

Trinity Trumpeter



Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

5315 S 162nd St. Walton, NE 68461

www.TrinityWalton.org

Church Office: 402-782-6515

Rev. Dr. Kevin J. Kohnke, Pastor: TrinityWaltonPastor@gmail.com

Laura Hametis, Secretary: TrinityWaltonSecretary@gmail.com

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

VOLUME 4

June 2021

No. 6

Vacation Bible School Teachers: Servants of the Lord

Many years ago, when I was a child, Vacation Bible School was held for two weeks., from 9 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. A teacher who endures 14 days of VBS, I think is eligible for sainthood. Selma Judas and Florence Gohlke were two teachers, now sainted, whom I recall with fond memories from my years as a V.B.S. student. Mrs. Judas’s classroom for V.B.S. was the cry room located just off of the narthex. A table and hard, brown, metal chairs were set up for the 14 days. Students were expected to bring their own Bibles, and pencils. When a student forgot a pencil, it wasn’t to the church office that Mrs. Judas went darting but into her own purse she dug for a writing utensil. By the intensity of her teaching, you knew she believed the Words of Scripture she taught. She instructed with authority and, as I recollect, received well deserved respect. The demeanor she gave to the class was that she was joyfully serving the Lord.

Mrs. Gohlke was my teacher when I was but a small lad. Games of duck-duck-goose, and tag are cherished memories. Mrs. Gohlke even joined in our childhood games. Craft time was filled with simple things. We made plaster of paris forms of praying hands, and crosses. Perhaps the simplest yet most memorable craft were items we made from the pre-glued strips of multi-colored paper. Every creation was an opportunity for Mrs. Gohlke to praise us for our work. And Mrs. Gohlke’s most notable task, at least to us kids, was the work she did on Friday, day 14! She was the Aid Association for Lutherans (AAL) church representative (her husband was the branch treasurer) who went and purchased our treat, chocolate **ice cream bars!**

These are but two of Christ’s servants, now in His presence, who gave of their time for God’s children. How many lives did they touch by their kindnesses and their example? How many children saw the light of Christ shining from their hearts? Only the Lord knows. I recognize I was one.

Years have passed and many people have succeeded these ladies as V.B.S. teachers, servants of the Lord. At Trinity we thank our Heavenly Father for the dedicated teachers and support staff we have had for Vacation Bible School. Our Heavenly Father continues to provide children for us to teach about our Lord Jesus. And He provides us with teachers who give sacrificially of their time to share Jesus’s love. Teachers who let their light shine. Many teachers have given extra effort working long hours in preparation for the class they taught in order to make the V.B.S. experience a joyful and intellectually stimulating one for the children.

Others gave selflessly of their time on things others may not notice...emptying trash cans, preparing food, preparing the crafts, and cleaning up.

Do these people seek our praise? No, they simply are serving their Lord with the abilities He has given.

May we all seek to serve our Savior, with the skills He has given to us, and give thanks for the ability to serve Him by serving others.

"Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms." 1 Peter 4:10

Pastor Kohnke

Ladies Tuesday Bible

The woman's Bible study group will meet in the church again on June 1st @ 12:45. We will continue our Bible Study on Old Testament books of Ezra and Nehemiah. It's not too late to join the study! Hope to see you there. 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: Study of the Old Testament with Pastor Holtzen. Starts at 9:00am

Monday Evening Bible study: is on hold for the summer. See you in person or via zoom in the fall! If you have any suggestions for a study, please let Pastor Kohnke know.

Sunday School News: We need one new Sunday School teacher to start in the fall! Please prayerfully consider this position.

Covid-19 Worship update:

Thank you to the 43 people who responded to the communion survey. The Board of Elders decided at their May 8th meeting to continue offering communion in the pew until August 1, 2021. On this date we shall resume all worship functions as we did pre-Covid-19...unless health advisories change in the negative direction. **We will resume the regular altar guild in August as well. If you would like to be on the guild, please let Laura know. She will have a schedule ready in mid-July.**

Sunday Circle: is continuing to make banners for the Church. We just completed a new Epiphany banner and have started work on a Good Friday banner. Work continues on the book bags for Bennet School. Thirteen book bags have been completed. We are hoping to have 20 book bags completed by the time school starts in the fall.

