



The Trumpet

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Worship and Learning Opportunities

- In person on Sundays at 9am, 11am, & 5pm in the Sanctuary
- [Livestream](#) services online each Sunday at 9am and on YouTube afterwards
- What's happening? See it all on our online calendar [HERE!](#)



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Deacon's Corner

I am often asked, “How is a deacon different from a pastor?” While there are many answers to this question – enough to fill plenty of newsletters – I wanted to share a common answer that I give. One main difference between a pastor and a deacon is found in the official name of our ministerial “office.” Our ministerial office provides the grounding for our ministry; think of it as the frame of reference for the ministry we provide. In the ELCA, deacons are known as Ministers of Word and Service while pastors are known as Ministers of Word and Sacrament.

The starting place for deacons is WORD and SERVICE. In their ministry, deacons focus primarily on **proclaiming** the Word through compassionate service. Proclaiming the Word through compassionate service can be very contextual and specialized, based upon our call. Many of my colleagues do not serve in a congregation or church, but instead serve in places like non-profit organizations, hospitals, and synod offices. In my context at Triumphant, proclaiming the Word through compassionate service looks primarily like supporting our Discipleship and Servant Outreach ministries as we grow and put our faith in action.



In contrast, the starting place for pastors is WORD and SACRAMENT. In their ministry, pastors focus primarily on **preaching** the Word and administering the sacraments. This often looks like public worship in a congregational setting, where pastors preach sermons and preside over baptisms and communion.

While some of the ministry that deacons and pastors provide looks different because of our “office,” it is important to remember that our roles are complimentary in the life of the church. Whether our office is Word and Service or Word and Sacrament, all ministers share the GOOD NEWS of God’s grace to all of God’s people.

Peace,

Deacon Chris

October Readers & Assisting Ministers

October 3

9am Assisting Minister	Tom O'Berg
9am Reader	Katie O'Berg
11am Assisting Minister	Doug Hammerstrom
11am Reader	Katie O'Berg
5pm Reader/Comm Asst	Mary Gandolfo

October 10

9am Assisting Minister	Ken Weber
9am Reader	Cheryl Martin
11am Assisting Minister	James Fuller
11am Reader	Nancy Molter
5pm Communion Asst	OPEN
5pm Reader	Bobbie White

October 17

10am Assisting Minister	Rose-Marie Smith
10am Reader	Arnette Scharf

October 24

9am Assisting Minister	Jason Gordon
9am Reader	Becky Sonnen
11am Assisting Minister	Debbie Roberts
11am Reader	Brenda Albrecht
5pm Reader/Comm Asst	Marshall Gomez

October 31

9am Assisting Minister	Walter Brown
9am Reader	Paula Salazar
11am Assisting Minister	Jackie Mitchell
11am Reader	Kelli Haug
5pm Reader/Comm Asst	OPEN



October Readings

Oct 3: [1 Corinthians 16:1 - 4](#)
[John 15:12 - 17](#)

"This is my command: love each other."

Oct 10: [Psalm 90:12 - 17](#)
[Mark 10:17 - 31](#)

"With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God."

Oct 17: [Isaiah 53:4 - 12](#)
[Mark 10:35-45](#)

"For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Oct 24: [Psalm 126](#)
[Mark 10:46-52](#)

"Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me."

