



Trinity Trumpeter



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Mission statement: "To make disciples of all people through a faithful ministry of Word and Sacrament."

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Christmas as it was, is, and must ever be!

You've heard it said, "Back to the basics." Many times, these words are said about what the education system is offering our children. We need to get back to reading, writing and arithmetic if we hope to succeed.

"Back to the Basics", can also be a in the church. It is time to dig out the old familiar Sunday School stories. Where did Jesus change water into wine? The responses from confirmation a class may surprise you: "At a Party!", "At the Last Supper!", "I don't know!" If the answer to such a simple question cannot be given, what answers might we hope to receive for a more difficult question like, "Why did God give us the Bible?" We indeed need to get back to basics.

It is true about everything in life. When we get away from the basics, we tend to forget what the point is all about. Have we gotten too far away from the real meaning of Christmas with frothy and sentimental music and worry about proper and ample gifts? In the process of celebrating a Christmas of secularism and commercialism we easily forget that the giving of Christmas is first, foremost, and forever the gift of God Himself in Christ Jesus. Again, we must go beyond a baby in a manger and His poverty. There's much more to Christmas than that.

The Epistle for Christmas Eve says it all: "The grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men. It teaches us to say no to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, while we wait for the blessed hope - the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for Himself a people that are His very own, eager to do what is good" (Titus 2:11-14).

That's how Christmas was, is, and must ever be. Let your celebration focus on the Christ Child, our Savior and His gift to us, and yours will be a blessed Christmas regardless of the circumstances under which you now live.

Have a Blessed Christmas,

Pastor Kohnke

Ladies Tuesday Bible study will be held in the church Fellowship Hall.

Please bring your own drinks. December 1st @ 12:45 pm! We start a new study in the Old Testament books of Ezra and Nehemiah. We would like to invite all the ladies of the congregation to join us. Please let Shirley Holtzen know if you will be joining and she will get you a copy of the study. Ph. 531-289-0396



Sunday Morning Bible Class

Rev. Holtzen teaches 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>



December Monday Night Study:

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

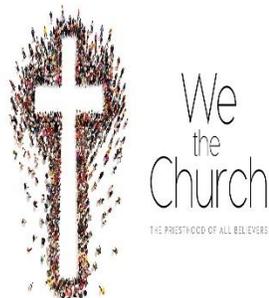
NOV. 30 TO DEC. 21 THE JESSE TREE IS THE JESUS TREE

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

There will not be a bible study on Monday night December 28, or January 4.

Coming Soon! January Monday Night Bible Study

January 11, 2021 We the Church: The Priesthood of All Believers



The formation and growth of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod in the United States is examined in this video resource. It features expert commentary, instructive graphics, and details the Christ-centered mission-and potential-of the LCMS.

From immigrant communities of German Christians to a mainline denomination of more than 6,000 congregations, *We the Church: The Priesthood of All Believers* focuses on the origin and development of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod (LCMS) and how the early LCMS met the outreach challenges of its new

"American" setting. Beyond the historical context, this video resource examines how early church leaders viewed the role of laity inside and outside of the church. It also challenges today's church members to embrace their rich heritage as disciples by sharing the message of hope we have in Christ Jesus. 17 minutes long video followed by discussion.

Sign up link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904084AADA82BAAFF2-wethechurch>

Our Mission Dollars at Work

Our \$500 Mission Dollars for December goes to: The Nebraska District

As children of God, we have been given the privilege of being His hands and feet in our neighborhoods and being His witnesses in "Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." In response to the undeserved love God has shown us, we are eager to share His love through acts of mercy and words of kindness. As God blesses the relationships we build with those in our community, we are given opportunities to answer questions about our faith, witness of the hope we have in Him, and walk alongside those in whose hearts He is working. As the Spirit calls people to faith, we are privileged to nurture them in their walk of faith through our life together as God's children.

The Nebraska District equips and encourages congregations and individuals who are looking for ways to be God's witnesses in the places where God has put them. It also supports [ministries in Nebraska](#) that serve specific communities, such as ethnic ministries or campus ministries.

Contact Rev. Rich Boring or Kim Hofer to learn more.

<http://www.ndlcms.org/missions-community-engagement/>



Sunday Circle: No update giving at the time of printing.

Dinner Out: Still on hold.....

Mary & Martha League: Will meet via text messaging.

We would like to say thank you to everyone who has donated to the Bennet food Pantry. A special thanks to Laura for helping us collect the food and the cash donations in the parking lot.

The \$300 donation we collected for Matt Talbot Kitchen has been sent. We have reached our goal to send in the second group of Russ's barcodes. This will give us the additional \$30 to total \$90. The money for the barcodes goes to Lutheran family services. Thank you to all the members who have donated. Lincoln Trinity Lutheran gave us 300 barcodes to help us reach our goal. In exchange they have asked us to save Russ's and Super Saver receipts. The receipts are used to help their school. Please keep your receipts and we will try to send you more information about their use and I next newsletter.

You can put them in the Mary and Martha League mailbox or give them the Mary Jo Colbert. We consider this a win win situation for us and for Trinity Lincoln.



