

TRINITY TIMES

Trinity Lutheran Church

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From the Pastor's Desk

We all, like sheep have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. Isaiah 53:6

Greetings to you all in the name of Jesus! From the above verse we see that Lent is upon us once again. And the reason for Lent is because we are sinners and Jesus paid for our sins. This is what we remember during this season. Ash Wednesday is February 18th when we will begin our midweek Lenten services at 7:00 pm. The theme for this year's midweek services is "The Crucified King". Plan on spending your Wednesdays worshipping our King, who gave His life to save us.

Peace,
Pastor



Elders

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 Church Council met on January 13, 2015. We are changing our bank accounts to Dolores State Bank due to new regulations for federal charter banks that could increase personal liability of church officers authorized by the Church to sign checks. State chartered banks do not have these regulations at this time.

We have two board vacancies due to resignations...Fellowship Committee chair and a Trustee position. These are good entry level Board positions. If you would like to get the full job description for either of these positions please speak to Bruce Short – 564-1596.

The next Council meeting is March 10, 2015 at 6:30 pm.

Preschool

The Preschool is looking for someone that is certified in CPR/First Aid to do a refresher class for the preschool staff. We would need it to be on a Saturday, depending on the amount of time the class would

take. We need it done as soon as possible. Give Jackie a call at 565-3166.

Operation Christmas child update - this year we sent 3213 shoeboxes from the 4 corners area. We were down from 3346 in 2013, and from 3513 in 2012. Still, all in all, we need to rejoice that over 10,000 boxes have been shipped just from our little corner of the world in the last 3 years. The Gospel message is being presented to that many children, plus their families! To God be the Glory!

The preschool now has an enrollment of 68 children. This includes kids from 1 year through school-age. Our little yellow bus carries 14 children from elementary schools to be cared for after school most days. We also are a bus-stop for children from Manaugh Elementary, so that adds another 6.

We really appreciate your continued donations of rolls of paper towels and toilet paper and boxes of tissues. These things are used at an amazing rate! We also appreciate your continued contributions to our school and the prayers that are offered. We feel the Power!

Stewardship

Stewardship and New Year's Resolutions...How Do they Connect?

A congregation-member sent an interesting article about New

Year's resolutions that made sense to me, and I and wanted to share a few thoughts from it. The author makes the case that New Year's resolutions that are founded in our sinful selves are bound to be broken, but those founded in Jesus' love are bound for success.

"When New Year's resolutions in the area of stewardship begin with the Lord, they take on a whole new perspective...The "why" of a resolution, ordered by the Lord, flows from grace. When the individual is led by the Lord to recast some of the traditional resolutions in the light of the Gospel, they become very noble and salutary."

So, health and weight loss resolutions could sound something like this: "Because the Lord has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears as a gift to be used by Him and for Him, I will try with His help to get them in shape to serve Him better." A grace-based financial resolution might sound more like this: "Because the Lord has given me everything I have, I will endeavor with His help to better use His gifts by getting out of and staying out of debt so that, as I have freely received from Him, I may freely share with others." Want to read the whole article? Visit <http://blogs.lcms.org/2015/stewardcast-newsletter-january-2015>
Carol Sperling

Mission Committee

The Mission Committee has made plans for the 2015 projects. As in other years, the Trinity Preschool remains on the list. There are always needs and wants for Jackie and the staff, and the Preschool remains one of Trinity's most important outreach efforts. Watch this spring for upcoming work projects.

Our other fundraising efforts will be centered on Mission Central, an organization endorsed by the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. MC is an all-volunteer group out of Iowa that supports mission projects and mission families. On Sunday, March 29, there will be a short program after church to learn more about Mission Central. Following that will be a Dessert Auction to raise funds for Mission Central. If you are interested in knowing more about Mission Central, visit their web site at <http://www.missioncentral.us/missioncentral/welcome>.

Lunch & Games

Lunch & Games is February 17, 2015 at 11:30 a.m. Plan to attend and have some fun!

Sew 'n' Sews

Sew 'n' Sews will meet February 11 & 25, 2015 at 9 a.m. in the Ruth Guild Room. We would welcome your help! If you would like to piece a top at home, give Shar Short a call.

Hopes Kitchen

Finally, the plans got off the ground for a fund and can raiser for the Kitchen...unfortunately it was with a quick turn around. Souper Bowl Sunday is upon us again and since the information is late I will be more than happy to take donations of either canned goods, cash or checks during the month of February rather than just up until the game. Our most used items are canned vegetables as we can go through five # 10 cans during each meal just providing a vegetable side dish. Our average daily meal count was 113 during 2014, with the numbers fluctuating from 90 to 150 during the month. We have figured out which days are going to be the busier ones so we

end up with no wasted food and very little that needs to carry over from one day to the next.

We have spent some time during the past few months working with Community Connections on integrating some of their clients into our schedule. Wednesday is the one day that we have been concentrating on and it seems to be working. We have four people who have been coming over and assisting with any of the following; setting up the dining room, helping with the food preparation, serving, and operating the dish washer. It would be nice to expand this to some of our other days but we will take it one step at a time.

Bridge Shelter

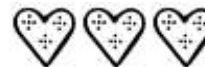
The annual "Soups of the World" was held recently as a fund raiser for the Bridge. This program has raised thousands of dollars to assist the Bridge with their budgetary items over the years. If you did not attend this year be sure to put it on your calendar for next year (January 2016) as the company and food are great. One of the cooks from Hope's provided a 'Turkey Tortilla' soup this year with donations from Hopes. We do provide two evening meals a week at the Bridge so continued support is important.

Upcoming Events
•Feb 11, 2015 – Sew 'n' Sews @ 9:00 a.m.
•Feb 17, 2015– Lunch & Games
•Feb 18, 2015 – Ash Wednesday Lenten Service @ 7 p.m.
•Feb 25, 2015 – Lenten Service @ 7 p.m.
•Mar 8, 2015 – Elder's Meeting @ 10:15 a.m.
•Mar 4, 11, 18, 25, 2015 – Lenten Service @ 7 p.m.
•Mar 10, 2015 – Church Council Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.
•Mar 17, 2015– Lunch & Games
•Mar 29, 2015 – Mission Committee Dessert Auction @ 10:30 a.m.

Volunteer Needed

Each Sunday the entire worship service is taped and downloaded on to DVDs that are distributed to those who cannot attend church. This usually takes several hours a week and requires a computer

for burning the DVDs. If you would like to help in this important outreach, please check in with Eleanor at the church office or talk to Wayne Hite at 882-1438.



Valentine's Day

I decided to check out the internet for Valentine's Day ideas. One site suggested that couples jump into adventure sports, rush to your favorite picnic spot, or cook for your beloved. Another site shamed people for buying cards because of manufacturing processes and landfill results – e-mails are just as good they report. A science site offered the viewer a dozen photos of heart-shaped celestial sights to share with your partner. Make a book about why you love your spouse and why you are thankful for him or fill a jar with Valentine candy and notes for your spouse like "Good for 10 backrubs" or "I'm glad God blessed my life with such a great husband/wife". One suggestion was to arrange a scavenger hunt with an activity of some kind as the prize – this would be a fun family activity, too.

I think a good number of us have been married a good long while, and maybe some of the Valentine's Days run together. It's probably not important to spend a lot of money every year, but letting your loved one know that you truly love him/her and count them as a blessing in your life is important.

Colossians 3:18-19 says of marriage, "Wives, understand and support your husbands by submitting to them in ways that honor the Master. Husbands, go all out in love for your wives. Don't take advantage of them."

Happy Valentine's Day!!

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.

