

# Trinity Times

Trinity Lutheran Church

April 2018

## From the Pastor's Desk

Members of Trinity, God's Thankful People,

Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!

Thank you for worshipping the Risen Savior with each other and with me. On April 8 it was really pleasant to see so many pleasant and joyful faces in worship (the Sunday after Easter is usually what we call a "low Sunday"). That Sunday is one of the lowest attended Worship Services of the year. Thanks to God, we made it not so -THANKS!

The Christian challenge goes on though. We need to worship every opportunity that we have been given to us by God who truly TOUCHES US! That TOUCH of His is special. We see that on Easter Sunday, but also, on every Sunday after, as we celebrate Easter, the RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR, every week.

Even society and its research tells us that children who grow up without hugging and touching, abandoned, left alone a lot of the time, grow up at a slower pace, are sickly, have trouble socially, display more anger, and have depressed emotions. As we grow older we still need those hugs and touches in our life to be healthy.

That TOUCH we saw in Sunday's Gospel and Epistle as John writes, "Put your finger here; see My hands. Reach out your hand and put it into My side. Stop doubting and believe," John 20:27. Then John writes in 1 John 1:1, "That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have TOUCHED – this we proclaim concerning the Word of Life."

In life we need to be TOUCHED, hugged, loved, and cared for as if we are special. God saw that need and TOUCHED us with Himself. He made sure the disciples felt that TOUCH with His presence for 40 days, assuring them that He would be present always, "I will be with you always." He makes sure that we are TOUCHED as He continues to come into our lives through His Holy Word and Sacraments, through the constant worship of our Lord and Savior.

Continue to be TOUCHED AND BE IN TOUCH with the Resurrected Lord and King. See you every week around the Altar of the Lord to be blessed and TOUCHED with His body and blood for the forgiveness of sins and assurance of salvation; remember where there is forgiveness of sins there is eternal life where we TOUCH Him forever. God's blessings and peace...in TOUCH WITH OUR LORD.

See you at each of these great opportunities to strengthen our faith!

Peace in the Risen Savior, Pastor Thur

## Elders

The Elders met April 8, 2018 at 8 a.m. The concept of a bus to pick up worshippers was tabled for the time being. Pastor Thur will be attending a conference in Santa Fe and Pastor Dahl will serve Sunday May 6. The Elders received a report that TerryLynn and Michael Tito's project The Shepherd's New Staff is moving forward.

The next meeting of the Elders is Sunday May 6, 2018 at 8 a.m.

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.

## Trustees

Please check the large calendar in the vicinity of the narthex before you schedule an event using Trinity space as there are recurring events already scheduled.

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

As members of Trinity Lutheran Church, we trust and pray that God will help us find the shepherd He feels will guide us in His way. The Call Committee has been meeting frequently to continue in the search for our Pastor. We've generated a list of ten potential candidates. Following a suggestion from the District President, these men have been contacted to be sure that they are receptive to receiving a call if they're chosen. This group of 10 men have been submitted to District for additional information. While

we wait (and wait and wait) for a response, the committee will be keeping you informed as to who the candidates are and where we are as a congregation in the process. We also intend to keep in touch with each of the pastors to be sure they know we are still interested and to share information about Trinity church and preschool and about the community and surrounding area. If you have any questions or suggestions, please talk to Wayne Hite or one of the Council members.

### **Stewardship**

Without commands or even arm-twisting, St. Paul encourages the Church in Corinth to demonstrate the sincerity of their faith by their generosity in giving. He does this because giving generously is a gift of the Spirit given to us through the Gospel.

The problem is that the grace of generosity often grows cold in us. It is not so much that we stop giving, but we do not put it first. We treat it like all the other bills that must be paid. It becomes a chore, just one more thing to check off a list of things to do. That empties it of its spiritual power and robs us of the joy that Christ and the Scriptures assign to it.

Pay attention to what you give to the church so that you may excel at it. And if you find that your heart has grown cold or indifferent toward it, immerse yourself in God's Word. Read it at home. Attend Bible class. Hear and listen to it preached in the Divine service.  
Larry Gessner

### **Small Groups**

Please meet in the Fellowship Hall Sunday after church if you are interested in joining a

weekly group that meets to discuss or study the Christian faith. 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.

### **Fellowship**

Trudy Hooyman would like to thank everyone who has served treats during the Fellowship time after Worship on Sundays. If you would like to sign up to bring snacks, check the sign-up sheet on the pantry door in the Fellowship kitchen. She could also use some help on her committee. This would involve helping with organizing events and set up and clean up for Sunday and special events. Call Trudy at 880-2264.

### **Social Concerns**

A big thank you to all that continue to donate feminine items to RENEW! They are always thankful!

### **Auction & Fellowship Sunday**

Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup> is a 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday and therefore a Fellowship Sunday. There will be a potluck of some kind, so stay tuned. There will also be a Dessert Auction after the lunch to raise funds for Orphan Grain Train. The proceeds will be split between Orphan Grain Train and The Sew 'n' Sews for quilting supplies. The quilts will be sent off to OGT so they can disperse them as needed. In addition to desserts and baked goods, there will some miscellaneous items such as handmade items, plants, and etc for sale. If you wish to donate something to the Auction, check with Mary Mahaffey or Shar Short.

### **Rides Needed**

Are you willing to give a neighbor a ride to church? Several of our members lack transportation and need a lift from home to church and back home again on Sunday mornings. At the moment, all of the riders live in town, and most of us end up driving about once a month. If you're willing to lend a hand, please call Carol Sperling at 970-565-3212.

### **Shepherd's New Staff**

This street mission started by TerryLynn and Michael Tito ministers to the needs of the Cortez community by uniting church and community volunteers to make the community better.

### **Upcoming Events**

- April 25, 2018– Sew 'n' Sews @ 9 a.m.
- April 28, 2018 – Fellowship Sunday & Auction
- May 6, 2018 – Elders Meeting @ 8 a.m.
- May 8, 2018 – Church Council Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.
- May 9, 2018 - Sew 'n' Sews @ 9 a.m.

### **Newsletter and Website**

You can sign up for the monthly newsletter by sending your e-mail to Shar @ [shortstuff1950@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://www.trinitylutheranchurchcortez.com)