

TRINITY TIMES

From the Pastor's Desk

"Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us" (Hebrews 12:1)

When we consider our life in the church, how often are we tempted to look back to the past and what we might consider the glory days of the church? I know there are times when I consider the "great cloud of witnesses" and think to myself, "How much more blessed they must have been to do what they did." How often do we look at our current situation and think that we just can't compare with what has occurred in the past? But the author of Hebrews didn't write these words as a form of discouragement. Instead, he writes these words as a recognition of the blessings we have been given. We are witnessing and ministering to a community that has fallen away from the church. Our own church body has many, many, people who "used" to attend worship with us but have since fallen away due to conflicts of the past, concerns with the future, or even more recently, COVID. Yet, God has called us to this time and place not to dwell on the past, but to stand on the shoulders of this great cloud of witnesses to use their experiences as we look to the future. Therefore, "lay aside every weight." Don't let the conflicts or concerns that inevitably follow us drag you down. Focus on the blessings that God has given you and how you can use those relationships, tools, or conversations to share the gospel. If a sin is clinging to you, lay that aside, don't continue to turn back to it, but in repentance turn to God with every temptation to sin. "Run with endurance" the race that is set before you! Because that great cloud of witnesses did nothing more or nothing less than that very same thing. You are here. in this race, at this time, and at this place to accomplish exactly what God has planned for you. Therefore, let us run!

Your Servant, Pastor Scheele

Elders

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 Business

The date for the next Council meeting to Saturday, Oct 23 at 9:30 a.m. due to conflicts with the original Oct 12 date.

The fall Congregational Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, Nov 14, 2021 after Worship. The election of 2022 Council and Board Chairmen, the 2022 budget are the main topics. In consideration of the 2022 budget, is the possibility of sponsoring a seminarian.

Due to Covid concerns, we will continue to follow social distancing and communion as we have been doing for church services--no changes. We will follow Fellowship safety for coffee hour with paper cups, plasticware, individual creamers & sugars, and individually wrapped snacks.

Pastor's Notes

Pastor will be out of the office during the week of October 18th-22nd to attend the District Pastors Conference.

An author has been invited to speak in the Church fellowship hall on the evening of Oct 14th to anyone who is interested. Dr. Nancy A. Almodovar, PhD will be sharing her book *Creedal Apologetics* and how to utilize the Apostles' Creed in both proclaiming and defending the Christian Faith.

[Link here.](#)

Trinity Administrative Assistant

After receiving 14 applications for the Administrative Assistant position, the group was reduced to 2. After interviews, the Hiring Committee offered the position to Crystal Bennetts. Crystal accepted and will begin training this coming week but will not begin full time until she transitions away from her former position. Welcome, Crystal!!

Trustee Report

The following jobs have been accomplished since the last report:

- Make key cards for school parents and staff.
- Fix lawn sprinkler in upper front yard of Church
- Get backflow preventers checked
- Install door latch guards
- Glue down floor tiles in Church Kitchen

The following items were completed at the Preschool:
Fix school bus horn and windshield washer
Fix door knob on kitchen at school, go to a training session on the new phone system
Relocate a shelf in classroom at school
Conduct training session for school bus drivers
Install new light bulbs in School Building entrance

The 2021 Trustees are:

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

Key Card Update

Trinity Lutheran key cards need to be updated by August 31, 2021 or they will no longer provide entry to the building. Please see Sharon Krater or Dave Sperling to have your key cards renewed.

Board of Education

On Sundays when Communion is served, Kids' Church is held. During the sermon, children from 3-7 years leave the sanctuary for the Youth Room downstairs where there is a short lesson. Several parents have been providing this, but they would love to have other members of the congregation take a turn. Call Nicci at 970-570-9372 to find out more and to volunteer.

Trinity Preschool

The preschool is in need of the following:

- some individual containers of play-doh
- non-toxic paint in a variety of colors
- some small containers to hold supplies.

Take them by the church office or drop them off at the Preschool.

Volunteer Opportunity

Sharon Krater is looking for a few more volunteers to pick up Trudy for Sunday Worship services. If there are enough volunteers, picking up Trudy would only occur once a month for a single volunteer.

Fellowship

Fellowship has resumed on Sunday mornings with beverages and snacks that are packaged separately and this will continue for the time being. The weekly sign-up sheet continues to reside on the cupboard door at the kitchen entrance, so sign-up to make coffee and set up the packaged treats provided Tom Burnison – 970-739-6977.

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

Dates to Remember

- Sept 19, 2021 – Worship Service @ 9 a.m.
- Sept 19, 2021 – Bible Class @ 10:45 a.m.
- Sept 26, 2021 – Worship Service @ 9 a.m.
- Sept 26, 2021 – Bible Class @ 10:45 a.m.
- Oct 3, 2021 – Worship Service @ 9 a.m.
- Oct 3, 2021 – Bible Class @ 10:45 a.m.
- Oct 10, 2021 – Worship Service @ 9 a.m.
- Oct 10, 2021 – Bible Class @ 10:45 a.m.
- Oct 17, 2021 – Worship Service @ 9 a.m.
- Oct 17, 2021 – Sew 'n' Sews Auction after Worship
- Oct 17, 2021 – Bible Class @ 10:45 a.m.
- Nov 14, 2021 – Voters Meeting after Worship

LCMS News

After 14 years of work, the Spanish *Lutheran Hymnal (LH)* will soon be available. It comes 30 years after the publication of *Cantad al Señor* (1991) and 57 years after *Culto Cristiano* (1964).

The book is a joint project of the Southern Cone (Chile, Argentina and Paraguay) and several other institutions, including the Confessional Lutheran Education Foundation, Lutheran Heritage Foundation, and the LCMS Office of International Mission's Latin America and the Caribbean region.

The Spanish *LH* combines into one resource the liturgical and hymnal richness inherited from earlier hymnals and adds contemporary contributions and new translations of works not previously available in Spanish. The rollout of the hymnal will involve 14 countries in Latin America.

The LCMS is active in disaster response in a number of ways. Check out their website - <https://www.lcms.org/how-we-serve/mercy/disaster-response/resources>

The Lutheran Witness has an article on how funerals have changed in the LCMS. Go here - <https://witness.lcms.org/2021/funerals-have-changed>.

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