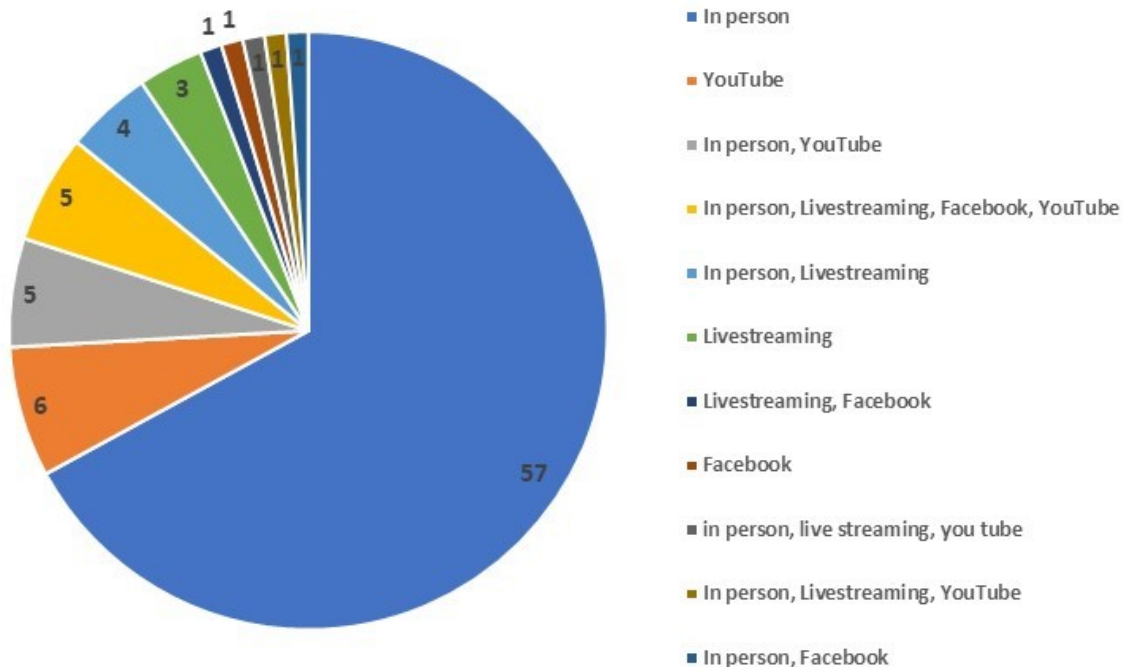
Oct 31: [Deuteronomy 6:1 - 9](#)
[Mark 12:28 - 34](#)

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself."

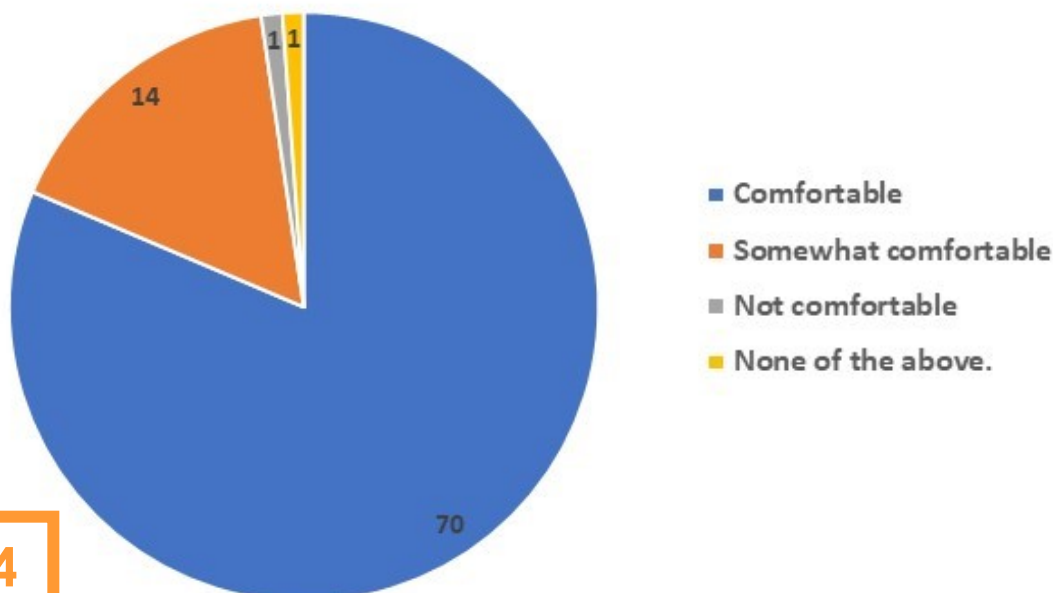
Check In Questionnaire Results

In August, Church Council asked you, the congregation, for participation in a brief “Check In Questionnaire” to assess how you are attending worship services and what is your comfort level with attending in person. With 85 responses, here are the results:

1. How have you been attending worship lately?



2. What is your comfort level for attending in-person worship?



The questionnaire covered several open-ended questions as well. Participants were able to expand and elaborate on their answers. This was done so everyone who participated would be able to give answers that are as accurate and relevant as possible pertaining to their personal feelings and situation.

