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Worship time:
9:00 a.m.
Adult Bible
Study: 10:15
a.m.

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Lisa and I had the opportunity to travel back to Minnesota this past weekend and attend the 125th

anniversary of the first congregation that I served after graduating from the seminary. Several things that I heard or experienced over the weekend were interesting to me.

✠ Peace Lutheran Church in Hutchinson was founded in 1891. That was about 30 years after the pastor of a neighboring church started doing mission work in the area. The length of time before people in the area moved ahead with starting a congregation was interesting to me. That's how things are in the mission field sometimes. God's timing is always best. We've learned that in Honduras. Praise the Holy Spirit for the patience that He gave to that pastor as he prayerfully proclaimed God's law-gospel word to those people.

✠ During the anniversary activities, there seemed to be an emphasis on baptism and the new identity that God gives us in that Sacrament. One of the ways this was emphasized was a sculpture that hung from the ceiling near the baptismal font at the front of the church. The font is near a stained glass window that depicts the baptism of Jesus with the Holy Spirit descending on Him in the form of a dove. The sculpture had approximately 4300 paper doves attached to a number of different descending lines or cords hanging from a steel frame. Each dove had a name on it of someone who had been baptized at Peace Lutheran. Praise God the Holy Spirit for His sanctifying

work to create and strengthen faith in Jesus Christ in each one of those people!

✠ We enjoyed seeing people that we knew from many years ago. I remembered the names of some. Others I could not recall, and I needed to ask them to help me remember. Some told me stories that began with the words, "Do you remember, Pastor, when you ...?" Some of the stories about activities and events I could remember while others I had forgotten. As I experienced this, I thought about how thankful we can be as baptized believers in Jesus that our heavenly Father doesn't forget about us. He knows our names and everything about us. He continues to love us, forgive us, and care for our ongoing needs.

✠ The theme for their celebration was "Built on the Rock" based on Matthew 16:18, ESV. *"And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."* The words "this rock" do not refer to Peter, but rather to what he confessed when Jesus asked, "Who do you say I am?" Peter said, *"You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God."* (Matthew 16:16, ESV) Jesus is "the rock" on which our salvation was built. In a sermon preached by Rev. Dr. Dean Nadasdy, Minnesota South District President, he talked about the comfort that this passage brings. No matter the disappointments, distress, and depressing things that we experience in this life, because of Jesus and Who He is as the Christ, the Son of the Living God, we can be absolutely certain of the God's love,

forgiveness, and eternal salvation for us—so much so that not even the gates of hell shall prevail against it! Praise God for the certainty of salvation the He gives in Christ alone!

✝ Several different times, I heard references to the Bible verse that we chose for our 75th anniversary last year. Hebrews 13:8, ESV: “*Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.*” During this month of October in which we celebrate the Reformation, we praise God from Whom all blessings flow for how He used Martin Luther to restore the good news about His unchanging love, forgiveness and salvation for us in Christ alone to the church. It is by grace alone that we are saved through faith alone in Jesus Christ as Savior. That good news is for you and me and all people! Because of Jesus, through faith alone in Him as Savior, we have an unshakable comfort during times of great joy and even during times of great sadness! Praise God from Whom all blessings flow!

I pray that the Lord will continue to bless you daily with that comfort as well as the encouragement and hope for this life and for eternity that are found in Christ alone, the rock of our salvation.

God’s continued blessings to you and your families!

In Christ,



Pastor

Psalm 46:1–2, ESV: *God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, ...*

Romans 3:28, ESV: *For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.*



Coming Events:

-  **October 2: Life Chain, 1:30 p.m.**
-  **October 5: LWML Women’s Event, 1:00 p.m.**
-  **October 28: Trunk or Treat, 5:30-6:30 p.m.**
-  **October 30: Circuit Reformation Program, 3:00 p.m. (meal following)**
-  **November 5: Time change – set your clocks back!**
-  **November 6: Soup Supper, 5:00 p.m.**
-  **November 12: Social Event at Zaruba’s Building, 4:00 – 8:00 p.m. (date tentative)**



Trinity Women’s Event... “Days for Girls” Project!

All women of our congregation are invited to gather in the Fellowship Hall at 1:00 p.m. on **Wednesday, October 5** to support this project which provides washable, reusable feminine hygiene products to girls who have no access to these products, or cannot afford to purchase them.

