



# Trinity Trumpeter



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In the winter 2019 issue of the *Concordia Journal* published by Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO there is an article written by former Lutheran Hour Speaker and current president of this seminary, Dr. Dale Meyer. The words are so timely for us at Trinity that I desire to share with you Dr. Dale Meyers words in this issue of the trumpeter and the next two.

### Why Go to Church Every Sunday? Three Reasons from 1 Peter

Pastors know many people who consider themselves good church members but worship only a time or two a month, if that. Decades ago, when America's public culture complemented the life and teachings of the church in many ways weekly church attendance was commonly accepted as the thing to do, even those who skipped. What is different today? In some places, the reason might be problems in the local congregation, but the overall cause is today's changed culture. Rather than acquiesce, I think we can offer compelling reasons to encourage weekly church attendance. Gathering for Word and Sacrament with local believers has always been of the utmost importance, but in our post-churched times the habit of weekly worship is especially helpful for the baptized. About this 1 Peter is instructive. It offers grand themes: The centrality of Jesus Christ and his work, the generative power of the word, obedience to the will of God rather than emotions, focus on the future return of Christ in judgment and the full realization of salvation, honor to those who represent the institutions of the day, and others. From these I draw three reasons why weekly worship is important.

First, we go to church every week because societal forces pulling us away from church are stronger than ever. Back in "Christian America" people accepted the idea of absolute truth, even if it was only lip service, but today it's "You have your opinion; have mine. Who are you to tell me that I'm wrong?" What shapes people's opinions today? Absent obedience to objective truth, it is the almighty me: my emotions, my will, and rationalizations thereof. Eavesdrop on people's conversations and you hear them talking about how they are feeling about someone or something. Watch media and you find rationalized passions and self-serving partisanship. American public culture has lost the unifying center it had decades ago. Modern man is turned in on himself. And honestly, don't you and I constantly monitor our feelings too? Daily devotions help keep the word before us but tally the time parishioners spend in daily devotion versus the peer pressure put on them day-

in and day-out by people and media. On this side of eternity Christian life must be a conscious back-and-forth between stuff during the week and God's revealed truth through preaching, teaching, and fellowship on Sundays. Strong societal pulls away from church is reason for the discipline of weekly worship. Parishioners can answer the call of the church bell every few weeks, but personally, I would find it scary to give my wandering feelings that much freedom. I need the weekly gathering to keep norming my life by the word.

I Peter contrasts human emotions turned inward with obedience to God's revealed truth in the lives of the baptized. "As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct." "Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul." We are "to live for the rest of the time in the flesh no longer for human passions but for the will of God" (1 Pt 1:14; 2:11; 4:2). The passions Peter identifies are conducts church people today would readily disavow: "sensuality, passions, drunkenness, orgies, drinking parties, and lawless idolatry" (4:3), and Peter's hearers had stopped participating in such public sins (4:4), but gross sins are not the only emotions Peter has in mind. "So put away all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander" (2: 1). Those sins are more likely to show up in a congregation. Don't you know! Gross sins or more subtle conducts, both are a giving into emotions of the sinful flesh. Peter calls his hearers to the different lifestyle-holiness-which comes from their baptismal rebirth: "All obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct" (1: 14-15). First-century Asia Minor was filled with forces pulling people away from their congregations. Today's American public culture is doing the same. Now that our public life is no longer centered on Judeo-Christian values, the baptized need more than ever to put ourselves in obedience to the word. Weekly worship does that. -Dr. Dale Meyer

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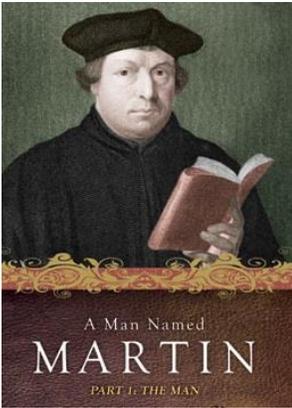
**Ladies Tuesday Bible study** will be at the home of Karen Leubke, 545 Jefferson, Bennet, October 1<sup>st</sup>!

