

TRINITY TIMES

From the Pastor's Desk

"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." (Mt 5:14-16).

Last month I talked about how, as Christians, we are the light of the world. As God's light in this world, God has given us stewardship over His creation so that creation, itself, can be used for His purposes. Part of stewardship is our ability to build tools that help us fulfill the vocations he's given to us. Those tools, themselves, can be lights to the world around us. They show the world that we care enough to do a good job. When it comes to the Gospel, we need all of the tools God has given us to help the spread of His kingdom. Of course, the primary tools that God has given us to share His light are His Word and Sacraments. But they are not the only ones. He also gave us friends, family, and even our synod to equip us to do His work. One tool that we'll be employing from the synod is called re:Vitality. Our participation in re:Vitality opens opportunities to strengthen our congregation for years to come. So, starting this Sunday, February 9th and finishing on March 1st we ask you to complete a survey about the current status of our church. These results will be the first of several tools we'll be using to ensure we are being the best stewards we can be of Christ's Kingdom here on earth.

To Complete the survey please go online (February 9 – March 1, 2020) www.lcms.org/survey/revitality and enter congregation code: **C206993**

Your Servant, Pastor Scheele

Elders

The Elders have been exploring a number of things; Lenten services, a church secretary, and ushering duties. They are also finishing up on their Bible Study on Pastors and Elders.

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

Council

Important Dates: Council Meetings: Now at 7:00 PM on March 10th, April 14th, July 14th, Sept. 8th, Oct. 13th
General Voters Assembly Meeting: May 10, 2020 and Nov. 8, 10:30 a.m.

Trustees

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.

The Treasurer

First of all, thanks for your faithful contributions! There's something you can do that will make my life as your church's bookkeeper easier, though: **if you are writing checks for your donations to the Flower Fund, Bible Study books, and/or your tithe...please write separate checks for each item.** These are separate funds that I manage, and it's easiest to keep them straight when there is a discrete check for each fund that you're contributing to. However, if you're contributing to the Flower Fund for several months, feel free to put the total for that fund amount on one check. Separate checks for separate funds, please!

AND: I'd like to know if any of you would like to make your contributions electronically. Please let me know if that's something you'd be interested in.

If you haven't yet received your annual statement of giving for 2019, please look in your inbox at church. If you're out of town for the winter and need that statement, please email Carol with your winter address at trinitychurchtreasurer@gmail.com.

Mission Committee

Social Concerns: A new Director for the Good Samaritan Center has been selected at their special Board

meeting. Kirbi Vaughn will begin her position on February 10th. A farewell party will be given to Kristen Tworek on February 23rd.

Thanks to all who continue collecting feminine hygiene items, towels, etc. for Renew. They are always welcomed and appreciated.

Lenten Activities

Lent begins Ash Wednesday, February 26, 2020. At 5 p.m. there will be a Soup Supper followed by the Lenten service at 6 p.m. This early time is meant to encourage the Preschool families to join us. The services themselves will be geared towards families and children will help out in the services. Please stay tuned for more information and sign ups for Soup Suppers.

Board of Education

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.

LWML/Trinity Women

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League Rocky Mountain District Convention will be held June 5-7, 2020, at Keystone Resort. Registration is now open for rooms or condominiums. The phone number to Keystone is 888-811-8202 and the code is CG9LWML and the rates are between \$119 to 149 per night until May 1, 2020. There may be more information at the RMD LWML website [here](#) in the days to come.

Lutheran Hour Ministries

There are some new and revised classes available on the LHM website. Christian basics, cultural concepts, outreach essentials and other help for the Christian daily walk. There is also a daily devotion available. Several samples are included and they can be viewed at this [page](#). The Lutheran Hour now has a new app and can be accessed along with a devotion and Bible study apps [here](#). There is also a weekly pod cast at [this site](#) called Speaking of Jesus with "real people having a real conversation about life, Jesus, and what he means to them". There are quite a few other offerings from sermons to Spanish offerings to travel offerings.

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!

February Facts

February is named after the Latin word *februum*, or maybe even the more ancient *februa*, which was a spring festival of washing and purification. In Old English the word is *Solmonath* which means mud month. Of course, we are a way away from spring but it's well-known that mud season often lasts longer than a month in this neck of the woods!

The month of February did not originally exist in the ancient Roman calendar as the winter season was a period without months, and the calendar consisted of only ten months. February was added, along with January, around 700 BC, so that the calendar would reflect a standard lunar year of 355 days. February became the second month of the year around 450 BC, although it was initially the last month of the year. In the Roman calendar, February was shortened to either 23 or 24 days at different stages with an extra month tucked in the calendar. But as part of the Julian calendar reform, February held 28 days and every fourth year was declared a leap year where they added a 29th day to February.

In the USA, leap year brings the presidential election. Sometimes these are not very enjoyable and the advertisements are unending. But it's an important process in our country.

Also, the Olympics are held in leap years. Before 1994 both Winter and Summer Olympics occurred in the same year, but the Olympic Committee changed that in 1992 and began holding the Winter Olympics in the even years between the Summer Olympics. The Summer Olympics are still held during leap years.

Dates to Remember

Feb 12, 2020 – Sew 'n' Sews @ 9 a.m. in Ruth Guild Room
Feb 26, 2020 – Sew 'n' Sews @ 9 a.m. in Ruth Guild Room
Feb 26, 2020 – Ash Wednesday – Supper @ 5 p.m. and Service @ 6 p.m.
Mar 1, 2020 – Elders Meeting @ 8 a.m.
Mar 4, 2020 – Soup Supper @ 5 p.m. & Service @ 6 p.m.
Mar 10, 2020 – Church Council Meeting @ 7 p.m. in the Ruth Guild Room
Mar 11, 2020 – Soup Supper @ 5 p.m. & Service @ 6 p.m.
May 10, 2020 – Voters Meeting @ 10:15 a.m.
April 12, 2020 - Easter Sunday

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