

Trinity Times

Trinity Lutheran Church

December 2016

Voters Meeting

The November 20 Voters Meeting held some interesting moments. After Pastor Chittick opened the meeting with prayer, he read a letter to the congregation advising of his retirement effective March 3, 2017. He also stated he was staying in the area and would be available until Trinity could obtain a new Pastor.

The Budget for 2017 was seen for the first time so there was discussion. Most notably, the congregation voted to continue with the Rocky Mountain District Mission contribution instead of discontinuing it as the Budget Committee had planned. Otherwise, the budget as presented was confirmed.

A slate of officers was presented and was affirmed for 2017. The following list includes those who were just voted in and those who are continuing. (The Board of Elders follows this article.)

President - Lowell Volk

Vice President – Tom Burnison

Secretary – Trudi Rose

Treasurer – Robin Wolcott

Trustees – Michael Tito, Burt Ramsey, Bruce Short & Wayne Hite

Missions – Jackie Snow

Education – Jacqueline Chittick

Social Concerns – Diana Hoehn

Fellowship – TerryLynn Tito

Elders

The Elders met December 1 to organize for 2017. Duane Neal was elected as Head Elder, with Ralph Wegner filling in as needed. The duty roster for Church Services for December, January and February was completed. A list of Elder Responsibilities was passed out and reviewed by those present. There was a discussion as to what to do to make Trinity's membership list current. The Elders agreed to start making contact with people who haven't been attending. During the January meeting, the membership list will be considered and each Elder will be assigned families to contact.

The Elders are:

Duane Neal

Roland Walter 882-7450

Ralph Wegner 565-3936

Dennis Gard 928-379-2191

Josh Chittick 560-4785

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



Advent Soup Suppers

Soup Suppers have been revived! They precede the Advent Services on Wednesday December 7 & 14. Please come at 6 p.m. to enjoy a bowl of soup and some fellowship before joining the Advent Service at 7 p.m.

Trinity Lutheran New Members

These new members were accepted into the Trinity Family in the November 13, 2016 Worship Service. It's wonderful to have new members in our midst and we welcome them to all our activities.

Greg & Joleen Ausburn

Cheyenne, Morgan

John & Marion Sperling

Kyle & Stephanie Riddell

Peyton

Andrew & Megan Riddell

Jesse & Sarah Hanson

Landon, Triston

Burt & Debra Ramsey

Jasmine, Jackie

Hannah Lee & Wade

Duane & Orvillena Neal

Trudy Hooleyman



Upcoming Events

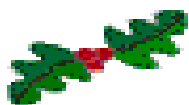
- Dec 7, 2016– Sew 'n' Sews @ 9 a.m.
- Dec 7, 2016 – Advent Service @ 7 p.m.
- Dec 14, 2016 – Sew 'n' Sews @ 9 a.m. Soup @ 6 p.m.
- Dec 14, 2016 – Advent Service @ 7 p.m. Soup @ 6 p.m.
- Dec 13, 2016 – Preschool Program @ 6 p.m.
- Dec 24, 2016 – Christmas Eve Service @ 7 p.m.
- Dec 25, 2016 – Christmas Day Service @ 9 a.m.

Book Suggestion

This month's book is **Interrupted: When Jesus Wrecks your Comfortable Christianity** by Jen Hatmaker. It was the subject of study for 2 of the small groups at Trinity. The Hatmakers were interrupted by God and led to a new walk in life serving those less fortunate. Jen was led to study the Bible in way that led her to "love her neighbor" in a new and courageous way. Jen is funny and honest, making the book easy to read. There is a companion Study Guide that can be used with the book.

Trinity Lutheran in Cortez Coffee Break

Have you seen the Cortez Coffee Break around town? It's a weekly publication with area news published by Jim Reser. It's a combination of advertisements, trivia, articles and an off-the-wall Horoscope. Trinity Lutheran is now advertising there, so next time you see it on a counter or in a booth, look up Trinity!



LWML Convention 2017

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League will hold its 2017 convention in Albuquerque next summer June 22-25, 2017. This is the Rocky Mountain District convention, not the national convention. More information to come or check out www.lwmlrmd.org.

Christmas Thoughts

RuthAnn Raycroft

"Sometimes it seems that the gap between Christmas and the rest of the year is getting shorter. This eagerness to get a jump on holiday cheer is purely practical from a retailer's point of view: Stores typically make more than half of their yearly sales during these few short weeks.

Shopping has become a pretty substantial part of the North American Christmas tradition. Yet Christmas is and should be so much more than what we buy. Gifts are fun, both to give and receive, but they are only symbolic of a much greater gift:

"For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16)."

RuthAnn has some suggestions on how to keep the focus on the real reasons to celebrate Christmas.

1. **A Savior Has Been Born to You** Throw a birthday party for Jesus, complete with birthday cake. This can be particularly meaningful for younger children, as it puts Christ's birth in a context they can relate to.
2. **No Room in the Inn** A favorite Christmas tradition in my family (and in many other families, I have discovered) is a re-enactment of the Christmas story. Several years ago I wrote a formal

nativity script for our family. Everyone was assigned a part, from Grandma and Grandpa right down to the newest, three-month-old grandchild.

3. **Forgo traditional Christmas gifts** – make a donation in someone's name rather than giving that person a gift; take a child out to eat at their favorite restaurant and then take them to the toy store where they can choose a gift...for a less fortunate child; band together with friends you might normally buy gifts for and pool your resources instead to help a family in need or support a favorite cause.

Read the entire article with more ideas at:

www.thoughts-about-god.com/christmas/rr_peace.htm



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