**Sunday Morning Bible** Pastor Holtzen will be back in October with the continuation of the Stories of the Old Testament Bible study!



**Dinner Out** Will be at Big Red Keno 8933 Andermatt Drive, the event will be October 27<sup>th</sup>!! Please let Karen Luebke know you would like to join the group!

**The votes are in: November and December Dinners out will happen!**



**Fall Bible Study: Wednesdays starting October 2, 2019 for 8 weeks.  
7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
A Man Named Luther**

**Overview: The study uses a DVD**

Encounter a 15th-century religious reformer from Germany who broke ranks with the Catholic Church. This Bible study is the first of a three-part series devoted to Martin Luther—a monk whose Spirit-inspired grasp of God's justification of sinners through faith in the Savior was the cornerstone of the Protestant Reformation.

In this five-session Bible study, Luther's life and times are examined through the lens of history, religion, and theology. Expanding on commentary from Rev. Gregory Seltz, Speaker for *The Lutheran Hour*, numerous scholars add their expertise and perspective to render an illuminating portrait of the life of this extraordinary human being.

As a forlorn sinner feeling lost and desperate before a stern and exacting Judge, Luther despaired of all hope for eternity. But as one who came to cling to the Spirit-delivered truths of justification by faith and the liberty believers experience by God's grace, he rebounded to become a triumphant ambassador for the Gospel.

The details of Luther's life—his childhood with his parents Hans and Margaret, his university pursuits, his decision to become a monk, his protestation of Catholic practices, his voluminous and erudite scholastic output, his life in hiding, and his roles as husband and father—are all considered in this study. *A Man Named Martin* offers a fresh look at an individual who, down through the centuries, has increased in importance and vitality to the Christian church.

### **Our Mission Dollars at Work**

**Mission:** Lutheran Bible Translators makes God's Word accessible to those who do not yet have it in the language of their hearts.

**Vision:** God is transforming the lives of people around the world as they read and use His Word in their heart language.

**Values ~ God's Word:** We are committed to the Word of God in its incarnate, proclaimed and Scriptural forms. We apply God's Word to our lives, decisions, communications, and relationships. **Innovation**

We accomplish our mission most effectively through creative and discovery-oriented strategies. We encourage innovation and creativity. **Professionalism:** We strive for excellence and vigorous approaches in all aspects of ministry. We value professional affirmation of our competencies and open evaluation of our work.

**Dialogue:** We are committed to authentic internal and external relationships. We strive to exhibit mutual accountability, transparency, collaboration, and inter-dependency in a spirit that is both respectful and compassionate. **Cultural Sensitivity:** We recognize cultural differences in values, learning styles, and relationship dynamics. We respect and value these differences as we interact with people of differing backgrounds and generations. **Fiscal Responsibility:** We are committed to the principles of Biblical Stewardship, accountability, and transparency. We handle financial resources according to best practices and high ethical standards.





**Ladies Aide Report:** Meetings are held the 3rd Wednesday of the month. We meet in the Church Fellowship Hall. Please come see what we are all about and come hungry as we start the meetings with a variety of tasty refreshments. Our meetings being at 1:30 and usually last for one hour.

October 6th is L.W.M.L. Sunday. Please come join us in the Fellowship Hall after service and enjoy cookies and beverages. Come celebrate our new beginning.

Mom's Food Pantry. We need your help in supporting Lillie Chambers from Bennet as she is Mom's Food Pantry. We have designated the 3rd Sunday of each month as "Food Sunday". Don't feel like you can only donate then, the grocery cart is located at the south entrance of the Church next to the elevator. Nonperishable food, health supplies, baby supplies, clothes and monetary gifts are always needed and appreciated. Thank You.

Lutheran women one and all. We have heard the Gospel call.

Please put your labels in the church mailbox of Ladies Aid President: Mary Jo Colbert. Or the box marked "Best Choice Labels" Thank You!

