

TRINITY TIMES

Trinity Lutheran Church

June 2015

From the Pastor's Desk

"Now we know that is the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands." 2 Corinthians 5:1

Greetings in the name of Jesus! The above words of Paul help us to remember that when this life is over we have an eternal home in heaven. This home was won for us by the blood Jesus shed on the cross to pay for our sins. It helps us also who are as yet walking by faith that we have hope for ourselves and the hope we will see our loved ones again. Praise God for His never ending love!

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

A special Church Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 16, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. The sole subject of the meeting is insurance for the church and the Preschool.

July 14 is next regularly scheduled meeting for the Church Council. The slate of candidates for the 2015/2016 officers will be finalized.

Trinity Preschool

Graduation for 12 students was held on Tuesday May 19. It was a huge success. There were 33 family members that ate

dinner and over half the church was full of people to watch the children perform. They were awesome, as usual. Thank you to everyone who came to help set up, serve and clean up! They included Lynelle Brumley, Barbara Jeanne Humbracht, Beth McCabe, Renee Johnson, Brittany Jones and Cheryl Broadhagen. Mike Tito videotaped the program and Terilynn Tito helped with crowd control and performed her sign language to music at "half-time" while the children changed into their caps and gowns. Also thanks to Pastor Barr for helping out and being there. It was a really fun evening that was enjoyed by all.

The Yard Sale that was sponsored by the Mission Committee for the benefit of the preschool was a great success in spite of the gloomy, rainy weather. The sale earned \$846.80 for Preschool projects. Thanks to all who donated items and those who

donated time to work at the sale. It was really quite fun, and a lot of laughs. Leftovers were donated to the Methodist Thrift Shop and to Habitat for Humanity Thrift, and clothing was donated to Renew.

Jackie is looking for someone that would like to take over the Campbell labels collection for the preschool. There is not much work involved, just trimming proofs of purchases and gluing them on a collection sheet and getting them mailed to Campbells. Postage costs would be reimbursed. See Jackie if you might be interested and she can fill you in on the details.

Stewardship

What is stewardship in the Christian church? I used to see that word as a synonym for 'giving,' but I've come to realize that it encompasses a much broader range of beliefs and actions than just writing a check and dropping it in the plate every few weeks. Merriam's

Dictionary defines 'stewardship' in the secular world this way:

1. the office, duties, and obligations of a steward
2. the conducting, supervising, or managing of something; especially : the careful and responsible management of something entrusted to one's care; for example <stewardship of natural resources>.

There are numerous reminders in the Bible that God is the owner of the universe, and we are his tenants:

© "To the Lord your God belong the heavens, even the highest heavens, the earth and everything in it." (Deuteronomy 10:14)

© "The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it." (Psalm 24:1)

© I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End." (Revelation 22:13)

In Genesis, we learn that Adam and Eve were not only tenants in the garden but God made them stewards as well: "And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it." (Genesis 2:15)

The Holman Bible Dictionary defines 'stewardship' as "Utilizing and managing all resources God provides for the glory of God and the betterment of His creation."

The concept of wisely managing something entrusted to the steward is found in Leviticus 25:1-4, where God directed the Israelites to let their fields fallow periodically. "The LORD said to Moses on Mount Sinai, "Speak to the Israelites and say to them: 'When you enter the land I am going to give you, the land itself must observe a

Sabbath to the LORD. For six years sow your fields, and for six years prune your vineyards and gather their crops. But in the seventh year the land is to have a Sabbath of rest, a Sabbath to the LORD." The Lord directs us to rest on the Sabbath and to keep it holy, and we should take care of his Creation in the same way.

Stewardship for Christians goes way beyond giving in the plate on Sunday, although that's a good place to start. Stewardship is also looking at the Earth and everything (and everyone) on it as the Lord's own property, which He has given us and directed us to manage for Him. How do we respond to His request?
Carol Sperling

Mission Committee

Stay tuned for details on the Dessert Auction. Any questions should go to Lisa Wegner at 565-3936.

Lunch & Games

Lunch & Games is June 16, 2015 at 11:30 a.m. Plan to attend and have some fun!

Sew 'n' Sews

Sew 'n' Sews are on Summer break. If you would like to piece a top at home or cut squares, give Shar Short a call @ 564-1596.

LCMS Rocky Mountain District Convention

The 50th Convention of the Rocky Mountain District is taking place in Denver June 4-6, 2015. The theme of the Convention is 1 Corinthians 13:13 – But the greatest of these is Love. Trinity Lutheran's representative is Bruce Short

who will attend sessions. Pastor Chittick will not be attending.

Upcoming Events

- June 14, 2015 – Dessert Auction after church service
- June 16, 2015 – Lunch & Games @ 11:30 a.m.
- June 16, 2015 – Special Church Council Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.
- June 27, 2015 – Luncheon for Lucas Bloedel
- July 14, 2015 – Church Council Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.

Membership Changes

Lorraine Wickstrom
970-560-4621 (new)

Velma Carlson
c/o Rev. Steve Carlson
8517 199th St. Court East
Spanaway, WA 98387

Leah and Ron Butt married
February 2, 2015
28851 Road M, Dolores, 81323

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, please put it in Shar Short's box, call her at 970-564-1596, or e-mail her at shortstuff1950@gmail.com.