

Trinity Times

Trinity Lutheran Church

September 2017

From the Pastor's Desk

Members of Trinity,

The last couple Sundays the Scriptures have taught us there is a BIG difference of what Scripture teaches and the world's teachings on God. Job and Isaiah really put mankind in place as far as understanding the greatness of God; we can't come close to understanding God's ways and judgments.

With that said here is another thought from Isaiah 46:4, "Even to your old age and gray hairs...I will carry you. I will sustain you and I will rescue you."

There is nothing like this in the world! The comparison between the true, living God and the ineffective, dead idols becomes especially clear. Those who make idols search in the forest for a beautiful beech tree, oak tree, or cedar tree. The person uses half of it as firewood and with the other half carves an idol that is not living and cannot hear or answer him.

How totally different it is when the everlasting living God says to His children, "I will carry you and rescue you." He carries us from our mother's womb, from infancy, and throughout our lives. God not only created us. He also sustains us. He saved us, richly and daily cares for us with all we need, both body and soul. His Son, our Savior Jesus Christ protects, guards, and keeps us from every evil.

So as we go through life, when sight and hearing fail, when body and mind fail, He still comes to our aid. He reassures us "I will do it. I will pick you up and carry you and save you." What a promise from the Living, True God who stands behind His Word. What a word of comfort and peace.

Prayer: I trust in You, my God and Lord. If I have You, what more do I want or need. Thank You, Jesus, my Savior, Lord, and King. Amen.

Just a quick note: God promises this when we are in His Word. We need our God!
Peace, Pastor Thur

Elders

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 has received the second call list from the District, has reviewed the information and has requested additional information for three names on the list. We have also submitted a request for information for four additional names the Committee has researched on its own. Once we get all that information

the Committee will pare down to three individuals to interview.

Duane and Orvillina Neal are in the process of relocating and so Mark Johnson is replacing Duane as one of the Elders on the Committee.

Missions

We will begin to collect items for our **Operation Christmas Child** boxes this month. We will have a Packing Party in October to assemble the boxes. There are good deals on seasonal clothing and school supplies right now, so keep your eye out when you are shopping. If anyone wants to donate for items, I would be happy to do the shopping for you. We will also need

donations to cover the shipping on the boxes we complete and send. If you would like to pay for and track your box, you can do so online.

Social Concerns

It is getting to be that time of the year when I will be asking for food donations for the Good Samaritan Center. When I was at the Center I noticed their food supply shelves were on the skimpy side. So I will start collecting cans of fruit, vegetables, spaghetti sauce, pasta and whatever else food items you would like to donate. This will run September 10th through September 24th. I will try to have grocery bags available

for you. (City Market now charges for their paper bags.)

Renew always appreciates the hygiene items that you donate. The one thing they do not accept is mouth wash because of the alcohol content. They continue to have a high amount of clients. Don't forget something for the kids as they come with their mother.

The Bridge

Community Yard Sale and Silent Auction

The yard sale for The Bridge homeless shelter will be October 6-8. Donations are being collected and sorted now. If you have items that you would like to donate, contact Jackie Snow at 565-2615. If you would like to volunteer in any way, contact Jackie at the above number. Help is needed in picking up items, sorting and pricing, working the day of the sale, and clean up. There is a job for YOU!!

We all need to review the command Jesus gave in Matthew 25:31-46. Will we be sheep or goats???

Upcoming Events

- Sept 12, 2017 – Church Council Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.
- Sept 10-24, 2017 – Good Samaritan food collection
- Oct 6-8, 2017 – Community Yard Sale and Silent Auction

LCMS

If you would like to donate to the Hurricane Harvey recovery, there are many ways to do so. The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod is providing a number of services to flood victims and their communities. Visit <https://www.lcms.org/haryey> to read articles that might help you make a donation or provide other needs. We've

all seen the news about this devastating event. It will be years before all is returned to normal. There are 161 LCMS churches affected in a variety of ways. There is a warning not to take it upon yourself to go down and help at this point. There is still flooding, there are few places to stay, and the needs and requirements are not all known. Currently prayers and dollars are the best way to help. You can monitor what is needed at the above internet site.

Lutheran Hour Ministries

On August 1st, Lutheran Hour Ministries launched their online courses and webinars to help people reach out with the love and Good News of Jesus Christ in everyday lives. To check out these free outreach resources, visit lhm.org/learn. These online courses and webinars will cover five faith-strengthening categories and use an array of multimedia elements to help you gain a hearing for the Gospel message. Some of the offerings are *Intergenerational Mentoring*, *Christ And His Kingdom*, and *Sharing Your Faith Stories*.

Amazon Information

If you purchase items through Amazon, here is some information that can help you put a small percentage of your sale towards the Trinity Lutheran account.

"We're excited to share a new way for you to increase AmazonSmile donations. You can now use offline channels such as direct mail and printed marketing/fundraising collateral to tell your supporters about

AmazonSmile. Sign in to <http://org.amazon.com> and click on Marketing Tools to access customized online tools to let your supporters know that their AmazonSmile shopping can support Trinity Lutheran Church. We have added new links to the AmazonSmile Brand Guidelines and the AmazonSmile logo on the Marketing Tools page. Here are several tactics that other participating organizations have used to increase their AmazonSmile donations.

Share this link: <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/23-7044974> and ask your donors, volunteers, employees, and friends to bookmark this link so all their eligible shopping will benefit Trinity Lutheran Church. Send an email: In your next email newsletter to supporters, promote your AmazonSmile participation and include the link above. Copy and paste this message in a Facebook post: When you #StartWithaSmile, Amazon donates 0.5% of the purchase price to Trinity Lutheran Church. Bookmark the link <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/23-7044974> and support us every time you shop. Copy and paste this message in a Tweet: Amazon donates to Trinity Lutheran Church when you shop @AmazonSmile. <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/23-7044974#YouShopAmazonGives>.

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