



Trinity Trumpeter



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We begin a new decade on January 1, 2020! Can you believe Y2K was twenty years ago? When the world clock rolled over to January 1, 2000 many were afraid of what would happen to computer systems. Would they be able to convert from nineteen hundred to two thousand? They did make the transition.

The transition to the Church Triumphant was made by so many of our beloved family members in the past two decades. And now we stand once again on the beginning of a new decade looking forward! What are you looking forward to? Take a moment and reflect on that question.

Wow you thought of a lot of things! Of all the things you are looking forward to, how many of them are in your control? My guess, NONE! Because the Lord is in control of all things.

...yet you do not know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes. Instead you ought to say, **“If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that.”** James 4:14-15 (ESV)

That does not mean we should not plan or that we should not look forward to things yet to come! It does mean we live in the reality of, “If the Lord wills”.

But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. But **the day of the Lord will come like a thief**, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed.

Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, **what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness**, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn! But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by him without spot or blemish, and at peace. And count the patience of our Lord as salvation, just as our beloved brother Paul

also wrote to you according to the wisdom given him, as he does in all his letters when he speaks in them of these matters. There are some things in them that are hard to understand, which the ignorant and unstable twist to their own destruction, as they do the other Scriptures. You therefore, beloved, knowing this beforehand, take care that you are not carried away with the error of lawless people and lose your own stability. **But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.** To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen. 2 Peter 3:8-18 (ESV)

As you transition into the new year writing 2020 and NOT 2019, may you look forward to a new year living each day “as the Lord wills” and growing in the grace and knowledge of our Lord, Jesus. To GROW in grace and knowledge of the Lord can be accomplished by faithful participation in worship and Bible study.

Pastor Kohnke



Ladies Tuesday Bible study will be January 7th, at the home of Shirly Holtzen, 5430 Stephanie Court, Lincoln. at 12:45pm.

In December the Ladies met for lunch at Greenfields, see picture!

Sunday Morning Bible Pastor Holtzen with the continuation of the Stories of the Old Testament Bible study!

Wednesday Night Bible study resumes on January 8, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

January 8, 15, 22 - In A Man Named Martin-Part 2: The Moment, viewers will witness the interplay of personalities and events that led to the Protestant Reformation. Part 3 will begin January 29th.

From Luther's inner struggles of conscience and faith to his call for debate with the Pope to his scathing rebuke of erroneous church practice, this installment examines the semi-scriptural and oft-times unethical teachings and doctrines of the late Medieval Church and how Luther addressed them. From purgatory, penance, and indulgences to the treasury of merits of Christ, Masses for the dead, and the institution of the Papacy, Luther and other like-minded reformers had a rmi information overload on their hands.

A cast of scholars and professional church worker hare their expertise on the cultural and religious milieu in which Luther operated. A discussion guide, complete with numerous Internet links and helpful questions, assists viewers toward a deeper understanding of this critical period in the life of Christ's church on earth.

Dinner Out: Will be at Famous Dave's. January 19th!
Please let Karen Luebke know if you will be joining the group!!



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.

