



Trinity Trumpeter



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NO FEAR

NO Fear. You see it on the backs of t-shirts these days in capital letters after some cocky statement about winning. The scary thing about NO FEAR is that it might be the way it is.

NO FEAR, if it is true, that is bad. There is no quicker way to die than to have no fear of heights, or rattlesnakes, of fights, of danger. And it surely is true of our spiritual lives; no fear of the devil, no fear of hurting God, nor fear of transgressing sacred boundaries leads always and quickly to death.

Joseph could not wear a NO FEAR t-shirt. When he faced the "win/win" situation of having all Potiphar's possessions and his wife as well, Joseph was afraid. "How can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God?" he asked his temptress.

The thief on the cross next to Jesus took off his NO FEAR t-shirt when he said to the other thief, "Do you not even fear God?"

Adam and Eve, on the other hand, did wear NO FEAR t-shirts. Their Creator had told them that if they ate the fruit they would die, but somehow, they got around their fear of death and reached and picked and ate. They listened to the great promoter of NO FEAR who said to them, "Have no fear; you will not die!"

What a great ally God gave us when He gave us fear, when He taught us in our spiritual childhood, "We should fear and love God."

Martin Luther surely knew this. In his catechism he said, "God threatens to punish all that transgress these Commandments. Therefore we should fear His wrath and not act contrary to them. But He promises grace and every blessing to all that keep these Commandments. Therefore, we should also love and trust in Him and willingly do according to his Commandments."

Notice that there is fear. Yes, the childlike fear of God is not only a high regard and respect for God, but also a fear of His wrath and punishment.

Parents who have no fear of missing church teach their children to have no fear of despising God's Word too. Parents who have no fear of alcohol and its addiction teach their children to be heroes of drink too. Fathers who aren't afraid to misuse God's name raise up sons who parrot phrases they might not even understand but phrases that blaspheme, nevertheless. Wives who whittle on their husbands with their tongues train daughters to be everything but gentle and quiet spirits.

In all these cases and many others NO FEAR on the part of parents becomes that same thing in the lives of children to the third and fourth generation of those who hate God and learn not to fear Him.

On the other hand, parents who have God-pleasing fear pass This respect to their children. Parents are to "train up a child in the way he should go," (Proverbs 22:6). This is the parent walking along life's road with his little one in hand, pointing out things to fear. Fear to despise authority and bring down the curse of the fourth commandments on your head; life will go bad and you will not live long on the earth. Be afraid of that happening to you!

Thank God for the parent who read the notice on the pack of cigarettes and feared hurting her unborn child. Thank God for all mothers who were afraid to deform their unborn babies with the contents of a bottle or can.

Finally, no one can truthfully wear a NO FEAR t-shirt. Those who might convince themselves they have no fear do have fears. All slogans aside, it remains a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

But there would be some interesting t-shirts that Christians could wear in the NO FEAR department.

Jesus is going to stand with me on Judgement day. NO FEAR!

God plans my life for me. NO FEAR!

Nothing separates me from the love of God. NO FEAR!

Even though I die, I will not die. NO FEAR!

Pastor Kohnke

Ladies Tuesday Bible study will be held in the church Fellowship Hall. Please bring your own drinks. August 4th @ 12:45 pm!

Sunday Morning Bible Class on hold.



Zoom Bible study continues as we study 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. Each lesson is an independent lesson, you can join us anytime. The link will be shared once you sign up.** 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

Our Mission Dollars at Work ~~ Orphan Grain Train

The Beginning

Clayton Andrews helped load OGT's first container of quilts and clothes for Latvia.

In 1992, Rev. Ray S. Wilke, pastor of Grace Lutheran Church in Norfolk, Neb., volunteered with a group of Lutherans who traveled to Latvia and Russia to help with a church mission. There they met people with "no hope" in desperate need of spiritual, emotional, and humanitarian aid after the breakup of the former Soviet Union. The Latvians begged Rev. Wilke to help them more after he went home and he promised he would. Wilke envisioned a train that would travel through America's midwest, picking up cars of donated grain along the way, until it reached a port from which the grain would be shipped to feed starving orphans in Eastern Europe. Upon his return to the United States, Wilke contacted Clayton Andrews, president of Andrews Van Lines, a worldwide transportation company, and told his story. Together, they founded Orphan Grain Train. "He came to me and asked, 'Do you think something can be done?'" says Andrews. "I said, 'Yes, I know how we can help those people.' I never hesitated and it took off from there." As it turned out, railroad operating protocol made the original grain train concept impractical, but Orphan Grain Train was born nonetheless. Within a year Grain Train's first shipment, a container of clothing and quilts, arrived in Riga, Latvia.