**Best Choice.**

**Sunday Circle group:** Sunday Circle met on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of September after a little summer hiatus. A date has been set for working on the Ascension banner. We have decided to send \$100 donation to the Derricks family, with the LBT in Cameroon, in lieu of a Christmas package this year. They are working on fixing up a new house for their growing family. Other projects have been discussed but not ready for announcement yet. Even though this is a few months away, we discussed that we will be doing the Cookie Walk again during the month of December.

Our meetings are on the first Sunday of the month after church service. New members are always welcome!

## Youth Group Event:

Halloween Party at Karla Snoozy's house

Friday, October 18<sup>th</sup> 6-9pm

Costume competition, with prizes

Flashlight tag, wear tennis shoes and bring your own flashlight.

Food: Pizza and Pop provided

Rsvp by Oct 12<sup>th</sup> to

[karla4kay@yahoo.com](mailto:karla4kay@yahoo.com) or text 402-304-5766



Youth Group Fund Raiser: Taco bar on October 13<sup>th</sup> after church. Free will Donation! Money raised will be used for Nebraska District Youth Gathering.

## October Birthdays

10/2 Chrstine Gierke  
10/4 Candy Kohnke, Karla Snoozy  
10/9 Jacob Bemer, Roland Meyer  
10/11 Becky Nisley  
10/12 Sue Bruss  
10/14 Roger Pearson  
10/18 Colin Gierke  
10/20 Maryah Harding, Lisa Kemper  
10/21 Hallie Rink  
10/22 Erik Luebke, Cora Rocker  
10/23 Randy Schroeder  
10/26 Adam DeNino  
10/27 Margene Meyer  
10/30 Jeff Plager



### Anniversaries

10/7/1995 Greg & Debbie Pavey  
10/10/1997 Leonard & Sherry Harper  
10/29/2011 Tracy & Kristi Refior



### Alaska Mission for Christ

Facilitating a bold witness to Jesus Christ in every  
community in Alaska

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.

Another informational/Planning meeting will be held on October 13<sup>th</sup> after Church. The Youth Group will be hosting a Taco bar after church. You do not need to go to the meeting to enjoy the tacos. Meal in the fellowship hall, meeting in the conference room upstairs. Taco bar will be free will donation to raise fund for Nebraska District Youth Gathering.

### Giving Hearts ~N~ Hands:

Meetings held the second Wednesday of the month @ 10:30 October 9<sup>th</sup>!



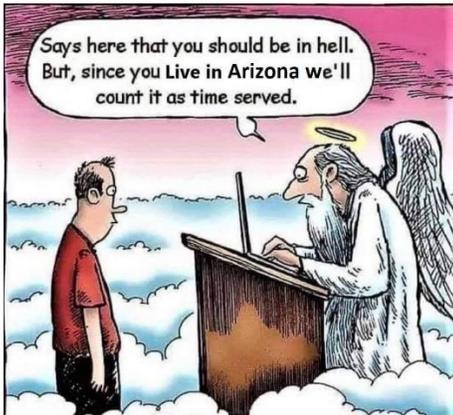
Our 2nd Annual Church Picnic was held Sunday September 15th. Once again, we decided to hold it in the Fellowship Hall due to the extreme heat. The 60 people who attended sure didn't go away hungry as we had an abundance of food. Thank you to all who brought those very delicious side dishes and assorted desserts.

BINGO: Pastor Kohnke has reinvented this wonderful game to a fun filled get to know your fellow Church members and Bible trivia.

We also appreciate the very special prizes that were given out. Thank you Pastor Kohnke, Joyce Oetjen, and Deborah Rocker for these treasures.

With God's Peace, the members of Giving Hearts-n-Hands

## Alberts Joke of the month!



From your Secretary!



