00 a.m.

Elders

4th Tim Holtzen, Steve Cartagena
11th Roger Pearson, Hank Oetjen
18th Alan Retzlaff, Tim Holtzen
25th Tracy Refior, Roger Pearson

Ushers

4th Deb Pfeifer, Debora Rocker-Krahmer
11th John Page, Kirk Nisley
18th Nate Rink, Ethan Kemper
25th Matt Broening, Andrew Haase

Altar Guild

4th Margene Meyer, Denise Moerer
11th Lori Cartagena, Betty Hodtwalker
18th Kristi Refior, Allison Kemper
25th Shirley Retzlaff, Deb Pavey

Acolytes

4th Nolan & Marin Maahs
11th Sophia & Grayson May
18th Shannon Moerer & Whitney Bruce
25th Madison & Matthew Rink

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