Present Day

Since 1992, Orphan Grain Train's 27 regional locations have delivered more than 36 million meals and 3,728 shipments of humanitarian aid to needy people in several states and 69 countries on 5 continents. Orphan Grain Train built a mobile chapel with help from a grant funded by LCMS Disaster Relief division for St. John's Lutheran Church in Pilger, NE after their church was demolished by a F4 tornado. In October 2017 hurricane Michael ravaged the shoreline of Texas and a majority of Houston. Michael left behind homes and businesses in ruins and lives lost. Orphan Grain Train purchased and delivered 15 shipments of building construction materials and 5 semi-loads of groceries to help stock shelves in a food pantry feeding volunteers and those that have lost everything. In October 2018 OGT had 400 turkeys delivered for Thanksgiving meals to those still living in desperation a year later. The mission of Orphan Grain Train is uniquely dependent upon dedicated volunteers, many of whom have given numerous years of service for the sake of others. Since 1992, more than 3.9 million hours have been volunteered!

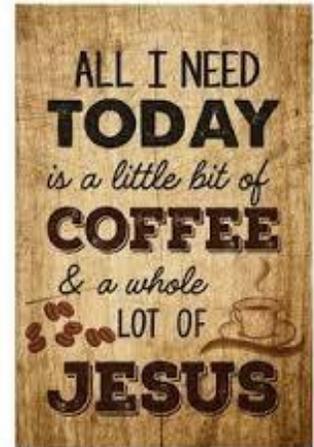
Orphan Grain Train is a recognized service organization (RSO) of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod (LCMS). Many shipments have been in cooperation with Lutheran Hour Ministries, LCMS World Mission, LCMS World Relief, and other Christian ministries.

In August we shall have a three Sunday mini sermon series on the Christin Home. Here are the dates and themes:

Aug. 2 2020 9th Sunday After Pentecost
Theme: "The First Home" Text: Gen. 1:26-30; 2:15.

Aug. 16 2020 11th Sunday After Pentecost
Theme: "How to Have an Ideal Home" Text: Josh. 24: 15b

Aug. 23, 2020 12th Sunday After Pentecost
Theme: "Blessings of the Christian Home" Text: John 2, 1-11



Voters Meeting: Laura is still working on the voters meeting packet. An email went out asking for reports that are still needed to complete the packet. It will be emailed out as soon as the reports are submitted.

Dinner Out: Still on hold.....

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 church so we can meet!

Mary & Martha League: Will meet via text messaging.

The LWML district conventions scheduled for September will not be held because of the virus. Instead of bringing a donation to the convention each society has been asked to donate locally to any organization that we choose.



Memorials To Trinity

What a blessing for Trinity when relatives of a deceased wish to remember the church with memorials for their loved ones. Trinity is happy to send acknowledgements for tax purposes to nonmember donors. For members we add any gift to your giving statement. Please remember we need the actual check or a copy of it in order to do this. Again, the church is very grateful for these remembrances. If anyone has questions, please ask Rosanne.

August Birthdays

8/1 Zach Maahs
8/2 Brantley Michael Carney, Lisa Smithers
8/4 Kylee Bruss, Lori Cartagena
8/8 Ivan Bruss, Hank Oetjen
8/11 Cindy Claasen
8/12 Hunter Maahs, Alan Retzlaff
8/13 David May
8/17 Emily Dowd
8/19 Ethan Kemper, John Recknor
8/21 Connie May
8/25 Ron Mangel
8/28 Preston Bruss, Joshua Harper
8/29 Carl Siefert
8/31 Nicholas May



