

TRINITY TRUMPET NEWSLETTER

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Pastor is normally in the office Monday through Thursday and parts of Saturday, but is often out on visits. You can drop in and see him or make an appointment ahead of time.

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A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR PREUS

755 In the Very Midst of Life



1 In the ver - y midst of life Snares of death sur - round us;
2 In the midst of death's dark vale Pow'rs of hell o'er - take us.
3 In the midst of ut - ter woe When our sins op - press us,



Who shall help us in the strife Lest the foe con - found us?
Who will help when they as - sail, Who se - cure will make us?
Where shall we for ref - uge go, Where for grace to bless us?



Thou on - ly, Lord, Thou on - ly! We mourn that we have great - ly
Thou on - ly, Lord, Thou on - ly! Thy heart is moved with ten - der -
To Thee, Lord Je - sus, on - ly! Thy pre - cious blood was shed to



erred, That our sins Thy wrath have stirred. Ho - ly and righ - teous God!
ness, Pit - ies us in our dis - tress. Ho - ly and righ - teous God!
win Full a - tone - ment for our sin. Ho - ly and righ - teous God!



Ho - ly and might - y God! Ho - ly and all - mer - ci - ful
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Sav - ior! E - ter - nal Lord God! Save us lest we per - ish
Sav - ior! E - ter - nal Lord God! Save us from the ter - ror
Sav - ior! E - ter - nal Lord God! Lord, pre - serve and keep us



In the bit - ter pangs of death. Have mer - cy, O Lord!
Of the fi - ery pit of hell. Have mer - cy, O Lord!
In the peace that faith can give. Have mer - cy, O Lord!

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Dear Friends in Christ,

Five hundred years ago in 1520 was one of the most difficult years in Martin Luther's life. He was pressured by Pope Leo X to recant his many writings, which Luther could not do, because it went against his faith and conscience. In January of 1521 Martin

Luther was excommunicated from the Roman Catholic Church. Why didn't Martin Luther recant? Why did he risk not only being removed from his position as professor and priest, but to be killed? Because he feared God rather than man and trusted in God to save. In the midst of our suffering, God is still in control. Satan feels no compassion for us. Jesus feels compassion for us. And he suffered to save us. The hymn above was written by Martin Luther. The melody was typical of the tones Luther would chant in the monastery, but is a little bit difficult for us. But once we get the tune down, the hymn is hauntingly beautiful. This month let us meditate on this hymn that draws us to the only one who saves. We're in the midst of suffering and sorrow, but we have a Lord who is strong and who feels compassion for us. He has made atonement for our sins. He loves us. He will have mercy on us. Amen.

In Christ,

Pastor Preus

ALTER GUILD, *Kim Ansley*

The Purpose of the Altar Guild:

“Members of the altar guild may consider themselves stagehands in the house of God. They take posts behind the scenes to do the staging for the church's worship. Their work is related to the spiritual life of the congregation. Someone has said that the altar guild is to minimize the work of Satan in the house of God. It is well known how the devil likes to get into holy places and mishandle holy things. He likes to distract Christians especially when they are worshiping in church. He has quite a bag of tricks with which he does this in the chancel. The work of the altar guild is to hinder Satan and help the church to worship. It is a work by which the Lord and the worshiping congregation are served. Therefore, its real purpose is spiritual. The work is itself a worship, a 'reasonable service.' (Rom. 12:1)

“What an Altar Guild Should Know” by Paul H. D. Lang

Even though it may seem like the Altar Guild doesn't do much besides “washing dishes”. But the service is very important. From the reading above – this service can make a huge difference! If you are interested in learning more, please come to our next meeting on Tuesday, October 13th at 6 pm. We will be organizing and trying to pick up where we left off before the shutdown. We will also be going over plans for the upcoming holiday season. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Pastor or Kim Ansley.

LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE, *McKenzie Wetterich*

No report.

Reminder: We (LWML) are still collecting mite money and sending it on District. The box is now on the piano by the offering plate in the back of the church. Thank you!

THE ELDERS, *John Schildmier*

No report.

THE COUNCIL, *Mary Brown*

Open meeting: President Josh Graeve opened the meeting at 6 PM.

Attendees: Josh Graeve, Mary Brown, Karen Nitzchke, John Schildmier, Bill Ansley, Pastor Preus. Lance Newland and Steve Tanner joined via Zoom.

Devotion/ Opening prayer: Pastor Preus opened the meeting with a reading from 'A Family Prayer'

Approval of Minutes: Mary Brown

The minutes from the August 3, 2020 council meeting were reviewed. Bill made a motion to approve the minutes, and John 2nd the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Karen Nitzchke

The General Fund has a balance of \$30,895.87

CARES ACT funding has a portion that is unforgivable. Steve made a motion to pay the unforgiven portion of the CARES ACT funding, which amounts to \$1865.00. Lance 2nd the motion. Motion passed.

Financial Secretary Report: Bill Ansley

2020 Offerings through August 31, 2020

Budget \$ 95,310.20

Offering \$ 95,008.00

\$ -302.20

Offering through September 13, 2020

Budget \$100,756.50

Offering \$100,648.00

\$ -108.50

Lutheran Church Extension Fund CD (\$10,000) is set to Auto reset the 1st of October.

John made a motion to accept the financial reports as presented, Mary 2nd the motion. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Preus

Bible Studies:

- Sunday Bible Study; The Christian Difference
- September 20th, Is Genesis History movie
- September 27th, Rev. Jim Lamb for Lutheran Family Services
- Wednesday School started September 9th.
- Sunday School started September 13th.

