



# Trinity Trumpeter



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### Returning to Worship in the Church

We ask you, brothers, to respect those who labor among you and are over you in the Lord and admonish you,<sup>13</sup> and to esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves.<sup>14</sup> And we urge you, brothers, admonish the idle,<sup>[c]</sup> encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with them all.<sup>15</sup> See that no one repays anyone evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to everyone.<sup>16</sup> Rejoice always,<sup>17</sup> pray without ceasing,<sup>18</sup> give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. 1 Thessalonians 5 ESV

Congregations are gathering again in the church. One Lutheran congregation in Milwaukee began holding face to face worship services, only to have to close for two weeks after the pastor’s daughter tested positive for Covid-19. By searching the internet, I have noted congregations having one worship service at which all persons must wear a mask, then a second service where masks are optional. Several congregations are requiring members to sign up to attend worship, so that they can arrange seating and not max out the occupancy rule.

Based on the size of our nave, the area where the congregation sits, we are limited in the number of persons who can worship and remain six feet apart from each family unit. Given our average communion participation at our parking lot worship services, approximately 21 persons would not be able to sit in the nave or balcony. The other option would be to seat 21 persons in the fellowship hall.

Reflecting on the recent survey emailed to members. Many (57%) of our members who completed the survey (41) are not ready to go back to worship service inside the church.

It is truly a time to be patient with one another. Members are eager to return to worship services inside the church and some want to move there NOW! While others say, take it slow, not yet! It can be hard to understand! Other churches are worshiping inside the church, why can’t we? Well we can. If we offer only one service, we will not have a problem with space or social distancing because those members not ready to return to worship inside the church, well... they just won’t attend. Trinity is not the same as other churches, each congregation is unique. Trinity is different in size of worship space, accessibility to restrooms, and age of members.

“If you build it they will come” a popular line from a 1980’s movie, “Field of Dreams”. Great tag line for a movie not so realistic in real life. We could offer multiple services and have multiple services with only a few worshippers. Because if members are NOT ready to return to face to face worship even with social distancing, they will not come.

Many options, many questions, many considerations to be made! What is the right conclusion?

Until at least Sunday, July 12, 2020 we shall remain worshipping in the parking lot. On Saturday, July 11, the Board of Elders will meet to discuss future worship plans.

If you have not completed the most recent worship location survey, please use this link

<https://tlcwalton.360unite.com/worship-location-survey>

*Pastor Kohnke*

**July 5<sup>th</sup> we will have a hymn sing** using the hymns from the Resource Hymnal from the section, “Under God-We pray for our nation”. Time 9:40 a.m. Location: Trinity parking lot.

**Ladies Tuesday Bible study on hold.  
Sunday Morning Bible on hold.**



**Zoom Bible study to start Monday, July 6<sup>th</sup>** Topic: Seven lesson study on The Apocrypha. Time: 6:30 Free zoom meetings are 40 minutes long. **You will not need a copy of The Apocrypha, you can read the books online. The link will be shared once you sign up.** The Bible study would be about 30 minutes with 10 minutes for visiting. Zoom is available on your computer or as an app on your smart phone. If interested in joining please email Pastor. You’ll receive an email link to join the zoom! [trinitywaltonpastor@gmail.com](mailto:trinitywaltonpastor@gmail.com)

## **Our Mission Dollars at Work**

Our July mission is the Joint Seminary Fund. The LCMS has two seminaries: Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, Indiana and Concordia Seminary in St. Louis. In order to prevent higher tuition costs, these gifts help fund necessary expenditures, such as faculty, curriculum, facilities, student financial aid, recruitment, and continuing and distance education programs. A total of \$500.00 to the Synod for support of the Global Mission and \$500.00 towards the Lutheran Hour ministries outreach efforts. Lutheran Hour ministries reaches one million listeners through The Lutheran Hour. From the United States to the ends of the earth. Delivering help at time, lifesaving help-to people who have little opportunity to hear the Gospel. In total God uses our support to touch 70 million souls worldwide.

**Thank you for the donations to pay for the new South Doors.** The cost for the doors was \$8,450.00. Donations received totaled \$9,460.00. Which means we have \$1,010.00 to place in a fund for the eventual replacement of the north doors.

## DAILY DEVOTIONS FROM LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES

Daily Devotions from LHM will help strengthen and encourage your faith as you do the same for others. Have them [delivered right to your inbox](#), [podcast the audio devotional](#), access them on your mobile device through the [FREE app](#), or listen with [Spotify](#), [iHeart Radio](#), [Alexa](#), or [Google Home](#). Seasonal Devotions for [Advent](#) and [Lent](#) are also available in both English and Spanish. Perfect for personal reflection or to share with family, friends and congregations, these seasonal meditations will help prepare you to celebrate the true meaning of these seasons.

