



# Trinity Trumpeter



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### A Word of Comfort: "Fear Not!"

These words come from the German devotion book, "Täglichen Andachten" translated means "Daily Devotions"

*"Fear not, Abram, I am your Shield." Genesis 15: 1.*

A special comforting expression in the Bible are the words, "Don't be afraid!" More than 70 times we find these comforting words in the Old as well as in the New Testament, as the beloved God seeks to comfort individual persons, like Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, or cities like Jerusalem, or groups of followers.

Every person knows what fear and anxiety is. It may only be a worry, or it may be something very fearful, that threatens us and can injure or harm us. No matter what it may be, God says to us His own: "Don't be afraid!"

The old Abraham was not in any mortal danger; he had no reason to be anxious. But he was very worried and concerned: God had promised him many descendants, yet in old age he was still waiting for a son. God saw the old man, sad, unhappy, miserable, and tried to comfort him. "Don't be afraid," the Lord said; "I am your Shield and your reward is very great." Then God led him outside and prophesied, he was still going to have as many descendants as there are stars in the sky! And that is what also happened.

Dear God, I thank You for those words; I also should not be afraid. Amen.

*For July 12, composed in German by sainted Pastor Edwin W. Leverenz,  
Fort Wayne, Indiana (July 1992 TA). Trans. by Rev. Elmer Hohle.*

Anxiety, fear, frustration, and even anger are all valid emotions as this pandemic, Covid-19 drags on. Some say it will all go away November 3<sup>rd</sup> when the election is over. That news creates more anger! Why, we are living through this real or politically created pandemic is only known by God himself. How we respond is our concern and in our hands!

“Fear Not!” are good words to apply to ourselves! God is still in control and can and will use these times for HIS good. This remains a good time to search the word of God and rightly divide Law and Gospel. For those words have the same power and authority as it had in the days of Abram, in the days of Martin Luther and in the days of John the Baptist. Remember how John the Baptist used the Law of the Word of God? He called people to repentance! “Brood of Vipers” were strong words!

Repentance and forgiveness are still the desire of God for His people. Christ crucified is still the message! “Fear Not!” are still words of comfort in our day!

*Pastor Kohnke*

**Ladies Tuesday Bible study** will be held in the church Fellowship Hall. Please bring your own drinks. October 6<sup>th</sup> @ 12:45 pm!



### **Sunday Morning Bible Class**

Rev. Holtzen will resume Bible class, continuation of the "Stories of the Old Testament Bible study"! in the church fellowship hall. Participants (family Units) will be seated 6 feet apart. So that we can plan out the seating and make copies of the study we will ask that you sign up in advance if you think you will attend this Bible study. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904084aada82baaff2-sunday16>

**Monday Night Study: The Mormons- Who they are what they believe.** 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. This study continues until Monday, October 19th. It is held on Zoom.

Starting on October 26 and running for FIVE weeks, ending on November 23<sup>rd</sup>: ***Stuff They Didn't Teach Me in Sunday School*** -You'll never think of Sunday school the same way again. Ready to learn something new? That's where “Stuff They Didn't Teach Me in Sunday School” comes in. Sit back and enjoy as Bruce Wurdeman, executive director for Lutheran Hour Ministries, shares some of the seldom-heard back-story behind the popular Bible accounts we learned as kids. View a short video clip at <https://youtu.be/jLdLUtJ0VpY>

<b>Episode 001: Adam and Eve</b>	Genesis 2: 18-25
<b>Episode 002: The Fall</b>	Genesis 3: 1-15
<b>Episode 003: Noah's Vineyard</b>	Genesis 9: 20-29
<b>Episode 004: God Chose Abraham</b>	Joshua 24: 1-15
<b>Episode 005: God's Promise</b>	Genesis 12: 1-20





**Then on November 30 we begin a four-week study - THE JESSE TREE IS THE JESUS TREE. THIS STUDY COINCIDES WITH OUR ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS THEME**  
**OVERVIEW OF THE BIBLE STUDIES**

Advent 1—Jesus, the Seed of Jesse’s Tree (Genesis 1:27; 3:8–15; Romans 5:12–21)

Advent 2—Jesus, the Root of Jesse’s Tree (Genesis 22:1–18; Hebrews 11:17–22)

Advent 3—Jesus, the Life of Jesse’s Tree (Matthew 3:13–17; Romans 6:1–11)

Christmas—Jesus, the First fruit of Jesse’s Tree (John 1:1–14)

**All of these studies will be held on ZOOM here are the links to sign up.**

**Oct. 26 to Nov. 23, *Stuff They Didn’t Teach Me in Sunday School***

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904084AADA82BAAFF2-stuff>

**NOV. 30 TO DEC. 21 THE JESSE TREE IS THE JESUS TREE**

[HTTPS://WWW.SIGNUPGENIUS.COM/GO/904084AADA82BAAFF2-JESSE](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904084AADA82BAAFF2-JESSE)

## **Our Mission Dollars at Work**

Our \$500 Mission Dollars for October goes to:

### **Bible Translation: Why translate Scripture for every language?**

Because when we hear God’s Word through our own language – not the language of foreigners, colonizers, or overlords – then we understand how much God loves and desires us. Over 1 billion people worldwide do not have the full Bible in a language that touches them deeply. An estimated 165 million do not have a single verse of Scripture.



