

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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Pastor Shortage in the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod

It is no secret that the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod is experiencing a considerable shortage of pastors. Today, more than 450 LCMS congregations have pastoral vacancies. Furthermore, many Synod clergy are facing retirement, with 54% being 55 years or older. These numbers - coupled with the reality that the LCMS' two seminaries in the last few years have not produced enough young pastors to replace older pastors who are retiring - demonstrate this crucial need facing our church.

In Matthew 4, we learn of Jesus calling HIS first disciples. Jesus invited them to follow Him, to listen to Him, and to witness His life and ministry so that they might become "fishers of men;" bearing public witness to Jesus and His saving work. In a similar way, the church today continues to summon those who will be leaders equipped to preach and teach of Jesus.

Concordia Seminary, St. Louis has created a new resource to help identify and encourage future church workers. The booklet, *Drop Your Nets and Follow Me*, explores the example of Jesus calling His disciples and outlines practical tips for encouraging future seminarians, those who will be tomorrow's church leaders, those who will become Christ's servants tending to you and me, to our children and to future generations.

If you know someone who possesses the gifts and qualities to serve as a pastor or deaconess, please encourage him or her in the vocation of sharing the Gospel. The resource, *Drop Your Nets and Follow Me*, can provide guidance in helping you to do this.

Drop Your Nets and Follow Me: Raising up the Next Generation of Church Workers, written by Director of Recruitment Rev. Micah Glenn, is an eight-page booklet that provides insights and practical tips aimed at increasing enrollment at both seminaries of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) and in church worker programs across the Concordia University System (CUS).

<https://www.csl.edu/resources/publications/drop-your-nets-and-follow-me/>

Matthew 9:37-38 (ESV) Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore, pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”

Pre-seminary enrollment at our Lutheran Church Missouri Synod Universities declined in the last 13 years by approximately 58%. Enrollment at our two Seminaries, Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort

Wayne, Indiana, and Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, Missouri in the Master of Divinity program declined by approximately 55%.

Romans 10: 14-15 (ESV) How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!"

Pastoral Formation Prior to Seminary a document that tells us that pastoral formation is a lifelong process. A process of being exposed to the Word of God. To read this insightful paper please go to www.TrinityWalton.org then select "News", and then "Pastoral Formation Prior to Seminary" By Rev. Dr. James A. Baneck, executive director of the LCMS Office of Pastoral Education.

"Pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." Matthew 9:38

Pastor Kohnke



Sound system: Our new sound system can be controlled by the church owned iPad. Persons trained on its use are Laura Hametis, Tim Holtzen and Steve Cartagena. Did you notice there are now **speakers in the Narthex?** The volume control button is located in the stairwell to the balcony. New speakers were placed in the basement. A volume control button is on the south wall of the fellowship hall near the coat rack.

Ladies Tuesday Bible

The woman's Bible study group will meet in the church again on August 3rd @ 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: Fall Bible Class will resume on Monday, September 13th at 7:00 p.m. in the church fellowship hall. Please [email topic suggestion to pastor Kohnke.](#)

Adult Instruction Class. Please speak with Pastor Kohnke if you are interested in the instruction class to become a member of Trinity. No time or date has been set.

Youth Confirmation Classes will begin on Wednesday, August 18, 2021. If you know of a person entering the 7th grade this fall, please speak with pastor.



Sunday School News: We need one lower elementary Sunday School teacher and one nursery teacher to start in the fall! Please prayerfully consider these positions. Special thanks to Mandi Kemper and Becki Maahs for their years of teaching in these two positions!

Sunday school promotion day will be Sunday, September 12th

Sunday Circle will meet next on August 1st, after the service.

We have completed our sixth banner. We are beginning the process of purchasing the materials to make our seventh banners with the theme Joyful, Joyful, We adore Thee.

Our Mission Dollars at Work

What is Orphan Grain Train?

Orphan Grain Train is a 501c3 Nonprofit Christian volunteer network that shares personal and material resources with needy people in America and around the world. Grain Train volunteers gather donations of clothing, medical supplies, food, Christian literature, and other aid to meet real needs. The Orphan Grain Train movement is a loving response to Jesus Christ's example as a servant and His love for us.



Relief for Human Need Worldwide



Thank you to Deb Pavey who did the weekly worship seating chart and then placed communion trays in the pews. **Thank you to Laura Hametis** who sent out countless emails and took care of many Sunday morning concerns.

Mary & Martha League: August 19, 1:30 pm.



We are in the process of investigating the Back Pack program at Bennet School. Backpack food programs **provide nutritious, non-perishable, easy-to-prepare food to children to ensure they get enough food on weekends and holidays** to avoid hunger when they can't depend on school meals. We will be informing you soon if we can use this as a substitute for our food pantry offerings.

We are in search of a heavy-duty filing cabinet with a lock to house historical documents from the Mary and Martha League. If you have one that we can use please contact Mary Jo Colbert.

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



Celebration of 30 years: To acknowledge Pastor Kohnke's 30 years in the ministry the elders and chairman are organizing a dinner to be catered in on Sunday August 15th. A sign-up link has been created so the right amount of food can be ordered.