3. How has this last year impacted your relationship with church?

85 responses received

4. Briefly describe what and how you have learned about God in this last year?

70 responses received

5. Are there other comments or feedback about this last year you would like to add?

62 responses received



Thank you so much to everyone who participated in the questionnaire and took the time to provide feedback. Your responses provide opportunity for the following:

- ⇒ Enhancements to both in-person and livestreaming worship
- ⇒ Ideas for creating and enhancing future fellowship events
- ⇒ Website enhancements, such as Bible verses, online notifications, online classes
- ⇒ Create and offer more gatherings via Zoom meetings

If you have any further comments or questions regarding the questionnaire, please do not hesitate to contact Council Vice President Barb Wade or any other Church Council member. Your Council is honored to serve!

God's Blessings,

Barb Wade

Oktoberfest 2021

Saturday, October 16

4:00pm - 8:00pm

Live Music

by The Bohemian Dutchmen

Baked Goods Silent Auction

Bouncy House for the kids

Covered Outdoor Seating

Biergarten

Famous BBQ Meal

- \$10 for ages 12+ and \$5 for ages under 12
- To Go Plates Available



Purchase meal tickets via QR code,
triumphantlutheran.org, or the
Tithe.ly app

*Proceeds benefit Lutheran World
Relief and TruLight 127*



Church Life

Mission Trip Shareholders' Meal



Polka Sunday is October 10

Come to Polka Sunday! Our worship will have a traditional German flavor in our two morning services, at 9am and 11am. These fun services will feature Polka music by Polka Spirit, an authentic polka band from Shiner, Texas. Come dressed in your lederhosen and join in the fun.

Oktoberfest Volunteers Needed

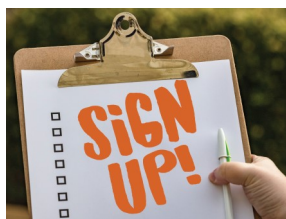
You can ensure the success of this year's Oktoberfest by helping out in a variety of ways. Please choose one or more areas in which you would most like to serve. Most jobs the day of Oktoberfest are set up in 1-hour shifts, so you will still have time to enjoy the festivities, too! To volunteer, visit the church website or [click here](#).

Thank you for your support!

Enjoy Oktoberfest with your church family, and invite your friends and neighbors to

celebrate TLC's 42nd anniversary! New this year: Outdoor tent seating will be available along with indoor seating. **Entrance and all activities at Oktoberfest are FREE!** Come enjoy fun activities for the whole family, bid (and win!) a fabulous pie or cake made by one of our famous bakers, listen to authentic German polka music, and enjoy a plate of the best brisket around.

Willkommen!



Attention Oktoberfest Volunteers: Kitchen Protocol Training

Wednesday, October 13 at 4pm in the Fellowship Hall

To ensure that all runs smoothly, the Congregational Life Team requests that you attend this training on using our commercial kitchen prior to serving at Oktoberfest.

2021 Christmas Cantata!

Preparation for the Christmas Cantata is getting underway! If you have ever considered joining in this lovely celebration of Jesus' birth, now is the time. We provide you with a teaching CD and a book, so you can practice at home as well as at practices with the group. Practices are on Wednesdays at 7:15pm. Our Cantata will be on Sunday, December 12! Please contact [Choir Director Feliziti Pena](#) or [Music Director Carol Snyder](#) if you have any questions.

Combined Outdoor Worship - Oct 17

Come join us in the Courtyard at 10am on Oct 17 for a combined outdoor worship service!