Kits will be assembled that contain underwear, washable absorbent liners and carrying bags. There will be some sewing, but many tasks will be available for those who do not sew.

A list of needed kit items that can be donated was placed in each church woman’s mailbox. More information about the project can also be found at www.daysforgirls.org.

For questions, please contact Merri Johnson, 402-274-5217, merrigs40@gmail.com. R.S.V.P. to Merri if you plan to attend, but come even if you were not able to respond in time.

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Proposed Congregational Goals for 2016-2017

- 1) Promote engaging relationships and connections in the community (esp. Preschool and KOHK parents) to share the saving love of Jesus.
- 2) Promote engaging relationships and connections inside the congregation to share the saving love of Jesus.
- 3) Utilize, to maximum potential, the website to communicate with the community and the congregational members, allowing the boards to use the website to maximize the potential of completing their goals

October 2016–November 2016

ELDERS

October

02 – Troy Barker
09 – Tim Becker
16 – Eric Bohling
23 – Dan Buman
30 – Mike Zaruba

November

06 – John Ackerman
13 – Troy Barker
20 – Tim Becker
23 – Tim Becker
Thanksgiving (7:00pm)
27 – Eric Bohling
30 – Eric Bohling
MW Advent 1 (7:00pm)

ORGANISTS

Loretta Kerchal

PIANISTS

Vicki Ackerman
Tyne Chaney
Merri Johnson
Sandy Wilson

ALTAR CARE

October

Pat Maddox

November

Jane Spear
Andrea Barker

ACOLYTES

October

02 – Kyra Becker
09 – Kyra Becker
16 – Dariane Stutheit
23 – Chloe Curry
30 – Sam Ackerman

November

06 – Dariane Stutheit
13 – Angel Tanderup
20 – Chloe Curry
23 – Sam Ackerman
Thanksgiving (7:00pm)
27 – Madison Pingel
30 – Dariane Stutheit
MW Advent 1 (7:00pm)

Directory Update

The new address directory has been in the works with many member family updates. We hope to have the new version printed for distribution early in October.

Please be sure to pick up your copy at church, and notify the church office whenever there is a change in your contact info! Thank you!

Cut out and put somewhere that you will remember to pray regularly and often in your devotional prayer time for these people:

On-Going Prayers

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, ESV

- † **Healing and strengthened faith in Christ for those who are ill:** Eric Adams (friend of Eric Bohling), Nate Becker (Tim Becker's brother), Alivia Birdsley (John Birdsley's granddaughter), Amelia Becker, Harold Bickford (friend of Trinity members), LeRoy Caspers (friend of the Hawley family and others), JR Chaney, Marshall Clark (Jim & Sharon Clark's grandson), Cheryl Dirksen (Les' daughter-in-law), Dawn Collin, Marvin Green (friend of Hawleys), Wes Hardin (husband of Ken Riley's niece), Dominic Herrera (Kim Kieler's great nephew), Donna Hoadley (Merri Johnson's sister), Sanna Manders (Sadie (Johnson) Vercauteren's sister-in-law), Jerry Oestmann, Linda Oestrich (Vicki Ackerman's aunt), Rae Osenbaugh (Merri Johnson's daughter-in-law's mother), Tammy Pinnow (wife of Melissa Buman's cousin), Loyal Rippe, Hank Schaart (friend of Trinity members), Rev. Robert Schermbeck, Kellan Schlichtman (Vicki Ackerman's nephew), LaVerta Schultze, Deb Sisco (Erin Fisk's mother), Clint Thomas (Tim Becker's uncle), Emily Zech (Pat Collins' daughter), and all others in special need.
- † **Our missionary family:** Nicaragua & Honduras: Rev. Ed and Deaconess Cherie Auger. Pray that the Lord will watch over, bless, and provide all that is needed for this missionary family. Pray also that He will keep them safe and healthy and give them encouragement as they are separated from their family. Finally, pray that the Holy Spirit will prepare the hearts of those who do not yet believe in Christ Jesus to hear God's word so that they may be brought to faith in Him as their Savior.
- † **Others in foreign missions:** Nova Scotia: Rev. Charles, Deborah, Olivia & Sophia St-Onge; Dominican Republic: Rev. Joel, Clarion, Slav, Sergei, Andrei Fritsche and Bill, Nicole, Kiersten, & Karissa Lohmeyer; Africa Radio Ministries: Rev. John & Kathy Duitsman; Mongolia: Rev. David, Rachel, Julia, Timothy, Daniel & Esther Baker; Southeast Asia: Rev. Charles, Cheryl, Caleb, Caitlin, Carissa, & Cassie Ferry; Kenya: Shara Cunningham and Julie McManus; Germany: Rick, Marla, Courtney & Jonah Steenbock, and Rev. Dr. Christopher, Elizabeth & Thomas Ahlman; Taiwan & the Philippines: Sean Harlow; Nicaragua: the people, pastors and deaconesses of the Lutheran Church—Nicaragua Synod: Rev. Junior Martinez and the members of the mission congregation at La Paz, Honduras; the mission congregation at Comayaguela, Honduras; and the emerging mission at Choluteca, Honduras.
- † **Encouragement, strengthened faith and healing for those with long-term illnesses:** Kate Blaylock (Linda Jacobsen's mother), Jill Bloss (friend the Ackermans), Lee Bogle (Randy Bogle's brother), Gary Boham (Pat Maddox's brother-in-law), Ruth Bohling, Greg Brandt (Brother-in-law of Pam Tetrick), Neena Cipolla (Janet and Chuck Hawley's granddaughter), Aaron Clark (son of former members),