The Colors of the Liturgical Seasons ~~ Rev. Douglas K. Escue Part 1

Church Year Color. Color is everywhere. Color is God's way of filling his world with beauty and giving pleasure to those who live in this colorful world. Christians, for centuries, have used color in divine worship to emphasize the redemptive action of God through his Son. Color, like music, plays an important role in the life of God's worshiping people. Just as music is the "handmaiden to theology," liturgical color complements the message of the seasons and occasions during the church year. Taking a familiar seat in the nave of his/her chapel preceding worship on any given Sunday, the worshiper's emotions and intellect are immediately engaged by color. Liturgical colors aid in establishing a climate in which Law and Gospel may be heard and received. Color, like light which is its source, is most helpful when it is pleasing as well as stimulating to the senses. However, let's never forget its primary role in divine worship: Color allows us to see the Light of Life, Jesus Christ. It serves to communicate the message of salvation. And communicate it does when it reinforces a specific "colorful" chapter in the life of our Lord and His church, retold annually by the church calendar. However, color and its bright message can easily be taken for granted or mistaken in its purpose. The paraments, vestments, altar clothes, banners, traditionally employed each Sunday, must be seen as more than an attempt to decorate, or give accent to the chancel. That is, no doubt, the view of some. It's true; interior design and decoration are important. But a greater service is demanded of our liturgical colors than merely making the surroundings "pretty." Furthermore, when altar paraments are used year after year without much attention given to their message, as well as their care, the pastor, along with his faithful altar guild would do well to throw away the key to the sacristy and refrain from using those altar cloth "decorations." Frequent instruction about the church year and its corresponding colors must go hand in hand with its weekly use. Worship Library Page 2 of 6 Teaching about Liturgical Colors How do you go about instructing and communicating appreciation for the colors of the church year and the seasons they support? Some liturgical creativity is in order for this task. Think of the rainbow. The rainbow is that vivid reminder of God's promise given to Noah and his descendants. The acronym, "Roy-g-biv," is a helpful device in remembering that beautiful object of hope, and its red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo, and violet colors. Let's adapt that helpful device for use in taking a fresh look at the colors of the church year. Traditionally, five basic colors of a festive, penitential, and neutral nature have been used in most liturgical congregations. In recent times, with liturgical renewal, three additional colors (blue, scarlet, and gold) have been added to the basic five of white, red, green, violet or purple, and black. Instead of "Roy-g-



biv," may I suggest "Bg-Bgs-Pwr?" This memory device stands for blue, green, black, gold, scarlet, purple, white and red. "Bg-Bgs-Pwr," enunciated "Big Bags of Power" might at first seem silly. Indeed it is! Does it have anything to do with the message of those colors? Not really! Then, why suggest such a ridiculous notion? Because, a humorous, yet effective memory technique, such as "Bg-Bgs-Pwr," is what we may need to remember this liturgical tool and the message it conveys throughout the church year. Each "Bg-Bgs-Pwr" color has evolved through the centuries in the community of faith to communicate a powerful message. (For more information, peruse one or more of the resources listed at the end of this article.) A fresh look at the "Bg-Bgs-Pwr" color scheme can reawaken our appreciation for this time-honored custom. Blue, the first color of the "Bg-Bgs-Pwr" scheme, is the more contemporary color increasingly used by many congregations in their observance of a new church year. Advent, a preparatory time of waiting and watching, communicates the message of hope. Blue, the color of the sky, helps convey that powerful message. Our Christian faith rests on the hope that Christ, who came in history assuming our flesh, will also return on the last day of time from that same blue sky He ascended long ago.

Pictured: Lutheran Church of Honolulu



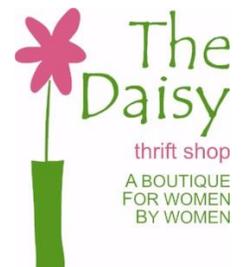
Sunday Circle group: Our meetings are on the first Sunday of the month after church service. New members are always welcome!

The annual Cookie walk: we would like to thank the congregation for their support of their charitable activities! \$404.00 was collected in the freewill offering for the Cookie Walk. "We would like to thank everyone who made cookies for the walk and everyone who were so generous with their freewill offering for their plate of cookies!"

Angel Tree for Fresh Start: They were thrilled by the generosity of the members of the congregation. Who donated over 60 items/gifts to their residents. Fresh Start is a shelter for homeless women. You can further help by shopping at their store, called "The Daisy"

6433 Havelock Avenue

The Daisy Thrift Store is a FRESH boutique for women. The proceeds from The Daisy support Fresh Start's mission and, in 2018 raised over \$40,000! The shop is operated completely by volunteers, and more are needed! Please contact monicaz@freshstarhome.org if you are interested in volunteering one shift (4 hours) per month.



Mary & Martha League: Will next meet on January 16th at 1:30pm.

The Mary and Martha League would like to extend our wishes to everyone for a blessed Christmas and New Year's.

Thursday, December 19th, we hosted lunch at Carmela's for ourselves and five guests.

As a reminder, please bring any cotton pieces of material that are not of use to you so we can add them to what we are sending to the Days for Girls charity. This is an ongoing project until 1 April.

