

Trinity Times

Trinity Lutheran Church

January 2015

Elders

The Elders will be holding their next scheduled meeting at 10:15 following services on January 11. If you have anything you would like to bring to their attention please let one of the elders know ahead of time.

The Elders are:

Joe Mahaffey 562-4750
Larry Gessner 565-6371
Bill Whitthans 533-9055
Kelly McCabe 565-7269
Marty Ruggles 565-4049
Joe Stevens 565-3679

Please feel free to contact any of them at any time with comments or concerns.

Church Council

The Congregation passed the 2015 budget during the Voters Meeting on December 14, 2014. The 2015 budget totals \$159,760, a 1% decrease from last year.

Carol Sperling has accepted appointment as the Stewardship Chair for 2015. Thanks Carol!

The next Council meeting will be January 13, 2015 at 6:30 pm.

Bruce Short

Social Concerns

I want to thank everyone that contributed to the Food Drive for the Good Samaritan Center in October. Fifty grocery bags were collected. A summary from those 50 bags were: 317 pounds of food and 50 pounds of hygiene items. For the month of

October there were 473 people that were able to get food/hygiene items.

Renew was pleased to receive the hygiene items that were donated by Trinity. A special thank you for make-up and facial care products was received. These products are given in little baskets for special occasions such as birthdays, holidays or for extra difficult times for the abused women.

Now in existence for over 33 years RENEW - A Crisis Response Agency for Domestic and Sexual Violence and Wings Safehouse continues to strive to expand its programs and offerings to the community. It is their mission to provide assistance to victims of domestic violence, adult sexual assault and adult survivors of child sexual abuse through crisis intervention, public education and awareness. All of their services to victims are free.

Here are the services given to violence victims for the years 2013 & 2014.

	2014	2013
Dom. Violence	611	617
Sexual Assault	34	15
Hot line calls	1,207	632
Intakes	380	368
Contacts w/victims	10,208	6,806
Services f/ victims	24,000	20,637

Bednights (Oct-Sept)

1,275 1,830

Meals (Oct-Sept.) 3,676 4,156

Volunteer Hrs. 15,486 13,155

Volunteers 52 27

Financial support may also be sent to: Renew, Inc - PO Box 169, Cortez, CO 81231

Diana Hoehn

Sunday Morning Coffee

Thank you to the many volunteers who so graciously provided coffee and refreshments after services on Sundays. I can't express my gratitude enough; I have enjoyed working with all of you. Have a wonderful and blessed 2015.

Margie Sell

Lunch & Games

Lunch & Games is January 20, 2015 at 11:30 a.m. Plan to attend and have some fun!

Sew 'n Sews

Sew n Sews will meet each Wednesday of January at 9 a.m. in the Ruth Guild Room. We would welcome your help!

Hopes Kitchen

Hopes Kitchen made it through 2014 without too many problems or issues. There is always the need for help. I am still looking for a cook for Wednesdays. This does not have to be every Wednesday but that volunteer would have to be

willing to help work with some individuals who need some extra assistance. Wednesday has become a 'training' day for some volunteers from Community Connections. There are ample regular volunteers, but having a good heart and an even disposition helps.

Please keep your eyes open for an announcement in the next couple of weeks about another food drive. Our "Souper Bowl Sunday" went very well last year and I anticipate something similar again in 2015.

As always, your continued prayers are needed and appreciated.

Larry Gessner

Bridge Shelter

Christmas has come and gone for another year. It was a great season to celebrate the birth of our Lord. Associated with the birth of Jesus is the giving of gifts. As we age we have a tendency to give and receive fewer gifts, but we still all receive them. As for me, there is always something that comes my way that I cannot utilize... either the size is wrong or it is something I will use. How about re-gifting those items to the Bridge? They can utilize everything from shoes and socks to underwear, shirts, pants, sweaters, coats, heavy blankets and bathroom linens. Maybe we should see if our closets are a bit overflowing on those items and gift them as clean items to the Bridge.

This past summer they were finally able to get their own kitchen set up, installed and approved by the health department. They are currently serving three evening meals a week on their own and try to

prepare something for breakfast each day. I almost always receive food items each year that I cannot use...soup kits, baking mixes, etc. These are items that can be made into meals where they are needed. The Bridge has determined that they will try to present healthier meals to their clients so they are making their own deserts and even some bread. That means that utensils can also be used as well.

Above all, your continued prayers are needed and appreciated.

Larry Gessner

Upcoming Events

- Jan 11, 2015 – Elders Meeting @ 10:15 a.m.
- Jan 13, 2015 – Church Council Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.
- Jan 20, 2015– Lunch & Games @11:30 a.m.
- Feb 17, 2015– Lunch & Games

LCMS

The Lutheran Hour Ministries has a new Bible Study available from the Men's Network. The study is entitled Regrets, Reality and Restoration. Visit www.lhm.org and click on the Men's Network button mid-page to find out more. You can also find more information at that site about daily devotions, The Lutheran Witness, and other happenings within the LCMS.

New Year/Calendar Facts

January is the first month of the year in the Julian and Gregorian calendars and one of seven months with the length of 31 days. The first day of the month is known as New Year's Day. It is, on average, the coldest month of the year within most of the Northern Hemisphere. In

the Southern hemisphere, January is the seasonal equivalent of July in the Northern hemisphere and vice versa.

January (in Latin, *Ianuarius*) is named after Janus, the God of beginnings and transitions; the name has its beginnings in Roman mythology, coming from the Latin word for door (*ianua*) since January is the door to the year.

Traditionally, the original Roman calendar consisted of 10 months totaling 304 day. The month of January was added to the Roman calendar around 700 BC so that the calendar would equal a standard lunar year of 355 days. January became the first month of the year around 450 BC, although March was originally the first month of the year in the old Roman calendar. January originally consisted of 30 days when it was added to the 10-month Roman calendar. However, a day was added making it 31 days long in 46 BC by Julius Caesar.

January birthstone is garnet. National Thank You Month and Weight Loss Awareness Month both occur in January. Wikipedia.com & Timeanddate.com

Trinity Web Site

The Church Council plans to create a web site. If you are interested in helping with this project, talk to Shar Short – 564-1596 or shortstuff1950@gmail.com.

Newsletter Info

If you would like to submit information to this newsletter, please put it in Shar Short's box, call her at 970-564-1596, or e-mail her at shortstuff1950@gmail.com.