Myrna Corbin, Ethel Currier (Heather Lowrance's Grandma), Myrna Fredrick (friend of Jane Stutheit), Susan George (Vicki Ackerman's sister), Donna Gottula (friend of Trinity members), Gale Haun (Kamtz family friend), Maryann Kalkwarf (friend of Lori Parrish), Paul Koehler (cousin of Becky Lueders, Eric Bohling, Sandy Wilson, and Dale Bohling), Ida Kuhlmann, Sonia Madridejo (relative of Jane Stutheit), Patty Mason (Linda Schultz's sister), Cindy Meyers, (Pat Collins' niece), Bev Moyer, Elaine Riley (Ken's sister), Nora Marie (infant relative of the Riley family), Scott Riley, Dick Schlichtmann (Vicki Ackerman's dad), Sally Schneider (Becky Lueders' cousin), LaVerta Schultze, Rosanna Tanderup (Rich's sister-in-law), Pam Tetrick, Jerry Thede (neighbor of the Bentons), Ann Virtucio (Jane Stutheit's sister), Joy Virtucio (Jane Stutheit's sister), Justin Williams (friend of Hawleys and Hasslebrings).

- † **Preaching stations or subsidized congregations:** Zion, Crookston (Rev. Greg Hinners); Lamb of God, Hickman (Rev. Luke Russert, vacancy pastor); Sandhills Ministry [Bingham Lutheran, Bingham; Faith, Hyannis; Shepherd of the Hills, Hyannis] (Rev. Andy Safarik)
- † **The Friendly Face Program:** Pray that the Holy Spirit will bless this effort by volunteers from Trinity to build caring relationships with the families who bring their children to Kids of HIS Kingdom daycare, and use it to nurture a growing faith-connection with Jesus, their loving Savior.
- † **Those in the armed forces:** Dillon Becker (Tim's nephew), Bob Bogle (Randy & Kay's son), Jake Bruss (fiance of KoHK daycare worker Sophia Fox's cousin), Alex Chase (son of Becky Lueders' friend, Tammy Chase), Guy Cipolla, Brody Clark (Kim Kieler's son), Aaron Fisk, Luke Gifford (son of Rev. Dan & Katy Gifford), Trey Hightower (friend of Trinity members), Rev. Matt Mortenson, Chris Pelchat, Scott Rathke (Becky Lueders' cousin), Chris Riley (Ken's nephew), Matt Riley (Ken's nephew), Rev. Pat Riley (Ken's brother), and Andy Roepke.
- † **Ethnic congregations/ministries:** Cristo Cordero de Dios, Grand Island [Hispanic congregation] (Rev. Salvador Ferrero); Ministry to Muslims, Omaha (Emad and Shireen Tawadrous, missionaries); African immigrant ministry (Rev. Eddie Mekasha); Peace International Friendship Center, Omaha (Rev. Jim Haack, director); Sudanese Ev. Lutheran Church, Omaha (Rev. Peter Gatkuoth); Jesus Es el Señor (Jesus is Lord), Omaha (Rev. Obdulio Felix); Lord of Lords Sudanese Lutheran Church, Omaha (Rev. Leroy Gerner, vacancy pastor); Jesus Our Savior Lutheran Outreach, Winnebago (Rev. Ricky Jacob).
- † **Seminary students we support or who have connections with our congregation:** Rev. Tim Prince as he finishes an advanced degree at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis; Zachary Courie at Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana as he prepares to be a pastor. Rev. Mashon Asaki from Nigeria as he works on his doctorate at Concordia Theological Seminary in Ft. Wayne. Pray that the Lord would bless the learning process for these men so that they will be well prepared to serve Him as pastors and in other ways. Pray also that the Lord will bless their families with all that they need—physically, emotionally and spiritually.