The women of the Mary and Martha League would like to thank the members of the congregation for their support during 2019. Thanks to you we were able to make the following charitable donations during 2019.



Child Advocacy Center - \$103.30 plus several hand tied comfort blankets, debra on America - \$100.00
Friendship Home - \$100.00, Lutheran Family Services - \$190.00: \$90.00 came from Best Choice label redemption program, Lutheran World Relief - \$100.00, LWML MITES - \$311.02, People's City Mission - \$187.00, Mom's Food Pantry of Bennet: \$102.00 plus 453 food items, 68 health items, 1 baby item, and 16 clothing items.

For a total monetary donation of \$1193.32 donated to charity this year.

Thank you again for your astounding generosity.

The Mary and Martha League

January Birthdays

- 1/9 - Jacob May
- 1/10 - Tim Malone, Kim Cheney
- 1/12 - Leonard Harper, Arthur Harper,
- 1/14 - John Snoozy
- 1/17 - Madeline Hiatt
- 1/18 - John Bruss
- 1/21 - Lydia Oetjen
- 1/27 - Jakob Kemper,
Steve Cartagena, Matthew Rink
- 1/29 - Ruby Plager



In memory of their Anniversary:

1/8/1966 Don & Margaret Broening



Change happens all the time. If you have had a change in your life, address or phone number or email, please let your church secretary know so she can update the records. Thank you!



Giving Hearts ~N~

Hands: Meetings held the second Wednesday of the month @ 10:30am January 8th.

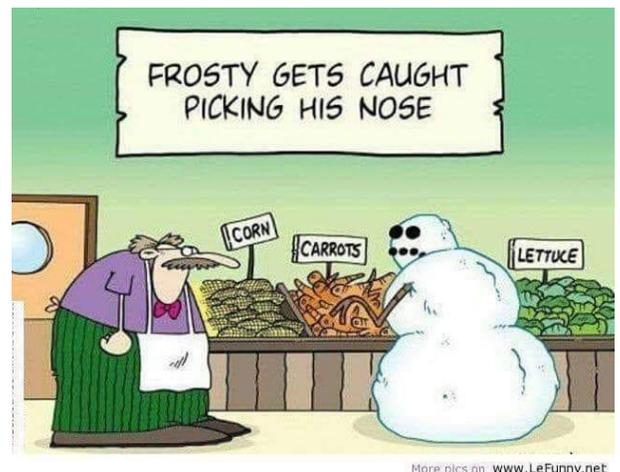
Dinner with friends was held on a beautiful December day! 52 guests in attendance. Thank you to everyone who came and enjoyed the meal. We hope everyone has a blessed New Year!



Alberts Joke of the month!



From your Secretary!



Bible Trivia

December Answers: Up on the Roof: 1. About three thousand (Judges 16:27) 2. Peter (Acts 10:9-16) 3. Booths in commemoration of the Feast of Tabernacles (Nehemiah 8:14-16) 4. Jeremiah (19:13) 5. Rahab (Joshua 2:6) 6 David (2 Samuel 11:2-4) 7. Absalom (2 Samuel 16:22) 8. He was Paralyzed (Mark 2:3-4) 9. Saul (1 Samuel 25-26)

Brainteaser

One snowy night, a detective was in his house sitting by a fire. All of a sudden, a snowball came crashing through his window, breaking it. The detective looked out the window just in time to see three neighborhood kids, who were brothers, running away. Their names were John Crimson, Mark Crimson, and Paul crimson. The next day the detective found a note under his door that read “? Crimson. He broke your window.” Which of the three Crimson brothers should the detective interrogate about the incident?

Shut In members of Trinity

Here is a list of the **shut-in members of Trinity** who are regularly seen by Pastor Kohnke. We are providing this information so you can stay in touch with them. They really do appreciate your visits!

Gary Finke Legacy Estates 7200 VanDorn Room #308 Lincoln, NE 68506 402-488-8099	Albert Francke Tabitha Cove House Room #9 6120 S. 34th Lincoln, NE 68516 402-488-8297	Madelyn Kuska Tabitha Grace Point Room #113 4620 Randolph Lincoln, NE 68510 402-484-9311	Norma Kemper Gateway Vista 225 N 56th St Room 410 Lincoln, NE 68504	Gilbert Luebke Pemberly Place 7655 Archer Place Room C115 Lincoln, NE 68516 402-770-5939	Arthur & Opal Harper 17255 Old Cheney Rd Walton NE 68461 402-782-8715
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Smile your on Trinity's Seceraty Camera's

Some of you may have noticed a tv screen in the secratay's office. Some of you may have see the cameras. This has been an ongoing project of Tim Holtzen. He has spent many Saturday afternoons crawling around in the attic of the curch fishing wire from one location to another. When its all complete we should have 7 cameras montering the inside and outside areas of the church. When you next see him, please thank Tim for his hard work for instaling the cameras and for donatiing his time.



Looking for a Trip Coordinator for this this event! Would you be interested? Please talk with Pastor if you would like to help out!!

Alaska Mission Trip: 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.

2020 Parades! It's also time to start planning for the Parades! Would you be willing to help out and coordinate volunteers for the Parades? Ground Hog day parade is coming soon to Unadilla, NE

Emails Wanted: If you have an email, it would be greatly used by the church. Please write you email on your communion card, or you can send it to Laura Hametis or Jeff Plager, Email: jplager@neb.rr.com trinitywaltonsecretary@gmail.com



Are you in this picture?

Hanging in the Narthex on the bulletin board is this framed picture. Taken sometime in 1970(?)'s. Picture is on loan to the church by Connie May.



Quarterly Voters Meeting will be January 26th after church. An election will be held to bring the Board of Trustees to 5 members. In the October meeting, members agreed to visit with members who had not been in church in the last 18 months. Progress has been made on the list, if you have visited with someone, please let Pastor and Elders know. We still have members that were not assigned. If you would like to see the list, please talk with Pastor, the Elders, or Laura who have a copy of the list. Thank you!

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 Monday January 13th. TrinityWaltonSecretary@gmail.com

Lenten Supper

Something to consider: Ash Wednesday is February 26th and Easter is Sunday, April 12th. Pastor suggests that since the Wednesday night Advent meals took persons away from the worship service, and in these days of lower participation and lack of groups sponsoring meals, that we do the following for Lent 2020; Have a potluck meal on Ash Wednesday and then not again until the last Wednesday in Lent, April 1, 2020. Just two meals. Give it some thought.

January 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 New Year's Day!	2	3	4
5 9 am Bible Class & Sunday School 10 am Divine Service	6 Epiphany	7 12:45pm: Ladies Bible Study, Lunch out!	8 10:30 am Giving Hearts ~N~ Hands 7:00pm Bible Study	9	10	11 7:30 am Elder's Meeting
12 9 am Bible Class & Sunday School 10 am Divine Service Undecorate the church.	13	14	15 7:00pm Bible Study	16 1:30 pm Mary & Martha League	17 Newsletter Deadline	18
19 9 am Bible Class & Sunday School 10 am Divine Service Mom's Food Pantry Dinner Out	20	21	22 7:00pm Bible Study	23 Newsletter Print Date	24	25
26 9 am Bible Class & Sunday School 10 am Divine Service 11:15 Voters Meeting	27	28	29 7:00pm Bible Study	30	31	

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, 2020 Sunday 10:00 a.m.

Elders

5th Hank Oetjen, Tracy Refior
12th Alan Retzlaff, Steve Cartagena
19th Roger Pearson, Tracy Refior
26th Tim Holtzen, Alan Retzlaff

Altar Guild

5th Becky Nisley, Laura Hametis
12th Lisa Kemper, Sandy Kemper
19th Erin Singh, Megan Rexroth
26th Shirley Retzlaff, Deb Pavey

Ushers

5th Deborah Rocker, Nate Rink
12th Randy Schroeder, John Page
19th Carl Siefert, Deb Pfeifer
26th Ethan Kemper, Randy Schroeder

Acolytes

5th Madison & Emma Rink
12th Marin Maahs, & Ruby Oetjen
19th Emma Rink & Ruby Oetjen
26th Sophia & Grayson May

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