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BIBLE  
TRANSLATORS

### **Deeper Engagement: Why don’t we just translate, publish and move on as quickly as possible?**

Because our goal is impact, not production. We work with either pre-literate or semi-literate peoples. Printed books are not a part of their life. It takes creative and intentional effort to help individuals, families, and even congregations read, hear and interact with Scripture within their daily activities. The Bible has no impact unless the Word engages deeply within.

### **Greater Capacity: Why invest in the emerging non-Western Christian church and Bible agencies?**

Because the future of the global Church depends on it. Locally driven outreach is far more effective than expatriate missionary work alone. Building local expertise and appropriate infrastructure empowers the local church to more sustainably engage in mission.

**Sunday Circle:** Were a bit absent minded last month. They forgot to stay after church for their meeting.... those that did remember, saw others leave, so they left as well. They have been communicating via text messages.

**Dinner Out:** Still on hold.....

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

We now have 400 Russ's barcodes. We would like to thank everyone who has been collecting and giving them to us. We're hoping we can collect the additional 600 needed by the middle of December so we can send them in to the Russ's office and collect \$30 for them.

On the third Sunday we collected 86 food items, 1 large package of Pampers and \$40.00 in cash. Your donations have kept many in the Bennet area from going without their basic needs being met. "Thanks so much!!!" from Lillie



## **Resources from Lutheran Hour Ministries: At-Home Resources for You**

God has called all laypeople to be powerful witnesses for Christ to their families and communities. In addition to proclaiming Christ via mass media, Lutheran Hour Ministries has a long and respected track record for partnering with congregations to enact outreach activities that work in concert with their Gospel proclamation mission. This foundation serves as a catalyst as we equip and embolden laypeople to be missionaries in their communities by developing resources that lay members can use to address situations in people's lives or answer questions about Christianity and faith.

At LHM, we strive to create convenient ways for you to connect with Jesus and share your faith with others. Our products are free, easy, and digital so that you can use them in your home, on-the-go, or wherever you may be.

Here are just two examples of the resources available at <https://www.lhm.org/resources/>



**Project Connect** - Project Connect is a topical booklet ministry of Lutheran Hour Ministries. Our Project Connect booklets address a wide variety of topics, offering booklets that connect God's Word to real-life issues. PDF versions of our booklets are available in our virtual library and on our new mobile app. Some booklets are even available in audio formats!

**Daily Devotions** - 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, iHeartRadio, Alexa, or Google Home. Seasonal Devotions for Advent and Lent are also available in both English and Spanish.

# LIFE CHAIN 2020 on "0" Street Sunday October 4th 2:30 - 3:30 PM

Please join us for a one hour of silent prayer at the 2020 Life Chain. This is a national event that over one hundred cities will be participating on Sunday October 4th.

We do request that all participants follow the Lancaster Health Department guidelines whatever they maybe at the time of this event.

**Trinity's assigned location will be on the Southside 66th-67th.**

Lincoln Right to Life, PO Box 6321, Lincoln Nebraska 68506



## Honey Sunday

Honey has been called “nature’s perfect food,” because it never goes bad. It may crystallize. But put a jar of crystallized honey into a pan of warm water . . . and slowly it’s transformed, returning to golden, smooth perfection. Boys and girls at the Ranch are a lot like that honey—hardened by their tough experiences. For some

of our kids, the Ranch is the first place they’ve had their own bed, celebrated their birthday, or had anyone really listen to their deepest pains and fears.

**A Honey Sunday table will be set up in the narthex on Sunday October 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>** You complete an order form and pay \$10.00 for an 11 oz container of honey. The honey will be shipped to you from Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch. Trinity keeps 30% and mails 70% of the proceeds to the Ranch. Money raised will go to the youth fund at Trinity.

**Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch is registered 501(c)(3) organization. All gifts are tax-deductible as allowed by law.** *Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch is a Recognized Service Organization of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS), an Affiliated Social Ministry Organization of the Evangelical Church in America (ELCA), a Mission Partner of the Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ (LCMC), a Partner Ministry of the North American Lutheran Church (NALC), and a founding member of Lutheran Services in America (LSA).*

## Reformation Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup>. You are invited to wear RED to Church.

Red is a liturgical color reserved for Special Days (Pentecost, etc.), and for Martyrs' Days. Red is the color associated with the Holy Spirit. On Reformation Sunday we remember the work of the Holy Spirit in the Reformation. The focus of Reformation Sunday is NOT on Martin Luther, but rather on justification by grace through faith in Jesus Christ, which is the heritage of the Reformation (because that is the heart of the Bible and early Church).

*Sola Scriptura*  
Scripture Alone  
*Sola Gratia*  
Faith Alone  
*Sola Fide*  
Faith Alone

## October Birthdays

10/4 Candy Kohnke, Karla Snoozy  
10/9 Jacob Bremer, Roland Meyer  
10/10 Kaytlan Grant, Nataley Slack  
10/11 Becky Nisley  
10/12 Sue Bruss  
10/14 Roger Pearson  
10/20 Maryah Harding, Lisa Kemper  
10/21 Hallie Rink  
10/21 Erik Luebke  
10/22 Cora Grant  
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

## Alberts Joke of the month!



## From your Secretary!

God: "I have a plan for your life"  
What it feels like:



## **Three worship options offered at 10:00 a.m. beginning October 4, 2020**

### **1 Worship in the sanctuary**

- Current Directive Health Measure asks that we remain 6 feet apart while inside.
- If you feel more comfortable coming to worship wearing a mask and gloves you may do so. Face Coverings will NOT be required.
- Hymnals will be used. Since they will be used by only one person on Sunday and not used again until the following Sunday. There should be no concern for Covid-19 on the books.
- Communion will be placed in your pew. The bread and the wine will be in a cup, then set on a tray and placed in your pew. At the appropriate time, you will commune yourself.
- Offerings will be placed in the plate as you enter the church.
- No ushers or gathering in the Narthex. Pick up the bulletin from the table in the narthex.
- **Sign up for worship will continue** so that we can assign seats for social distancing purposes and place communion cups. Many churches are using every other pew to stay 6 feet apart. Measurements using every other pew at Trinity do not keep persons 6 feet apart. Therefore, we need you to sign up for worship so we can be creative in maintaining the 6-foot distance.
- Worshippers will dismiss from the back to the front, social distancing is a priority. Please do not gather in the narthex. If you want to visit please do so outside.
- If you are not feeling well please stay home. Please remember to follow all proper hand washing techniques.

### **2 Worship in the parking lot with Holy Communion**

- ✓ Worship will be simulcast in the parking lot using Facebook live, projector and screen, and the FM radio station 87.9
  - ✓ Participants will watch the live service as it is displayed on an outdoor screen on the hay wagon. Sound will be provided on 87.9 FM.
  - ✓ Sign up for worship will continue so that communion can be prepared.
  - ✓ While the congregation is singing the communion hymn pastor will bring communion to those persons in the parking lot. Pastor will speak the words of institution and then distribute Holy Communion. (Note: Communion cups will be placed inside the larger cups attached to a wooden board, which is then set on a brown tray. These trays will be set on the hay wagon prior to the service.)
- ### **3 Worship using Facebook live**
- We will continue to offer the worship service on Facebook live.
  - Order of service will be posted to the church website.

## **Winter weather will soon be upon us. Therefore, on Sunday November 1, 2020 we will discontinue the parking lot worship.**

Parking lot worship participants will be encouraged to move to the fellowship hall. The service will be simulcast to the fellowship hall. Persons attending in this location will be required to wear masks. Pastor will come to this location and commune persons in the same manner as was done in the parking lot.

Plans are to make sure the door handles and tables are sanitized. More details will be shared prior to November 1, 2020