- ✚ **Trinity Lutheran Preschool & Kids of HIS Kingdom Childhood Development Center** that the Lord will continue to bless these missions of our congregation and bring more students to hear about the saving love of Jesus.
- ✚ **Our college students** – Madison Anderson, Sydni Barker, Tyler Barker, Blair Benton, Quintin Boden, Laura Butler, Drew Clarke, Danielle Gauchat, Wyatt Gauchat, Tyler Hasselbring, Rachel Hinrichs, Kelsey Jacobsen, MacKenzie Larson, Mallory Parrish, Lauren Pelchat, Heidi Rathjen, Micah Rathjen, Scott Riley, Christine Ruskamp, Cassie Severs, Robyn Tetrick, Tori Tetrick, and Nadine Yoesel—that God would bless their studies and other activities. Pray also that they take time during the school year to feed their faith by listening to God’s Word in personal devotions and in attending worship services so that by the Holy Spirit’s work they will continue to trustfully follow Jesus and be comforted by the Good News of His ongoing love, care and forgiveness for them.
- ✚ **New congregations (within 5 years):** Cross of Christ, Aurora (served by Rev. Timothy Wells who has been called as the new pastor), and Life Church Lutheran, Lincoln (served by vacancy pastor Rev. Bill Steinbauer)
- ✚ **New ministry starts (not yet congregations):** Columbus Lutheran Hispanic Ministry [joint ministry of Peace, Immanuel, 1C] (Sergio Puento, missionary); River of Life, Grand Island [satellite of Trinity, GI] (Rev. Jack Gillam/Rev. Adam Snoberger); The Edge, Holdrege [ministry of Mt. Calvary, Holdrege] (Rev. Kenton Birtell); 211South, Lincoln [satellite of Christ, Lincoln] (Rev. Jeff Scheich/Rev. Carl Grulke); LifeStory, LaVista [satellite of Beautiful Savior] (Rev. Ryan Brons)



Confirmation

With the approval of the Board of Education, some changes have been made to the confirmation program. Instead of having 2 classes (one for 5th and 6th graders and one for 7th and 8th graders), there is only one class now for 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students. Pastor is teaching that class. He will incorporate the additional information that was taught in the 5th and 6th grade class from before on Martin Luther, the parts of the worship service, church symbols, and the church calendar. There are 7 students in the class—1-eighth grader, 4-7th graders, and 2-6th graders. Things seem to be going well so far.

Circuit Reformation Program

At 3 p.m. on Sunday, October 30th, St. John Lutheran in Tecumseh will host a circuit reformation program. This program will help us as Lutheran Christians get ready to celebrate the 500th anniversary of the reformation in 2017. There will be several activities.

Those gathered will watch the most recent movie about Martin Luther. It was released in 2003 and is entitled “Luther”. Right before the viewing of the movie at 3 p.m., there will be a brief discussion of history and theology that will help those who watch to better understand the things going on in the movie. After the movie, there will be a dinner hosted by St. John Lutheran.

We hope that you will join us for this time of learning about our Lutheran heritage and for fellowship with brothers and sisters in Christ from our circuit! Watch for more details!



Flowers for Worship

No money was approved in the 2016 budget to purchase flowers for the sanctuary for our worship services.

