

Trinity Times

Trinity Lutheran Church

December 2017

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear friends in Christ Jesus, the new-born King!

What will the Holidays bring to you? What will the Holidays be like for you? Will it be a "holly" day, a "hollow" day, or a "holy" day?

For some Christmas is nothing more than the time set each year to be happy and full of joy and pass "good tidings" about. Their celebration of Christmas has more to do with tinsel and decoration and pretty-colored lights. They are impressed by all of the external and worldly aspects of Christmas and are satisfied to think of Christmas as only a bright moment in an otherwise bleak winter.



For some, Christmas has absolutely no meaning whatsoever. They are not charmed by the colors and textures of Christmas. They are not moved by the charity of the season or given to pass along thoughts of peace and goodwill. They are like the infamous Scrooge from Dicken's "A Christmas Carol", neither desiring nor finding any value in the celebration of Christmas. Without meaning or purpose, for them it is a "hollow" day.

For God's people, Christmas is filled with meaning, purpose, and celebration because of Christ – His birth, His life, His death, and His resurrection! It is a season to explore what moved God to send His Son into our world. Christ had to "become flesh and dwell among us" to be our God and our Savior. It is a season to send His Son to our sinful world. It is a Gift of Christmas – Christ himself! For God's people, Christmas is and remains a "Holy Day"!



What kind of Christmas will you observe this year? Will yours be a holly day, a hollow day, or a holy day? You have within you, thanks to God, the ability to make it precious and valuable to you and yours. From our household to yours, God's richest blessings and a very Merry Christmas.

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Elders

This year there will be one Christmas service at Trinity. There will be a 7 p.m. service on December 24 but there will not be a Christmas Day service. Also, there will not be a New Year's Eve or Day service.

An Adult Class is beginning this month after the church service on Sundays. Also, Sunday School for children will begin in January, so stay tuned for the details.

The Elders are asking members to sign up for the regular Sunday morning tasks like Greeter, Scripture Reading, Offering and Communion Usher. There is a sign-up sheet on the Narthex bulletin board.

The Elders are:

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.

Church Council

At the November 12 Voters Meeting, these election results were voted on:

President – Tom Burnison
V-President – Wayne Hite
Secretary – Trudy Rose
Treasurer – Robin Wolcott
Elders – Ralph Wegner,
Roland Walter, Bill Witthans,
Mark Johnson.

Trustees – Bruce Short, Jerry Wittwer, Jonathon Smith
Social Concerns – Diana Hoehn
Stewardship – Larry Gessner
Board of Missions – Jackie Snow
Fellowship – Trudy Hooyman
These members will be installed in January.

Trustees

There is now a Trinity Calendar of Events posted in the Narthex that will allow Trinity Members to sign up for building use. There are a number of recurring events on a weekly basis that happen at Trinity so scheduling around them is important. Please check the

calendar before you schedule an event using Trinity space.

Advent Season

The wonderful season of Advent is now here again. The mid-week services are designed to prepare our hearts and minds for the very special event on Christmas Day – the birth of Jesus Christ.

Plan to come for the Soup Supper at 6 p.m. and join in the Advent Service right after. Soup Suppers are sponsored by the Small Groups at Trinity.

Call Committee

The call committee is continues to wait for more information. The next meeting is the first week in January.

Mission Committee

Trinity Lutheran turned in 48 shoe boxes for operation Christmas child. Thanks to all who helped with the project. The regional center is now at Rock Springs Church in Cortez. This is a great ministry to children all over the world.

Newsletter and Website

Since we no longer have a church secretary and are still seeking a Pastor, it's important for Trinity members to keep up with what's important at Trinity. You can sign up for the monthly newsletter by sending your e-mail to Shar @ shortstuff1950@gmail.com.

The Trinity website is also current with Church information and Calendar. If you would like to post something on the website you can contact Shar as well. The website is www.trinitylutheranchurchcortez.com.

Community Volunteer Needs

The Good Samaritan Center is running low on food for the clients who need it. They

continue to gain clients every month. If you would like to make a year-end gift of groceries or cash to them, their address is 25 S. Beech Street in Cortez and their mailing address is PO Box 662, Cortez, CO 81321.

Also, they are in need of volunteers to help with several different jobs. Call Kristen at 565-6424.

The Salvation Army is setting up the Christmas bell ringing schedule for the upcoming season which starts Friday, November 24. Bell ringers are stationed at City Market, Walmart, and Walgreens. Shifts are 2 hours and can be shared with another person. The shifts happen Tuesdays through Sundays. If you are interested, call Fran at 560-6263.

First Aid Training

Tom Burnison shared this information for those interested in renewing their First Aid qualifications. First Aid / CPR / AED Training is available through the Cortez Fire Dept. An 8hr. course in 1st aid, AED, and CPR is conducted on the 3rd Sunday of each month from 8:00 – 4:00. The course is free though there is a minimal charge from the Heart Association for the certification card. The AED qualification is included in this course. For more information or to schedule, call Wendy @ Cortez Fire Administration 970-565-3157 or John Camponovo at 970-759-9500. We cannot have too many qualified first responders in this day and age.

Volunteer Rides

Are you willing to give a neighbor a ride to church? If so, please call Carol Sperling at 565-3212. Several of our regular

drivers are not available during the winter months, so we are a little short-handed right now. Likewise, if you're aware of someone in the community who would like to worship with us but doesn't have transportation, please share that information with Carol. She will try to help make the connection.

Upcoming Events

- Dec 6, 2017 – Soup Supper @ 6 p.m.
- Dec 6, 2017 – Advent Service @ 7 p.m.
- Dec 13, 2017 – Soup Supper @ 6 p.m.
- Dec 13, 2017 – Advent Service @ 7 p.m.
- Dec 20, 2017 – Soup Supper @ 6 p.m.
- Dec 20, 2017 – Advent Service @ 7 p.m.
- Dec 24, 2017 – Christmas Eve Service @ 7 p.m.

Contact Information

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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.

