

Trinity Times

Trinity Lutheran Church

March 2018

From the Pastor's Desk

Members of Trinity, God's Thankful People,

"Now, brothers, I want to remind you of the Gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. By this Gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the Word I preached to you. Otherwise you have believed in vain." "If Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith." 1 Corinthians 15:1, 2, and 14. (Before you read the rest of this newsletter please read all of 1 Corinthians 15 and look at our victory in Christ Jesus, the suffering, dying Savior who rose triumphantly from the dead giving life)

It was 'ironic' that Ash Wednesday was on the same day as Valentine's Day, February 14. A day that the world spends the most money on showing that they love others by giving of flowers, candy, cooking special meals or going out to eat to celebrate, etc.

It is 'ironic' that the Resurrection of our Lord, Easter, will fall on April 1, April Fools Day. A day the world would be proud of saying "there is no god." They may even go as far as calling Christians 'fools' for believing in Jesus Christ, crucified and Risen. They are the 'fools'.

With these thoughts I would like to explain the word, 'ironic.' Ironic is a figure of speech in which the words express a meaning that is the direct opposite of the intended meaning. A second definition is an outcome of events contrary to what was or might have been expected.

Walking with our Savior throughout Lent is ironic! Things take place and the outcome is the opposite of what one might expect. The most simplistic way I can state this is with Scripture, JESUS SUFFERING AND DYING ENDS WITH LIFE ETERNAL LIFE FOR ALL WHO BELIEVE.

During Holy Week on March 29, which is Maundy Thursday, we will worship our Savior at 7:00 P.M.; on March 30, which is Good Friday, we will worship our Savior at 7:00 P.M.; and April 1, which is the Resurrection of our Lord Sunday, Easter, we will worship the Risen, Living Savior, the same Savior who suffered and died for us. Services are at 6:30 A.M and 9:00 A.M.

In these three worship opportunities for 'Easter' Christians' we will look at some of the 'ironies' of these events. (by the way an 'Easter Christian' who claims to be a Christian is one who lives for the Savior every day, not just one Sunday a year, on Easter Sunday – that is IRONIC!)

See you at each of these great opportunities to strengthen our faith!
Peace in the Risen Savior, Pastor Thur

Elders

The Elders met March 4, 2018, with 2 Elders in attendance. Dennis Gard has resigned from the Board of Elders. The next meeting is April 8, 2018.

The Elders are:

Roland Walter	882-7450
Ralph Wegner	565-3936
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

The March 13 Church Council met with 9 members attending. Below are highlights:

- President Tom Burnison discussed the letter from Pastor Clayton Sellers declining our call.
- Beth McCabe was appointed co-chair of the Missions Committee to work with Jackie Snow.
- The Call Committee was re-formed with Council members and 2 Elders as members. Wayne Hite will assume leadership of the Committee.
- January 1 through March 16 showed income of \$26, 949.48 and expenses of \$15,221.63.

Trinity must continue to plan for a full-time pastor's salary as well as relocation expenses.

• Sunday School will be held on the Sundays in March when children are present.

• Ben Wolcott has been making various Preschool repairs. There are some outdoor and indoor repairs that will need to be made in the church and some are related to the roofing project coming in the fall. An envelope for repair orders will be posted on the bulletin board in the narthex.

• Jackie Snow wishes to continue Operation Christmas Child and several other projects that the Missions Committee is involved in.

• Trudy Hooyman, Fellowship Chair, would like to see a May Rummage Sale and multi-generational activities at Trinity. The subject of kitchen supplies was discussed and how to pay for them. Sign-up sheets and a donation basket are possible remedies. A description of the Fellowship Committee was read. Additional committee members are needed.

Easter Breakfast

Plan to attend the Easter Breakfast on Easter Sunday between services (about 7:45 a.m.). It's a chance to visit with fellow members. It's also a chance to invite family and friends to join you for Easter services.

Trustees

Here is a reminder that 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.

If you see something at church that needs maintenance attention, be sure to fill out a maintenance form from the holder in the coat hallway.