Radio: The sermons are being broadcasted in Ada and Fosston, Minnesota as well as the local radio station. The sermons are also being posted on the website christforus.org. Which used to be run by Pastor Preus, father. We have received donations from longtime listeners to 'Christ for Us' to continue the broadcast.

New Testament Greek Classes for Home Schoolers: Pastor is teaching 4 high school students on Monday and Wednesdays 8-9:15 AM

Pastor and family will be on vacation from September 15 to 29.

September 19th and 26th, Pastor Mark Brase from Immanuel Lutheran Church in Fairfield is filling in for the Divine Service.

September 20th, Pastor Dan Johnson will be filling in for the Divine Service.

September 27th, Rev. Dr. Jim Lamb will be filling in for the Divine Service.

Confirmation: September 13th, McKenzie Wetterich was confirmed.

Funeral: Cornelia Rabbass died on September 3rd at the age of 105 years old. Her funeral was at Trinity on September 5th.

Boards:

Elder's: John Schildmier

- Next meeting , Sunday September 20.
- Communion to continue as is
- Hannah Raebel has transferred to St. Paul Lutheran in Iowa City

Trustees: Steve Tanner

- The new lights have been installed on the bell tower to better light the walk from the parking lot up to the church.
- Have contacted Becker Roofing to repair the wind damage on the roof.
- Plan to remove dead tree in the parsonage yard during September.
- Still need some "new" volunteers for mowing the lawn on into the fall.
- Planning to get a boiler operation class set up with a couple of the Trustees, so Bill can begin to share his wealth of knowledge on the workings of the boiler.

Committees:

Memorial:

Education:

Sunday School:

Youth Group: Fun Night to be held on Sunday, September 13th

LWML:

Confirmation:

Altar Guild:

Swaddling Clothes: 12 families attended. A Grant from The' Head' Swaddling Clothes chapter has distributed \$2500.00 for each chapter

Old Business:

- CARES Act funding: We will be paying back the unforgiven portion of the CARES Act funding
- Election of Officers: We are looking for a Treasurer.

New Business:

- 2021 Budget: Discussed and will be looking at the 2021 budget for the next meeting
- Night N Lights: They are looking for Sponsors. Sponsors typically donate \$25 to \$250. There was a motion to donate \$100 to Holiday Nights and Lights. We have volunteers who help each year and the church receives

money from their volunteer hours. Steve made a motion to donate \$100 and Lance 2nd the motion. Motion carried. The \$100 will come out of Evangelism fund.

- Next meeting; October 19, 2020
- Voters Meeting; October 24 & 25 to approve 2021 Budget.

SWADDLING CLOTHES, *Theresa Preus*

The Swaddling Clothes program has been thriving at Trinity in the past year! We have had a significant increase in families that are visiting us on shopping days and we are overflowing with generous donations.

There are THREE ways that we could use more help!

1. Volunteer to help sort clothes

Fall is just around the corner, and it is time to switch out seasonal clothes -- tuck away the swimsuits and t-shirts and pull out the sweaters and jackets. This is a big job. We also have a lot of donations that need to be sorted. If you are willing to help with this please let me know. We plan to have a volunteer day to tackle this big job, and we need more helpers!

2. Volunteer to help on the shopping day

We open up our space once a month for three hours to let families get what supplies they need. Lisa Matthiesen and I have been exclusively covering this and we need more help. This program is a great way to help those in need in our community and to show with our actions that we believe in the sanctity of all human life. The pro-life movement has many forms and this is one of them!

3. Diaper donations

For every family that visits us, we provide them with one small package of diapers and wipes. You can donate any size and any brand of diaper!

Note on donations: Right now we are doing great with clothing donations. If you like to shop garage sales/thrift stores and are thinking about what could be used at Swaddling Clothes I'll give you a few ideas. Big baby items (bouncy seats, exersaucers, strollers, etc.) that are in good shape are always in need with families. As the cold weather approaches, children's winter coats and boots will also be needed.

Please let me know how you are able to help,

Theresa Preus

PRAYER REQUEST

To add someone to the Sunday morning prayers, please call the Church office or speak to Pastor Preus on Sunday.

HOSPITAL VISITS

If you or anyone you know is in the hospital and would like for Pastor to visit please let the office know. If you know the floor and room number that would be very helpful. In case of an emergency call Pastor Preus on his cell phone at (641) 814-3292.

LORD'S CUPBOARD

The item we will be collecting for the month of October is Jell-O.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

This is a friendly reminder that the deadline for the September Newsletter will be Monday, October 26, 2020. Please e-mail information to McKenzie Wetterich at kenziewetterich@gmail.com. If you would like to receive an e-mail version of the newsletter, just call the church office or email Linda at trinitysecr@centurylink.net with your e-mail address.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3 6:00 p.m. Divine Service
4 9:00 a.m. Divine Service 1:00 p.m. Pastor Preus' Sermon on KBIZ 1240 AM and 102.7 FM	5	6	7 6:00-7:45 p.m. Wednesday School 7:15 p.m. Vespers	8	9	10 9:00-12:00 p.m. Swaddling Clothes 6:00 p.m. Divine Service
11 9:00 a.m. Divine Service. 10:30 a.m. Sunday School/Adult Bible Study 11:30 s.m. Elder's Meeting 1:00 p.m. Pastor Preus' Sermon on KBIZ 1240 AM and 102.7 FM	12	13 Altar Guild Meeting @ 6:00 p.m.	14 6:00-7:45 p.m. Wednesday School 7:15 p.m. Vespers	15	16	17 6:00 p.m. Divine Service
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Head Usher: Don Bailey

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