

# TRINITY TIMES

## From the Pastor's Desk

"In All Things," was the theme our youth studied at the LCMS National Youth Gathering earlier this month. As you can probably guess, "all things" was a broad scope to cover in just 5 days. However, as we looked at the theme each day, we gained an appreciation of what a statement of faith, "In All Things", truly is. According to Colossians 1:15-20, "In All Things," just for a start, implies that Jesus is in, with, before, and through all things. When you consider the story of your life you can gain a small glimpse of how that can be true. First, by your baptism, Jesus is "in" your life. But that also means that He is "with" you throughout your life. Yet, despite His being in and with you, it is important to recognize that He is also "before" you in importance and even in time. He holds all things together because by Him all things were created. He knows what our lives hold and what we need to stay in the faith. Yet, since Jesus is in, with, and before you and all things this also means that Jesus is shown "through" you and all things. Our birth, life, and prioritization of Jesus in, with, and before all things means that through us, Jesus continues His work of reconciliation for the world. By our thoughts, words, and deeds, Jesus works through us. Whether to show His love or to show His mercy and grace, we live by putting the needs of others ahead of our own, or when we fail, by showing what it means to repent and receive mercy and grace. Through Him, all things are reconciled, therefore, we should act and live like children of God. Children who have peace with our Heavenly Father through the blood of Jesus' cross. Let us live in that peace, pleased to dwell with God through Jesus in, with, before, and through all things.

Your Servant, Pastor Scheele

## Council

No reports from Council after the July 19, 2022 meeting.

## Pastor's Notes

Pastor Out of the Office 21-26 July 2022 for the Baptism of Pastor's sister's new baby in Ossining, NY.

THANK YOU for all the support and donations the youth were given to attend the LCMS National Youth Gathering with just under 20,000 other youth and adult volunteers. A special thanks as well for the Kiwanis, Wigglin' Pig, Farmers Telephone, and Dolores State Bank who all gave donations towards the end of our fundraising efforts. Along with them and the many members of our congregation the Youth were able to attend with all their registration, food, travel, and hotel expenses fully paid. THANK YOU, for supporting the future of our church through this amazing opportunity. Join us on Sunday, Aug 14th to see pictures from the gathering and see a glimpse of what our Youth got to experience with the Body of Christ.

News from the District: Pastor Scheele and Josh Chittick were able to attend the Rocky Mountain District

Convention (June 9th-10th) with around 186 other voting delegates from across Utah, Colorado, New Mexico, and a small part of Arizona, Texas, and Nebraska. The District convention minutes can be found at <https://rm.lcms.org/district-convention-2022/>. In summary, for the next 3 years, our new District President is Rev. James Maxwell, with Rev. Jared Melius, Rev. Mark Nierman, Rev. Jason Rust, and Rev. Michael Redeker being voted in as the area Vice Presidents. We give thanks to the outgoing District President Rev. Roger Schlechte for his service and we pray that God would bless our District and our Synod to be fruitful in the work of His Kingdom for many years to come.

Montezuma Ministerial Alliance (MMA) will be hosting a "Night of Praise" Community Concert on Aug 20th at 5 pm. Come and join with other local churches as we share the good news of Jesus through God's good gift of Music.

## Elders

The current Elders can be reached at the numbers below:

Bryan Baumgartner (Head)	970-562-4701
Burt Ramsey	970-565-3086

Jerry Wittwer 970-560-2554  
Marty Ruggles 970-565-4049  
Chris Crowley 435-459-1348

Thanks to all who donated items and baked goods or purchased items.

### Trustee Report

The council passed a motion that formalized an e-mail decision that was made following the last Voter's meeting; directing all boards to keep spending within 80% of their budget until giving catches up with spending. This was not particularly a part of the Trustee's part of the meeting, but it applies to the trustees also. So far this year, the trustees have spent maybe 25% of their \$4000 budget in about 50% of the year.

Jobs accomplished on the Trinity Campus:

- Make key cards for church and preschool.
- Perform tasks to start the sprinkler system on the Trinity Campus
- Arrange for lawn mowing
- Trim Hedges and clean up parking lot gutters
- Various repairs at on the Preschool campus and the playground

The 2022 Trustees are:

Dave Sperling  
Brian Rose  
Kyle Riddell  
Dale Cumpton  
Jimmy Feltman

### Trinity Lutheran Preschool

The preschool is asking for **donations of cash for the coming school year. If you would like to shop for them, they can always use toilet paper and paper towels.** Any brand is fine. Donations can be dropped off at the Preschool or the Church Office.

### Fellowship

Please sign up for Sunday Fellowship time on the sign-up sheet in the Kitchen. Please talk to Tom Burnison if you have more questions.

### Sew 'n' Sews

Sew 'n' Sews brought in over \$1200 at the May Auction. A small portion of this will be kept for supplies and the remainder will go to [Orphan Grain Train](#) in Norfolk NE.

### Altar Flowers

If you would like to sponsor altar flowers in the name of anyone, the sign up sheet is on the wall to the right of the front door. The donation fee for these flowers is \$25. That can be dropped into the collection plate on Sunday with the words "Altar Flowers" in the Memo line of a check or an envelope marked with Altar Flowers.

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

#### Dates to Remember

July 24, 2022 - Worship Service @ 9 a.m.  
July 24, 2022 – Bible Class @ 10:45 a.m.  
July 27, 2022 – Sew 'n' Sews Auction @ 10:15 a.m.  
July 31, 2022 - Worship Service @ 9 a.m.  
July 31, 2022 – Bible Class @ 10:45 a.m.  
Aug 7, 2022 - Worship Service @ 9 a.m.  
Aug 7, 2022 - Bible Class @ 10:45 a.m.  
Aug 10, 2022 – Sew 'n' Sews @ 9 a.m.  
Aug 14, 2022 - Worship Service @ 9 a.m.  
Aug 14, 2022 - Bible Class @ 10:45 a.m.  
Aug 21, 2022 - Worship Service @ 9 a.m.  
Aug 21, 2022 - Bible Class @ 10:45 a.m.  
Aug 21, 2022 – Youth Group @ 6 p.m.  
Aug 24, 2022 – Sew 'n' Sews @ 9 a.m.  
June 19, 2022 – Youth Group @ 6 p.m.

### 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)