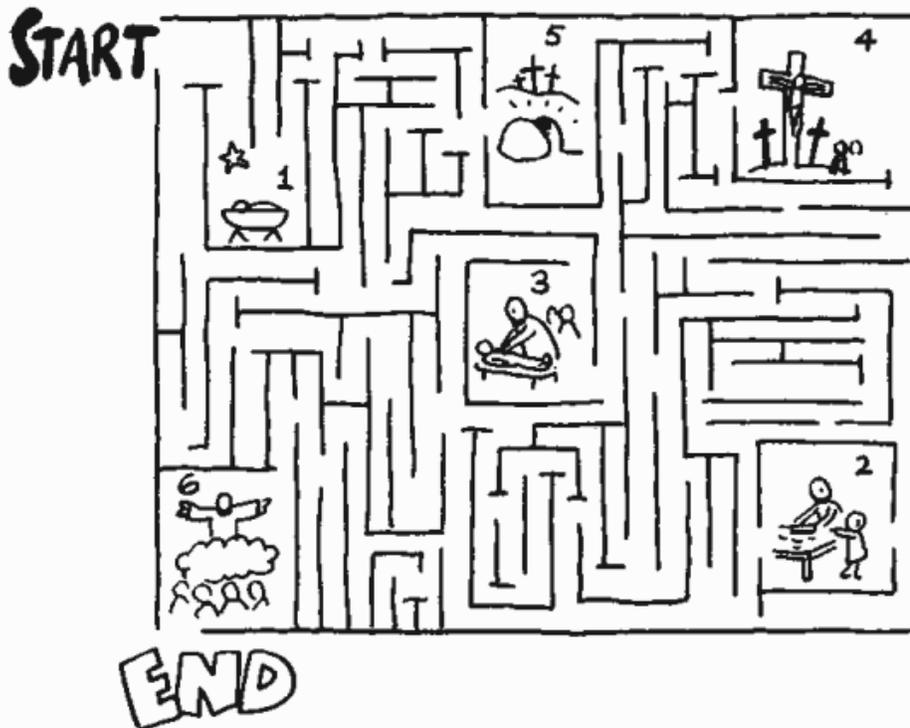
**The Current Church Constitution is dated July 1990** that is more than 20 years old and we know we are not following some sections of the constitution. One example of this is, how often we hold elections. It is important that we bring the constitution in line with current practice. While bringing sections into compliance with how we actually do things, we took the time to make changes to other sections of the constitution, that we, the Board of Elders felt could use updating. The newly proposed constitution will be voted on at the Voter's meeting on October 25<sup>th</sup>. To streamline this process please read the proposed constitution. If you have sections you would like to discuss please mark them. **If you have suggested changes to wording please type them out so that you can present the changes in writing to the chair to be read.**

Thank you - The Board of Elders

Laura has taken the time to mark the changes in yellow higher. If you want an email copy please let her know, or she can print a paper copy for you as well.

Council Meeting October 11<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 pm  
Voters meeting Reports due Monday October 12<sup>th</sup>  
Voters meeting October 25<sup>th</sup> after church.

## CAN YOU FIND YOUR WAY?



You must travel right through each event in Jesus' life in the right order!

1. Jesus is born at Bethlehem.
2. Joseph teaches Jesus to work as a carpenter.
3. Jesus heals a little girl.
4. Jesus is crucified.
5. Jesus is alive again.
6. Jesus ascends to heaven.

# October 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
<b>4</b> <b>9 am Sunday School &amp; Adult Bible Study</b> <b>10 am Divine Service</b>	<b>5</b> <b>Zoom Bible Study: The Mormons</b> <b>7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.</b>	<b>6</b> <b>Women's Bible Study 12:45 pm</b> <b>Church Fellowship Hall.</b>	7	8	9	<b>10</b> <b>Elder's Meeting 7:30am</b>
<b>11</b> <b>9 am Sunday School &amp; Adult Bible Study</b> <b>10 am Divine Service</b> <b>7 pm Council Meeting</b>	<b>12</b> <b>Reports due for Voters meeting</b>  <b>Zoom Bible Study: The Mormons</b> <b>7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.</b>	13	14	<b>15</b> <b>Mary &amp; Martha League, VIA Text 1:30 pm</b>	<b>16</b> <b>Newsletter Deadline</b>	17
<b>18</b> <b>9 am Sunday School &amp; Adult Bible Study</b> <b>10 am Divine Service</b> <b>Food Pantry Sunday</b>	<b>19</b> <b>Fall 2020 Pastors' Conference</b>  <b>Zoom Bible Study: The Mormons</b> <b>7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.</b>	<b>20</b> <b>Fall 2020 Pastors' Conference</b>	21	<b>22</b>  <b>Newsletter Print Date</b>	23	24
<b>25</b> <b>9 am Sunday School &amp; Adult Bible Study</b> <b>10 am Divine Service</b> <b>Reformation observed</b> <b>Voters Meeting 11:30</b> <b>NO Lunch</b>	<b>26</b> <b>Zoom Bible Study: Stuff They Didn't Teach Me in Sunday School</b> <b>7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.</b>	27	28	29	30	31

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

**Elders**

4<sup>th</sup> Tracy Refior  
11<sup>th</sup> Alan Retzlaff  
18<sup>th</sup> Hank Oetjen  
25<sup>th</sup> Roger Pearson

**Altar Guild**

4<sup>th</sup> Kristi Refior  
11<sup>th</sup> Shirley Retzlaff  
18<sup>th</sup> Deb Pavey  
25<sup>th</sup> Laura Hametis

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