

TRINITY TIMES

From the Pastor's Desk

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it! (Psalm 118:24). Thanks be to God for granting us new life in His Son and the blessings of this creation to enjoy it. We head back from our vacation Saturday morning and can't wait to give praise to God with you all again!



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

Council

The Trinity Church Council met September 8, 2020. Here are the main topics of discussion:

- * An audit of insurance plan we provide for Pastor found that we could move him and his family to a new plan for less money and they would have better coverage. These new plan changes will be in place by January.
- * The meeting time for the General Assembly Voter meeting has been set for Nov. 8th at 10:30 (to follow church).
- * The Nominating Committee is looking to fill positions for 2021. If you are interested in helping, please let Mark Johnson know.
- * The Fall Voters Meeting will be held November 8, 2020 right after the Worship Service. We missed our Spring meeting, so this is an important meeting. Elections will be held for 2021 Council members as well.

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.

Please consider hosting one of the Sundays. Supplies are provided, but you may provide your own wrapped or packaged snacks. Coffee needs to be made and bottled water and snacks set out. If you are not a cook or baker, this is perfect for you!! September is covered so plan to sign up for a date in Oct or later. Sign up sheets are in the kitchen on the cupboard door on the right as you enter the kitchen.

The Treasurer

Thanks again to each of you who have faithfully supported Trinity Lutheran Church during 2020, and special thanks to those who have also contributed to Trinity Lutheran Preschool. This has been a challenging year for everyone and our dedicated support and prayers are important. So far, we are keeping up with expenses with just a little extra left over!

As Treasurer, Carol and her advisors are working on two projects related to Trinity's future financial welfare. Firstly, we are finalizing a Memorial and Gifts policy we hope to present to the voters at the November Congregational Voters'

Meeting. This policy will clarify how Memorials and Gifts can be given, received, and used for projects that are both important to the church and near to the givers' hearts. Also, we are working to develop Endowment Funds that would serve as a "nest egg" for the Trinity Lutheran Church-Cortez of the future. We are looking at models from sister churches that have similar funds, to which members can contribute small amounts that are invested for future growth. In most of the models, interest from the funds is eventually available for use, leaving the original donations invested. More info on this will be shared as we get further into planning.

Trustees

Completed projects around the church campus include repairing sprinklers and continuing with regular yard maintenance. Thank you to volunteers for helping in this process. Estimates for roof repairs for the various buildings of the complex have been received and a bid package is being prepared. The new church projector is up and running. 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.

Social Concerns

Social Concerns: The Good Samaritan Center has community volunteers to help at the Center. They would like Church members to volunteer to help at the Center. They would like to add 2 more members to the Samaritan Board.

In August the Center served 304 families, 194 new families since January.

The Center has a new Americorp person to work. She will work 31-40 hours a week. This is a volunteer position.

The Center receives fresh vegetables from individuals, SW Farm Fresh, Montezuma School, Farmers and Community Garden. If you are interested to volunteer or be on the Board, please contact Diana Hoehn.

RENEW: During the Covid-19 virus they continue to serve patients. They are in need of feminine products, combs & brushes, towels, and toothpaste. You may bring any of these items to church, place them in the box located under the coat rack. Diana will deliver them to the Renew office.

Trinity Preschool

The Trinity Preschool is up and running for the year. There is a new Director, Rita Robinson (daughter-in-law of Wilma Robinson). There are a couple of new teachers, as well. They are using a new curriculum called Creative Curriculum which aligns with Colorado Shines. They use the Voyagers for the Faith for the Christian curriculum.

School pictures will be taken the last week of September. The topic for the month in classes is school and how it works. Numbers, shapes and colors are also in the learning plan.

Sew 'n' Sews

The Sew 'n' Sews are now meeting the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month from 9 a.m. to noon. We are completing quilts from tops that were sewn during the early months of the pandemic. We don't require precise skills and we will show you the simple steps.

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.

We also have received some magazines and books from various donors. Some are quilting and some are sewing and craft. If you would like to look through these donations and take them to a new home, they are in the Ruth Guild Room under the table against the hall wall.

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

Dates to Remember

Sept 13, 2020 – Worship Service @ 9 a.m.
Sept 13, 2020 - Bible Class @ 10:30 a.m.
Sept 20, 2020 - Worship Service @ 9 a.m.
Sept 20, 2020 - Bible Class @ 10:30 a.m.
Sept 23, 2020 – Sew 'n' Sews @ 9 a.m.
Sept 27, 2020 - Worship Service @ 9 a.m.
Sept 27, 2020 - Bible Class @ 10:30 a.m.
Oct 5, 2020 - Worship Service @ 9 a.m.
Oct 5, 2020 - Bible Class @ 10:30 a.m.
Oct 14, 2020 – Sew 'n' Sews @ 9 a.m.
Nov 8, 2020 – Voters Meeting @ 10:15 a.m.

Fall Facts

As has been stated in the past, during an equinox, day and night are equal. Well, not exactly. It depends where one lives. On the equinox, the center of the Sun is indeed above the horizon for 12 hours. However, "sunrise" is said to begin when the upper edge of the Sun's disk becomes visible above the horizon (which happens a bit before the center rises) and ends when the entire Sun has set. In this case, daylight is still a bit longer than nighttime. Not only that, but the Sun is actually visible when it is below the horizon, as Earth's atmosphere refracts the Sun's rays and bends them in an arc over the horizon. So, you can see the Sun before the edge actually reaches the horizon! This causes daylight to be longer than 12 hours as well. However, they are very close to equal (the lengths may be off by only a few minutes).

Based on the **astronomical** definition of seasons, the autumnal equinox does mark the first day of fall (in the Northern Hemisphere). However, according to the **meteorological** definition of seasons, which is based on temperature cycles and the Gregorian calendar, the first day of fall is September 1.

Several factors contribute to fall colors (temperature, precipitation, soil moisture), but the main agent is **light**, or actually the lack of it. The amount of daylight relates to the timing of the autumnal equinox. As the days grow shorter, the reduced light triggers chemical changes in deciduous plants causing a corky wall to form between the twig and the leaf stalk. This corky wall eventually causes the leaf to drop off in the breeze. As the corky cells multiply, they seal off the vessels that supply the leaf with nutrients and water and also block the exit vessels, trapping simple sugars in the leaves. The combination of reduced light, lack of nutrients, and no water add up to the death of the pigment chlorophyll, the "green" in leaves.

Once the green is gone, two other pigments that are masked by the chlorophyll during summer show their bright faces. Sugar trapped in autumn leaves by the corky wall is largely responsible for the vivid color. Some additional pigments are also manufactured by sunlight acting on the trapped sugar. This is why the foliage is so sparkling after several bright fall days and more pastel during rainy spells.

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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.