**The Board of Trustees** will begin holding monthly meetings as of Saturday, July 11, 2020. They will be meeting at the same location as the Board of Elders meet. Typically, the location has been the dining area at the HyVee located at 70<sup>th</sup> and Pioneers. During the pandemic the meeting location has been the fellowship hall at Trinity. The trustees will meet at 9:00 a.m.

If you see something that needs to be addressed, fixed, replaced, etc. Please contact one of the trustees: Matt Broening, Lenard Harper, Kirk Nisley, or John Snoozy.

**Card shower!!** On Sunday, June 14 the Mary Martha Guild initiated a card shower of thanks for those who are working hard to make the worship service in the parking lot happen. The Guild sent out post cards to persons who have been attending worship in the parking lot. (as best as they could recall). Shirley Holtzen stood at the church sign and as people entered the parking lot, she collected the cards of thanks. Thank you, for all the cards in appreciation for the work that it requires to hold worship services in the parking lot. *Pastor Kohnke, Laura Hametis, Kathy May, and the Board of Elders: Steve Cartagena, Tim Holtzen, Hank Oetjen, Roger Pearson, Tracy Refior and Alan Retzlaff.*



**Voters Meeting reports: are due on July 13<sup>th</sup>!** IF you did not send your first quarter report, please do so with your second quarter report. A packet will be emailed out with the August newsletter so the October packet will not be too big. If you would like a paper packet mailed to you please let Laura know.

**Dinner Out:** We hope resumes in August.....

**Sunday Circle group:** Our meetings are on the first Sunday of the month after church service. New members are always welcome! Hopefully we will be back in August!

**Mary & Martha League:** Will meet via text messaging.



The Mary and Martha League once again did not have a face-to-face meeting due to the virus. We have continued to communicate by text messages.

We would like to thank the congregation for the Best Choice barcodes we have received and also for their participation in sending cards to Pastor, Elders, Pianist, and Secretary on June 14.

Please remember that the third Sunday of the month is Bennett food pantry Sunday.

## July Birthdays

7/1 Kylee Plager  
7/2 Cathy Plager  
7/5 Mandi & Allison Kemper  
7/13 Kelli Classen & Nathan Grimes  
7/15 Matt Kemper  
7/16 Cindy Bremer  
7/18 Kristen & Alex Broening  
7/22 Riley Rosecrans  
7/23 Thomas Cheney  
7/24 Mae Kemper  
7/25 Sophia & Grayson May  
7/25 Megan Rexroth  
7/29 LoRee May  
7/30 Kristin Page  
7/31 Maggie Broening



### July Anniversaries

7/10 Zach & Rebekah Maahs  
7/21 Hank & Kilee Oetjen  
7/24 Jacob & Erin May

## Alberts Joke of the month!

Never challenge Death  
to a pillow fight.

Unless you're prepared to handle the  
reaper cushions.

## From your Secretary!

What if 2020 isn't cancelled?

What if 2020 is the year we've been waiting for?

A year so uncomfortable, so painful, so scary, so raw —  
that it finally *forces* us to grow.

A year that screams so loud, finally awakening us  
from our ignorant slumber.

A year we finally accept the need for change.

Declare change. Work for change. Become the change.

A year we finally band together, instead of  
pushing each other further apart.

2020 isn't cancelled, but rather

the most important year of them all.

**Church Sign:** Thank you to Carl Siefert for he placed the current information on our church sign. If you did not see it, he posted, "Happy Easter" and he posted information about our online VBS. If you have some short, appropriate words to be placed on the sign please email [TrinityWaltonSecretary@gmail.com](mailto:TrinityWaltonSecretary@gmail.com)

## Vacation Bible School

We would like to thank all the folks who helped and participated in the VBS Barnyard Roundup Zoom edition. Teachers: Erin Sign, Mary Kohnke, Kristi Refior, Laura Hametis and Pastor. The kids that joined the event, Myla, Bianca, Ethan, Emma, Hallie, Loree, Knoxley, Ruby, Willa, Lydia, Liam, and Ashtyn!

**Thank you** to the Oetjens for the cattle, The Hametis' for the chickens and dogs, the Kohnke's for the donkey, and the Durham family from Ohio for the sheep.

Thank you to Erin Singh for all her work in coordinating VBS



**Church in the parking lot** will continue through July 12<sup>th</sup>. The Elders will discuss further services on at their meeting on July 11<sup>th</sup>. The addition of the FM transmitter (97.9 FM) has been helpful, for those worshipping in the parking lot. We have had weekly challenges hearing the live feed on facebook. We are getting better sound now that we are able to connect a speaker to the system and place that speaker near the camera. We will continue to make adjustments to achieve the best sound. Thank you for your patience.

If you have computer access you will find weekly information about the parking lot worship service and the sign up link at [WWW.TrinityWalton.org](http://WWW.TrinityWalton.org). If we do not have your email address please email it to myself or Laura, our email addresses are at the top of page one of this newsletter.

If you do not have access to a computer and would like to attend worship in the parking lot, please call the church office (402) 782-6515 and leave your name and the number of persons in your household desiring to commune. Please do this by 8 a.m. of the Saturday prior to the day you desire to attend.

**Concordia, Nebraska Collecting Face Masks:** As we look ahead, Concordia plans to bring our 1,200+ students back to campus for classes in the fall. In order for us to provide a safe and caring environment for them, our faculty and staff, we anticipate face masks will be needed within our campus community and we need your help. If you have the capacity, we would welcome your assistance by making or donating masks for our students, faculty and staff. Our goal is to have more than 2,000 masks donated from our alumni, parents, friends, congregations and others on hand for when classes resume on campus. This will go a long way to create a caring environment for our campus community.



Here's the link to the pattern we ask you to use for these masks: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/diy-cloth-face-coverings.html>. Please send your completed masks in Ziploc bags. We will provide information to the students, faculty and staff on how to use and care for them when they are distributed.

Thank You for  
Your Support.  
**Orphan  
Grain Train**

**Orphan Grain Train Christmas Gift Boxes:** You can help us fill these boxes using monetary gifts or donations of clothes and toys. Each box contains a t-shirt, socks, underwear, coloring book, stickers, crayons, ball, toothbrush, stuffed animal, and toy. The boxes are for children ages 2 to 12. We are collecting new underwear, new socks, 24 count boxes of crayons, coloring books, pages of stickers, plastic and rubber balls, and toothbrushes in individual packages. Used items to be donated include t-shirts, stuffed animals, and toys including dolls, Barbies, blocks (Legos, Duplos, wooden), and children's puzzles. Items and monetary donations (marked "Grace Lutheran Christmas Box Project") can be sent to Grace Lutheran Church or Orphan Grain Train, Norfolk, NE

### **An IRA update from LCEF**



Are you tired of today's uncertain market?

LCEF is here to help you enjoy your retirement.

With the IRS extending the deadline for filing federal tax returns for the 2019 tax year, IRA contributions are also extended. You can make 2019 tax year contributions to your IRA until July 1, 2020. Click the link below to learn more: <https://mailchi.mp/lcef.com/ira-536954>



### **Lifetime Plan for Giving Workshop**

The Lifetime Plan for Giving is a process offered by The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod to assist you in transferring the blessings that God has given to you on to your family and favorite ministries in the most efficient manner. Whether you already have a will or trust in place or

would like to prepare these documents, the LCMS Foundation can assist you in reviewing or preparing them to ensure your estate is being transferred in a tax-wise manner, and as you intend it to.

Craig Stirtz, Gift Planning Counselor for the Nebraska District, LCMS Foundation and Concordia University, Nebraska offers educational workshops through congregations, at no cost, thanks to the support of the Nebraska District, LCMS; Concordia University, Nebraska; and the LCMS Foundation.

Sign up and plan to attend Craig's presentation on Sunday, July 19 at 1:00 at Divine Shepherd, Omaha, or contact them at (402) 895-1500 for information about attending online via Zoom.

More information about gift planning is available on our website: <http://www.ndlcms.org/lcms-foundationgift-planning/> Contact Craig Stirtz at 402-616-0312 or [craig.stirtz@lfnd.org](mailto:craig.stirtz@lfnd.org) with your questions about planned giving.

# July 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4 Independence Day  Tanner Maahs/ Sonnen Joedeman 4 pm wedding
5  9:40 Hymn Sing 10 am Divine Service In the Parking Lot	6	7	8	9	10	11  7:30 am Elder's Meeting 9:00 am Trustee's Meeting 11:00 am Committal family only for Randy Schroder
12  10 am Divine Service In the parking Lot	13  Voters Meeting Reports Due!	14	15	16  Mary & Martha League, VIA Text 1:30pm	17  Newsletter Deadline	18
19  10 am Divine Service Food Pantry Sunday	20	21	22	23  Newsletter Print Date	24	25
26  10 am Divine Service	27	28	29	30	31	

**Those serving in July, 2020 Sunday 10:00 a.m.**

**Elders**

**5<sup>th</sup> Alan Retzlaff  
12<sup>th</sup> Hank Oetjen  
19<sup>th</sup> Tracy Refior  
26<sup>th</sup> Roger Pearson**

**Altar Guild**

**5<sup>th</sup> Shirley Retzlaff  
12<sup>th</sup> Deb Pavey  
19<sup>th</sup> Kristi Refior  
26<sup>th</sup> Laura Hametis**

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