

# TRINITY TIMES

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Trinity Lutheran Church

October 2015

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## **Elders**

The newly installed Elders had their first meeting and met their counterparts a few weeks ago. As always, we try to keep up with the duty schedule and a couple of potential projects were discussed regarding church growth.

We remind all members of Trinity to keep Trinity and all members in our prayers. As Pastor says, prayer is the most important tool we have in our Christian life.

The Elders are:

Larry Gessner 565-6371

Kelly McCabe 565-7269

Marty Ruggles 565-4049

Joe Stevens 565-3679

Roland Walter 882-7450

Ralph Wegner 565-3936

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

## **Preschool**

It is time to start thinking about Christmas – Operation Christmas Child, that is! Now is a good time to watch stores for closeouts on clothing. Think about purchasing hygiene and school supplies. The packing party will be Sunday, November 15 to assemble Trinity boxes. The official collection week is November 16-23. How can you help? See Jackie for details.

## **Social Concerns**

Beginning October 4th and 18th, we will be having our Fall Food Drive for the Good Samaritan Center. The items needed are for the preparation of meals for a family. Essential food items needed are: flour, sugar, cereals, canned soup, peanut butter, pasta, canned veggies, canned beans. Also the following are welcome - boxed dinners, macaroni & cheese, ramen noodles, etc. If you should come across any other food items on sale, don't hesitate to purchase those items, too. You can bring them to church in a small box or grocery bag (that I will be handing out.)

Also in October 18th & 25th we will have a collection for Renew. These items will include hygiene items plus washcloths, hand towels, deodorant, combs, socks (it is getting colder!), as well as, small toys, stuffed animals, etc., for the children that come with their mothers. Hopefully a speaker for Renew will be coming to Trinity soon to explain how Renew works.

Thank you for your generosity in the past. Our Trinity family is very compassionate and generous.

Diana Hoehn

## **Sew 'n' Sews**

Sew 'n' Sews welcome anyone who likes to work to make something that will benefit those in need. Come join us on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays at 9 a.m. in the Ruth Guild room at church. Questions can go to Shar Short at 564-1596 or Mary Mahaffey at 562-4750.

## **Hopes Kitchen**

Well, it looks like August was not an "unusual occurrence" for meal attendance. September has held up with the larger numbers, too, and we have been meeting the needs of those who come to us for sustenance. Your continued support is amazing and much appreciated. Thank you so much on behalf of all of those who volunteer and a big thank you from those whom we serve.

Larry Gessner

## **HEADS UP**

A bike race, Ride of the Ancients, is occurring on Sunday, October 11th. This race is scheduled to start from the Rec Center at 7:30 a.m. – the course does go by Trinity (Dolores Road) but the race is expected to be over by 8:30 a.m. However, the race committee has notified us of this race so that if there are still bicyclists moving through before and during church, we would not be

caught unawares. Be on the look out!

#### **Upcoming Events**

- October 14, 2015 – Sew n Sews @ 9:00 a.m. Ruth Guild Room
- October 18, 2015 – Chittick Baby Shower
- October 28, 2015 – Sew n Sews @ 9:00 a.m. Ruth Guild Room

#### **Web Site**

The Web Site is up and running. Pages include Calendar, Service information, What We Believe, Church Organization, Newsletter and much more. Pictures will be updated and a History page added in the future. Give it a look at [trinitylutheranchurchcortez.com](http://trinitylutheranchurchcortez.com). Shar Short

#### **LCMS**

This month marks the anniversary of the Reformation as celebrated by many Lutherans. A visit to the LCMS website provides a periodical called The Lutheran Journal which is dedicated to why we still can learn from Martin Luther and the Reformation. There are articles about Luther, the Reformation, a perspective on the Reformation from emerging Christian communities like Africa and Asia, as well as a study on the decline of Lutheranism in America. You can visit this site - <http://blogs.lcms.org/2015/journal-of-lutheran-mission-september2015> or you can visit [lcms.org](http://lcms.org) and click on the Journal of Lutheran Mission icon from the topics that scroll across upper part of the page. You can download/read/print the periodical or portions of it.

Another periodical is Lutherans Engage the World which focuses on church workers and related topics such as becoming a church worker, domestic and international missionaries, pilot programs and discussions on faith and ways to build up church workers. That periodical can also be downloaded/read/printed by visiting [lcms.org](http://lcms.org) and clicking on the Lutherans Engage the World topic when it scrolls through the upper portion of the Home page.

This year celebrates the 498<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation, but few churches celebrate this church day in this day and time. October 31, 2017 is the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation and there are a number of plans in the making. You can keep up with the planning and organizing by visiting [lutheranreformation.org](http://lutheranreformation.org).

#### **A Little Humor**

##### *Jewish Sons*

A Jewish father was concerned about his son who was about a year away from his Bar Mitzvah but was sorely lacking in his knowledge of the Jewish faith. To remedy this he sent his son to Israel to experience his heritage. A year later the young man returned home.

"Father, thank you for sending me to the land of our Fathers," the son said. "It was wonderful and enlightening, however, I must confess that while in Israel I converted to Christianity."

"Oy vey," replied the father, "what have I done." So in the tradition of the patriarchs, he went to his best friend and sought his advice and solace.

"It is amazing that you should come to me," stated his friend, "I

too sent my son to Israel and he returned a Christian."

So in the tradition of the patriarchs, they went to the Rabbi. "It is amazing that you should come to me," stated the Rabbi, "I too sent my son to Israel and he returned a Christian. What is happening to our sons?" Brothers, we must take this to the Lord," said the Rabbi.

They fell to their knees and began to wail and pour out their hearts to the Almighty. As they prayed the clouds above opened and a Mighty Voice stated, "Amazing that you should come to Me. I, too, sent My Son to Israel....."

– Contributed by LMMyers

[www.inspirationalarchive.com](http://www.inspirationalarchive.com)

#### **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.

#### **Martin Luther Quotes**

Medicine causes illness, Mathematics melancholy, and Theology sinful people.

There is nothing more powerful in the world than superstition

#### **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](mailto:shortstuff1950@gmail.com).