

TRINITY TIMES

Trinity Lutheran Church

June 2017

From the Pastor's Desk

Members of Trinity, "Help, Lord"

Father's Day is June 18. What happens on Father's Day? (You know what you do on Father's Day or what goes on in your family so I won't elaborate). Quickly summarized, many and various things such as praising and thanking our fathers for the many things they did for us, or still do for us. When fathers carry out their Christian responsibilities it is a lot easier to praise and say thank you.

What about our heavenly Father? Do we really appreciate what He did and still does for us? How do we show our thanks to Him? As children of the heavenly **Father, our first and foremost 'work' is to praise and thank our Father.** He does have our best interests in mind and always will. The best way to say thanks to the heavenly Father is to pray as the Psalmist did in 12:1, "Help, Lord." These two words are remarkable in meaning. David evidently felt his own weakness or he would not have cried for help. David runs straight to God. David knows what he is seeking and knows where to find it. The apostles said it, "Lord, teach us to pray." It is really a request of one who finds all 'helpers' failing! "Help, Lord" is a prayer for the living and dying, the sorrowing or the rejoicing, for all who understand our help is the Lord. Do not be slow to cry to Him for He is our Father. In David's request he was ready to act on it. He earnestly intended to do something about it. He was willing to put out some effort for the praise and the thanks his heavenly Father deserved. When we, today, look at Jesus we see that the Father really has our best interests in mind, now and forever. May we all thank our Father, always worshipping and praising Him. Remember, our first and foremost 'work' is to worship our God.

Put the heavenly Father into Father's Day!

Peace, Pastor Thur

Elders

The Elders continue to update the membership list. We are also asking Trinity members for additional help with the Children's Talks on Sunday morning. We've also been assisting with the call process. The next meeting is July 2 at 8 a.m. (before church).

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

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

Call Committee

The Call Committee, seeking a new pastor for

Trinity Lutheran, narrowed the list to 4 candidates, contacted the candidates, and is in the process of setting up interviews with the 3 candidates that were willing to go on with the process. The meetings will be around the 15th of June. These will be video-conferenced.

Depending on the results of the interviews, remaining candidates will be ranked and presented to the congregation.

Missions

There is a Volunteer Dinner organized for June 23, 2017 in the Fellowship Hall for volunteers of a number of organizations who minister to those in need. Many of these folks work tirelessly to provide the services that their

neighbors need to feed and clothe their families. The Bridge, both food kitchens, Good Samaritan, and several other organizations will be served a meal. If you are interested in helping with this dinner, contact Jackie at 565-2615.

Training for anyone interested in learning how to make the sleeping mats made from plastic shopping bags should meet in The Fellowship Hall Wednesday June 28 at 10 a.m. These mats will be given to the Bridge for those who need them when sleeping outdoors.

Any one that would like to apply for yard clean up assistance, see Jackie Snow or Eleanor for forms. A group of young people will be in Cortez for several weeks to

help with removing debris, trimming bushes, weeding, window washing, painting etc. on the street side front exteriors of residences. Just complete forms and return. They will schedule a time with you. This is being sponsored by the Colorado Welcome Center.

Transportation Director

If you would like to volunteer to provide transportation to Trinity members who do not drive, please call Carl Sperling at 565-3212. She has a schedule that is ongoing.

Fellowship Sunday

The fifth Sunday in July, the 30th, will be the next Trinity fellowship opportunity. The theme of this event is fiesta, and participants are asked to bring their best Mexican dishes to share. There will be a photo booth so be prepared to have a little fun. More on this as the event gets closer, but put it on your calendar now!

Shepherd's New Staff

Terrylynn and Michael Tito have created a new organization called the Shepherd's New Staff. They would like to unite workers in all of the local churches to care for the needs of the neediest of our neighbors. Currently they are working with the Bridge to raise awareness and funds for the new homeless shelter in the planning stages. They welcome prayers for proper direction from the Lord. They are still members at Trinity, but felt God's calling for this new ministry.

Upcoming Events

- June 2, 2017 – Elders Meeting @ 8 a.m.
- June 14 & 15, 2017 – Call Committee Candidate interviews
- June 23, 2017 – Volunteer Dinner @ 6 p.m.
- June 28, 2017 – Sleeping Mat class @ 10 a.m.
- July 30, 2017 – Fiesta Fellowship

Web Site

If you need to look up activities or dates for Trinity events, check the Trinity Lutheran website. Pages include Calendar, Service information, What We Believe, Church Organization, Newsletter and much more. Give it a look at trinitylutheranchurchcortez.com.

Shar Short

Newsletter News

The newsletter will now be handed out with the bulletins the Sunday after it is published. It will still be e-mailed to those that have signed up for that service. But a number of members have no internet access, so efforts are now to put the newsletter into the hands of any interested party. There will also be a stack on the table in the church narthex.

If you would like to receive the newsletter by e-mail, you can reach Shar Short at shortstuff1950@gmail.com.

Membership Info

Address change:

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Book of the Month

There is a newer translation of the Bible available for those interested in adding to their Scripture collection.

Wikipedia states that the New Century Version of the Bible came from the International Children's Bible in the 1980s. The Thomas Nelson website gives this information: "The New Century Version (NCV) is an English translation of the Bible with roots extending to the English Version for the Deaf (EVD) Bible translation (by the World Bible Translation Center, a subsidiary of Bible League International). It is also related to the Easy-to-Read Version (ERV), having longer sentences and a more fluent style. The NCV is now published by Thomas Nelson Publishers. The two overarching principles that stand behind the NCV are that a Bible translation needs to be both accurate and clear."

The Tuesday Small Group is studying Hebrews and one of the versions used is the NCV. It's easy to understand and good for comparing with a more scholarly version. The writing is not as contemporary as The Message.

A free download of the New Century Version can also be obtained from several websites on line. If one wanted to "try it out" before purchasing the book, this is a good solution.

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.