We would still like to have flowers

in the sanctuary from time to time. To purchase 2 vases of flowers usually costs \$50-60. We know that’s a lot, so if you would like to help purchase flowers, you can donate any amount at any time. People’s gifts will be combined to purchase flowers as needed. If anyone has flowers that they grow, those are very welcome to be used for bouquets as well! Also, if your donation is in memory of a special occasion (anniversary, birthday, etc.), please provide information to the church office so that it can be printed in the bulletin on the date you’d like. If you have any questions, please see Pat Maddox. Thank you!



Trunk or Treat

Friday, October 28th
5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

We need help with the following:

- Candy
- Volunteers to help with this event
- People willing to bring a car with a decorated trunk. **Please keep the decorations family and church friendly--no witches, vampires, etc.**

If you’d like to help, sign up on the sheets in the Narthex.



KoHK CORNER

Childhood Development receives \$1,000 check from SunMart!

Thanks to all the SunMart grocery receipts you've turned in, our Board of Childhood Development received a \$1,000 check from SunMart's 'Direct Your Dollars' program! When we've turned in SunMart receipts totaling \$150,000, we qualify for the \$1,000. This money can be used by the Board to purchase teaching equipment, supplies and services needed by our Preschool and Kids of HIS Kingdom.

Thank you to Vivian & Jerry Oestmann for publicizing this effort and tallying the receipts and. Keep up the great work of bringing those receipts to the box outside the church office – and let's see how fast we can get to the next \$1,000 check!



Christie Saulsberry, assistant store director, presents check to Allie Graf, Director of KoHK and Dennis Wittmann, Chairman of the Board of Childhood Development.

Nemaha County Herald

Come & See Our Growing Daycare Mission in Action!

Please come and tour Kids of HIS Kingdom (1320 20th Street) Mondays – Thursdays, 8:00 – 10:30 AM, or 2:00 – 3:30 PM. Just as a picture is worth a thousand words, you can best feel the energy of our growing daycare by experiencing it! We have added new faces to our daycare family of children. Come and see HIS Kingdom in the faces of the little children who believe in Jesus!

Now they were bringing even infants to him that he might touch them. And when the disciples saw it, they rebuked them. But Jesus called them to him, saying, "Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it."

Luke 18:15-17

KoHK Welcomes VOLUNTEERS!

Please contact Allie Graf (402-274-1424) to see if there is something you can help with involving various tasks at our daycare mission. Examples:

- ✝ Assisting staff with various childcare and activities
- ✝ preparing snacks
- ✝ Cleaning
- ✝ Occasional repairing/sewing of toys

Thank you Trinity members for your prayers for these missions of our congregation and to all who have helped the Preschool and Daycare missions of our congregation with gifts of time, talents and financial resources!



Trinity Lutheran Preschool

Our Preschool is bursting with activity this year as we welcome 19 children to class. Praise God from Whom all blessings flow!

Director Kim Kieler said, "We have had a couple of great weeks getting to know the children and families. The kids have worked hard learning classroom rules, and learning some sign language with colors, working on their name recognition and writing their name. During Jesus Time we have talked about the importance of friendships and how everyone has different feelings. We can't wait to start learning our letters. It's going to be a great year".



The class of 2016-2017, with Director Kim Kieler at far left, and Assistant Teacher Heather Schultz at far right.

National Youth Gathering Presentation



Angie Becker talks about the Gathering.



Display of items from the Gathering.



Zachary Becker talks while the others listen.

On Sunday, August 28th, the group of youth and adults who went to the LCMS National Youth Gathering in New Orleans this summer gave a presentation about their experience. Each participant gave details about the event. The group also showed video clips to give Trinity members a flavor of the different activities. Praise God from Whom all blessing flow for keeping the group of 7 youth and 4 adults safe as they traveled and spent time together in fellowship and God's word.

Thank you to Trinity members for your support of fundraising efforts and for your prayers for this group!





This boy threw accurately as he dunked Deputy Sheriff Casey Moyer (middle photo) on nearly every attempt. Deputy Josh Mederios encourages the youth as he gets ready to throw again. Almost \$900 was raised during the three times which the dunk tank was open with proceeds to be used for a Shop with a Cop project this coming holiday season.

Article from Nemaha County Herald

Can you name this boy from Trinity (in the lower left corner)?

PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW!