

The TRUMPET

Trinity Lutheran Church
Boxholm, Iowa



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WELCOME... each Sunday!
9:30 a.m. coffee fellowship
10:30 a.m. Worship...
Beginning June 6 we will be using the Summer Worship folders... also we will be celebrating Holy Communion. (Worship time changes to 9:00 a.m. on July 4 for one yr.)

CHURCH CLEANING
DAY.... Monday, June 14
9:00 a.m.

Come and help out, if you can;
Many hands make light work!

WELCA GENERAL MEETING
Wed., June 23rd
Bible Study with Pastor Rod



GUEST PREACHER...
Sunday, June 27
Rev. Paul Anderson, of Marshall,
Wisconsin, son of Viola Anderson



VBS



"Jesus Helps You Power Up"

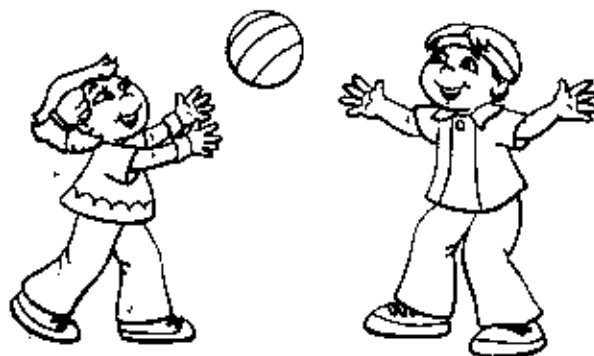
COMMUNITY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL at

Trinity Lutheran Church
8:30 - 11:35 a.m.
June 7 - 11th

Join the team!

Each day there will be Bible learning the children can see, hear, touch, and even taste. Bible crafts, lively songs, tasty treats, & team building games are a few of the Power-Up activities.

There will be a Program on Sat., June 12, at 7:00 p.m.
VBS is hosted jointly by the Boxholm UMC, Pilot Mound UMC, & Trinity Luth. Church
All children of the community, ages 3 - 6th grade are Welcome.



SURRENDER, CHRISTIAN SOLDIERS

I got a copy of the Lutheran today. I devoted about six minutes to it, & I was done. There was a time when it took me two days to read the Lutheran; I would start reading it & get so upset that I had to put it down until the next day to finish it.

The difference between then & now is two-fold. There was a time when the Lutheran was a forum for the exchange of ideas, & even if I didn't agree with some of them, at least it was interesting and it indicated that the church had a pulse. What powers that be have evidently decided that the magazine will be the voice of a united Lutheran Church. Well, that would be nice, if we had one. In the meanwhile, The Lutheran reads like a hybrid combination of Chicken Soup for the Anesthetized Lutheran Soul & Luther for Dummies. The owner's manual for my still-hospitalized TV is more thought provoking, & it comes in five languages!

There are those who would disagree with me. They are wrong. (And this paragraph would never have shown up in the new, improved Lutheran...)

The other difference between then & now is that I'm learning to take my own advice - again. I used to be known for saying, "You've got to choose your battles." I haven't been doing that lately. (Somebody once said that experience is the ability to recognize a mistake when you are making it again...) The residual energy that I used to use up reading the Lutheran or trying to resuscitate one of the 55 clematis that I have planted & tried to grow in the last three years, I have started to pour into *other* losing battles. Logic & experience would tell me that people are going to do what they are going to do, and think what they are going to think, regardless of how stupid or destructive I might perceive it to be, and there's very little I can do about it. These make dumb battles.

I think about how many times I have tried to begin & maintain a regimen of a daily vitamin. It goes fine for a few days - sporadically for the next two weeks - and then it is finished. Cheryl had a similar experience with a health regimen she tried to start recently. We have jointly decided that if either or both of us ever had a life threatening condition that required us to take medication on a regular basis, we wouldn't last as long as one of those clematis I planted. How about you? Have you ever tried to get rid of a bad habit, or to develop a new good one? Think about how hard that was to change that one little thing about yourself - and then consider the impossibility of being able to change someone else...

We are thankfully spared the task of trying. Luther's Small Catechism tells us that "I believe that by my own reason or strength, I cannot believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to him..." That's a battle I couldn't even choose to take on myself - let alone for someone else. Even though we may wish we could, and will sometimes bang our heads against the wall trying to get our kids or grandkids (or parents, or spouses) to come to church (& even more importantly, to come to Jesus), it is not going to come from any effort of ours, but only by the working of the Spirit. We can plant a seed, or a bushel of them, but God alone gives the growth. It's true of grass in my front yard, and it is true of people.

Plant the seed, and let it grow...or not. Choose your battles, and turn the rest of them over to God. Take the energy you would have wasted on that which you can never control or accomplish, and use it somewhere else - somewhere God would have you use it.

And if you find you have energy left over, plant a clematis...

rod

Church Council



The Trinity Lutheran Church Council met on May 4 with the following members in attendance: Pastor Rod, Randy Reutter, Dustine Peterson, Larry Fatka, John Swanson, Mary A. Haleen, Larry Krakau, Gwen Scheetz, Randy Lehman, and Rhonda Nelson.

- Pastor Rod opened with devotions and prayer. The secretary's and treasurer's reports were given. April income was \$6,718.80 which included a refund from the cooperative of \$1,600.00 and expenses were \$2,742.43 with a balance of \$9,699.27 on May 1. The financial secretary reported that year to date income was \$20,669.54 which is about \$1,600 more than last year.
- Pastor Rod reported for the Music and Worship committee that beginning in June we will be using the summer worship service and trying an alternate worship service entitled "Now the Feast and Celebration". Gwen announced that Vacation Bible School will be held June 7 - 11.
- Mary Ann reported the Memorial Fund has a balance of \$6,027.65. The Memorial Committee is looking into altar cloths for the lectern. New folding chairs and dishes were also mentioned as possible memorial purchases.
- Larry Krakau reported on two new replacement sheaves for the confirmation photos and the cost of restoring them. Gwen stated that the Garage Sale will be held on May 22 and donations of time and baked goods were needed. Set up will be at 6:00 p.m. on Thurs., May 20. Randy Lehman suggested that we might sell some of the old folding chairs on the Garage Sale.
- Andrew Reutter has requested his membership be transferred to St. Marks Luth. Church in Marion, Iowa.
- Zion is holding an Open House and Card Shower for Pastor Jim Davis' 15th Anniversary of his ordination on May 23rd.
- The meeting was adjourned and we closed with the Lord's Prayer.

-Rhonda Nelson, Secretary

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PENTECOST (Sunday, May 30) celebrates the outcome of Christmas and Easter. Jesus came to suffer, die and rise from the dead so that we might have life through him. The gift of God's presence with us, the gift of the Holy Spirit, is the beginning of that life. It means being included and accepted into God's family and is the foretaste of all things wonderful from the God who loves us deeply.

-John Bieseimeier



PENTECOST

AWESOME!

I hear You in the silence,
I hear You in the storm.
I hear You in the baby's cry,
I see You in the dawn.

I feel Your peace each morning
And all throughout the day.
I feel Your peace at bedtime
And every time I pray.

Your awesomeness surrounds me
In everything I do.
How blessed I am to have a God
As wonderful as You.

-Frances G. Pasch



Women of the ELCA

June Bible Study
"Rejoicing in God's Creation"
Psalm 104

June Altar Flowers
Faye Reutter, Janet Reutter,
Kim Larson

- Wednesday, June 2, 2:00 p.m.** ELIZABETH GROUP meets at the home of Janet Reutter;
Roll Call: Flowers
- Monday, June 14, 9:00 a.m.** CHURCH CLEANING DAY
- Wednesday, June 16, 1:00 p.m.** WORSHIP AT OGDEN MANOR – Elizabeth Group
- 2:00 p.m.** LOIS GROUP; Hostess: Helen Nibel; Devotions: Helen;
Lesson: Elaine Kauffman; Roll Call: Verse on Commandments
- Saturday, June 19.....** WOMEN OF THE ELCA CONVENTION- St. John's Luth.
LeMars, IA; Theme: "Set Free to Serve"
- Wednesday, June 23, 2:00 p.m.** WOMEN OF THE ELCA GENERAL MEETING; Bible Study -
Pastor Rod; Hostesses: Faye Reutter & Janet Reutter
- Monday, June 28, 7:30 p.m.** MIRIAM GROUP; Hostess: Rhonda Nelson; Devotions: Gwen
Scheetz; Lesson: Bea Freeman; Roll Call: Favorite Hymn

The Mother-Daughter Get-Together on Wed., May 28, was attended by approximately 88 mothers, daughters & grandmothers of the community. Thanks to the Lois Group for planning & preparing a lovely meal & to the Miriam Group for the dessert. A big thanks to the men who served the meal, cleaned up and washed dishes! What a big help and much appreciated!! Thanks to the Mission Growth Committee for planning an enjoyable program including the speaker, Carol Larson of Stratford. It was a good evening!

Nine of our ladies attended two Guest Days on May 20th....the first one at Callender at 9 a.m. The Program was gospel music. Shirley Erickson led the program at the Guest Day at the Pilot Mound UMC beginning at 2 p.m.

The Garage Sale on May 22nd was a big success with proceeds of \$ 758.10 Thanks to Marie & Norma for heading it up and to all who brought in items to sell. Thanks to all who baked rolls, bars, made beef burgers, cleaned up, or helped in any way.

VBS will be the week of June 7. Thanks to all who will furnish cookies or help out in any way. We appreciate anyone who is willing to help out. VBS is certainly a worth while community mission project!

After VBS is a good time to have a Church Cleaning Day which will be on Mon., June 14 at 9 a.m. Hopefully we will have a good turnout of ladies to help...plus there's always coffee time!

The WELCA Convention will be June 19 at LeMars, Iowa. Marie will be our delegate and Viola Anderson a visitor. Anyone else interested can still attend.

Our June General Meeting will be changed from June 9 to June 23 because of VBS. Hopefully everyone can attend that day!

As you know, Gwen has been hospitalized and at the Grandview Care Center in Dayton for therapy and recuperation. She is now back at her home to recuperate. We have missed her & hope she is feeling & doing much better.

"Expecting success without hard work is
like trying to harvest where you haven't planted."

- Annette Peterson



HOSPITALIZED since the last newsletter: Gwen Scheetz



THANK YOU.....

To all those who remembered me with cards, visits, calls and especially your prayers...thank you and God bless.
-Gwen Scheetz



50 YEARS

SUNDAY, JULY 11.....

Immanuel Lutheran Church, Forest City, Iowa... will be honoring *Pastor David Samuelson*, who was ordained into the ministry 50 years ago on July 11, 1954.

You are invited.....
to attend the 10:00 a.m. service where he will be recognized, followed by a reception with a light lunch in his honor.

If you are unable to attend, please Consider sending a card or letter to the church or share a story or memory related to Pastor Samuelson's years of service.

Immanuel Lutheran Church
246 S. Clark
Forest City, IA 50436



A Measure of Our Love and Faithfulness:

(Giving)	(Attendance)
Sun., May 2: \$ 1,276.00	63
Sun., May 9: \$ 656.10	60
Food Pantry: \$ 12.00 & 3 bags of food	
Sun., May 16: \$ 705.00	56
Sun., May 23: \$ 574.00	72
\$ 758.10 Garage Sale	
\$ 250.00 Organ Fund	

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS: sugar, crackers
dish soap, peas

A seed is such a miraculous thing

A seed is such a miraculous thing,
it can sit on a shelf forever.
But how it knows what to do when
it's stuck in the ground, is what makes
it so clever.



It draws nutrients from the soil through its roots,
and draws its force from the sun.
It puts forth a whole lot of blossoms and fruit,
then reseeds itself when it is done.
Who programmed the seed to know just what to do?
And who put the sun in the sky?
And who put the food in the dirt for the roots?
And who told the bees to come by?
And who makes the water fall from above,
to refresh and make everything pure?
Perhaps all of this is a product of love.
And perhaps it happened by choice.
Yeah, sure.

—Philosopher in "B.C" comic strip by Johnny Hart

LAY READERS for June:

- 6 Mary Krakau
- 13 Randy Lehman
- 20 Doris Peterson
- 27 Kate Alevantis



June 6 Communion Ass't: Rhonda Nelson
Stewards: Carl & Linda Peterson
Head Usher for June: Ken Peterson
Helpers: Rich Larson & Mike Peterson
Altar: Norma Henrichs, Irene Westfall,
Annette Peterson, Roberta Clausen
Newsletter assemblers: Marie Bengtson,
Ruth Nelson, Norma Henrichs, Annette Peterson

...A child is not likely to find a Father in God unless he finds something of God in his father...



June 20th

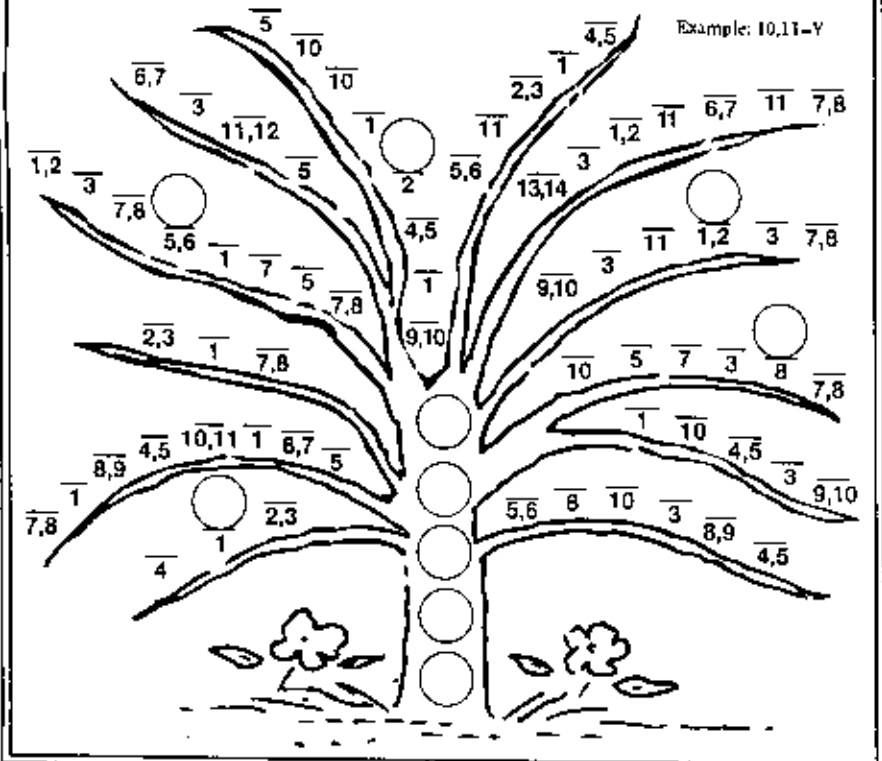
FATHER'S Day

Family Tree

There is a story in the Bible about a father with 12 sons. Fill in their family tree below. Find the names of the sons, then unscramble the circled letters to find the father's name. Write his name on the tree trunk. Read about this family in Genesis 35.

CODE:

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14												



Final Answer: Jacob

Answers starting with lower left and moving around clockwise:
 Gad, Naphtali, Dan, Benjamin, Levi, Issachar, Judah, Zebulun,
 Reuben, Simeon, Asher, Joseph

A father's calming words

As a young Frenchman pushed his son's carriage down the street, the youngster howled with rage. "Please, Bernard, control yourself," the father said quietly. "Easy there, Bernard, keep calm!"

"Congratulations, monsieur," said a woman who had been watching. "You know just how to speak to infants — calmly and gently." Then leaning over the carriage, she said, "So the little fellow's named Bernard?"

"No, Madame," corrected the father. "He's named André. I'm Bernard."

—The Speaker's Digest

DAD'S MOST IMPORTANT MINISTRY.....

Here are some interesting statistics:

1. If your parents worship with you regularly while you were growing up, chances are 80% that you will worship God regularly, too.
2. If only your mother worshipped regularly with you, chances are only 30% that you will worship regularly.
Now, here's the catch:
3. If only your father worshipped regularly with you, chances are still 70% that you will worship regularly as an adult.

Fathers have a great impact on their children's faith and values. That's pretty obvious. But there may be a more important conclusion: If only Mom is nurturing the kid's faith, then it is easy, especially for boys, to conclude that faith is a female thing, and if that's the case, it is easier for children to dump it as they get older. If Dad stays home on Sunday, the message is clear: Faith is not important to Dad, and if it's not important to Dad, it need not be important to the kids.

Kids will place more value on Christian faith if they see that it is important to Dad, as well as Mom. What's Dad's most important ministry? Worshipping regularly!

JUNE 2004

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>The Holy Trinity 1st Sunday after Pentecost 9:30 a.m. Coffee fellowship 10:30 a.m. Worship/Holy Communion</p>	<p>VBS Mon. - Fri. 8:30 - 11:35 a.m.</p>	<p>7:30 p.m. Church Council</p>	<p>2:00 p.m. Elizabeth Group at Janet Reuters</p>		<p>St. Barnabas, Apostle</p>	<p>7:00 p.m. VBS Program</p>
<p>2nd Sunday after Pentecost Lutheran Brotherhood founded - 1917 9:30 a.m. Coffee fellowship 10:30 a.m. Worship FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY</p>	<p>Flag Day 9:00 a.m. Church Cleaning Day</p>		<p>1:00 p.m. Worship-Ogden Manor-Elizabeth Gr. 2:00 p.m. Lois Group</p>			<p>Women of the ELCA Convention, LeMars, IA</p>
<p>3rd Sunday after Pentecost Father's Day 9:30 a.m. Coffee fellowship 10:30 a.m. Worship 2:30 p.m. Synod re-Visioning at Faith, Harcourt</p>		<p>Newsletter preparation.....</p>	<p>2:00 p.m. Women of the ELCA General Meeting</p>	<p>Nativity of St. John the Baptist</p>	<p>The Presentation of the Augsburg Confession</p>	
<p>4th Sunday after Pentecost 9:30 a.m. Coffee fellowship 10:30 a.m. Worship/Rev. Paul Anderson, Guest Preacher 11:00 - 1:00 p.m. Pork Loaf Dinner at Zion</p>	<p>7:30 p.m. Miriam Group</p>	<p>St. Peter and St. Paul, Apostles</p>				

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



- 2 Barry Anderson
- 8 Faye Reutter
- 8 Missy Reutter
- 9 Rhonda Nelson
- 13 Paige Garcia

- 19 Lisa Lehman
- 22 Katelin Peterson
- 22 Diane Smith
- 24 Harlan Huglin
- 28 Eric Daniels

*Be to others kind
and true
As you would have
others be to you.*

ANNIVERSARIES

- 12 Ken and Annette Peterson
- 23 Mike and Dustine Peterson
- 26 Carl and Linda Peterson
- 27 Randy and Denise Lehman
- 28 Lyle and Donna Swaney