

August 2020 Elder: Derek Allen, Altar Guild: Jamie Moothart & Mandie Allen, Stewardship: Sharilyn Buryanek

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 6:00 pm Worship*
2 10:30 am Worship* Usher Team: Rodney Matz Acolyte: Jayden Burt Camera: Dakota Allen A/V: Mandie Allen Acc. Peggy Christensen	3	4	5 7:00 pm Bible Study	6	7	8 No Worship/wedding
9 9:30 am Elders' Mtg. 10:30 am Worship Usher Team: Larry VW Acolyte: Logan Tepe Camera: Katrina Burt A/V: Dan Tentinger Acc. Peggy Christensen	10	11	12 7:00 pm Bible Study	13	14	15 6:00 pm Worship*
16 10:30 am Worship* Usher Team: Bill Buryanek Acolyte: Addison VB. Camera: Dakota Allen A/V: Derek Allen Acc. Sharon Wakeman	17 7:00 pm LWML Pastor / Lycia Gone	18	19	20	21	22
23 10:30 Worship Usher Team: Dave Aldrich Acolyte: Ani Topete Camera: Mary Aldrich A/V: Tom Murren Acc. Tracy DeBruin	24	25  West Sioux Starts	26 7:00 pm Bible Study	27	28	29 6:00 pm Worship*
30 10:30 Worship Usher Team: Denny Peters Acolyte: Brielle Aldrich Camera: Jaxton Jungers A/V: Mary Ortner Acc. Sharon Wakeman	31					

Trinity Checking and Savings Accounts Report from Treasurer-Tracy DeBruin

People's Bank

General Fund	\$ 69,626.23
Endowment Fund	\$ 656.91
Legacy Fund	\$ 795.27
Memorial Savings	\$ 2,949.29
Youth Checking	\$ 10,492.58
Youth Savings	\$ 6,099.81
TOTAL	\$ 90,620.09

Year To Date Expenses \$95,236.28

Year To Date Proposed Budget (over) \$62,125.70

~Classroom Comics~

A Sunday School teacher asked her class why Joseph and Mary took Jesus with them to Jerusalem..

A small child replied, 'They couldn't get a baby-sitter.'

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A Sunday school teacher was discussing the Ten Commandments with her five and six year olds.

After explaining the commandment to  
'Honour thy father and thy mother,' she asked,  
Is there a commandment that teaches us how to  
treat our brothers and sisters?

Without missing a beat, one little boy answered,  
'Thou shall not kill.'

## TRINITY LUTHERAN VOTERS MEETING – SUN. July 19, 2020, 11:30 am

Pastor Lowe opened the meeting with prayer. Minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved.

Present: Pastor Lowe. Roll call taken with 20 Voter is present.

**Unfinished Business:** none

**Trustees Report:** Resignation of church manager, Jennifer Koi. Effective July 30, 2020 Lycia Anderson will take her position. Lycia will need to sign the People's bank account and Jennifer will be taken off account. Eric Heuer has completed the power washing of the outside front of the church. We would like to thank him for a job well done.

**Elders Report:** Dave Zierke reports no concern at present. Attendance starting to increase with the opening of the Church during COVID-19 precautions. Special attention to cleaning and social distancing continues.

Board of Education and Youth Report: No new discussion in Kara's absence. Stewardship Report: none

**Finance Report:** no report

**Building Fund Report:** Lycia Anderson has resigned from this position and Tracy DeBruin will take over reporting. Building fund of \$30,592.20 as of 6/30/2020 listed on Tracy's report.

**LWML:** No new discussion in Janice's absence.

**Treasurer's Report:** Tracy has applied for the Payroll Protection Program (PPP) grant for the church. \$21,500 was received and does not have to be paid back. Tracy presented her report (see attached report) with the General fund of \$69,626.23. There are 8 CD'S for a total of \$84,504.95. Larry Bauder motioned to approve Treasurer's report and Gerald Toft seconded. Motion carried.

**Endowment Report:** no report

**Memorial Fund Report:** Duane Aldrich has resigned this position. Tracy DeBruin will be reporting this in addition to the Building fund, Treasurer's report and Endowment fund. Memorial Fund account balance of \$2,949.29. Other or New Business: Discussion of copy machine quotes. Written quotes from Century Business (Kyocera) is \$4,824.67 and the other quote is from Marco which is \$4,409.67. Our current copy machine is from 2009 and is a Sharp from Marco. Repair parts are difficult to obtain. Customer service should be considered and Jennifer has worked with Kyocera from Century Business with great success. Our Thrivent team at Trinity has dedicated \$2000.00 for the purchase of a new copy machine. Balance will be paid out of the Building fund. Motion made by Dave Zierke to purchase the Century copy machine. Derick Allen seconded. Motion carried.

**Pastor's Report:** See attached report. July attendance was 109 average, August 99 average, September 112 average. Official acts: Baptisms: 2, Funerals: 6, Confirmations: 5, Affirmation of Faith: 1. Pastor would like to extend a sincere thank you to Jennifer Kooi for her service as church manager. We are very grateful for the filling of the position with Lycia Anderson effective first of August.

Meeting adjourned.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Deb Kratochvil

## TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING Sunday, July 12, 2020

Pastor Lowe opened with a prayer.

**Present:** Pastor Lowe, Larry Bauder, Bill Buryanek, Bill Benda, Tracie DeBruin, Deb Kratochvil, Ashley Bultman, Dave Zierke.

President Bauder call the meeting to order. Minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved.

**Unfinished Business:** none

**Trustees Report:** Resignation of church manager, Jennifer Kooi. Effective July 30, 2020 Lycia Anderson will take her position. All bank accounts need Jennifer taken off and Lycia added. Bill Benda reports that Eric Heuer has completed the power washing of the outside front of church. We would like to thank him for a job well done.

**Elders Report:** Dave Zierke reports no concerns at present. Attendance starting to increase with the opening of the Church during COVID-19 precautions. Special attention to cleaning and social distancing continues.

**Board of Education and Youth Report:** none

**Stewardship Report:** Ashley Bultman reports none.

**Finance Report:** none

**Building Fund Report:** Lycia Anderson has resigned from this position and Tracy DeBruin take over reporting. Tracy will present at next week's Voter's meeting.

**Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) Report:** none

**Treasurer's Report:** Tracy will report at next week's Voter's meeting. She has applied for the Payroll Protection Program (PPP) grant for the church.

**Endowment Report:** Tracy will report at next week's Voter's mtg.

**Memorial Fund Report:** Duane Aldrich has resigned this position. Tracy DeBruin will be reporting at next week's Voter's meeting.

**Other or New Business:** Discussion of copy machine quotes. Jennifer has provided written quotes from Century Business (Kyocera) which is \$4,824.67 and the other quote is from Marco which is \$4,409.67. Our current copy machine is from 2009 and is a Sharp from Marco. Customer service should be considered and Jennifer has worked with Kyocera from Century Business with great success. The board chose the Kyocera machine to go before the voters. Our Thrivent team at Trinity has dedicated \$2000.00 for the purchase of a new copy machine. This will be brought to the Voter's meeting next week.

**Pastor's Report:** will report statistics at the voters' meeting.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer, meeting adjourned.  
Respectfully submitted, Deb Kratochvil

## This is the Life

**August 2, 2020-**"The Visit"-During war time, a Christian's response becomes a witness to others.

**August 9, 2020-**"One Hour to Live"-Divine forgiveness for the truly penitent assures a man---and in the nick of time.

**August 16, 2020-**"Trial By Fire"-When an unexpected tragedy strikes... pray, forgive and move forward. Do not allow the past to embitter the future. When one door closes, another will open.

**August 23, 2020-**"Red Trap"-A loving father's son became conflicted and lost. Fortunately, he was surrounded by people who cared.

**August 30, 2020-**"Run Away"-Away we go, back to where we started from.

## Sioux City-KCAU

- ☐ Aug. 2-Rev. James Travis-Calvary LC-Sioux City, Iowa
- ☐ Aug. 9-Rev. Willie Bertrand-St Paul/Immanuel-Concord, NE
- ☐ Aug. 16-Rev. Steve Stoll-Trinity LC-Hinton, Iowa
- ☐ Aug. 23-Rev. Ryan Janke-St Peter LC-Orchard, NE
- ☐ Aug. 30-Rev. Trevour Fruedenburg-Calvary LC, Sioux City, IA

This is the Life airs at 10:AM CST on KCAU. The local service follows immediately at 10:30 AM. Check local listings for the channel in your area.

## Hours

We would like to welcome Lycia Anderson as the new office manager. She will train the last week in July with her first official day beginning Monday, August 3rd. She will be in the office Monday-Thursday 8 am-12 pm.

## Thank You!!!

Thank you so much for allowing me to be the office manager at Trinity the past 7 years. It has been my pleasure to work with and for you! God's blessings to you all! Jennifer Kooi

## Vacation

Pastor Lowe and Lycia Anderson will be gone August 17-24. Please contact Pastor Boothby in their absence.

## Iowa District West

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### On a Mission to Support Christ's Mission!

### Calendar of Events

**August 6...**Concordia Plan Services Workshop, Gloria Dei, Urbandale

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**August 13...**District Board of Directors

**August 23...**Camp Okoboji 9th Annual Golf Outing

**August 31...**Pastors Golf Day, Ida Grove Planting Together

### Calling for Prayer in a Time of Crisis

Calling for Prayer in a Time of Crisis This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it (Psalm 118:24). It is quite possible that you may be asking, what is there to rejoice about these days? In our culture, there is wide political unrest, social issues, challenges with COVID-19, uncertainty of students starting back to school like they did last August, and then just regular life challenges. What is there to rejoice about? Plenty! The Lord made this day and gave it to each one of us! Psalm 118 states five times, "the steadfast love of the Lord endures forever." Yes, it does and that alone gives us much to rejoice about. No matter the circumstances taking place around us, we can rejoice like the Psalmist did because of all the things God has done for us, especially the sending of His son, Jesus, to take our place on the cross to pay for our sins and allow us the gift of eternal life. May each of you speak this verse and also use it to share the great hope you have in Jesus with others.

Rhonda Mohr, Assistant to the President

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## August Birthdays

2. Mary Klaus
7. Rich Krotochvil
8. Terra Spangler
11. Shannon Baas, Gary Salberg
12. Cathy Peck, Morgan Utesch
13. Carla Schmidt
14. Emrie Van Ballegooyen
15. Karlinda Benda
17. Luci Topete
20. Michalle Hedden
21. David Weinmann
22. Kristi Kingma
23. Duane Aldrich
24. Dakota Allen
25. Dee Peterson
28. Brian Bultman, Joshua Curiel, Janice Hamilton
29. Katie Van Ballegooyen
30. Glen Longhorn
31. Jessica Coffelt, Bud Hass



## August Anniversaries

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|--------------------------------|----------|
| 2. Glen & Karen Longhorn       | 23 years |
| 6. Paul & Claudia Olson        | 53 years |
| 6. Todd & Amber Van Wyhe       | 9 years  |
| 7. Mike & Sonya Kruid          | 10 years |
| 10. Jeff & Stephanie Petersen  | 29 years |
| 14. Monte & Pam Harvey         | 39 years |
| 18. Pete & Kristi Kingma       | 19 years |
| 18. Rodney & Jan Matz          | 57 years |
| 20. Larry & Joann Bauder       | 51 years |
| 20. John & Lynn Eilts          | 37 years |
| 20. David Sr. & Erika Weinmann | 4 years  |
| 23. Justin & Tracy DeBruin     | 1 year   |
| 30. Bill & Karlinda Benda      | 29 years |

## From Pastor's Desk...

Will we ever be back to normal? That's the question many are asking. Maybe, you, too? I'm not quite sure what normal is or was, but we do want to be free of the virus threat and back to life's routine. We are built for routine. Creation shows us this with nights and days and seasons, which are predictable. But when something is off, we notice.

These last months have proven something we thought we were immune to- cultural shut down, rampant new disease, and change in nearly everything we hold dear. We are living life without control. Uncertainty and fear are now a normal way of life for Americans and the world. Civil unrest, political maneuvering has captured our country's attention. Nothing is new under the sun. While we may feel these are unprecedented times, we do well to reflect on the history of the world. Read the books of Samuel, Kings, and Chronicles- if you can get through them. The world is bad and was always bad. What is unprecedented are years of goodness, relatively little sickness or violence. The gifts of medicine and technology have greatly aided our way of life.

