

# TRINITY TIMES

## **From the Pastor's Desk**

<sup>12</sup> Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. <sup>13</sup> But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. ... <sup>6</sup> Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, <sup>7</sup> casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. ... <sup>10</sup> And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. <sup>11</sup> To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen. (1 Peter 4:12–13, 5:6, 7, 10–11)

I have to admit, I had no clue, when we started this pandemic journey, that it would take 12 Sundays before we'd be worshipping together again. Yet even now many of our members must still worship virtually from the safety and separation of their homes. But, despite the time and distance, this trial has not diminished the faith. We still proclaim Jesus Christ and Him crucified and risen. As we said throughout the season of Easter, "Alleluia, Christ is Risen! He is risen indeed, Alleluia!" We can rejoice in our sufferings because through these trials God is growing His church. We've grown in our ability as a Church to deal with these strange times and we've grown individually as we've had the opportunity to sit and reflect on God's words from our homes. Yet, as the verse above states, God is not done with us. As we humble ourselves and look to God's strength, He promises that at the proper time we will be exalted. Notice, he says at the proper time, not at the time of our choosing. We are told to remain humble and trust in God, He knows at what time He will restore us to Jesus for all eternity. God has promised to restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish us and we WILL see this restoration soon. As we are exalted in this life, we can look forward to that final day when we will be exalted with Christ and live in His loving arms for all eternity. So, rejoice! Because, even in the midst of these humbling times, God's will is done for YOU! God's Blessings,  
Pastor Luke Scheele

## **Elders**

The current Elders can be reached at the numbers below:

Mark Johnson	570-7639
Michael Merritt	739-5353
Burt Ramsey	565-3086
Bryan Baumgartner	562-4701

## **Online Worship Services**

In person Worship services will resume this Sunday at 9 a.m. at Trinity Lutheran. However, some of you may not be able to join the congregation if you are in a high-risk category. If this is the case, you can still view the service on the local TV channel 22.7 and you will also be able to view it on the website as a video later by clicking on the Online Services tab and choosing the proper date. The bulletin will also be available on that page.

If you have been attending the Online Bible Class on Sunday mornings, you will continue to do that throughout June. The time for these is now 10:45 so that participants can get from church back to their homes. Here is the website for joining by computer - <https://join.freeconferencecall.com/trinitylccortez>. If you have not experienced this type of technology, try to connect

before the Bible Class starts as it may take a few minutes of your time and some adjustment. You may also join by phone; call (425) 436-6358 and enter this access code: 367780#. This information is also on the website. If you join by phone, please remember to mute your phone unless you intend to make a comment. Phones are quite sensitive sound wise and will pick all kinds of sounds that can be distracting for other listeners. This information is also on the website on the Online Bible Study tab.

## **Council**

Council created a Reopening plan during a recent meeting. When Trinity Lutheran begins worshipping in person again on Sunday June 14, people will be asked to enter using the church ramp and the exit will be down the stairs. Near the entrance we will have a Temperature Taking Station. All attendees will need to wear a mask unless they are a child 2 and under, have medical issues preventing them from using a mask, or have issues removing their own mask. The drinking fountain will not be available. We will use Ushers and Elders to help seat attendees so that we can fit as many people as possible within our spacing guidelines. If the Church runs over, we will use the Fellowship Hall via TV until we reach capacity. We ask that all

attendees help us follow the guidelines so that we can continue to meet as a congregation. You can see a copy of the Trinity Lutheran Re-opening Guidelines [here](#).

We are happy to announce that Trinity Lutheran will continue to live stream the service for those at home. A new video camera has been purchased and work has taken place all week to prepare for in person and live stream services. Please join in with the format that best works for your family. We are so excited to see you and wave really big to you!

### The Treasurer

A few Treasurer's Notes:

--if you'd like to make your offering/tithes via automatic payment through your bank, please see Carol.

--if you'd like envelopes for your offerings, please see Carol about that too.

--if you'd like to financially commemorate a special event or important person in your life, please see Carol to discuss options.

--THANKS to all for faithfully sending in your offerings and tithes. Trinity is breaking even on our monthly financial commitments, thanks to you!

### Trustees

Since the beginning of the stay-in-place phase of Colorado State guidelines, the Trinity campus has been fairly quiet with minimal use. The Trustees have monitored the buildings and continue to make repairs and closures as needed. The Preschool is up and running since June 1 and those buildings are open again. Several safety upgrades on the Preschool bus were made. Estimates for roof repairs for the various buildings of the complex have been requested. The front door of the church was repainted. There is inspection and some prep work for the air conditioning system in the church. Yardwork is being done regularly. Several people have weeded during the shut down and there has been clean up after wind and weather events.

The 2020 trustees are:

Dave Sperling (Head)	Jim Broderick
Kyle Riddell	Jerry Wittwer
Dale Cumpton	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.

### Prayer Group

Prayer Group will begin meeting in person again Wednesday June 17 at 7:30 a.m. Since the stay-in-place orders, we have been praying from our homes and connecting by e-mail. Please join us if you would like to pray

with us. We'll be following the proper guidelines for meeting at Trinity. Please wear a mask and plan to stay 6 feet away from others.

### Social Concerns

Here is a brief update from the May meeting on what is going on at the Good Samaritan Center. The working hours are the same Monday through Thursday, 12 noon to 2 p.m. They also have deliveries throughout the week to Cortez and also Mancos and Dolores occasionally.

Compared to the number of clients in 2019, a monthly total was 690 clients. The number of clients from March through April, a 6 week total, there were 3,100 individuals, 936 kids, elderly 267, 421 new clients. The pantry has received many financial donations which are greatly appreciated.

Food Supplies have come from Care and Share, Durango Food Bank, Walmart and Safeway donations. Food needs are cold cereal and oatmeal.

The mailing address of GSC is PO Box 662, Cortez 81321 and the location is 30 N. Beech.

### Altar Flowers

Since Trinity will be starting in person service again June 14, 2020, there will be flowers on the altar. Diana will have the flower chart posted on the bulletin board so you can sign up for future Sundays.

### Sew 'n' Sews

The Sew 'n' Sews are on Summer break now, but there will most likely be some work days scheduled as the Colorado Coronavirus Guidelines change requirements. Please continue to watch for more info.

If you would like to sew a quilt top, arrangements can be made for you to pick one up. There are kits for the 60" x 80" quilt tops made from 10.5" squares of fabric. If you would like to use your own fabrics, please do. For any questions, check with Shar Short.

*These may be subject to change depending on Colorado Coronavirus guidelines.*

#### **Dates to Remember**

June 14, 2020 – Worship Service @ 9 a.m. at Trinity Lutheran  
June 17, 2020 – Prayer Group @ 7:30 a.m. in Sanctuary  
June 21, 2020 – Worship Service @ 9 a.m. at Trinity Lutheran  
June 24, 2020 – Prayer Group @ 7:30 a.m. in Sanctuary  
June 28, 2020 – Worship Service @ 9 a.m. at Trinity Lutheran  
July 1, 2020 – Prayer Group @ 7:30 a.m. in Sanctuary

### 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).