

TRINITY TIMES

From the Pastor's Desk

With joy and praise in my heart, I've started my time as your Pastor here at Trinity Lutheran Church. After just under two weeks in Cortez, my family and I are slowly starting to get to know the joys and pleasures of living in this community and we are also starting to take advantage of some of the wonderful Mexican food that Cortez has to offer!

But all of the wonderful things that we've experienced at Trinity and in this community, so far, are only a small part of the joy and praise in my heart. You see, the true joy, the true praise that I'm experiencing is the joy in knowing that we've been redeemed by Christ. The joy in proclaiming that Gospel message to Trinity Lutheran Church and to Cortez and the rest of Montezuma County.

We can be joyful because Christ has taken us out of the kingdom of evil and darkness and placed us into the very Kingdom of God on earth, the rule and reign of heaven on earth, the kingdom and domain where we can rejoice with all the saints. We can be joyful because Christ has claimed us and made us His own. We can give praise and thanks to God because we are His children. All our joy flows from this. By the grace of God, we are His and through that relationship, we are empowered to show that joy, praise, and thankfulness to those around us. Sometimes we might not feel the joy, but it is at those times that we can remember God's grace doesn't depend on us. It depends on the love and promise of God - the love of God the Father who gave His only son for us and the promise of the good news of the Gospel that you have been redeemed.

I'm beyond happy and thankful to serve Trinity Lutheran Church and this community, but my true joy is getting to share the Gospel with YOU!

Your Servant, Pastor Scheele

Elders

Elders meetings will now be held on the first Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Meetings will include a Bible study and end at 8 p.m.

The frequency of Holy Communion is one of the topics of discussion. As Pastor becomes acquainted with Trinity and its workings, more topics will be addressed.

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Burt Ramsey	565-3086
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Council – No Report

Trustees

There has been a lot of activity in the care and feeding of the Trinity campus over the past several weeks.

- The Trinity signs have been re-stained and Pastor Sheele's name added.
- The Preschool swamp cooler has been re-plumbed and started for the summer season.
- The front sprinkler anti-siphon device has been replaced and the sprinkler valves replaced, plus a leaky line repaired.
- The A/C units have had filters and drive belts replaced and the condensate lines re-plumbed.
- Weeds have been pulled and shrubs pruned.

Family Picture Time

It's time for an update of the Picture Wall in the Fellowship Hall! And there will also be an updated directory. Gather your family and come July 25 from 5:15 – 7:30 or July 28 after the Worship service until noon. The location is downstairs. There is no cost for the photo session, but if you want to purchase photos, there will be a chance to choose a package.

Questions? Check in with Nicci at nicci.crowley@gmail.com or call 970-570-9372.

- The Preschool's non-functioning sink disposal unit has been removed.
- The cracked kitchen flooring tiles have been replaced.

Many thanks to Dave Sperling who did a lot of this work along with the others who volunteered in the June work day and with various other projects over the past months. The Trustees appreciate all the efforts!

Projects upcoming during the remainder of the summer include installing new anti-backflow valves in the main water lines as now required by the City of Cortez; spot re-texturing the ceiling in the Sanctuary; installing pressure-relief vessels in the main water lines; re-striping the parking lot; repairing shingle damage on the fellowship hall roof; and beginning to replace damaged screens on the Preschool windows.

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.

Mission & Social Concerns

We have had a busy summer but please remember Operation Christmas Child. November will be here before we know it and we are in need of everything for the boxes and so far little has been given. Back to school has started so many summer things are on sale. Please add OCC to your shopping lists.

The Treasurer

Pastor Scheele has suggested the following schedule for Sunday mornings, after consulting with the folks who are involved with Fellowship, Choir, and Children's Church. This is much like it's always been, just clarifies timing a bit. We hope this will encourage everyone to stay for Bible Study if possible, and make it a little easier for the kitchen volunteers as well.

Church begins, as always, at 9 a.m. As always, choir will meet briefly, immediately after the service ends. Also as usual, Fellowship will begin right after the service. At 10:45, Adult Bible Study begins in the Sanctuary rather than downstairs, and will wrap up by 11:45 a.m.

During July, Pastor will lead some less formal sessions at Bible Study at 10:45 a.m. in the sanctuary, then start a study series in August. If you have areas of special interest for your own growth, please share those with him, and join in Bible Study if your schedule allows -

it's another opportunity to worship the Lord by learning more about Him. Thanks!

Carol Sperling

Fellowship

Sign up for sides for the Annual Trinity Lutheran Church Picnic coming up **Sunday, July 21st!** Burgers and hot dogs provided. The Fellowship Board will be serving hamburgers and hot dogs.

Also, check out the Sunday Fellowship sign up sheet in the kitchen. It's always fun to see what wonderful food will be available after the church service.

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

July 21, 2019 – Church Picnic @ 11 a.m.
 July 25, 2019 – Picture Taking Session from 5:15 to 7 p.m.
 July 28, 2019 – Picture Taking Session from 10:15 to Noon.
 August 5, 2019 – Elders Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.

Lutheran Church Missouri Synod

This year is a busy one for the LCMS. Here are some events that have been held along with some to come.

- The 2019 Youth Gathering is currently happening in Minneapolis MN. During the five days of the Gathering, youth spend time together in God's word, worship, service, and fellowship with others from across the synod. To learn more go [here](#).
- The Rev. Dr. Matthew C. Harrison, having received 51.76 percent of the votes cast, is the president-elect of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) for a fourth term of office, 2019–2022. According to the article you can find [here](#), there is a new timeline and process for electing the President. President Harrison was elected prior to the Convention.
- The LCMS Convention will be held in Tampa FL July 20-25, 2019. To find out more, try this [link](#).
- The 2019 National Rural & Small Town Mission Conference will be held November 14 to November 16, 2019. The speakers and sessions will build on the theme "Running With Endurance: Eyes Fixed On Jesus" and will address the blessings and challenges facing rural and small-town congregations. Check [here](#) for more info.

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