

TRINITY TIMES

From the Pastor's Desk

"Preach the word; be ready in season and out of season" (2 Timothy 4:2a). The Apostle Paul writes these words to Timothy at possibly the worst possible time in Paul's life. Paul sits in prison and his hopes of release are focused not on freedom in this life, but freedom in the life to come. Yet Paul encourages Timothy and us; even in times of change and in times of persecution; even in times of trouble and in times of distress; even in times of pain and in times of sadness; even in times of stress and in times of busyness; in Summer or in fall to "preach the word." Share the Good News of salvation with your neighbor; share forgiveness with your friend. Spend time in season and out of season proclaiming the Good News of Christ and His victory over sin, death, and the Devil with all people around you. You are the messenger God has sent to them. You are the light God has sent to their prison of darkness. As we change seasons and prepare for the coming winter, take time to prepare your neighbor for Christ's second coming. Be ready to share the good news with them. And get ready by allowing the Word of God to flow through you in daily devotions and bible readings, and in weekly worship with your fellow Brothers and Sisters in Christ. Be ready, by getting ready at Church this month. Because this Gospel is for you as well. Be ready for Christ to work in your life, to grant you forgiveness and grace. As you go about the work of God's church remember that despite your best efforts to be ready you will fail and be in just as much need of God's forgiveness as the people you are proclaiming the Gospel to. You are forgiven so that you too can be ready in season and out of season. So, join us this month as we "Preach the Word".

Your Servant, Pastor Scheele

Elders

Discussion on security of the church building resulted in the Elders making sure the church is locked after church services. The Elders are progressing with the Bible study of Pastors and Elders.

Sunday November 17, 2019 will be Women's Sunday at Trinity. LWML and Women's activities will be highlighted. Women will help with ushering and Communion. The quilts will be blessed to be sent out to those in need in the world.

There will be a New Member Class beginning Saturday October 19 from 8:30 a.m. till 2:00 p.m. If you would like to join the church, learn more about Lutheranism or just take a refresher course, this will be the class to attend. Lunch & snacks will be provided.

The Elders next meetings will be held November 4, 2019 @ 6:30 p.m. 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 Merritt	739-5353
Burt Ramsey	565-3086
Bryan Baumgartner	562-4701
Roland Walter	882-7450

Council

The Council announced there will be the annual Fall Voters Meeting after the Worship Service on November 10, 2019. This meeting will include the Election of 2020 Officers & establishment of Committee members as well as the 2020 Trinity Budget.

Installation of Officers and Committee members will be at the beginning of January 2020, and a final date will be chosen soon.

The next Council Meeting will be January 14, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

Trustees

The Fall Cleanup Day was held on October 12 and we had a dozen folks out to help. We raked a lot of leaves from the front lawn and Preschool area, removed the dead aspen tree next to Ms. Gabe's classroom, cleaned the building gutters and patched the ceiling in the sanctuary where leaking had damaged the texture. Tom Ewy made pizzas for lunch with homemade sauce and veggies from his garden – they were great! Thank you, Tom, and all who came out to help!

The backflow preventer valve has been installed behind the preschool and we now need to build a protective cover and install electrical wiring for the heat tape. That will be done over the next several weeks before it gets really cold.

The lawn irrigation system is shut off for the winter, so our lawns will start going dormant. If the weather continues to stay dry, we will probably do some watering with hoses to keep the grass alive.

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.

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 several weeks on Wednesday evenings so I can deliver pictures the next Sunday (barring any shipping issues). The deadline for ordering is Nov 2, 2019. Questions? Check in with Nicci at nicci.crowley@gmail.com or call 970-570-9372.

Mission & Social Concerns

Diana Hoehn is resigning from the Board of Good Samaritan Center in Cortez. She will continue to pick up Safeway goods on Tuesdays and help with food distribution on Wednesdays. If you are interested in the Good Samaritan Center or Social Concerns, please talk to Diana.

Below is a list of the items we collect for the Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. Anything you can contribute is greatly appreciated. A big thank you to everyone who has contributed so far.

