

TRINITY TIMES

Trinity Lutheran Church

March 2016

From the Pastor's Desk

The angel said to the woman, "Don't be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said." Matthew 28:5&6

Greetings in the name of Jesus! Well, March is here, what is special about that? Just the most important day of the year. Easter is March 27! Jesus has risen! And because He lives we shall live also. Plan on worshipping with us during Holy Week and especially on Easter. Thank God for his great love for us.

*Peace,
Pastor*



Elders

The next Elders meeting will be held on March 6. Please contact any elder with any issues you may have.

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.

Operation Christmas Child

Savvy shoppers know that they can impact more children around the world for eternity by looking for shoebox items throughout the year. I will feature an item a month, but if you find other bargains, feel free to include them as well. Items can be placed in the Operation Christmas Child decorated box

in the foyer of the church anytime during the month. I will store the items until next November, and then we can have a GIGANTIC packing party and make lots of boxes from the items we have accumulated. We are also planning to do a couple of craft sessions **March items are listed as Quality Crafts showing wooden toys or hand knit hats. But stores will start marking down hats and gloves this time of year so keep on the lookout for these items.** If you have questions, contact Jackie Snow. There is a list on the Operation Christmas website, and you can check that occasionally.

Mission Committee

The Mission Committee will be working in 2016 on several projects. The Preschool is always at the top of the list for Missions. Sometimes we help with family

nights and other times we help with projects around the Preschool.

The other organization we are going to help this year is Orphan Grain Train. This group sends help in the form of food and many other necessities all over the world. Check out their website at <http://www.ogt.org/>. Plans are under way for activities in 2016, so watch for more information.

Our next meeting is March 20 after church. There are several openings on this committee, so if you have an interest, 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

Small groups are tools that promote Bible Study, prayer, and fellowship in a church. Sunday, April 3, there will be a meeting to reorganize Small Groups in order for more people to be involved. There will be a sign-up sheet on the narthex bulletin board. More information coming later.

Hopes Kitchen and the Bridge Shelter

Larry has resigned from his post at Hopes Kitchen, but please be aware that he will be bugging you for donations as always. The Kitchen continues to serve a large number of individuals three times a week and your donations are what help keep the place going. Jerry Hart has assumed the temporary status of manager of the Kitchen for the interim while a search is underway for a permanent replacement - hopefully within the next month or so.

The Bridge also continues to provide services to the community under trying circumstances. The Americor grant has run out which provided assistance to the operational side of the organization. The shelter will be open through mid-April providing food and shelter to those in need in the community. Larry Gessner

Sew 'n' Sews

Sew 'n' Sews will meet Wednesday, March 9th & 23rd. 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.

Upcoming Events

- March 9, 2016 – Lenten Service @ 7 p.m.
- March 8, 2016 – Church Council @ 6:30 p.m.
- March 20, 2016 – Mission Committee Meeting @ 10:30 a.m.
- March 24, 2016 – Maundy Thursday Service @ 7 p.m.
- March 25, 2016 – Good Friday Service @ 7 p.m.
- March 27, 2016 – Easter Sunday
- April 3, 2016 – Small Group meeting

Web Site

Keep up with the happenings at Trinity by checking the calendar and revisiting past Trinity Times. Give it a look at <http://www.trinitylutheranchurchcortez.com/home>.

Shar Short

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.



Easter Trivia

- † The name "Easter" is never mentioned in the original Scriptures. However, the King James Version of the Bible does use the word in Acts 12:4.
- † In many circles Resurrection Sunday is considered a better word for the most important Christian day of the year.

- † Easter is a movable feast because the earliest believers in the church of Asia Minor wished to keep the observance of Easter correlated to the Jewish Passover. The death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ happened after the Passover, so followers wanted Easter to always be celebrated subsequent to the Passover.
- † The formula for setting Easter dates is the first Sunday after the first full moon (Paschal Moon) after the Spring Equinox.
- † The dates are from the Gregorian calendar very similar to the Hebrew Calendar.
- † The Eastern Orthodox churches use the Julian calendar, and their Easter dates are 1 – 4 weeks later.
- † The name Easter likely comes from a number of pagan goddesses from the Middle East – fertility goddesses often the focus of Spring festivals.
- † The custom of the Easter egg originated in the early Christian community of Mesopotamia, who stained eggs red in memory of the blood of Christ, shed at his crucifixion and a symbol of the empty tomb.

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 970-64-1596, or e-mail her at shortstuff1950@gmail.com.