Our Mission Dollars at Work

Our \$500 Mission Dollars for June goes to: Lutheran Bible Translators
<https://lbt.org/about/missionaries/>

Mission: Lutheran Bible Translators makes God's Word accessible to those who do not yet have it in the language of their hearts.

Vision: God is transforming the lives of people around the world as they read and use His Word in their heart language.

Values

God's Word: We are committed to the Word of God in its incarnate, proclaimed and Scriptural forms. We apply God's Word to our lives, decisions, communications, and relationships.

Innovation: We accomplish our mission most effectively through creative and discovery-oriented strategies. We encourage innovation and creativity.

Professionalism: We strive for excellence and vigorous approaches in all aspects of ministry. We value professional affirmation of our competencies and open evaluation of our work.

Dialogue: We are committed to authentic internal and external relationships. We strive to exhibit mutual accountability, transparency, collaboration, and inter-dependency in a spirit that is both respectful and compassionate.

Cultural Sensitivity: We recognize cultural differences in values, learning styles, and relationship dynamics. We respect and value these differences as we interact with people of differing backgrounds and generations.

Fiscal Responsibility: We are committed to the principles of Biblical Stewardship, accountability, and transparency. We handle financial resources according to best practices and high ethical standards.



Our Work

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.

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.

Dinner Out: Still on hold... but will resume on September 12, 2021. Please share your suggestions for dinner locations with Laura or Karen Luebke.

Mary & Martha League: Will meet in person, May 20th, 1:30 pm.

At our last Meeting we welcomed two new members, Connie May and Becky Nisley. We would welcome any of you who would wish to join us. We meet the third Thursday of each month in the Church Fellowship Hall at 1:30.



We are still looking into ways the we can donate food to hungry people in our community. We have look at several possibilities but none of them would work for us. If you have any ideas please let us know.

On the fourth Sunday of each month, we collect the Mite Box offering. On May 23rd we received \$52.40. Remember this money goes to support mission work in Nebraska and around the world.

PARADES



Eagle Days Parade: June 26, 2021. 2:00 p.m.

“Superheroes” is the theme. Sunday School students will be dressing up as superheroes and riding on a wagon. If you would like to dress as a superhero, of your own creation or a more well-known character you may join us. And if you are a superhero without the need of a wardrobe department you too can join in the fun. We will plan on using two wagons, one for the superhero's and one for the adults.

Parade line up time is 12:30 p.m. Line up in the lot north of the Eagle City Park. (North of the intersection of 5th and D streets) -this is when the wagon(s) will arrive for decorating. Parade Start time is 2:00 p.m. participants please be at the above location no later than **1:30 p.m.**

We are seeking an adult to play dress as Jesus.

Sign up to walk or ride in the parade <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904084AADA82BAAFF2-eagle>

Bennet 4th of July will be held on July 3rd! Registration is that day at 9:00, parade starts at 10:00. Please met at the County building at the corner of Cottonwood and S 162nd st. No later than 9:30 a.m. The current plan is to use the same set up as will be used in the Eagle Days Parade.

June Birthdays

- 6/4 Lori Bruss
- 6/9 Kirk Nisley
- 6/11 Mike Kemper
- 6/15 Lee Peterson
- 6/16 Logan Bruss
- 6/22 Andrew & Anthony Claassen
- 6/24 Jeff Luebke
- 6/25 Kathy May
- 6/27 Madelyn Rosecrans



June Anniversaries

- 6/4 Lee & Chelly Peterson 1988
- 6/7 John & Kristin Page 2013
- 6/8 Alan & Shirley Retzlaff 1969
- 6/9 Tim & Nancy Malone 1979
- 6/24 Jeff & Cathy Plager 1989
- 6/? Kyle & Elizabeth Bruss 2003