Communion 123

Calling kids who are ready and interested in learning about Communion! What is it? How does it work? What does it mean? Children in grades 1 - 3 who are ready to learn about communion are invited to attend this class on Sunday, October 24 at 2pm. [Send Deacon Chris an email](#) to ask a question or let him know you are coming!



Reformation Sunday - October 31

In observance of the birth of the Lutheran Church, let's congratulate Michael Beierle, our youth who has completed the 2-year Confirmation program. He will be confirmed during the 9am and 11am worship services.



Loving Care Givers

By Rose-Marie Smith

While looking for inspiration for this month's article, I rediscovered this poem, written by Owen Darnell. While it's primarily from the viewpoint of someone suffering from dementia or Alzheimer's, I think it still gives a relevant perspective.

A Poem From Care Receivers to Caregivers

*Don't ask me to remember.
Don't try to make me understand.
Let me rest and know you're with me.
Kiss my cheek and hold my hand.
I'm confused beyond your concept.
I am sad and sick and lost.
All I know is that I need you
To be with me at all cost.
Do not lose patience with me.
Can't be different though I try.
Just remember that I need you.
That the best of me is gone.
Please don't fail to stand beside me.
Love me until my life is done.*

Care Receivers are individuals in our congregation or community who are going through a crisis or life difficulty. They often experience high levels of stress and anxiety, which can be so overwhelming that they actually become physically and emotionally disabled. Daily experiences can be affected as well – like dreading the phone ringing because it might be more bad news or feeling trapped by daily responsibilities. Even getting a full night of restful and peaceful sleep may be rare and one may be unable to turn off the worry mode. This can lead to feeling isolated, or feeling pressured to make decisions, and not even knowing where to turn for support and practical information. Not knowing what actions to take, not feeling confident enough to decide, not knowing what specific questions to ask, or the fear of making mistakes intensify the indecision.

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This is further compounded by difficulty in asking for or receiving any help. Even when you reach a point when you realize you have

a need to talk with someone about the struggles in your life, trusting someone with personal information can be intimidating. There's a roller coaster of emotions in this period of instability. It takes courage to honestly share, especially the setbacks and failures. In these dark parts of life, we need someone to point us back to the love and truth we have in Jesus Christ.

Care Receivers don't need advice, but acceptance, affirmation, and help making sense of everything happening and what they're feeling. All those insecurities, hurts, pains, and uncertainties need to be validated and processed. Someone is needed to simply walk alongside, without judgment, through the journey of pain – especially in the struggles of spiritual wounds. With all the things they've done and the messes they've been through, assurance of God's love is healing; to know God can love them THROUGH another, unconditionally.

God's love is always there, but when going through a crisis, it can be really hard to feel it – so this is when people doubt God's presence the most. Their faith is vulnerable.

Stephen Ministers are Jesus' hands and feet, and are there to care for the hurting person. In this way, they tangibly express God's love, which Care Receivers can actually feel. They get to experience God in these times of life when they can wonder if God is even there.

I encourage anyone who's suffering, discouraged, or going through a difficult time, to request a Stephen Minister. To directly and confidentially request a Stephen Minister, [send me an email at rasmith0119@gmail.com](mailto:rasmith0119@gmail.com). Or you may [send an email to Pastor Aaron](#).

You'll grow and heal through their care, concern, compassion, and prayer. If someone offers YOU a Stephen Minister, say "Yes!" – it can be life changing!

The Good Steward

By Mary Gandolfo

In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven. — Matthew 5:16 NIV

How many times have we heard the old adage “actions speak louder than words?” I know it was practically a mantra at some times in my life — one I didn’t welcome all the time! In this familiar section of scripture, we are reminded of a few things:

- One, we all have a light that shines and others can see it.
- Two, others will see what we are doing whether we want them to or not!
- Three, we should be doing good deeds!
- And four, the result of our deeds should be that people praise God and not us.

