

TRINITY TIMES

Trinity Lutheran Church

May 2016

Elders

The elders continue working on a couple of different projects. Please keep them and Trinity in your prayers at all times. If there ever is something you would like them to be involved with, do not hesitate to talk to them about it.

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

Thank you to all who have helped with the Preschool Work Days. Things are looking really good. There are still a few items left, so if you have any time it would be appreciated. Our evaluation will be sometime the first 3 weeks of May. Preschool Graduation will be on May 17 with dinner for parents at 5:30 and graduation program following at about 6:15.

On April 25 the Preschool Board held a Meet-&-Greet for the staff to meet the newly hired Director. They served yummy refreshments and gave everyone a chance to become acquainted with Genevieve. She will start on June 1 and work with Jackie

throughout the summer. She plans to come and meet the congregation soon. Please pray that the transition will be smooth and that God will direct her as she joins our preschool family.

Operation Christmas Child item of the month for May is Hygiene Items. This includes brushes and combs, deodorant, bars of soap, washcloths, toothbrushes and toothpaste and anything else you can think of. Please remember that we cannot send liquids of any kind. Our box is really filling up! Don't forget to watch for clearance items that you can include. I was able to get shorts, shirts and some other clothing items for \$1 each at WalMart recently.

Mission Committee

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. In addition, there is a chance to donate white elephant items for the silent auction. These auctions are always lots of fun, so plan to join us! If you have questions about this event, give Lisa Wegner a call at 565-3936.

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, May 11th & 25th. 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.

Hope's Kitchen / The Bridge

The Bridge has closed for the season. Please keep the residents in your prayers as they struggle to stay out of the elements over the next several months. Also remember that if you are doing any house cleaning over the summer that winter clothes, bedding and towels are always appreciated.

Hopes Kitchen continues with its mission on a daily basis. They may not be open for food service each day but there are needs and tasks that are accomplished daily. Although I am no longer involved with the operation of the kitchen I still serve as a conduit for goods and

supplies that you may wish to contribute. The items you so freely give are most appreciated and utilized to feed so many.

Grace Lutheran Church, Moab

Most of you know about the LCMS congregation over in Moab. It is a small group with about a dozen people attending services. Grace has been without a pastor for many years and is currently served by John Widmer from Pagosa Springs as an interim lay pastor. John is currently taking the remainder of his classes on line to become a full lay pastor which would allow him to provide full 'services' to the members of Grace. He has two years remaining in his quest. This is an expensive proposition as his costs amount to roughly \$11,000 per year. John is employed in Pagosa and is trying to cover his costs but it is just too much. The Four Corners churches are asking for assistance in funding his needs and District is willing to assist as well.

What I ask is for you to search your heart to make a contribution for these costs this year. This would be a gift over and above your normal giving. Any amount would be helpful. You can talk with me about John, Grace Lutheran and this situation if you wish. If you decide to make a contribution you could make out your check to Trinity with a note on the bottom that it is for John Widmer. Any proceeds will be sent to District for them to assist John.

Currently, the only compensation received for serving Grace is mileage paid for

travel expense. Please keep John and Grace Lutheran in your prayers.

Upcoming Events

- May 11, 2016 – Sew 'n' Sews @ 9 a.m.
- May 15, 2016 – Dessert Auction & White Elephant Sale – 10:30 a.m.
- May 25, 2016 – Sew 'n' Sews @ 9 a.m.

LCMS Stewardship

One of the monthly blogs for the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod is from the Stewardship department. Several of them have been very good, but they are too lengthy to put in this newsletter. Interested parties can sign up to get the monthly edition by going to www.lcms.org/stewardship. The March and April blogs have been talking about the generational differences in the churches. Haydn Shaw wrote a book titled Generational IQ: Christianity Isn't Dying, Millennials Aren't the Problem And the Future is Bright. The reviews of this book are good - here is a summary: Within the last several decades, the world has shifted dramatically. The cracks of this fundamental shift appear everywhere: in our economy, in our cultural debates, in our political landscape, and, most important, in our churches. The problem is we tend to overreact to these changes, fearing that Christianity is dying. We need better Generational IQ, so we can respond to the changes but not be terrified by them. We need a wise generational coach. Haydn Shaw is that generational expert,

showing us the roots of this generational shift and how it affects every one of us. Each generation, whether it's the aging Boomers or the young Millennials, approaches God with a different set of questions and needs based on the times in which they grew up. Haydn walks you through these generational differences and paints a vision of hope for the future.

Many Christians have concerns about the changes in the generations and what will happen to church and worship as we have known it. It's good to know that there are those who are researching the changes and looking towards a positive future.

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.

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.