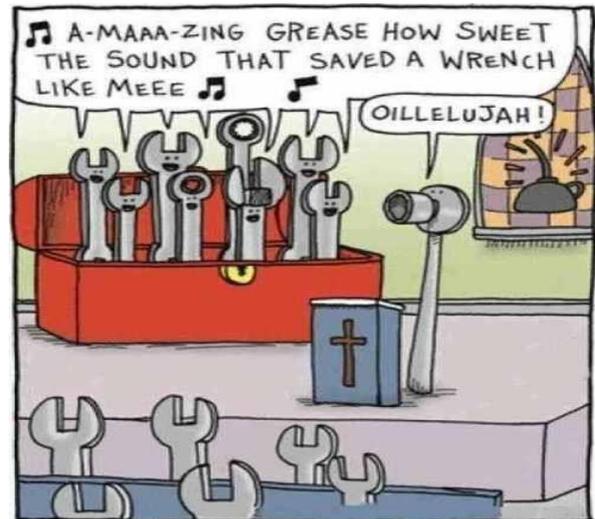
August Anniversaries

8/4 John & Karla Snoozy (1984)
8/22 Terry & Nancy Klopfenstein (1998)
8/25 Jeremy & Carolyn Bruss (2001)

Alberts Joke of the month!



From your Secretary!



Concordia, Nebraska Collecting Face Masks: Shirly Holtzen made just over 150 masks. They will be sent to the collage with Andrew and Mary!



District Youth Gatherings Update

The Nebraska District is planning to host two youth gatherings in November of 2020. Due to the current situation with COVID-19, we wanted to share an update on plans for those gatherings.

Our Middle School Youth Gathering is planned for November 14-15 at the Ramada in Grand Island. Our **high school District Youth Gathering** is planned for November 20-22 at the Embassy Suites Conference Center in LaVista. As of now,

plans are still underway to host these events in some fashion. However, we will be monitoring the reopening of schools through August and watching for the potential COVID surge.

Our committees will meet in early September to determine next steps before sending out registration materials. Thank you for your patience as we work to make decisions about these events. We want to provide this opportunity for the youth of our district, but understand there are restrictions and will work to plan within those guidelines in order to maintain safety for all involved.

Church in the parking lot will continue through August 9th. The addition of the FM transmitter (87.9 FM) has been helpful, for those worshipping in the parking lot.

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. 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.

The Nominations Committee for the 2021 Nebraska District

Convention is seeking nominations of candidates for the following offices, boards, and committees: Secretary of the District, Constitution Committee, Nominations Committee, Board of Regents (Seward), and Synod Committee for Convention Nominations. The Committee invites nominations from the circuit visitors, ordained ministers, commissioned ministers, lay members, circuit forums, and congregations of the District. To learn more or make a nomination go to <http://www.ndlcms.org/2021-convention-call-nominations/>



**2021 Nebraska District
LCMS Convention**



What Does GBR Mean to Us? The July Nebraska District Reporter is Available

Click on this link and a new window will open. www.Trinitywalton.org/nebraska-district-reporter
If you would like a paper copy contact the church office and one will be mailed to you.

LLL at the Nebraska State Fair Sunday, Sept. 6, 2020 - State Fair worship service sponsored by the Nebraska District Lutheran Laymen's League. Service time and site: TBD. Speaker: Rev. Tim Wells, Cross of Christ Lutheran Church and Preschool, Aurora. Music: Shawn Pfanstiel and the choir of Grace Lutheran Church, Grand Island.



August 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 10 am Divine Service In the Parking Lot	3 6:30 p.m. Zoom Apocrypha Study	4 Women's Bible Study 12:45 pm Church Fellowship Hall.	5	6	7	8
9 10 am Divine Service In the parking Lot	10 NO Zoom Apocrypha Study	11	12	13	14	15
16 10 am Divine Service Food Pantry Sunday	17 6:30 p.m. Zoom Apocrypha Study	18	19	20 Mary & Martha League, VIA Text 1:30 pm	21 Newsletter Deadline	22
23/30 10 am Divine Service 30 th : Christmas box Donation	24/31 24 th 6:30 p.m. Zoom Apocrypha Study	25	26	27 Newsletter Print Date	28	29

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

Elders

2nd Tim Holtzen
9th Hank Oetjen
16th Tracy Refior
23rd Roger Pearson
30th Alan Retzlaff

Altar Guild

2nd Candy Kohnke
9th Deb Pavey
16th Kristi Refior
23rd Laura Hametis
30th Shirley Retzlaff

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