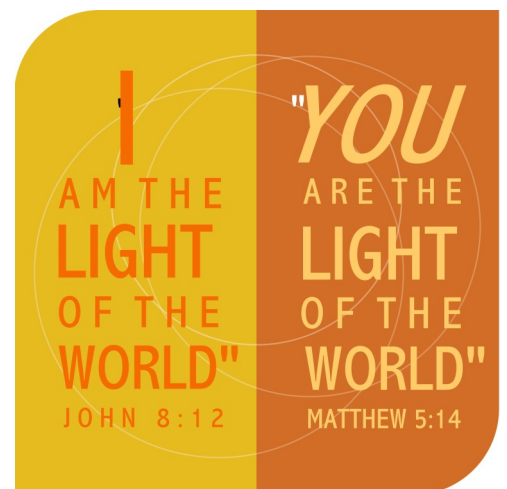
Sometimes these are hard truths, but truths none the less. Light is given so that we may see, and in this seeing, we are led to the truth.

No one lights a lamp and hides it in a jar or puts it under a bed. Instead, he puts it on a stand, so that those who come in can see the light. — Luke 8:16 NIV

I remember as a kid trying to read in bed and thinking that if I put my head under the covers, nobody would discover me. Maybe you have done the same? The very nature of light is that it can’t be hidden! It only took me **years** to figure that out — heads up, folks, light wins every time! What we do with that light is entirely up to us. We can acknowledge it and use it for good (see the first passage again!) or we can ignore it and wait for it to go away. Here is another heads up — light takes its time to go away! Again, light wins! I can’t answer for all of you, but I tend to be a little impatient when waiting for things. I can guarantee you, waiting for light to disappear often takes a lot longer than I want to wait.

When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.” — John 8:12 NIV

When Jesus revealed himself to the people as the light of the world, He gave us a new definition for light. Not only does it drive away darkness, it is present all the time and is there for us wherever we are. Not to mock, not to hinder, not to rob us of hope, not to punish, and most certainly not to remove us from His presence. He is here now, was here in the beginning, and is waiting for us in our future. This brings me to the ultimate thought for this month: **The light of Christ is our hope!!** The Good Steward is a vessel of hope, enough that we can keep some for ourselves and also share with those around us. Join me and let’s shine the light of hope on those we meet and interact with!



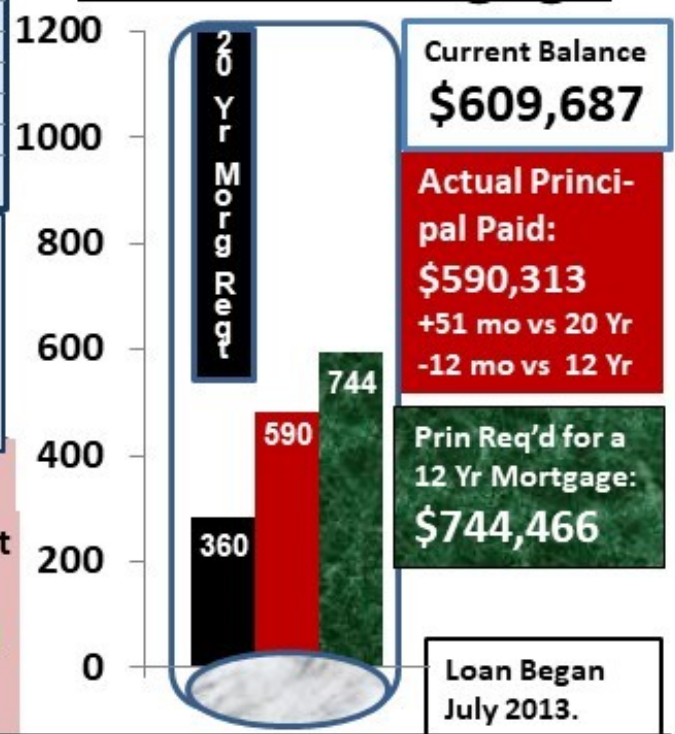
August 2021 Financials

KEY POINTS:

- † **Bottom Line:** Operating Net Income for **August** was **-\$1,244**. Operating Net Income **YTD through end of August** was **-\$30K**. We have also used **\$33K** of our Reserves, in part to hold our operating losses to "only" **\$30K**, and in part to pay for Capital expenses.
- † **General Offering and Income:** Good news. Weekly Offering in August was \$42K or +\$9K. Weekly Offering through **August** YTD was \$267K, or +\$3K against budgeted, thanks to an \$11.7K annual gift. **Total Income** through **August** was \$353K, net **-\$94K** against budgeted, as other income sources continue to lag. This is a major reason we have been obliged to use Reserves and perhaps will be using more. Total Financial Assets are only down **\$63K Net** through end of **August** because your council is wisely underspending.
- † **Building Fund:** Bldg Fund Income through **August** was \$55,874, net +\$2,730 against our required mortgage, thanks to some one-time gifts.
- † **Going Forward:** August was a good operating month thanks to everybody's continued generosity and also some timely gifts. One concern at this point is that the **\$63K** net loss in financial assets YTD could have a down impact on our 2022 budget. Need a good 4th QTR.



\$1.2M Mortgage



August 2021 Month End Financial Summary

August	NET INCOME		ANNUAL BUDGET	
	August	Year To Date		
Operating Income	\$45,333	\$353,386	Operating Income	\$695,005
Operating Expenses	\$46,603	\$383,590	Bldg Fund Income	\$91,104
Net Operating Income	(\$1,270)	(\$30,204)	Other Income	\$4,488
Bldg & Designated Income	\$39,480	\$187,996	TOTAL INCOME	\$790,597
Bldg & Designated Expenses	\$39,454	\$183,493	Operating Expenses	\$729,808
Net Designated Income	\$26	\$4,503	Debt Service	\$91,104
TOTAL NET INCOME	(\$1,244)	(\$25,701)	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$820,912

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- 5 Brad & Mandy Tellander
- 6 Eugene & Rose Huhndorf
- 11 Gary & Nancy Hendricks
- 12 Larry & Kathy Beierle
- 13 Jerry & Susan Braden
- 13 David & Kirsten Sweet
- 18 Tom & Judy Cullison
- 20 Jacob & Meredith Gonzales
- 20 Tom & Lori O'Berg
- 22 Robert & Sandy Crawford
- 22 Ken & Rose-Marie Smith
- 25 Mark & Rebecca Mattison
- 26 Rick & Becky Sonnen
- 27 Russ & Mickey Sanders
- 29 Randy & Margaret Robinson

In Loving Memory

Eugenia Voges-Flink (Cousin of Clara Skinner) **+8-16-2021**

Clarence Dolle (Friend of the Winterses) **+9-7-2021**

Jim St. Clair (TLC Member) **+10-2-2021**

The November Trumpet Deadline

Wednesday
October 20, 2021

Send Submissions to:
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- 1 Debbie Silvas
- 2 Heather Hansen
- 3 Herb Knowlson
- 4 Rebecca LeBlanc, Jackie Mitchell, Melody Richards
- 5 Anna Walker
- 6 Pam Chapman, Becky Sonnen
- 7 Kevin Hinze, Kathy Moser, Kermit Vetter
- 8 Doyle Krauss, Andy Still
- 11 Sterling Hensley
- 12 Jonathan Beierle, Lori Scruggs
- 14 Pinka Parker, Charlotte Richter, Chris Williams
- 15 Wilma Baumann, Mallory Hall, Karin Warnock
- 17 Eryn Crow, Carole Meyer
- 18 Amanda Henderson, Tristan Lee, Sharon Stripling
- 19 Brenda Albrecht
- 20 Kelsey Wade
- 22 Marcia Brinkman, Evan O'Berg, Breana Villa
- 23 Emilie Gray
- 26 Ryan Etheridge, Mark Schroeder, Beth Weber, Bobbie White
- 27 Ruby Mude
- 28 Beverly Hamby
- 29 Will Sharp

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Triumphant Lutheran Worship Services

Sundays at 9am, 11am, and 5pm in the Sanctuary

[Click here for online worship on YouTube.](#)

[Live Stream Worship:](#) Sundays at 9:00am

[Preschool:](#) Mon - Fri from 9:00am - 2:00pm

[Mother's Day Out:](#) Coming Soon

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