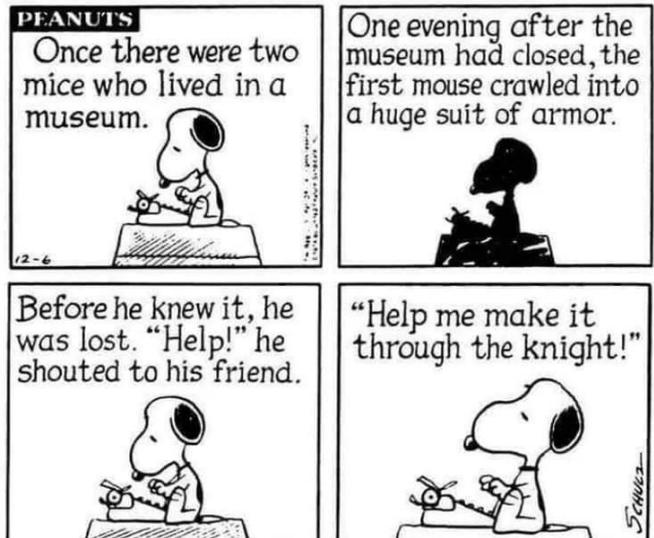
Alberts Joke of the month!



Sophuckingoode
@SophieRachael95

A German man just came into the pub and tried to ask for cutlery but ended up saying "I need some food weapons" and I will now be referring to them by nothing else

From your Secretary!





Trinity Lutheran Vacation Bible School

June 7th -11th

Ages 3-6th Grade

5:30p.m.-8:00p.m.

Go to our website to sign-up students

www.tlcwalton.360unite.com

Or Contact Erin Singh

402-560-7845

Trinity Lutheran 2021 VBS Mission Offering

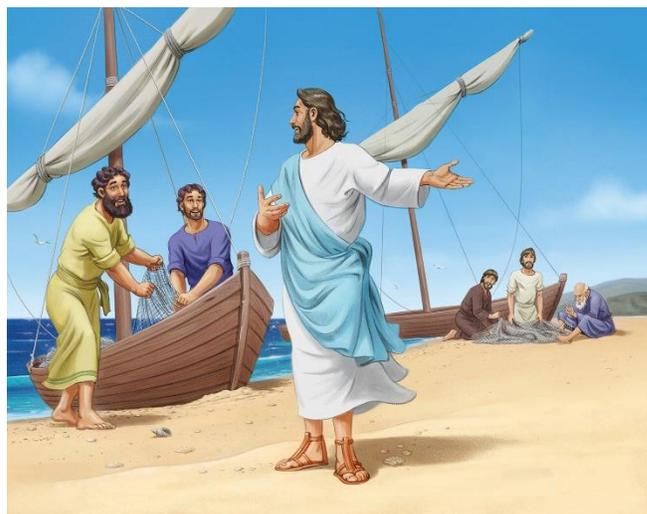
“Let the Children Come to Me” Sunday school materials for the children of Southeast Asia



The 2021 Trinity VBS mission project that we have adopted is the LHF “Let the Children Come to Me” mission project. Their offerings will go toward writing and translating a Lutheran Sunday school program for Southeast Asians in countries like Thailand, Cambodia and Indonesia.

The one-year curriculum, based on *A Child’s Garden of Bible Stories*, will be written and translated for three different age levels at a total cost of \$24,000. Conservatively speaking, at least 12,000 Sunday school students will benefit from the curriculum – a cost of only \$2 per student.

Members of the congregation may participate by donating on Sunday, June 13th. A collection will be taken at the door.



June 2021

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|--|---|--|---|---|---|
| | | 1 Woman's Bible Study 12:45 Fellowship Hall | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 6 9 am Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10 am Divine Service Commissioning of VBS Volunteers | 7 Vacation Bible School 5:30-8:00pm | 8 Vacation Bible School 5:30-8:00pm | 9 Vacation Bible School 5:30-8:00pm | 10 Vacation Bible School 5:30-8:00pm | 11 Vacation Bible School 5:30-8:00pm | 12 Elder's Meeting 7:00 am VBS Zoo trip |
| 13 9 am Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10 am Divine Service | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 1:30 p.m. Mary & Martha League | 18 | 19 |
| 20 9 am Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10 am Divine Service | 21 Newsletter deadline! | 22 | 23 | 24 Newsletter Print Date | 25 | 26 Eagle Parade 2 pm |
| 27 9 am Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10 am Divine Service Mite Box Sunday | 28 | 29 | 30 | | | |

Those serving in June, 2021 Sunday 10:00 a.m.

Elders

6th Steve Cartagena
13th Tracy Refior
20th Alan Retzlaff
27th Hank Oetjen

Altar Guild

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

**Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
5315 S. 162nd Street
Walton, NE 68461-9695**