

# TRINITY TIMES

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

<sup>28</sup>For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? <sup>29</sup>Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, <sup>30</sup>saying, 'This man began to build and was not able to finish.'

(Luke 14:28–30).

Alleluia Christ is risen! He is risen indeed, Alleluia! Praise God that through our baptism we are tied to Christ's triumphant Easter resurrection. We also are "risen indeed!" As redeemed children of God, we have been called to live out our new life in Christ so that we can help to support and expand God's Kingdom here on earth according to His will. We are His stewards and therefore, we are called to be stewards who wisely use the resources He's entrusted to us. Along those lines, last year before this pandemic got started, our church formed the Vitality committee to build a proposal for a church vision, mission, and goals so that we could be wise stewards and direct and orient our efforts towards the future. However, since the pandemic, we've had to postpone most of our work on those plans. Yet, "for everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven" (Ec 3:1). Now as we see a light at the end of the proverbial pandemic tunnel, we are ready to engage in our strategic planning process again. For this we want to start at the ground level, building from a bottom-up consensus approach and not a top-down, "do this" approach. Let us join together as a church to "count the cost" and be the architects of a plan to be a vital and vibrant beacon of God's love to our community and the world. As we slowly and patiently move through this process we'll be asking the congregation to participate by answering questions, joining in brainstorming, and offering ideas on specific topics. We're all in this together and I don't know where God will lead us in this process but I trust that wherever we go, He will be with us and guide us along the way. How fitting as we enter this Easter season celebrating the resurrected life of our Lord and Savior that we as a church begin our first steps towards our next journey in His Kingdom.

Your Servant, Pastor Scheele

## **Worship Opportunities**

Here are the ways you can worship with Trinity Lutheran Church:

- In person with Colorado State Covid Health procedures in place.
- Teleconference: Dial-in number: (425) 436-6358; Access code: 367780#

<https://join.freeconferencecall.com/trinitylccortez>

- YouTube @ 6 p.m.

Remember, the web site always has the most current info on it, so if you have questions, [check it.](#)

Bible Class is now in person at 10:45 Sunday morning.

## **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:

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

## **Council**

Below are Council actions from the April 13, 2021 meeting:

1. Roofing should begin in early May. The contract was approved with Rick Presnell, RP Handiman Services, LLC.
2. The Spring Voters Meeting will be held May 23 after the Worship Service. Please plan to attend as several important matters are on the agenda.

## **Vitality Committee**

The Vitality Committee would like to extend an invite for anyone in the congregation to be part of the Expanded Planning Team (XPT) of our re:Vitality, "Serving in God's Mission" efforts of creating an updated Strategic Plan for our congregation.

The re:Vitality process that we are using calls for a Core Planning Team (CPT) which is simply the Vitality Committee that is already in existence, an XPT, and the congregation to participate and contribute throughout this strategic planning process. The idea behind this is to build consensus early and give everyone a chance of contributing towards the final plan long before it becomes the final plan.

However, training is also involved to ensure that everyone is speaking the same language and has in mind the same process to move forward. Along these lines, Pastor will be leading a

training session at 6 pm on Sunday, Apr 25th, for 2 hours to go through the most recent lessons and exercises that the CPT has already gone through. This way you'll be on the same page as the CPT.

Following this, both the CPT and XPT will be having a meeting on May 1st at 8 am to go through a Core Values exercise to determine where our congregation is on the various Lutheran Core Values that the re:Vitality authors have put together for our consideration. Please email or call Pastor with your RSVP.

### Trustees

- A variety of jobs for the Preschool were accomplished including repairing the iron gate knob near the Toddlers room, repairing the laminating machine, and relocating a bulletin board.
- Ordered a free water sensor from Church Mutual Insurance Co to detect leaks at a water heater.
- Ordered a new electronic doorknob for a spare at the church.

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.

### Fellowship

Fellowship has resumed on Sunday mornings with beverages and snacks that are packaged separately. This is a good step forward in the quest for a more normal worship experience. The Fellowship Committee has a budget, so if you would like to be reimbursed, save your receipts. The Committee is monitoring the guidance available so that Fellowship remains safe.

### Social Concerns

Renew needs items and they will be collected for the next several weeks. Place items in the Renew box under the coat rack: hand towels, wash cloths, soap, comb, hand lotion, shampoo & conditioner, toothbrush & toothpaste, deodorant, and tissues.

After serving on the Good Samaritan Board for several years, I resigned in January. If anyone from Trinity would like to volunteer and serve on the Good Samaritan Board, please let me know. Trinity supports the Good Samaritan Board financially each month.

Diana Hoehn – 565-3580

### Preschool

Trinity Lutheran Preschool needs a few items. If you can help, they would greatly appreciate it. They are looking for: Crib Sheets, a Complete train set, Christmas Lights, & clear under-the-bed storage bins. Call 565-3166 for questions and to arrange for drop off.

### Flowers

Trinity is back to in-person Church worship services and 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.

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

#### Dates to Remember

April 18, 2021 – Worship Service @ 9 a.m.  
April 18, 2021 – Bible Class @ 10:45 a.m.  
April 23, 2021 – New Member Class 6 – 8 p.m.  
April 24, 2021 – Men's Bible Study @ 7:30 a.m.  
April 24, 2021 – New Member Class 8:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.  
April 25, 2021 – Worship Service @ 9 a.m.  
April 25, 2021 – Bible Class @ 10:45 a.m.  
May 2, 2021 – Worship Service @ 9 a.m.  
May 2, 2021 – Bible Class @ 10:45 a.m.  
May 9, 2021 – Worship Service @ 9 a.m.  
May 9, 2021 – Bible Class @ 10:45 a.m.  
May 16, 2021 – Worship Service @ 9 a.m.  
May 16, 2021 – Bible Class @ 10:45 a.m.  
May 22, 2021 – Men's Bible Study @ 7:30 a.m.  
May 23, 2021 – Worship Service @ 9 a.m.  
May 23, 2021 – Bible Class @ 10:45 a.m.  
May 23, 2021 – Voters Meeting – following Worship Service

### Thought for the Month

The older I get, the earlier it gets late.

### 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).