

# TRINITY TIMES

## From the Pastor's Desk

"Godliness with contentment is great gain" (1 Tim 6:6). We have been talking a lot, at Sunday worship services and bible studies, about what it means to live out the Christian life. And this short verse from Paul's 1st letter to Timothy speaks about the same thing. You see, Godliness is not about trying to be like God, but instead living in the way God wants you to. In the context of this verse Godliness is referring to the idea that God has given each of us a staggering number of blessings, but yet we act like we can't see them, or if we do recognize them, we act like these blessings are owed to us; and what's more, we think God is past due on His next blessings payment. But the Apostle Paul tells us to be content with what we have been given. We are intended to be stewards of the gifts that God has put us in charge of. In other words, "Godliness with contentment" is living out a life of Christian stewardship. This means in our finances, in our friendships, in our time, in our talents, and in our lives, we are to use God's blessings in a way that is pleasing to their owner (God). By practicing Godliness, we can live in the joy of knowing that our actions as God's stewards benefit our neighbor. They show God's love to those around us and they help to spread the witness of our Creator's goodness and steadfast love. Paul calls you "to be rich in good works" (1 Tim 6:18) towards your neighbor, because God has already blessed you beyond your ability to comprehend by sending His Son to live, die, and rise from the dead so that you might have the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation. And that is truly something you can be content in.

Your Servant, Pastor Scheele

## Elders

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

The discussions have included Communion and Baptism. As Pastor becomes acquainted with Trinity and its workings, more topics will be addressed.

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## Council

Beth reported the tours of The Bridge were very impressive and the missions group will go forward with a monthly donation that they requested to better the work they are doing there and in our community. There was a need for utensils for those that qualify for the apartments; if anyone wants to know more please contact The Bridge.

Robin reported that the Education Group will be sponsoring a "Reformation Day" Event on Nov. 1 at 5:45 PM. The event will be for families and will be similar to a fall carnival with games and booths. Short films will be shown about Martin Luther. And in true Lutheran fashion there will be beer and root beer to toast to our many blessings!

## Family Picture Time

For those who had their pictures taken in July, they are available to view. Here is the information to log on to view the images. Go to our website at <http://ngcphotography.com/photocart> and click the Access Gallery link and enter in the access code: Access code: Trinity2019. You can pay via PayPal right on the site if you're interested in ordering some prints for family. You can also leave a check in my box at church - "Crowley". I will be placing orders for the next two weeks on Wednesday evenings so I can deliver pictures the next Sunday (barring any shipping issues). For those who weren't available, or might want their picture re-taken, I will be planning another Sunday to photograph towards the end of September, first part of October.

Questions? Check in with Nicci at [nicci.crowley@gmail.com](mailto:nicci.crowley@gmail.com) or call 970-570-9372.

There was a presentation from Kevin Grein of the Lutheran Church Extension Fund on what they can do for us as a church. Handouts will soon be available in the Narthex. There were, of course, investment opportunities but also scholarships and youth savings that was nice to hear were available.

### Trustees

The trustees are progressing in the backflow preventer installation. The water line has been dug out and the area fenced and we have a bid from a plumber. We plan to have everything installed and buttoned up in the next couple of weeks.

We are planning a fall clean-up and fix-up day Saturday October 12 from 9 am to 3 pm. We'll be pruning shrubs and trees, pulling weeds, cleaning out gutters and blowing out the lawn sprinklers. We'll also have pizza for lunch! Please come for as much time as you feel like.

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

Below is a list of the items we collect for the Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. Anything you can contribute is greatly appreciated.

- \* Hygiene items - bar soap, washcloths, toothbrushes, combs
- \* Clothing - shirts, socks
- \* School supplies - #2 pencils, erasers, pencil sharpeners, scissors, spiral notebooks, crayons, colored pencils,
- \* Activity items - coloring and puzzle books, small cars and trucks, small rubber balls, card games, small stuffed animals, any small toy item you may find. Please use your own judgment.
- \* Remember, nothing battery operated, nothing with camouflage markings. No toothpaste or liquids.

I want to try a new approach for collecting these items by designating certain things each week. I would like to start with the hygiene items for collection on Sunday, September 15th.

Thanks, Beth McCabe



### Trinity Lutheran Preschool

September's themes are learning about ourselves and others, getting to know one another, self-concept, and friends and school. The letters are S, M, T; the color is red; the shape is circle; concepts are happy/sad and inside/outside. The Bible stories are, God made the world, God made animals, The Fall into Sin, and Noah and the Flood.

Currently, there is a paper drive going on for the Preschool. Paper towels, tissues, and basic copy paper are some of the items needed for the year.

**The Treasurer** – No report

### Board of Education

We are looking for volunteers to help with Children's Church. Anyone who is interested can talk to Robin Wolcott. We try to make it very doable for anyone willing to help. We typically have been having between two to six children on Sunday morning.

### Fellowship

There will be a 5th Sunday Potluck on Sunday September 29, 2019 after the Worship Service. Check the sign-up sheet on the Narthex bulletin Board. (Editor's note: it's almost to October!)

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!

### Thought for the Month

Prayer is asking for rain and faith is carrying an umbrella.

Barbara Johnson

### Dates to Remember

Sept 25, 2019 – Sew 'n' Sews @ 9 a.m. in Ruth Guild room.

Sept 29, 2019 – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Potluck after Worship Service

Oct 8, 2019 – Elders Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.

Oct 9, 2019 – Sew 'n' Sews @ 9 a.m. in Ruth Guild room.

Oct 12, 2019 – Fall Clean Up Day from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Oct 23, 2019 – Sew 'n' Sews @ 9 a.m. in Ruth Guild room.

Nov 1, 2019 – Reformation Day Celebration @ 5:45 p.m.

Nov 2, 2019 – Deadline to order Family Photo

### 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)