

# Trinity Times

Trinity Lutheran Church

March 2017

## Elders

Pastor Thur has begun his service as our vacancy pastor at Trinity. We appreciate his willingness to shepherd us during our search for a new pastor. He will be holding a Bible Study on Luther's Large Catechism after the worship service on Sundays.

Mark Johnson has agreed to serve as an Elder. Thanks Mark for your willingness to serve Trinity!

Please feel free to contact any of them 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
Mark Johnson	570-7639

## Lenten Services & Soup Supper

Lenten services are being held on Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. The Elders and other members of the congregations are leading the services. Pastor Thur has been giving them some direction in the services.

At 6 p.m., the Small Groups of Trinity are hosting Soup suppers. Come for a tasty bowl of soup and some fellowship!

## Call Committee

The February 12 Voters Meeting to get feedback from the congregation on what everyone wanted from a Pastor and what directions the

congregation wants Trinity to move was very well attended. The feedback gave the call committee excellent information to give to the Rocky Mountain District for building a list of pastoral candidates. Thanks to everyone who attended or gave information individually for their time and effort! The Call Committee has condensed the feedback into the format the District wants us to use and has gotten some individual pastoral nominations from the congregation. We will be sending all that to the District the week of March 12 and hope to have a list of candidates to sort through soon after. Please continue to keep the call process in your prayers as we move forward.

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



## Lent

The church year is now in the season of Lent. During Lent, our worship assumes a more penitential character. The color for the season is purple, a color often associated with penitence. In the ancient Church, the weeks leading up to Easter were a time of intensive preparation of the candidates who were to be baptized at the Easter vigil on Holy Saturday.

This time in the Church's calendar was seen as an especially appropriate time for Baptism because of the relationship between Christ's death and resurrection and our own in Holy Baptism. This focus would suggest that the season of Lent serves not only as a time to meditate on the suffering that Christ endured on our behalf but also as an opportunity to reflect upon our own Baptism and what it means to live as a child of God.

Not all Christian denominations include Lent in their church year. The Anglican, Eastern Orthodox, Lutheran, Methodist, and Roman Catholic Churches are the major denominations using the Lenten season to enhance their celebrations of Easter.

lcms.com & wikipedia.com

## Prayer Chain

If you would like to join the Prayer List, send your e-mail address to Lisa Wegner @ [lisawegner153@gmail.com](mailto:lisawegner153@gmail.com) or Barbara Jeanne Humbracht @ [bhumbracht@bajabb.com](mailto:bhumbracht@bajabb.com).

Plan to offer your prayer when you receive the message. You can also send your prayer requests to either of these ladies and they will pass it on.

### Upcoming Events

- March 14, 2017 – Council Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.
- March 15, 2017 – Soup Supper @ 6 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
- March 15, 2017 – Lenten Service @ 7 p.m.
- March 22, 2017 – Sew 'n' Sews @ 9 a.m.
- March 22, 2017 – Soup Supper @ 6 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
- March 22, 2017 – Lenten Service @ 7 p.m.
- March 29, 2017 – Soup Supper @ 6 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
- March 29, 2017 – Lenten Service @ 7 p.m.
- April 5, 2017 – Soup Supper @ 6 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
- April 5, 2017 – Lenten Service @ 7 p.m.
- April 16, 2017 – Easter Sunday

## Membership Info

Trudy Hooyman's address is:  
23 W. 7th St. Cortez 81321

## LWML Convention 2017

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League will hold its 2017 convention in Albuquerque next summer June 22-25, 2017. This is the Rocky Mountain District convention, not the national convention. More information to come or check out [www.lwmlrmd.org](http://www.lwmlrmd.org).

## LCMS

There's an interesting website for the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation: <http://lutheranreformation.org>. There's a blog, history, events, resources to look through. Also, there's a catchy little rock tune that designed for kids to learn from. PBS has a documentary coming out this year called **Martin Luther: An Idea That Changed the World**. Visit the site yourself or stay tuned for more to come.

## Poem of the Month

**When I say... "I am a Christian"**  
When I say ... "I am a Christian"  
I'm not shouting, "I'm saved"  
I'm whispering, "I get lost!"  
"That is why I chose this way"

When I say ... "I am a Christian"  
I don't speak of this with pride  
I'm confessing that I stumble,  
and need someone to be my guide

When I say ... "I am a Christian"  
I'm not trying to be strong,  
I'm professing that I'm weak,  
and pray for strength to carry on

When I say ... "I am a Christian"  
I'm not bragging of success,  
I'm admitting that I've failed,  
and cannot ever pay the debt

When I say ... "I am a Christian"  
I'm not claiming to be perfect,  
my flaws are way too visible  
but God believes I'm worth it

When I say ... "I am a Christian"  
I still feel the sting of pain  
I have my share of heartaches  
which is why I seek His Name

When I say ... "I am a Christian"  
I do not wish to judge  
I have no authority,  
I only know I'm loved!  
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