December Birthdays

12/1 Gordon Maahs
12/6 David Keagy
12/7 Shirley Holtzen
12/8 Jasi Maahs, Joshua May
12/10 Barbie Bruss, Marvin Kemper
12/11 Amber Lemke, Opal Harper
12/12 Knoxley May
12/13 Ashley May
12/15 Tim Holtzen, Ted Oehlert
12/18 Landry Maahs
12/22 Genny Keagy
12/24 Derrick Rexroth



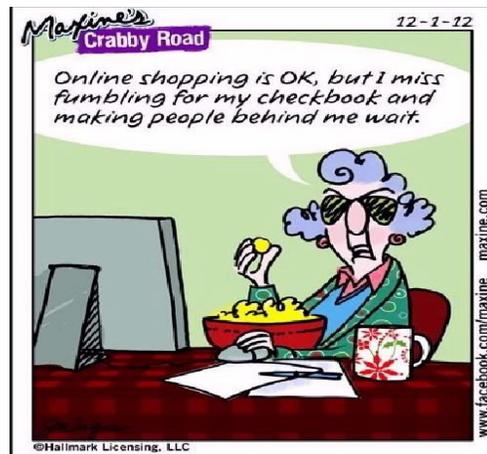
Anniversaries

12/3/1977 David & Kathy May
12/4/1977 Gordon & Jule Maahs
12/18/2011 Joshua & Ashley May
12/30/1962 David & Ginny Keagy
12/31/2012 Matthew & Erin Singh

Alberts Joke of the month!



From your Secretary!



Decorating for Christmas

Given the Current Covid-19 restrictions for Lancaster County "the Church Cronies" have volunteered to decorate the church for Christmas on Dec. 13th others are welcome to join them. Masks are OPTIONAL. Thank you to the following for making this happen: John Recknor, Roger Pearson, Rollie Meyer, Merv and Margene Meyer, Rosemary Luebke, Tracy and Kristi Refior.

Youth Group: Meet on October 30th at the Snoozy house for a competitive game of flashlight tag. Everyone brought friends, ate pizza, treats and had a scary good time. On November 29th they will meet after church to paint and decorate the youth room in the parsonage. They will have a Christmas party starting with a Christian video, games food and fellowship.

Sign up for Advent and Christmas Services.

Advent 1 December 2, 2020

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

Advent 2 December 9, 2020

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904084AADA82BAAFF2-wednesday1>

Advent 3 December 16, 2020

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904084AADA82BAAFF2-wednesday2>

Christmas Children Service December 24, 2020 5:30 p.m.

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

Christmas Candle Light December 24, 2020 7:00 p.m. **Communion**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904084aada82baaff2-christmas1>

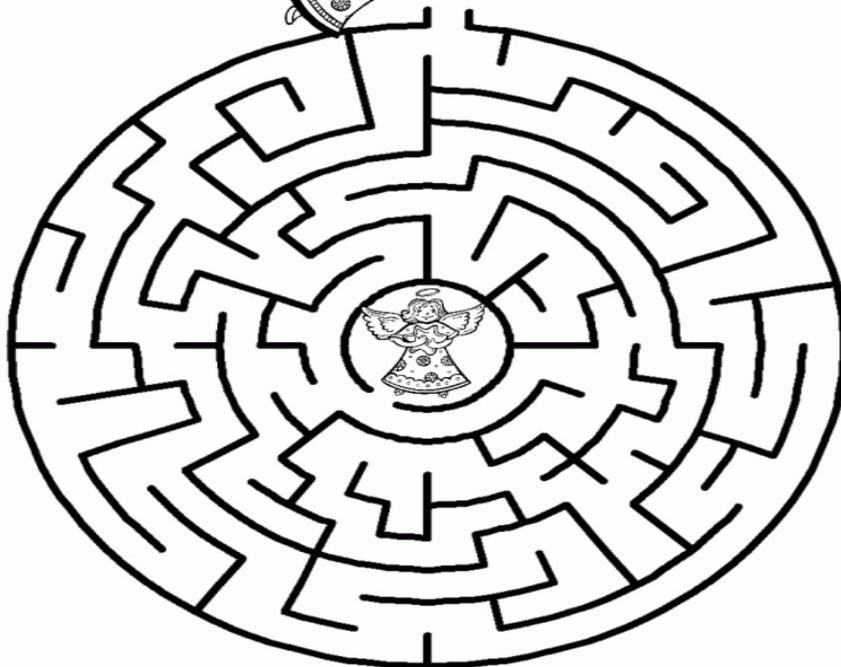
Christmas Day December 25, 2020 10:00 a.m. **Communion**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904084AADA82BAAFF2-christmas2>

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Christmas Angel Maze

Help the Angel find her Angel friend by following through the snowball path.



December 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Women's Bible Study 12:45 pm Church Fellowship Hall.	2 Advent Service 7 p.m.	3	4	5
6 9 am Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10 am Divine Service 11:30 Kilian Kemper's Baptism, Family only.	7 Zoom Bible Study: THE JESSE TREE IS THE JESUS TREE 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	8	9 Advent Service 7 p.m.	10	11	12 Elder's Meeting 7:30am
13 9 am Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10 am Divine Service	14 Zoom Bible Study: THE JESSE TREE IS THE JESUS TREE 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	15	16 Advent Service 7 p.m.	17 Mary & Martha League, VIA Text 1:30 pm	18 Newsletter Deadline	19
20 9 am Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10 am Divine Service Food Pantry Sunday	21 Zoom Bible Study: THE JESSE TREE IS THE JESUS TREE 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	22	23	24 Christmas Eve Children's Service 5:30 p.m. Candle Light/Communion 7:00 p.m.	25 Christmas day 10:00 a.m. Communion	26 Secretary Office Day, and Newsletter Print date
27 9 am Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10 am Divine Service Mite Sunday	28	29	30	31		

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

Elders

6th Alan Retzlaff
13th Hank Oetjen
20th Roger Pearson
27th Tracy Refior

Altar Guild

6th Shirley Retzlaff
13th Deb Pavey
20th Laura Hametis
27th Kristi Refior

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