

TRINITY TIMES

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Greetings Trinity in the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, Will you enjoy the day with your family? Will the day be different than any other? "Don't be alarmed," he said, "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here (in the grave). See the place where they laid Him. But go tell His disciples He is Risen!" Mark 16:6 and 7a

REJOICE!! CHRIST is RISEN!

Christians around the world will worship on Easter Sunday wherever they are. Why? Because Christians have a LIVE hero, death and the grave couldn't hold Him. The heavenly Father saw to that. He raised Him from the dead! Because He rose and is alive we rise to a new life, now and forever.

Building to this day was the Season of Lent which help Christians to celebrate this grand Day. During Lent Christians

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worshipped and saw how Jesus kept the Law perfectly, suffered extreme agony, and above all the agony of being forsaken by the Father, and then died in our place for the sins we have committed and still commit.

Easter is the joy of Christ rising from the dead! We get to live, thanks to God!

I don't believe there is a Christian who wouldn't agree with this. But I am puzzled about something. It starts with me. Oh, yes, I am a Pastor and SHOULD be in church every Sunday! Seriously, I believe each and every Sunday is a grand Easter celebration. But the real reason I am in worship is because God the Holy Spirit called me to believe in Jesus Christ. With that faith I am alive. But my sin still clings to me and says I don't need to worship. I'm saved whether I worship Jesus or not. So why do I worship?

Christians who worship regularly FIND REASONS why they should be present in Christ's Church. One reason is enough. God's Word continually reminds me of how He saved us. When present we hear God's Word and have our faith strengthened so we can help build up the body of Christ.

The other side of the puzzle, after giving believers a reason to worship – what is the reason for some believers, to not worship every Sunday. Where else can believers be strengthened and fortified in God's Word.

May the Holy Spirit continue to empower the Church of Jesus Christ to believe, to live, and to love as Christ loved us! May God bless us in the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. He conquered death and the grave for us! Now we can enjoy God's Peace! Have a Blessed Easter/Resurrection of our Lord...every Sunday.

Peace, Pastor Thur

LCMS CALL DAY

Call Day services for Concordia Theological Seminary Ft. Wayne and at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis are coming up soon. Although we have applied for a pastoral candidate, there is no guarantee we will receive one.

- Ft. Wayne - **Pastoral Ministry Candidate Call Service:** April 30, 2018, at 7 p.m. (EDT)
Stream the Concordia Theological Seminary call services online: callday.ctsfw.edu
- St. Louis - **Service of Praise with Assignment of Calls:** May 1, 2019, at 7 p.m. (CDT)
Stream the Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, call services online: callday.csl.edu

Elders

At the May 5, 2019 Elders Meeting, we will begin a study on "Pastors and Elders Caring for the Church and One Another". This will give a good overview of our roles in the Church.

The Christ Candle will be lit before anyone gets to the sanctuary from now on. Pastor Thur has suggested this as the proper procedure.

Visitors who might enter the church to disrupt our worship was a discussion point. There is more in the Council notes on this.

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Council

Church Council meetings are open for anyone to attend. If you have an item for the Church Council's consideration please get with an officer to get on the agenda.

Our annual Easter Breakfast will again be served between the 6:30 AM Sunrise Service and our regular 9:00 AM service on Easter morning. This joyous day also seems to bring more guest than usual and we want everyone to know Trinity welcomes them.

Did you know that Trinity receives a bonus periodically, based on where you shop? If you're a City Market shopper, please register your City Market shoppers card and make Trinity Lutheran Church your charity of choice. If you buy on Amazon, please add "Amazon Smiles" to your account, with Trinity selected as your charity of choice, then shop through the Amazon Smiles portal (which you can set up to load automatically when you sign into Amazon.) Both firms send a small portion of their profit to the charities selected.

Last Sunday, Pastor described a "Hymn-sing" strategy that we can use if someone should enter church and begin to disrupt the service. This strategy involves two hymns: "A Mighty Fortress is Our God" and "Stand up, Stand up for Jesus". The hymn numbers are posted on the bottom row of the hymn board up front and the numbers will stay there from week to week...just in case. If you hear the organist start to play either hymn, grab your hymnal, open it up, and sing out! Pastor and the Elders will handle the problem, and meantime, our job is to sing praises to the Lord.

Just a reminder about communion: we offer both individual cup and common cup, as well as a grape juice option. If you bring Christian guests who would like to attend communion, please explain the options.