Call Committee

The Call Committee has about a dozen names they are currently considering. They hope to narrow their list to 3 candidates at the next meeting. They will then need to ask for the information on these candidates from Rocky Mountain District.

Stewardship

Doctrine matters. And doctrine matters because the Scriptures matter. And the Scriptures matter because this is where we learn the teaching of Christ. Our thoughts must be brought into line with the teaching of Scripture so that our work is what God wants done and so that we do this work in His way.

Bringing every thought captive to the obedience of Christ is recognizing that God does provide. The Lord's Prayer teaches us to pray for daily bread. Praying this day in and day out reminds us that the Lord is the giver of our daily bread, and that we are to give thanks for His daily provision of it.

When budgetary discussions pop up, our natural reaction is to point fingers. But remember your doctrine, and what your mother taught about pointing fingers. Our first natural reaction is not always right. In fact, when our thoughts are brought into captivity of Christ, our first reaction should be repentance.

God will provide. He always has and he always will. He gives His meat in due season. He has not left you as orphans, but has grafted you into His own family. You belong to Him. Remember this, letting this thought dwell in you richly. And you will be rich toward others.

Larry Gessner

Trinity Lutheran Preschool

Doors/locks

-The families are LOVING the new doors/locks and the kids enjoying hearing the doorbell when guests arrive

-The church has graciously purchased 4 new classroom doors for us, they will have regular door lock for the time being, but in the future having matching door locks may be discussed (the new doors are being painted bright colors and

will be installed after that by Ben Wolcott)

Dr. Seuss Night

-We hosted a family night on Dr. Seuss Day

-There was a book fair (we raised \$350 of FREE books/resources for the school)

-Parents and children got to enjoy teachers reading Dr. Seuss stories followed by an activity that matched the book

-We asked parents and staff to find 'sponsors' for the reading event and were able to raise \$1600 for our playground structure (bringing our total to \$3900, out of the needed \$6000)

Mission Work Letter

-I was put in contact with a church in Arizona that is doing some mission work with some surplus income they have. They wanted us to write them a letter requesting funding for a project or two around the school (they had to be non-budgeted items)

-I asked for \$1500 for our playground and \$500 to start our "Angel Fund" (the Angel Fund will make up the tuition difference for CCCAP children, so we can continue to enroll them in our program without causing major financial issues.

What's happening:

-We are visiting a farm (Wolcott Ranches) for a field trip Mar 21-22

-We are visiting Four Season's Greenhouse in April to learn about gardening

-Summer & Fall registration will begin in March for current families and open enrollment will begin in April.

-We are hosting parent-teacher conferences Apr 10-12

What's being planned:

-I would like to host a school clean-up day in April (more info to come)

-We would like to improve our school garden (I am hoping to find a volunteer that could come in and help us make garden plans and get it started)

-Our spring program/graduation will be held Tue May 22

Facebook Page & Fundraising

Please let everyone at Trinity know that Trinity Lutheran Preschool has a Facebook page and it will help us keep up to date with what is going on at the Preschool. There are pictures posted when we have activities with the kids. It was

brought to our attention not everyone was aware of our Facebook page and we should share that information.

We also are raising funds for a new playground structure and grass area for the kids to play on. We will soon have a drawing of the structure and show the progress we have made so far to display at the church soon.

Small Groups

If you would like to join a weekly group that meets to discuss or study the Christian faith, there is some reorganization going on right now. These groups give Trinity Members a chance to grow in their faith and fellowship with others. Talk to Shar Short or Lisa Wegner for further information.

Upcoming Events

- Mar 28, 2018 – Sew 'n' Sews @ 9 a.m.
- Mar 29, 2018 – Maundy Thursday Service @ 7 p.m.
- Mar 30, 2018 – Good Friday Service @ 7 p.m.
- April 1, 2018 – Easter Sunrise Service – 6:30 a.m.
- April 1, 2018 – Easter Breakfast @ 7:45 a.m.
- April 1, 2018 – Easter Service – 9 a.m.
- April 11, 2018– Sew 'n' Sews @ 9 a.m.
- April 25, 2018– Sew 'n' Sews @ 9 a.m.

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 happening 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

