

TRINITY TIMES

Trinity Lutheran Church

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From the Pastor's Desk

"Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. Ephesians 6:10&11

Greetings in the name of Jesus! Paul reminds us that Satan is always scheming to lead us to sin and disobey God. But he reminds us that our strength to fight Satan is the power of God. With His power we can put on the full armor of God and chase Satan away. It is the resurrection power of Jesus that is with His children. We are forgiven and given His armor to fight the good fight. Let's remember to turn to God and His word when we face temptation and remember His great love for us. And we all remember we have the gift of eternal life because of Jesus.

Pastor



Elders

A special thank you goes to our two departing Elders. Bill Witthans will still be available to be of assistance when he can. Joe Mahaffey needs our special thanks for his long service. Joe was tapped to fill in the remainder of an earlier term of 2 years. And he went on to be elected to two additional terms for a total of almost 8 years. Thank you, Bill and Joe, for your wonderful service.

We welcome our new Elders to the fold. Next month we will provide some profile information for you on these two men. Our next meeting will be September 13. Please let us know if there is anything you would like us to add to the agenda.

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

A special Voters meeting will be held on Sunday, August 2, 2015 after the church service. This meeting is to elect the 2015/2016 Council. The slate of candidates for the 2015/2016 officers will be furnished at the meeting.

Fellowship

The Fellowship Committee is holding a Fellowship Kitchen Clean-up and Inventory Saturday, August 15, 2015. The kitchen is in need of some attention and cleaning. Please come at 10:30 a.m. to help with this project. In conjunction with this activity, there will be a Kitchen Shower 2 weeks later on Saturday, August 29 at 10:00 a.m. to furnish some of the necessary supplies for the kitchen. There will be treats on

both occasions and a list for the Kitchen Shower will be available after the Clean-up and Inventory.

Sunday, August 30 is Fellowship Sunday and will be the Church Picnic. The main fare will be provided and attendees are asked to bring a side dish. There will be a sign up sheet for the bulletin board in the narthex soon. This is a great time to enjoy visiting with fellow members. Please come and invite a guest or 2!

Church Website

This is to announce the availability of the Trinity Lutheran Church website! You can find the site at trinitylutheranchurchcortez.com. This is a basic site, but it provides a very necessary addition to Trinity's publicity. There will be some additional history in the future and a members' information page.

Please check it out and give me some feedback.

Shar Short

Stewardship

If you're like me, you pray for lots of things both large and small. In the Lord's Prayer, we ask for our daily bread. The Small Catechism teaches that "Daily bread includes everything that has to do with the support and needs of the body, such as food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, home, land, animals, money, goods, a devout husband or wife, devout children, devout workers, devout and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, self-control, good reputation, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like."

This is a pretty comprehensive list of what God provides for our daily bread, and Jesus himself gave us this prayer. But as Christians, we know that all those 'things' are blessings, but not the goal of life. As Christians, we're called to do the Lord's will on Earth, and to wait for the day we no longer need to pray for daily bread, because we're with the Lord in heaven. All those bits and pieces of "our daily bread" are pure blessings from God that he gives us to use to His glory.

Even so, it's hard to avoid getting all wrapped up in what we have in this world. Engaging in stewardship can give us lessons in the eternal realities rather than our earthly wants. Like what? Concentrating on possessions keeps us focused on earthly matters like earning money, paying bills, and buying things we need or want. Practicing giving as Christians teaches us to loosen our hold on

those things and look forward to what our Father in heaven has in store for us for all eternity. Sharing God's gifts to us with others also reminds us of what God has done, is doing, and will do for us through Jesus Christ. That gift is way beyond "our daily bread" and so worth sharing widely, in word and deed.

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Hopes Kitchen

Wow, this summer has really been gangbusters. There are lots of new faces this year and an increase in numbers. 140 meal days has become the norm but we have been blessed with the 'raw' goods we need to provide the meals we prepare. Contributions are always welcome and plans are tentative for holding a fund raiser sometime this fall. Please look for information when plans are firm. As always, if you wish to donate your time we are glad for the help.

Upcoming Events

- August 2, 2015 – Voters Meeting after the Church Service
- August 15, 2015 – Fellowship Kitchen Clean-up and Inventory @ 10:30 a.m.
- August 29, 2015 – Fellowship Kitchen Shower @ 10:00 a.m.
- August 30, 2015 – Church Picnic @ 10:30 a.m.

Colorado

August 1, 2015 was the 139th birthday of our home state. There were a number of doings in Denver, but it seems like it goes by unnoticed here. Here are some facts for your information. For the record, President Ulysses S. Grant signed the proclamation

that made Colorado the 38th state on Aug. 1, 1876.

According to Colorado newspaperman and politician Jerry Koppel, Colorado's path to statehood started in 1864, in an attempt to get another Republican state to boost Abraham Lincoln's re-election chances. Coloradans rejected the proposed constitution in a plebiscite, however, which pushed the effort into the next Lincoln administration—which became the Andrew Johnson administration. Laws proposed to bring the state into the union were vetoed twice by President Andrew Johnson. The process was pushed back until 1875 during President Ulysses Grant's 2nd administration. See timpanogos.wordpress.com/2015/07/31/colorado-statehood-day-august-1-fly-your-flags/

If you google Colorado Day, you can find some trivia quizzes, happenings, and history.

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.

Newsletter Info

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