## Bible Trivia

**August Answers: Somehow Bible Trivia was cut from the September Newsletter. Sorry about that!!**

**Here are August Answers:** 1. Plowing (1 Kings 19:19) 2. Job (1:14) God (Genesis 2:8) 4. Gideon (Judges 6:11) 5. Uzziah (2 Chronicles 26:9-10) 6. Noah (Genesis 9:20) 7 Boaz (Ruth 1:22-23) 8. Cain (Genesis 4:2) 9. Mephibosheth, Saul's grandson (2 Samuel 9:9-10) 10. Naboth (1 Kings 21:1-2) 11. Isaac (Genesis 26:12) 12. Joab (2 Samuel 14:30) 13 Solomon (Ecclesiastes 2:4-5)

### They Heard Voices

1. What New Testament Character was the "voice crying in the wilderness"?
2. What blind father recognized Jacob's voice but was deceived by his glove-covered hands?
3. When Moses was in the tabernacle, where did God's voice come from?
4. Who heard a voice that said, "Write down what you see"?
5. Where did God speak to Moses in a voice like thunder?
6. What barren woman moved her lips in prayer but made no sound?
7. According to Deuteronomy, where did God's voice come from?
8. Who told Saul that obeying God's voice was more important than sacrificing animals?
9. Which Gospel mentions the voice of Rachel weeping for her children?
10. Who heard the voice of an angel ordering that a large tree be chopped down?
11. What book says that the divine voice sounds like a waterfall?
12. Who said, "Is that your voice, David my son"?
13. To which church did Jesus say, "If any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him"?
14. What apostle addressed the Pentecost crowd in a loud voice?

# October 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 12:45pm: Ladies Bible Study	2  Bible Class 7 p.m.	3	4	5
6 9 am Bible Class & Sunday School 10 am Divine Service 11:15am Sunday Circle	7 Fall Pastor's Conference Grace Lutheran, Grand Island	8 Fall Pastor's Conference	9 10:30 am Giving Hearts ~N~ Hands  Bible Class 7 p.m.	10	11	12 7:30 am Elder's Meeting
13 9 am Bible Class & Sunday School 10 am Divine Service 11:15: Taco Bar Served by Youth Group 11:20 Alaska Mission meeting	14	15	16  Bible Class 7 p.m.	17 1:30pm Ladies Aide	18 Newsletter Deadline  Youth Group Event 6:30-9	19
20 9 am Bible Class & Sunday School 10 am Divine Service Mom's Food Pantry Sunday 11:30 Voters Meeting Lunch served before!	21	22	23  Bible Class 7 p.m.	24	25	26
27 9 am Bible Class & Sunday School 10 am Divine Service Dinner Out 11:15 11:15 Confirmation Class	28	29	30  Bible Class 7 p.m.	31 All Saints Day!		

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](mailto:tah@nebrwesleyan.edu)

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

**Elders**

**6<sup>th</sup>** Tim Holtzen, Roger Pearson  
**13<sup>th</sup>** Hank Oetjen, Alan Retzlaff  
**20<sup>th</sup>** Tracy Refior, Tim Holtzen  
**27<sup>nd</sup>** Hank Oetjen, Alan Retzlaff

**Altar Guild**

**6<sup>th</sup>** Margene Meyer, Rosanne McClarnon  
**13<sup>th</sup>** Mary Jo Colbert, Denise Moerer  
**20<sup>th</sup>** Kristi Refior, Allison Kemper  
**27<sup>th</sup>** Shirley Retzlaff, Deb Pavey

**Ushers**

**6<sup>th</sup>** Jeff Plager, Deb Rocker  
**13<sup>th</sup>** Randy Schroeder, Andrew Haase  
**20<sup>th</sup>** Delbert Eickhoff, Ryan Plager  
**27<sup>nd</sup>** Carl Siefert, Mark Moerer

**Acolytes**

**6<sup>th</sup>** Whitney Bruce, Shannon Moerer  
**13<sup>th</sup>** Marin Maahs, Ruby Oetjen  
**20<sup>th</sup>** Grayson & Sophia May  
**27<sup>th</sup>** Madison & Emma Rink

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