- * 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.

Thanks, Beth McCabe

Trinity Lutheran Preschool

October themes for Trinity Lutheran Preschool are: Apples, Harvest time & the Farm, Colors/Foods, Fall, and Halloween. The letters are P, L, A, C; Color is blue; Shape is Square, Concept is On & Off; Bible Stories are Samuel, David & Jonathon, Naaman is healed, and Daniel & the Lions.

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

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!

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 between two to six children on Sunday morning.

Fellowship

There will be a Reformation Potluck on Sunday October 27, 2019 after the Worship Service. Check the sign-up sheet on the Narthex bulletin Board.

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.

Advent Services and Soup Suppers

Are you noticing that 2019 time has flown? This won't make you feel any better about that, but it will allow for planning for the 2019 Holidays. Advent officially begins Sunday November 29, 2019. We will also hold Soup Suppers preceding the Services. December 4, 11, 18 are the Wednesdays of Advent so plan to come to the Soup Supper at 6 p.m. and the Worship Service at 7 p.m. There will be sign up sheets coming for signing up for hosting.



Sew 'n' Sews

Sunday November 17 will be the Sunday the newest batch of quilts will be dedicated. There will also be a dessert auction right after the Worship Service with Pastor Scheele as Auctioneer. There will be some items to purchase or place a silent bid on. The majority of funds always go along with the quilts to Orphan Grain Train in Norfolk, NE. We do keep a small amount out for supplies like batting and quilt backs. We hope you'll enjoy joining us for the Auction which can get a little competitive on some offerings. If you wish to contribute a dessert, please bring it Sunday morning and put a label of some kind on it describing the entry.

SnSs are only holding one quilt day in November as the 4th Wednesday is the day before Thanksgiving. Instead we will hold a Banner making day on Wednesday November 20, from 9 a.m. to noon. There will be little sewing and we will need handy hands to help cut out and assemble some banners to display in the Fellowship Hall, hopefully reducing the noise in the Hall. If you have felt pieces or yardage that you would like to donate for this cause, please see Mary or Shar, or place it in the Ruth Guild Room with an identifying label.

The Bridge Homeless Shelter

The Grand Opening of the new Bridge Shelter is Saturday October 19, 2019 at 735 Park St in Cortez. The Ceremony is at 1:30 p.m. and Public Tours begin at 2:00 pm. Refreshments will be served. This is a wonderful new building so come and see it and hear how it will be used.

From the Trinity Librarian

Feeling rushed in the morning? With no time to spare? What about 5 minutes? In just 5 minutes, "First 5", a free app developed by Proverbs 31 Ministries will help you give God the first five minutes of each day. Go to Google or Apple stores, search for "first 5 app" and install it on your iPhone, iPad, or iPod touch or any of your Android devices. I have an Amazon Fire tablet and it installed to that also.

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

"I have held many things in my hands, and I have lost them all, but whatever I have placed in God's hands, that I still possess."

Martin Luther

Dates to Remember

- Oct 19, 2019 – New Member Class @ 8:30 a.m.
- Oct 19, 2019 – The Bridge Opening @ 1:30 p.m.
- Oct 23, 2019 – Sew 'n' Sews @ 9 a.m. in Ruth Guild room.
- Oct 27, 2019 – Reformation @ Trinity Lutheran with Potluck following.
- Nov 1, 2019 – Reformation Day Celebration @ 5:45 p.m.
- Nov 2, 2019 – Deadline to order Family Photos
- Nov 4, 2019 – Elders Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.
- Nov 10, 2019 – Voters Meeting @ 10:00 a.m. after Worship
- Nov 13, 2019 – Sew 'n' Sews @ 9 a.m. in Ruth Guild room.
- Nov 17, 2019 – Women's Sunday & Dessert Auction
- Nov 20, 2019 – Banner Workday @ 9 a.m. in Ruth Guild Room
- Nov 29, 2019 – Advent begins
- Jan 14, 2020 – Church Council Meeting @ 6:30 p.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