

TRINITY TIMES

From the Pastor's Desk

As the summer draws to a close, I'm reminded how this season of our lives is also drawing to a close as the academic season begins. There are so many things in life that seem to end and begin with the season. Summer vacations, family visits, school, and work to name a few. As we move into these times of transition, I thank the Lord that he is present with us through the stress of change. He has surrounded us by His love. His love, that he displays through the created means he has placed in our lives.

One of the things he has placed in your lives to show his love is the church and as the author of Hebrews puts it, a "great cloud of witnesses" (Heb 12:1). The Lord has used this cloud of witnesses to show you the wonders of His love. Think back in your life, who has stood out for you in that cloud of witnesses. Was it your grandmother, your father, your older sister? Who has God used to show you His love?

As we move out of summer, I'm also reminded of the many Christians whose lives have drawn to a close. They have gone before us waiting and resting in Christ for the resurrection and life eternal. They are still part of that cloud of witnesses. When you draw close to the church each Sunday you are also drawing close to them. They are with Christ and Christ is with us. As he says, where two or three are gathered together, there I am with you. If Christ is with us, then we have no need to worry or fear about the stress of change. He surrounds us with His love. He surrounds us with His Church and what a great cloud of witnesses it is. Thanks be to God that we can rest in His arms. — Your Servant, Pastor Scheele

Elders

For September the Elders will meet September 9 at 6:30 p.m. However, the Elders meetings will now be held on the first Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. unless there is a holiday. Meetings will include a Bible study and end at 8 p.m.

Mark Johnson	570-7639
Ralph Wegner	565-3936
Josh Chittick	560-4785
Michael Merrit	739-5353
Burt Ramsey	565-3086
Bryan Baumgartner	562-4701
Roland Walter	882-7450

Council – No Report

Trustees

Some of the projects taken on over the past month:

- Installing pressure-relief vessels on the main water lines
- Replacing the toilet valve unit in Pastor's restroom
- Pre-work planning on the anti-backflow valve installation on the main water line

Many thanks to all who have worked on various projects over the past months. The Trustees appreciate all the efforts! Projects upcoming during the remainder of the summer include installing the new anti-backflow valves in the main water lines now required by the City of Cortez; spot re-texturing the ceiling in the Sanctuary; re-striping the parking lot; and repairing shingle damage on the fellowship hall roof. 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.

Fellowship

Check out the Sunday Fellowship sign up sheet in the kitchen to take a Sunday to provide treats after the Worship service. It's always fun to see what wonderful food will be available after the church service.

Mission & Social Concerns

Social Concerns: Renew appreciated our monthly donation of female hygiene products. They continue to need hand and bath towels, dental supplies, and combs/brushes.

Good Samaritan Center to be busy with many new clients. If you would like to volunteer anytime Monday-Thursday for 2-hours, please contact Kristen at 989 444 0007.

This Spring our church made a contribution to Ysleta Lutheran Mission in El Paso, Texas and will make another contribution this fall. We also made a contribution to Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, Navajo, New Mexico. These contributions were earmarked to be used wherever it was needed most. You can read the thank you notes posted on the bulletin board.

There is a flyer from San Juan Bible Camp regarding a "Ladies Day" retreat posted on the bulletin board if you may be interested in attending.

Sew 'n' Sews

Anyone who likes to quilt and sew is welcome to help with the basic, tied quilts that we make the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month. September 11 will be our first session of the season. If you prefer to work at home, we can furnish a kit of squares that can be sewn when you have the time. We will also be holding an Auction in the future. If you like crafting, we would love to have donations for the Auction. See Shar or Mary for any questions. We send the quilts to [Orphan Grain Train](#) in Norfolk NE and send along most of the money we make from Auctions. We keep a small amount for batting and other supplies.

Stewardship Thought

Luke 14:11 – **"For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."** The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. That's called humility. The Lord is God, and we are not. With that in mind, how could we not seek to follow His Word in all aspects of life? He knows what He is talking about; we don't. If you believe that, then striking out on a path of faithfulness in the realm of stewardship is a lot easier. It just makes sense. [Credit](#)

Ladies Bible Study

The Monday afternoon Ladies Bible Study has had a break for the past month and will resume September 16, 2019 at 1:30 p.m. The new Study will be the Gospel of John. These studies are a great way to get to know the Bible, God's Word to us. If you would like more info, see Lisa Wegner.

Prayer Group

The Prayer Group gained a new member last month. Pastor has joined our group! This a good way to share with other believers your concerns and cares as well as those of others. We give it all to the Lord God in our human way and trust that he will know our hearts and spirits. Wednesdays at 7:30 a.m. is our meeting time. It's a great way to start the day.

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

Sept 9, 2019 – Elders Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.
Sept 11, 2019 – Sew 'n' Sews @ 9 a.m.
Sept 16, 2019 – Ladies Bible Study resumes @ 1:30 p.m.
Sept 25, 2019 – Sew 'n' Sews @ 9 a.m.

August

August is a month that does not have a lot of status. Most children fear its arrival because they have to go back to school. The term Dog Days of Summer can apply. It's often hot but mid-way through the month we start sensing Fall is on the way. It was originally called Sextillis for its placement in the calendar in the early Roman empire but later became the 8th month and was renamed August after the first emperor of Rome.

Here are some important August happenings that I know you will want to add to your calendar.

Aug 2 – International Beer Day
Aug 15 – International Relaxation Day
Aug 21 - International Day of Remembrance and Tribute to The Victims of Terrorism
Aug 22 – National Tooth Fairy Day
Aug 24 – National Waffle Day
Aug 28 – National Bow Tie Day

In addition, August is National Immunization Awareness Month and National Win with Civility Month which are certainly the more important items on the list to observe. Perhaps thinking of the everyday blessings you receive could also be an August activity. God is good.

Thought for the month

You can be glad in the same clothes you got mad in.

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