

# TRINITY TIMES

Trinity Lutheran Church

April 2016

## Elders

The Elders are:

Larry Gessner	565-6371
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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.

## Trinity Preschool

There is a list of projects that is available for the Mission Committee work days or other members who wish to help out the Preschool on the narthex bulletin board.

Currently there is a need for a part time employee at the Preschool. Give Jackie a call if you know of a good candidate. And Trinity Preschool is taking registration for the Summer session.

Operation Christmas Child item of the month is stuffed animals. There is still a collection box in the narthex for any item all year.

## Mission Committee

The Mission Committee is sponsoring work days on April 16 & 23 for Trinity Preschool. Choose one and join in to accomplish needed maintenance. If you can't come on Saturday, there choose another day and work on your own.

May 15 is Orphan Grain Train day at Trinity. The quilts that the Sew 'n' Sews make all year will be blessed and then sent off to OGT headquarters in Norfolk NE. After the church service there will be a dessert auction in order to send some cash along with the quilts. These auctions are always lots of fun, so plan to join us! If you have questions about either event, give Lisa Wegner a call at 565-3936.

## Social Concerns

Donations to Renew, Good Samaritan, Hope's Kitchen, and The Bridge are always welcome. There are lists for each organization on the bulletin board in the narthex.

## Small Groups

Trinity has 3 Small Groups again! A Tuesday night and a Wednesday night group are starting up. If you would be interested in knowing more about Small Groups, please call Lisa Wegner at 565-3936 or Shar Short at 564-1596.

## Sew 'n' Sews

Sew 'n' Sews will meet these Wednesdays, April 13<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>. We're working towards more tied quilts to send to Orphan Grain Train. Please meet in the Ruth Guild room at 9 a.m. Questions can go to Shar Short

at 564-1596 or Mary Mahaffey at 562-4750.

## Trinity Library

If you haven't been downstairs for a while, head down and look through the library. Bonnie Johnson is the current librarian. She has organized and updated the reading, audio and video materials. The current Trinity Lutheran budget does not allow Bonnie resources to purchase new items for the library. If you would like to contribute to the Trinity Library fund, place your donation in an envelope and mark it clearly before placing it on the offering plate or dropping it by the church office.

## Upcoming Events

- April 9, 2016 – Baby Shower or Stephanie & Kyle Riddell @ Lisa Wegner's @ 10:30 a.m.
- April 10, 2016 – Turner Chittick's Baptism & Reception @ 10:30 a.m.
- April 13, 2016 – Sew 'n' Sews @ 9 a.m.
- April 27, 2016 – Sew 'n' Sews @ 9 a.m.
- May 15, 2016 – Dessert Auction & White Elephant Sale – 10:30 a.m.

## LCMS

You may like to take a look at the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod website ([lcms.org](http://www.lcms.org)) occasionally. Here are 3 interesting articles.

Domestic Violence is a terrible situation to be in and there is a recent article about the subject. Go to <http://www.lcms.org/socialissue/s/domesticviolence>.

"Soldiers of the Cross: caring for caregivers" is a recent blog about caregiver issues, particularly church workers. You can read about it at <http://blogs.lcms.org/2016/soldiers-of-the-cross>.

The movie sequel God Is Not Dead 2 gets a review in an article on the LCMS website. The reviewer liked the subject matter but the movie was mediocre. <http://blogs.lcms.org/2016/gods-not-dead-2>

### Poem of the Month

#### Slow Dance

Have you ever watched kids  
On a merry-go-round,  
Or listened to rain  
Slapping the ground?

Ever followed a butterfly's  
erratic flight,  
Or gazed at the sun fading into  
the night?

You better slow down,  
Don't dance so fast,  
Time is short,  
The music won't last

Do you run through each day  
On the fly,  
When you ask, "How are you?",  
Do you hear the reply?

When the day is done  
Do you lie in your bed,

With the next hundred chores  
Running through your head?

You better slow down,  
Don't dance so fast,  
Time is short,  
The music won't last

Ever told your child,  
We'll do it tomorrow,  
And in your haste,  
Not see his sorrow?

Ever lost touch,  
Let a friendship die,  
'Cause you never had time  
To call and say hi?

You better slow down,  
don't dance so fast,  
time is short,  
the music won't last

When you run so fast to get  
somewhere  
You miss half the fun of getting  
there.  
When you worry and hurry  
through your day,  
It's like an unopened gift thrown  
away.

Life isn't a race,  
So take it slower,  
Hear the music  
Before your song is over  
David L. Weatherford

### Volunteer Needed

If you have some extra time during the week and knowledge of technical devices, Wayne Hite could use your help in taping and burning copies of the Sunday sermon. Give him a call at 882-1438.

### It's The Thought That Counts

Choosing a gift for an elderly mother...  
Three sons left home, went out  
on their own and prospered.

Getting back together, they discussed the gifts they were able to give their elderly mother.

The first said, "I built a big house for our mother." The second said, "I sent her a Mercedes with a driver." The third smiled and said, "I've got you both beat.

You remember how mom enjoyed reading the Bible? And you know she can't see very well. So I sent her a remarkable parrot that recites the entire Bible. It took elders in the Church 12 years to teach him. He's one of a kind. Mama just has to name the chapter and verse, and the parrot recites it."

Soon thereafter, mom sent out her letters of thanks: "David," she wrote one son, "The house you built is so huge. I live in only one room, but I have to clean the whole house." "John," she wrote to another, "I am too old to travel. I stay most of the time at home, so I rarely use the Mercedes. And the driver is so rude!" "Dearest Jeffrey," she wrote to her third son, "You have the good sense to know what your mother likes. The chicken was delicious."

### 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).