Trustees

The trustees have worked on the rain and snow diverters on the roof above the AC units to better divert rain and snowmelt away from the units and stop leakage into the ceiling. Once we are sure the leakage has been stopped we will repair the leak areas in the ceiling.

The new playground equipment for the preschool was installed by Ben Wolcott with much assistance by many others. The preschoolers are enjoying the new slides, climbing towers and swings.

Lawn watering will probably begin about the first of May, depending on how much precipitation we get through April.

The 2019 trustees are:

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

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.

Treasurer Notes

Recently I was asked what the best way is to make financial donations to Trinity. To start, answer this basic question: who pays our Pastors, pays the electric bill, keeps the heat on, and pays to have the parking lot plowed in winter? **YOU** do, with your faithful donations. We do not have other regular sources of income. Instead, we are Christians who reflect the Lord's blessings to us by our regular gifts back to the Lord, given at Trinity. THANK YOU!

You can make donations to Trinity in cash, by personal check, or by automatic drafts generated by your bank, based on your instructions. If you wish to remain anonymous in your giving, cash is best. However, in January the church Treasurer generates a record of donations from the previous year for all donors who identify themselves. There are three options that will help me record that information correctly: Option 1: donate via a personal or bank-generated check in your name, made out to Trinity Lutheran Church. (Bank-generated checks are usually mailed by the bank to Trinity's address: 208 N. Dolores Road, Cortez, CO 81321) Option 2: ask me for a box of donation envelopes that include a number that I will assign to you for the year--this works well for cash. Option 3: put your donation into your own envelope and include your name.

How often you bring your donation is completely up to you and the Lord: about half of us give a smaller amount every week, and the other half of us make larger monthly or bi-monthly donations. Those with irregular income donate when they are able. Most of Trinity's bills are due every month, however, so giving regularly--at an interval that works for you--helps us meet our commitments.

As other questions about Trinity's finances arise that might be of interest to others, I'll use the newsletter to try to answer them. Please let me know what you might be wondering about!

Carol Sperling

Mission & Social Concerns

Social Concerns: Thank you to you those who have contributed feminine hygiene and bath towels to Renew. They were very pleased for the donations, especially the bath towels.

The Good Samaritan Center was very grateful for our Food Drive. The number of clients have increased. Thank you to all!

Education & Youth

The Board of Education wants everyone to notice that in each pew there are now sheets of scrap paper for bookmarking the hymnals and Bible to make it easier to follow along during the service. The papers are behind the prayer requests, and there are several in each slot. Please feel free to use them.

We want to thank all of our volunteers who make the children's church happen each week! Children ages 3-9 are welcome to go downstairs, partway through the service, and have a Bible study geared to them. If there is anyone who would like to volunteer to be one of the teachers, please talk to Robin Wolcott. We would love to have you!!

We want to let everyone know that **there will be no children's church on Easter Sunday**, but we will have handouts for the children to work on in the pews.

We sent home invitations to all the preschoolers inviting them to Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday services. The invitations had a short explanation for what each service is about. Also, Debra Ramsey created a beautiful electronic invitation to our Easter Sunday services that is posted on the preschool Facebook page. If you are on Facebook, **please share this invitation**, so that it can be seen by more people!

Preschool News

April Letters are Y, Q, U; the shape is Octagon; the color is White; the Concepts Big/Small. Themes: Spring, Plant Life, Air, Rain and Sunshine. Each age Group also studies a set of Numbers. Chapel is held on Wednesday and Thursday. We also have our Board Meeting April 16th @ 4 p.m.

Prayer Time

A Prayer Group is meeting in the sanctuary on Wednesday mornings at 7:30 a.m. The front door will be open from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. so that anyone can join the Prayer Group or pray on their own.

Did you forget to bring your glasses to church? No problem! Trinity now has a box of readers on the table in the narthex. There are glasses in every prescription. Just look for the big googly eyed box! Thanks to Doc Burnison for keeping an eye on us!

Dates to Remember

April 18, 2019 – Maundy Thursday Service @ 7:00 p.m.
April 19, 2019 – Good Friday Service @ 7:00 p.m.
April 21, 2019 – Easter Sunday Services @ 6:30 & 9:00 a.m.
April 24, 2019 - Sew 'n' Sews @ 9 a.m.
May 2, 2019 – Elders Meeting @ 8 a.m.
May 8, 2019 - Sew 'n' Sews @ 9 a.m.
May 22, 2019 - 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. 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