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

August Birthdays

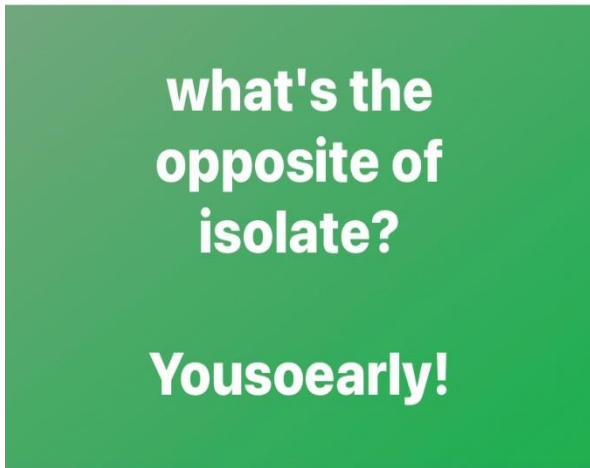
- 8/1 Zach Maahs
- 8/2 Brantley Michael Carney, Lisa Smithers
- 8/4 Lori Cartagena
- 8/8 Ivan Bruss, Hank Oetjen
- 8/9 Madison Slack
- 8/11 Cindy Claasen
- 8/12 Hunter Maahs, Alan Retzlaff
- 8/13 David May
- 8/19 Ethan Kemper, John Recknor
- 8/20 Steve Meyer
- 8/21 Connie May
- 8/25 Ron Mangel
- 8/28 Preston Bruss, Joshua Harper, Julia Luebke
- 8/29 Carl Siefert
- 8/31 Nicholas May



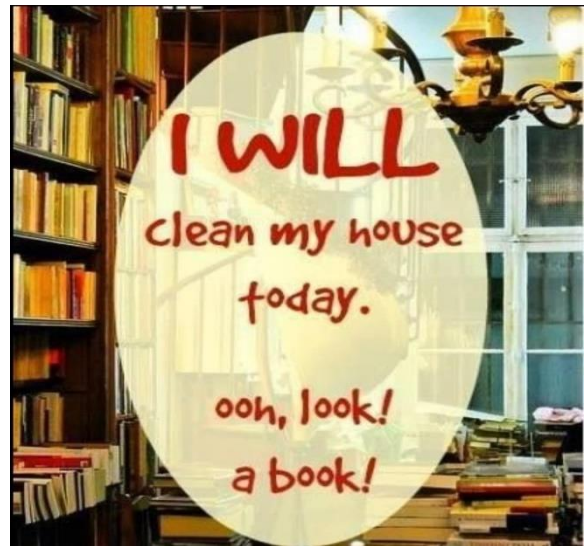
August Anniversaries

- 8/4 John & Karla Snoozy (1984)
- 8/25 Jeremy & Carolyn Bruss (2001)

Alberts Joke of the month!



From your Secretary!



Trinity Lutheran Vacation Bible School

The VBS crew would like to thank Jule Maahs for making Rainforest themed animal cookies for the last night of VBS! The kids loved them!



School Word Search Puzzle

H C Y A S S E Z I U Q H P Z H
 O L T U S Z G A M E S O F B V
 M Z Z N S E S S A L C M W U H
 E D E T E N T I O N Q E B D S
 W U F I T M X E A P S R C D I
 O F M P O C E L S R F O H I L
 R S M O R P H V G C H O A E G
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 B E M U L E A R N I N G K E E
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ACHIEVEMENT MATH
 BAND PRINCIPAL
 BELL PROM
 BUDDIES QUIZ
 CHALKBOARD READING
 CLASSES SCIENCE
 DANCES SPELLING
 DETENTION STUDENT
 DRILL TEACHER
 ENGLISH TEST
 ESSAY
 GAMES
 HOMEROOM
 HOMEWORK
 LEARNING



Middle School Youth Gathering November 13-14, 2021 Embassy Suites, LaVista

The Nebraska District hosts an annual gathering for 6th-8th grade students.

****This year only, we'd like to also invite those entering 9th grade as our COVID Class, giving them an extra year of eligibility.***

Each event is one piece of a three-part journey for Middle Schoolers. Mark your calendars to join us as we *KNOW*, **GROW**, and *SHOW*!

Registration includes Saturday dinner & Sunday breakfast, snacks, speakers, talent show and games! A block of rooms will be available at the hotel, but groups are responsible for their own lodging arrangements. (7:1 Youth to Adult ratio)

Every day we are called to **GROW** in the knowledge and truth of Jesus Christ as we learn how God **PLANTS** a seed of faith in us through baptism, **PRUNES** our lives for growth, and calls us to live by the Spirit to **PRODUCE** fruit for Him that lasts an eternity! **2 Peter 3:18**

August 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9 am Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10 am Divine Service	2	3 Woman's Bible Study 12:45 Fellowship Hall	4	5	6	7
8 9 am Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10 am Divine Service	9 Circuit Pastor meeting here at Trinity 10 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.	10	11	12	13	14 Elder's Meeting 7:00 am
15 9 am Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10 am Divine Service 11:30 Dinner: Pastor Kohnke's 30th Anniversary in the Ministry	16	17	18 Confirmation Class after school	19 1:30 p.m. Mary & Martha League	20	21
22 9 am Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10 am Divine Service	23	24	25 Confirmation Class after school	26 Newsletter Print Date	27	28
29 9 am Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10 am Divine Service Mite Box Sunday	30	31				

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

Elders

1st Roger Pearson, Tim Holtzen
8th Hank Oetjen, Steve Cartagena
15th Tracy Refior, Roger Pearson
22nd Alan Retzlaff, Tim Holtzen
29th Tracy Refior, Steve Cartagena

Altar Guild

1st Deb Pavey, Laura Hametis
8th Erin Singh, Megan Rexroth
15th Laura Hametis, Becky Nisley
22nd Sandy Kemper, Allison Kemper
29th Margene Meyer, Kristi Refior

Acolyte

1st Lydia Oetjen
8th Knoxly May
15th Willa Oetjen
22nd Zenna Zickafoose
29th Ruby Oetjen

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