

# Trinity Times

Trinity Lutheran Church

August 2018

Dear Members of Trinity,

**“Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it,” What a glorious promise from God, Proverbs 22:6**

I used this passage a couple months ago but with school starting I figured a good reminder was needed to train ourselves in God's ways. We need to repeat this training often. How about daily? I believe God makes a promise to us, to take great care of us. We need to allow Him to do so.

Also, the Biblical references for the Sundays in August are based on John 6 where John tells us that Jesus is the Bread of Life. What is John telling us? He is telling us that the one bread that we need is our Savior Jesus Christ, crucified, risen, and ascended! The problem is that we go looking for different kinds of 'bread.' We would rather spend our time and money on bread that doesn't last. Every day we eat some kind of bread to sustain our bodies, but we don't go after the BREAD that will sustain and keep us for eternity. We need to train ourselves! We may say we do but how often do we miss out on what we really need.

We have many families who say they are training themselves and their families in God's ways. Just being a member of a church just doesn't make it. To feed upon the bread of life or to train one's family in God's ways is what we need. God provides for us to be trained. The only place that training and feeding takes place is in God's Word: worshipping regularly, reading God's Word, being involved in Bible studies, and taking part in God related activities.

This point is made in the following story of Field Marshall William Slim as he was leading his men of the British forces during the Burma campaign of W.W. II. Concerned about his men, he learned that one soldier was extremely distraught and despondent over news from home. He asked the senior chaplain to have a member of his staff to have a talk with the young man. Shortly afterward, the Field Marshall sent for the senior chaplain. He was dissatisfied and upset. He said, "One of your staff went to see the young man. He was very nice and even had a cup of tea with him, but he never showed the young soldier what he really needed." "And what was that?" the chaplain asked. Field Marshall Slim replied, "THE MAN ON THE CROSS!"

The Man on the Cross is what we need. You see! He is our "BREAD OF LIFE." Feed on him. Let Him bless us daily with the "BREAD" that will last for all eternity. Hopefully, we'll see you around the Altar of our Lord where in Word and Sacrament He feeds us and blesses us. Have a great time training our families in what they need and reap the eternal benefit of the Man on the Cross, the Bread of Life,

Peace,  
Pastor Thur

## Elders

The next meeting of the Elders is Sunday September 3, 2018 at 8 a.m.

The Elders are:

Roland Walter	882-7450
Ralph Wegner	565-3936
Josh Chittick	560-4785
Mark Johnson	570-7639
Bill Witthans	533-9055

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

## Trustees

A Work Day was held on Saturday, August 11 with 15

participants. We were able to remove the dead aspen in the preschool yard, trim several other trees on the church grounds, scrape and stain the courtyard portico, weed the front landscaping and the bark areas and clean the blinds in the sanctuary. A burger and hot dog BBQ was enjoyed by everyone at noon. Thanks to all our hard workers!

## Key Card Update

It's time to update the expiration date on your key card to the church. They are set

to expire the last day of August. Bring your key to church and we will change the date to the end of August 2019. It takes about 1 minute for the update. Give the key to Wayne Hite and enjoy a cup of coffee in the fellowship hall. If your key is damaged, bring it and we'll create a new key for you.

## Stewardship

This is the first thing we are given to confess about stewardship, and it has to do with ownership.

God owns everything, and we are simply managers – stewards – acting on His behalf. This is true not only of all that we have in this life but also all that we are in this life.

The rest flows from here. Since we are stewards, or managers, of what belongs to God, entrusted to make use of it according to His will, there is an expectation of responsibility and accountability.

For the Lord said, "Everyone to whom much is given, of him much will be required, and from him to whom they entrusted much, they will demand the more".

And from this comes blessing and reward: "Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master."

We have everything we need to support this body and life from our God's fatherly divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in us. We have everything we need for our spiritual life also from His merciful hands.

On account of the sacrifice of His Son, our Lord Jesus, through the preaching of the gospel and the administration of the sacraments, we have the forgiveness of sins, eternal life, and everlasting salvation delivered to us with absolute certainty that it is ours – not as stewards but as sons.

Let us then, as His own sons, press all that He gives to us into the service of His church and to His glory.

Larry Gessner



## Upcoming Events

•Sept 3, 2018 – Elders Meeting @ 8 a.m.  
Sept 11, 2018 – Church Council Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.  
Sept 30, 2018 – Fellowship Sunday

## Christian News

Christianity Today (christianitytoday.com) posted an online article August 1 entitled Pew: Why Americans Go to Church or Stay Home. They report that 2 out of 3 Americans go to church because of their kids, to feel better, or to become a better person. And even though the most important reason we go to church is to grow closer to God, 1 in 5 people say that they do not feel closer to God after attending.

Here are some demographics of regular worshippers:

- 71% pray daily
- 56% are women
- 55% are age 50 or older
- 31% are college graduates
- 45% identify as Democrats or lean that way. To read more go here:

<https://www.christianitytoday.com/news/2018/july/church-attendance-top-reasons-go-or-stay-home-pew.html>

Leaders in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints are calling on people to refer to the faith as Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and not Mormon or LDS. "The Lord has impressed upon my mind the importance of the name He has revealed for His Church, even The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints," church President Russell Nelson said in a statement. "We have work before us to bring ourselves in harmony with His will."

The Church has long proclaimed their faith as

Christian and this name campaign is designed to further that. The article also states that many Evangelical Christians do not view the faith as Christian. For more go to: <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-religion-mormon/do-not-call-us-mormons-or-lds-church-leaders-of-faith-ask-idUSKBN1L207C>

When asked about five ways that science can use genetic engineering on animals, many Americans express a reticence to mess with nature or "God's plan." Except when it comes to mosquitoes.

A [new survey](#) released by the Pew Research Center finds 7 in 10 Americans support genetically engineering mosquitoes to limit their reproduction, which would slow the spread of diseases such as malaria, dengue fever, and Zika virus. Evangelicals were equally supportive of the idea (69%), and Catholics even more so (75%).

Excerpted from:

<https://www.christianitytoday.com/news/2018/august/genetic-engineering-animals-mosquitoes-christian-views-pew.html>

## 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)