

TRINITY TIMES

From the Pastor's Desk

⁶Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts: "I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god. ⁷Who is like me? Let him proclaim it. Let him declare and set it before me, since I appointed an ancient people. Let them declare what is to come, and what will happen. ⁸Fear not, nor be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it? And you are my witnesses! Is there a God besides me? There is no Rock; I know not any." (Isaiah 44:6-8)

What a joyous and strange month we've had after being able to return to in-person worship again. It has been wonderful to be able to see and talk to the body of Christ here at Trinity. We should be proud of how our church has worked together to try and find a way through the gray of this world and to bring each other back to in-person worship. Your church leadership has done our best to walk the line of safety and love (to both sides). I doubt everyone is satisfied, but I appreciate that everyone is willing to share their views and concerns about how to walk as the body of Christ in this current transitional time. As you are aware, the state mandates continue to change and we will continue to adjust and follow those mandates as we need to, but keep a heart of understanding and be willing to offer to serve in sacrificial love in whatever way God calls you. Rest assured that our God is still in control even as things seem oddly out of control around us. As it says in Isaiah, "I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god." (Is 44:6). He is the only God and he is the same God who sent His Son to redeem this broken world.

God's Blessings,
Pastor Scheele

Elders

The current Elders can be reached at the numbers below:

Mark Johnson	570-7639
Burt Ramsey	565-3086
Bryan Baumgartner	562-4701

Online Worship Services conclude

Now that we are able to safely worship in the Sanctuary, we will conclude the televised livestream broadcast at the end of July. This was a necessary service during the COVID-19 shut-down, and although it's a ministry we'd like to continue, our current process is not practical on a weekly basis. We would need more volunteers and a more capable A/V System. We owe a debt of gratitude to Pastor and Wayne Hite for making this service available to us. It has been a difficult task to say the least. We welcome any thoughts or ideas on how we could continue this service in the future.

Bible Class is also now in person on Sunday mornings after church at 10:30 a.m. The Vitality series has been completed and there will be a new study beginning Sunday July 26, 2020.

Council

The Trinity Church Council met July 14, 2020. Updates to the Covid-19 guidelines were discussed. The following new plan is [here](#) and can also be accessed on the [Trinity website](#). In addition, the [July 18, 2020 update](#) from Governor Polis can be seen on the website. The change is that we are to wear face

masks when moving around in a building but sitting no longer requires a facemask.

The Council voted to take down the brick walled area on the front lawn to extend the lawn. The trustees have been sharing mowing duties and we think this will make it easier maintenance in the future.

Trinity's first donation of mission funds to support the Grace Lutheran Church in Moab, UT has been sent. They were identified by the Rocky Mountain District as a church in need of support in our area. There will be support sent monthly during the rest of 2020. They hold services that tend to be attended by more traveling families than they have in their own congregation some weeks.

It is time for the nominating committee to start looking at filling church council positions for 2021. There are opportunities to serve coming open. If anyone is interested in being considered for a committee or office please contact Tom Burinson.

Sunday Fellowship

A light version of Fellowship will begin August 2 after the Worship Service. Coffee and to go items will be offered on the front church lawn. Please join in for refreshments and conversation. Otherwise give a friendly wave to those who stay.

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

Completed projects around the church campus include repairing sprinklers and regular yard maintenance. Estimates for roof repairs for the various buildings of the complex have been requested. The new church projector is on site and will be installed when all the logistics are in place. A variety of Trinity Preschool projects have been completed both outside and inside.

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 began 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 pray 6 feet away from others.

Social Concerns

Diana Hoehn will be glad to collect any toiletries or necessities for RENEW in the coming Sundays. You may give them to Diana in person or put them in the RENEW box under the coat hanging area.



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

July 22, 2020 – Prayer Group @ 7:30 a.m. in Sanctuary
July 25, 2020 – Men's Bible Study @ 7:30 a.m.
July 26, 2020 – Worship Service @ 9 a.m. in Sanctuary
July 26, 2020 – Bible Class @ 10:30 a.m.
July 29, 2020 – Prayer Group @ 7:30 a.m. in Sanctuary
Aug 2, 2020 – Worship Service @ 9 a.m. in Sanctuary
Aug 2, 2020 – Esther Lorraine Scheele baptism
Aug 2, 2020 – Bible Class @ 10:30 a.m.
Aug 5, 2020 – Prayer Group @ 7:30 a.m. in Sanctuary
Aug 9, 2020 – Worship Service @ 9 a.m. in Sanctuary
Aug 9, 2020 - Bible Class @ 10:30 a.m.

Lutheran Hour Ministries

Check out the Lutheran Hour Ministries [website](#) one of these days. They still have the traditional methods of reaching out via radio and printed media. They have been successful in using technology and the internet in spreading God's Word. There are several stories there of individuals who have come to Christianity through Facebook posts. In addition, they minister to the US military in a variety of ways. There are also daily devotions.

Lutheran Hour Ministries (LHM) has partnered with [Barna Group](#)—an industry leader for research-based insights about faith and culture, leadership and vocation, and generational groups—on a critical three-year study of faith in America. This bold new collaboration will allow LHM to create resources and online courses that address the needs of both the church and non-church. Find that info [here](#).

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.