

# TRINITY TIMES

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Members of Trinity,

Greetings from the Baby Who changed everything!

Recently, while I was reading the person placed in front of me two ways to look at life, with God or without God. That is a choice we make every day, if not more often than that. Hopefully the Baby that blessed our lives at Christmas continues to change our lives every day. We have been blessed to have Him come to us, He came to

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save us. Because of Jesus we can now approach life in two ways. Prior to His coming there was only one way to approach life. That was without Him. Now, thanks to God we can make a conscious effort to allow the Baby to change our thinking, our doing; yes, our living.

A quick example is how we get up in the morning. We can either say, "Good Morning, Lord" or we can say, Good

Lord, it's morning." The way we approach each day tells a lot.

Luke tells us in Luke 11:28, "Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it." Right there Jesus tells us that we approach life in two ways. Do we just hear the Word of God and quit? Or do we hear the Word of God and live with that Word letting the Word influence the way we live. It is either with Christ or not! It is either for Christ or not! There is no in between. Jesus isn't impressed with fence sitting. We shouldn't either for John wrote In Revelation to the church in Laodicea, "*I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either one or the other. Because you are lukewarm, neither hot nor cold, I am about to spit you out of my mouth.*" Is that what we want? That is not what God wants for us, otherwise He would not have blessed us with His Son.

May we rethink the Gift every day and allow the Baby who changed everything to bless us and keep us day by day. God's blessings to all!  
Peace, Pastor Thur

P.S. If you want to see what this Baby did, join us for the Lenten Services coming in March every Wednesday evening. PLAN NOW to be present.

## CALL COMMITTEE REPORT

The final paperwork has been submitted to the Rocky Mountain District for consideration of placement for a 2019 seminary graduate. Rev. Schlechte, our District president, will sign this and add any comments he has prior to forwarding the packet on to the placement officers of each seminary. A decision on placements will be made by the Council of District Presidents in early April and announced on Call Day at each seminary. So we have 12 weeks to pray for God's will to be done.

### Elders

- Pastor Thur will conduct Chapel for the Preschool when he is in town.

- Pastor Thur will hold the Lenten services.
- A member of the Gideons will speak to Trinity on March 31, 2019.

▪ The elders will have a Bible study before the regular monthly meeting.

Mark Johnson	570-7639
Ralph Wegner	565-3936
Josh Chittick	560-4785
Bill Witthans	533-9055
Michael Merrit	564-4901
Burt Ramsey	565-3086
Bryan Baumgartner	562-4701
Roland Walter	882-7450

### Council

No report.

### Trustees

The 2019 trustees are:

Bruce Short (Head)	Jim Broderick
Kyle Riddell	Jerry Wittwer
Dale Cumpston	David Sperling
Andrew Riddell	Brian Rose

Please let any of these folks know if something is out of order or any facilities questions. Repair request forms are posted on the bulletin board by the upstairs restrooms between the narthex and the fellowship hall.

### Trinity Preschool

The Preschool has certain themes every month. February's theme uses the letters G, F, I, J; the oval shape; the color orange; the concepts of fast and slow and stop and go; transportation. Each age group also studies a set of numbers. They are celebrating Valentine's Day with a sack lunch. They are also having a book sale. On Monday, Feb 18, there will be no school in observance of President's weekend. Chapel will be held on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

### Mission & Social Concerns

Beth McCabe would like the congregation to begin thinking about Operation Christmas Child now and watching for sales and special deals on items to send in shoeboxes to kids located all over the world. She has a list available in the Fellowship Hall so check out some of her tips. The boxes will be shipped out in mid-November.

### Education & Youth

The Board of Education has been busy. We have started a Children's Church on Sundays. The idea came from the parents of the small children in our church. We have had it for a month so far, and we have had children in church every Sunday since we started! The lessons are given by volunteers from the Board of Education, but if anyone in the congregation would like to help out they can contact Robin Wolcott.

We also sent invitations to all the preschool parents inviting them to church. The invitation went home, is posted by the sign-in sheets at the preschool, and will be put up on their Facebook page.

We have started offering chapel for the older children on Wednesday afternoons at 2:00 pm. While chapel has been offered in the mornings, there hasn't been a way to get the older children involved. We have also asked Pastor Thur to add chapel to the days he comes up to visit the shut-ins. He is agreeable to this idea. Also, if anyone is willing to help out with chapel in either the mornings or the afternoons, we would love to have them. The help could involve just sitting with the children, helping with activities, and/or giving the message. Please contact Robin Wolcott.

### Stewardship

No report.

### Fellowship

Fellowship would like to announce that the Mancos FFA (Future Farmers of America) kids will be providing and serving treats on February 17th. They will be dressed in their uniforms and are excited to volunteer. Let's make them feel welcomed!!

### Prayer Group

The Prayer Group is meeting in the sanctuary on Wednesday mornings at 7 a.m. The front door will be open from 7 to 8 a.m. so that anyone can join the Prayer Group or pray on your own.

### Altar Flowers

Flower Cottage brings flower arrangements to put on the altar each week. Members can sign up to sponsor favorite dates on a list in the narthex. The cost per Sunday is \$25. If no one signs up, the cost of the flowers is taken from the Trinity budget. The hope is that the cost of the flowers for the year will be paid by congregational members so that the budgeted flower money can go for other church costs. Anyone who pays for the flowers can take them home or donate them elsewhere. Any payments should be made to Trinity Lutheran with "Flowers" in the for line. Please note that there will not be flowers on the altar during the Lenten season. If you have any comments about the use of flowers on the altar or questions, please see Diana Hoehn.

### Dates to Remember

Feb 13, 2019 – Sew 'n' Sews @ 9 a.m.  
Feb 17, 2019 – Mancos FFA kids serve Fellowship time after the Worship service.  
Feb 27, 2019 – Sew 'n' Sews @ 9 a.m.  
Mar 3, 2019 – Elders Meeting @ 8 a.m.  
Mar 6, 2019 – Ash Wednesday  
Mar 12, 2019 – Church Council Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.  
April 21, 2019 – Easter Sunday

### 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)