

# TRINITY TIMES

## *From the Pastor's Desk*

*And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. (Col 3:14-15).*

As God's chosen people we are called to live holy lives (Col 3:12). Yet with all of the turmoil and unrest in the world both politically and pandemically we might find it hard to "put on love" when interacting with disagreeable people. But whether it is hard or not, that is what Christ has called us to do. Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, because we are one body. One, not only with all of the fellow believers but one, most importantly, with Christ, Himself. If you've found yourself becoming bitter & spiteful towards the world or the situation you find yourself in, return to Christ and put your trust in His power as Lord over ALL creation. If you find yourself, down and depressed by the way things are going, repent of your lack of faith and put your trust in His power as Lord over ALL things. Jesus, himself, said that he will be with us always (Matt 28:20). So, rejoice, because, despite our failings and missed efforts, Christ still loves us and chose us to be His own. He has fulfilled what we could not, he has forgiven your sins and He will restore all things at His return. Therefore, "whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him" (Col 3:17). As we enter into in-person worship again this Sunday, I pray that you will be strengthened in unity and fellowship, removed from the isolation of this ongoing pandemic. Regardless of whether you join us in-person or online, we are one body with Christ. Amen.

Your Servant, Pastor Scheele

## **Worship Services**

After spending the last 8 weeks doing virtual worship services, Trinity is ready to **move back to in-person worship services**. At the same time, [virtual worship](#) via teleconference (9 am), YouTube (6 pm), and TV Broadcast (6 pm) will continue to be offered each Sunday. This gives members the opportunity to choose the method that is best for them and that they are the most comfortable with. Bible Class will continue to be virtual at 10:45 Sunday morning.

To find out more, access the website [here](#).

## **Elders**

The Elders have made the effort to contact most of the congregation to check in on everyone. If they missed you let us know so we can get you on our radar!

The current Elders can be reached at the numbers below:

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|--------------------------|----------|
| Bryan Baumgartner (Head) | 562-4701 |
| Mark Johnson             | 570-7639 |
| Burt Ramsey              | 565-3086 |
| Jerry Wittwer            | 560-2554 |
| Marty Ruggles            | 565-4049 |

## **Treasurer**

The 2020 contribution statements are in progress and will be issued to members by the end of January. If you have budget

questions please email Carol Sperling at [trinitychurchtreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:trinitychurchtreasurer@gmail.com).

## **Council**

The 2021 Church Council is listed:

President – Josh Chittick  
Vice President – John Sperling  
Secretary – Sharon Krater  
Treasurer – Carol Sperling  
Missions – Debi Feltman  
Education – Nicci Crowley  
Fellowship – Tom Burnison  
Stewardship – Vic Vanik

## **Trustees**

- The church received an e-mail that the roofing contractor that had been procured was no longer interested in the job.
- Performed maintenance on air conditioners for church.
- Patched roof of Fellowship Hall.
- Solved heater/thermostat and electrical outlet issues for church basement.
- A variety of jobs for the Preschool were accomplished including plumbing, patching, repairing and installing. Snow removal was also carried out. Also temporarily fixed playground issue.

The 2021 trustees are:

Dave Sperling  
Brian Rose  
Kyle Riddell  
Dale Cumpton  
Jimmy Feltman  
Chris Crowley

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.

### Trinity Preschool

After the Christmas break, Trinity Lutheran Preschool is back for the new year. The success of the virtual Christmas Program was good to see so January 28, there will be a Community Zoom meeting for all families which will include a group project. Contact Rita at [trinitylpdirector@gmail.com](mailto:trinitylpdirector@gmail.com) to be included.

Since Cortez kids are back in school, the After School Program has been discontinued. If after school care is needed, please contact the preschool to make arrangements.

Preschool activities can still be viewed the Preschool [website](#), the [FB page](#) and on YouTube.

### Education

Are you interested in helping shape the minds of the children and youth in our congregation? The Education committee is looking for members. We will meet quarterly with the first meeting in February to make plans for 2021. Please reach out to Nicci Crowley at [nicci.crowley@gmail.com](mailto:nicci.crowley@gmail.com) or 970-570-9372.

### Social Concerns

The Good Samaritan Center has been very busy during this pandemic and have been able to serve those in need in our community. They are always appreciative of all donations. Good Samaritan Center is open Monday-Thursday from Noon to 2:00 pm.

Renew is also serving many during this pandemic time. Some items needed are: feminine items, towels, soap, hand lotion, comb, shampoo/conditioner, tooth brush/tooth paste, deodorant and a small stuffed animal for children or a small toy. These clients come to Renew with just the clothes they are wearing.

Your contributions for Renew and Good Samaritan are always welcome and delivered whenever items are found in their respective boxes in the Narthex. THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION!

### Flowers

Since Trinity is going back to in-person Church worship services, flowers will once again be on the altar. If you would like to donate towards flowers, please sign on the flower chart in the narthex.

### Sew 'n' Sews

The Sew 'n' Sews are suspending quilting sessions during this time of elevated pandemic spread in Montezuma County. Please stay tuned for further information as it develops. 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

Jan 17, 2021 – Worship Service @ 9 a.m.  
Jan 17, 2021 – Virtual Bible Class @ 10:45 a.m.  
Jan 24, 2021 – Worship Service @ 9 a.m.  
Jan 24, 2021 – Virtual Bible Class @ 10:45 a.m.  
Jan 31, 2021 – Worship Service @ 9 a.m.  
Jan 31, 2021 – Virtual Bible Class @ 10:45 a.m.  
Feb 7, 2021 – Worship Service @ 9 a.m.  
Feb 7, 2021 – Virtual Bible Class @ 10:45 a.m.  
Feb 17, 2021 – Lent begins

### Poem of the Month

#### Forgive

Forgive someone. Today forgive.  
Turn from bitter to positive.  
End frustration, anger, pain;  
Wash the anguish from your brain.

No need to reconcile or tell;  
Just feel better and get well.  
A brand new, peaceful life to live,  
That's your gift, when you forgive.

*By Joanna Fuchs*

### 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).