

Trinity Times

Trinity Lutheran Church

February 2017

Pastor's Message

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever. Psalm 118:1

Greetings in the name of Jesus! We are currently in middle of Epiphany season. It is during this time of year that God shows us his son is both true man and true God. It is in Epiphany we see the Magi come to visit Jesus and worship him. The meaning behind this is that Jesus was born for the whole world, not just Israel. We also hear Jesus preach the Sermon on the Mount with so many wonderful truths for us all. The last Sunday of Epiphany is the Transfiguration of Jesus. Then lent starts. We have so much to give thanks to God for the excitement of the birth of Jesus and what he did for us. He won eternal life for us on the cross and at the empty tomb. Yes, thank God that the little baby the Magi visited grew up to be our Lord, savior and friend.

Peace,
Pastor Chittick

Elders

The Board of Elders has started work to update our membership rolls. This has not been done in a number of years, and will take some time and work. The Elders are also working to ensure that we have a Vacancy Pastor in place by the time Pastor Chittick retires. The congregation will be informed when the details of this have been worked out.

Please feel free to contact any of the Elders at any time with comments or concerns.

The Elders are:

Duane Neal 623-688-6833
Roland Walter 882-7450
Ralph Wegner 565-3936
Dennis Gard 928-379-2191
Josh Chittick 560-4785

Pastor's Retirement Dinner

Pastor Chittick's retirement is coming quickly – March 3, 2017. His last Sunday service is February 26, and that is also the date of his Retirement Dinner. Pastor likes Italian food, so the menu will include Lasagna and Spaghetti and

will be held at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please mark your calendars so we can honor his time as our Pastor. Please stay tuned as more details emerge.

Call Committee

The committee met with Pastor Brohr Erickson from Farmington on January 18 to go over the congregational statistics and discuss what the process for calling a new Pastor will entail. Pastor Albers from the Rocky Mountain District was unable to attend.

The next step in the call process is to get input from the Congregation on what everyone feels our pastoral needs are and the traits we are looking for in a new pastor. We are calling a Voters Meeting on Sunday February 12 to get that input. In your information boxes is a five-page form with questions on ministry activities, expectations and goals, and pastoral traits. Please work as families to complete as much of the form as you can and

then bring it to the meeting on February 12. There we will work in groups to take the individual and family inputs and combine them into a congregational summary. We expect the meeting will take one to one and a half hours. We know this is a definite time commitment from everyone but we feel it is important in calling the right pastor for Trinity. If you are unable to attend the February 12 meeting, please give your completed form to one of the call committee members by February 15. Thank you!

The Call Committee members are:

Bruce Short, Chairperson
Mary Lou Volk,
Vice Chairperson
Beth McCabe, Secretary
Ralph Wegner
Sara McCabe
Duane Neal
Jacqueline Chittick
Robin Wolcott



Voters Meeting

On February 12th, there will be a voters meeting for the congregation so all input, comments, and suggestions concerning a new pastor will be forwarded to the Call Committee. The meeting will probably last an hour and will be held in the Fellowship Hall right after Sunday Service. Plan to attend as this will be your opportunity to give the Call Committee your input. Once your input has been completed the Call Committee will send them to the District Office. The District Office will utilize the information to select available Pastors for calling.

Social Concerns

These are some statistics from the last Good Samaritan meeting in January. This is a recap of clients helped for 2016. There were a total of 6955 people that received food in 2016; 2703 were new clients. The Center gave out 131,112 pounds of food to people right here in our community. That was a HUGE accomplishment. The new location for the Center is still in progress of the remodeling process.

Renew still welcomes our donations of: hand towel, wash cloth & soap, hand lotion, comb, shampoo & conditioner, tooth brush & tooth paste, deodorant, tissues, a small stuffed animal for the children or a small toy.

You can place your donations in the box located by the coat rack. Each of the charities is thankful for the generosity of our church families.

Diana Hoehn

Hopes Kitchen

As you know from what I have written in the past, there is always a need for support at Hope's Kitchen. Food, money and help are always needed and welcome. Currently, there is a need to expand the 'back up' supply of cooks. If you might be interested in "filling in", sometimes on an emergency basis, please talk to me. I know from experience that God guides our hands when need be and allows us to be able to put food on the table for the masses. Thank you for your continued support.

Larry Gessner

Thrivent

We're excited to share that in 2016 over 335,000 Thrivent members chose to direct Choice Dollars® to more than 32,000 churches, schools and other nonprofits, including Trinity Lutheran Church, through Thrivent Choice®. **Based on member recommendations, Trinity Lutheran Church received \$221 in charitable outreach funding in 2016.** The Thrivent Choice program helps members of Thrivent Financial make a positive impact in their communities.

Sew 'n' Sews

The Sew 'n' Sews are creating quilts for the next year and these will be sent to Orphan Grain Train in Nebraska. The quilts we make are simple and quick to make and it doesn't require any sewing skills. If you would like to join us, come to the Ruth Guild room in the basement of the Church at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, November 9 and 23, 2016.

Upcoming Events

- Feb 8, 2017 – Sew 'n' Sews @ 10 a.m.
- Feb 12, 2017 – Voters Meeting @ 10:15 a.m.
- Feb 22, 2017 – Sew 'n' Sews @ 10 a.m.
- Feb 26, 2017 – Pastor's Retirement Dinner @ 5:30 p.m.
- Mar 1, 2017 – Ash Wednesday Service @ 7 p.m.

A Special Thank You to Trinity

The past three months have been difficult for me as any of you will know if you have experienced the death of a child..... a child of any age. Without the prayers and support you have shown me I do not think I would have been able to survive as well as I have. Thank you. Keep them coming, as they continue to provide what is needed in my life.

Eleanore Larson

Martin Luther Quotes

On Music:

The devil should not be allowed to keep all the best tunes for himself.

I have no use for cranks who despise music, because it is a gift of God. Next after theology, I give to music the highest place and the greatest honor.

Newsletter Info

If you would like to submit information to this newsletter or to the website, please put it in Shar Short's box, call her at 970-564-1596, or e-mail her at shortstuff1950@gmail.com.