

TRINITY TIMES

Trinity Lutheran Church

May 2015

Elders

There will be a meeting of the Elders following services on May 10, Mother's Day. If you should happen to have anything you would like us to discuss please contact one of us or stop by when we are meeting. We meet in the rear of the sanctuary following the service.

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 will meet on May 12, 2015 at 6:30 pm at the church. We have changed our bank accounts to Dolores State Bank and are in the process of closing the First National accounts. We are also bundling our phone and internet service with CenturyLink to save money. Other actions to reduce our fixed costs are being investigated by the Council.

Terri Lynn Tito has accepted the position of Fellowship chairperson...welcome Terri Lynn!

Council Treasurer

As most of you know, Trinity has had a rough time meeting our monthly expenses. Due to the increase in giving in the last six weeks, we have gone from a year-to-date \$6,000+ deficit in giving versus expenses to a deficit as of the end of April of \$2,332. The Finance Committee is hopeful that this increase in giving

will continue so we don't face the problem again. One thing the Finance Committee is doing to decrease expenses is requesting that any congregation member who would prefer not to use the offering envelopes in 2016, please let Eleanor know by e-mail or by telephone (565-9346).

If you shop on Amazon.com, you can register Trinity Lutheran to receive a portion of your sales. There are currently members that are using this system and Trinity receives a check every 3 months. Every little bit helps.

<http://smile.amazon.com/ch/23-7044974>

Leah Bedker

Editor's note: This was advertised last year to benefit the Preschool, but they did not meet all the qualifications. You may want to check your preferences on Amazon if you did register the Preschool.

Preschool

The school is finishing up the fall program and gearing up for summer. The Pre-K class has been visiting the local nursing homes, bringing entertainment, tray favors and hugs. Thank you to Ms. TerriLyn Tito for arranging these fun outings.

Graduation for the Pre-K class will be held on Tuesday evening May 19, 2015, at 6:30 p.m.. The children will be showing off some of what they have learned this year, and a full cap and gown ceremony will be conducted. It is always exciting to see children that we have grown to know and love move on to school. We pray that we have

planted seeds of God's love in their hearts that will grow as they grow.

A couple of summer work days are in the planning stage. There are lots of little fix-ups that can be done on your own schedule, so watch for the list to appear, and then please sign up to do a few. Trinity members can take great pride in the reputation that the preschool has, and we appreciate that members are always willing to spruce the place up when needed.

Upcoming Graduation

On Sunday, May 24th, we will celebrate the graduation of Lucas Bloedel after our worship service. Please plan to attend and wish him success in his future. Graduation cards would be more than welcome.

Yard Sale/Mission Committee

The Mission Committee will be holding a Yard Sale May 16 with the proceeds going to mission projects, including the preschool, other missions and Mission Central. You may begin bringing sale items Sunday, May 10, and put them in the Fellowship hall. Anyone can volunteer! We can use help with the pricing of items, hauling items out and setting up the display, clean-up and hauling the leftovers away to the thrift shop. (We hope there are none!) See Jackie Snow if you would like to volunteer, or need your donations picked up.



Social Concerns

May and Spring has arrived! (Maybe) The Good Samaritan Center asks those of you that plant a garden, to consider dedicating just one (1) vegetable plant to the Good Samaritan Center. When the plant produces its fruit, you would either bring the produce to Church on a Sunday, leave it at the Underwood Optical Office or take it to the Good Samaritan Center any Monday through Thursday between noon and 2:00. Diana will take the produce to the Center when left here at church.

The U.S. Postal Service will be sponsoring a canned food drive on Saturday May 9th. Leave your contribution near your mailbox. The food collected will be given to the Good Samaritan Center. At present the Good Samaritan Center is low on food.

Renew thanks you for your continued support in donating hygiene products. A few items that are in need in addition to the hair and dental products are deodorant, combs, face cloths and hand towels.

Lunch & Games

Lunch & Games is May 19, 2015 at 11:30 a.m. Plan to attend and have some fun!

Sew 'n' Sews

Sew 'n' Sews will meet May 13 and 27 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.

The Bridge

Much thanks to all of you who helped support this cause during the past seven months. The Bridge stayed open a month longer than in the past which was welcome news for those who utilize the place. It was a banner year in terms of programs being used and by the numbers of those in attendance. A full report will be available for next month's newsletter.

All those items you have generously supported the program

with were enjoyed. Food, clothing items, disposables, etc. are always in need so thank you so very much. Working together within the community, we are able to do so much for our neighbors.

Hopes Kitchen

April has been an interesting month - we started off with lower than usual numbers (mid 70s) only to see that jump up to the mid-140s by month's end. We truly never know what lies ahead for us. Having said that, it is interesting to see that God continues to watch out for us and always finds a use for food that we prepare. Very little is ever unused.

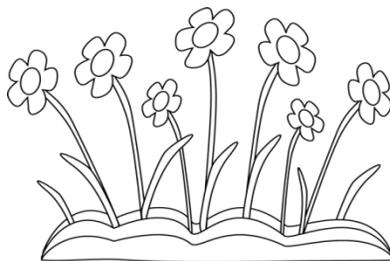
In another month we will be hitting summer which brings its own changes. School will be out and depending on what is going on in the community we often see a jump in our numbers. It is always a joy to serve but that joy takes on an even higher level when children are involved.

As always, we can always utilize food stuffs - dry goods, canned goods, frozen items. Earlier this week, someone stopped by with several pounds of leftover sandwich meats from a luncheon they had attended. Today I was able to take that meat over to Graces Kitchen for their sack lunches this Saturday. We do a lot of sharing within the "food community" here in Cortez. There is always a use for everything.

Larry Gessner

Membership Changes

Congratulations to Leah Bedker and Ron Butt who married February 22, 2015! Their address is 28851 Road M, Dolores.



Upcoming Events

- May 9, 2015 – USPO food drive for Good Samaritan Center
- May 12, 2015 – Church Council Meeting @ 6:30 p.m. Fellowship Hall
- May 13, 2015 – Sew 'n' Sews @ 9:00 a.m.
- May 16, 2015 – Yard Sale
- May 19, 2015 – Lunch and Games @ 11:30 a.m.
- May 19, 2015 – Preschool Graduation @ 6:30 p.m.
- May 24, 2015 – Lucas Bloedel graduation celebration
- May 27, 2015 – Sew 'n' Sews @ 9:00 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.

Poem of the Month

God's Light in the Darkness

Lord, I call to thee
In the darkness of the night
In all my desperation,
I long, in thee, to hide
Lord, the way ahead
Seems so awfully steep,
But I know your word, O Lord,
Is a lamp unto my feet
Give to me, O Lord,
A light within the dark;
A hope for the future
As you illuminate my path.
M.S. Lowndes
heavensinspirations.com

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