God prepares us for days like these. I believe it one of my greatest responsibilities as your pastor to remind of you that and always be giving God's Word and Sacraments, which deliver Jesus' forgiveness and prepare of days like these and much worse. This is the Lord's routine. But the hardest thing is the reality that many don't want these gifts or feel there's something more or something better out there, and, therefore, they're not necessary. As we move forward, I encourage you in the Lord to be receiving God's Word regularly- either through the Facebook Live or through regular attendance in worship. I believe the church will have lots of work in building back what Covid has distanced- people from people, but not people from Jesus- He keeps calling back.

What will the Lord do with this? That's in His hands. But His routine will continue of proclaiming Law and Gospel, delivering Jesus and ruling the world until the day comes and we live in His kingdom forever without chaos, sickness and death. Until then, remember this:  
<sup>ESV</sup> **Hebrews 13:8** Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

## Called to Excel in the Grace of Giving

The Apostle Paul tells the church in Corinth and us that they were not only to excel *"in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all earnestness, and in our love for you..."* (2 Corinthians 8:7), they were to excel also in the grace of giving. Giving plays an important part in our lives as Christians. Faithful giving is an expression of heartfelt love. It is not an act of duty, although Christians are commanded to give. It is the joyful response to Christ from those who have been redeemed from slavery to sin and death for eternal life both here on earth and in Heaven forever. The size of the gift is not what Christ is looking at, but the motive of the giver.

Jesus said, *"It is more blessed to give than to receive"* (Acts 20:35). Many of us have experienced just that blessing as we have given a gift to someone we love. Unfortunately, however, it is a human tendency to grasp at wealth, sometimes in a vain attempt to achieve security, many times for the status we think it will bring us, and often just because of our greedy natures. Our human logic is at variance with the words of Proverbs 11:24-25. *"One gives freely, yet grows all the richer; another withholds what he should give, and only suffers want. Whoever brings blessings will be enriched, and one who waters will himself be watered."*

God promises that we will always have enough; He will meet our needs. In fact, Paul wrote to the Corinthians, *"You will be enriched every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God"* (2 Corinthians 9:11). Giving, then, is based on trust. As we trust that God will provide even beyond our needs, even to the point that we will have enough to be generous to others, our grip on things of this earth will loosen. Not only will we be able to help others in need, but we will bear witness to our Lord as He is given the glory for our generosity. With God's help, we can all excel in the grace of giving.

**Read the Bible in one year by reading the following passages this month...**

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| 1. Habakkuk 3:2-19  | 2 Chronicles 1-3   |
| 2. Psalm 57         | 2 Chronicles 4-6   |
| 3. Psalm 58         | 2 Chronicles 7-9   |
| 4. Psalm 59         | 2 Chronicles 10-12 |
| 5. Psalm 60         | 2 Chronicles 13-15 |
| 6. Psalm 61         | 2 Chronicles 16-18 |
| 7. Psalm 62         | 2 Chronicles 19-21 |
| 8. Psalm 63         | 2 Chronicles 22-24 |
| 9. Psalm 64         | 2 Chronicles 25-27 |
| 10. Psalm 65        | 2 Chronicles 28-30 |
| 11. Psalm 66        | 2 Chronicles 31-33 |
| 12. Psalm 67        | 2 Chronicles 34-36 |
| 13. Psalm 68        | Ezra 1-5           |
| 14. Psalm 69        | Ezra 6-10          |
| 15. Psalm 70        | Nehemiah 1-3       |
| 16. Psalm 71        | Nehemiah 4-6       |
| 17. Psalm 72        | Nehemiah 7-9       |
| 18. Psalm 73        | Nehemiah 10-13     |
| 19. Psalm 74        | Esther 1-3         |
| 20. Psalm 75        | Esther 4-6         |
| 21. Psalm 76        | Esther 7-10        |
| 22. Psalm 77        | Job 1-3            |
| 23. Psalm 78        | Job 4-6            |
| 24. Psalm 79        | Job 7-9            |
| 25. Psalm 80        | Job 10-12          |
| 26. Psalm 81        | Job 13-15          |
| 27. Psalm 82        | Job 16-18          |
| 28. Psalm 83        | Job 19-21          |
| 29. Psalm 84        | Job 22-24          |
| 30. Psalm 85        | Job 25-27          |
| 31. Habakkuk 3:2-19 | Job 28-30          |



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