

# TRINITY TIMES

Trinity Lutheran Church

July 2016

## **Elders**

The Elders are:

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

## **Church Council**

The Church Council meets on Tuesday July 12, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. If you have any matters to bring before them, please contact Lowell Volk.

## **Church Picnic**

The 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Fellowship will be the annual Church Picnic. The theme is Carnival and there are some fun activities being planned by TerryLynn and her team. The main dish will be provided – hamburgers and hot dogs – and the rest of the congregation is asked to bring a side dish or a dessert. TerryLynn suggests you dress up for some fun as there will be a photo booth, and there are also some games planned. This would be a great time to bring family or friends to church with you, for the event starts after church. There will be a sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex for sides and desserts.

## **Trinity Preschool**

Trinity Preschool is in full swing for the summer. The staff and children are enjoying the warm weather...but this heat is really something else!! If anyone has pieces of plasticware or other strong plastic items that we could use in the sandbox, we would LOVE for you to donate them. We also look for large spoons and scoops of all kinds for digging.

Genevieve is learning lots while training for the director job. Please continue to pray for the school as we go through this transition period.

The school age class at the preschool will be having a bake sale on July 21. They do this every summer as a community service project. The children take the money they raise and go shopping for items that the Cortez Animal shelter needs. This is a great way for the children to get involved in the community and make a difference for the animals in the shelter. They plan to deliver the items and tour the shelter the following week. If anyone would like to donate baked goods or buy some items, come by the school on July 21 and support the kids' efforts.

We are wishing a speedy recovery for Ms TerryLynn. She has continued her lessons in sign

language through the summer, and the children enjoy learning different signs. We are missing her!!!

Pastor continues to do chapel time with the children. You can hear them singing the songs and it is very heartwarming to know that they are carrying these songs about Jesus around with them.

Operation Christmas Child – July shopping include clothing items. Keep your eye out for clearance clothing items and items like flip flops.

Jackie Snow

## **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.

## **Hope's Kitchen**

For whatever reason, this summer Hope's Kitchen is hitting some milestones. This past week they served 194 people on one day, which is a new record, and one that I am not sure we should glory in. The various kitchens within the community do serve a very distinct purpose and fulfill a need. Please continue to support both Hopes and Graces Kitchens

in the ministry that they provide. I do check the box in the narthex when I am here and make sure that the items get to the kitchen. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

Larry Gessner

### **Upcoming Events**

• July 12, 2016 – Church Council Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.

• July 31, 2016 – Carnival Barbeque Church Picnic @ 10:30 a.m.

### **LCMS**

There's an interesting YouTube episode from the LCMS on Millennials, the Church and Technology – Panel Discussion. The discussion is among 4 Millennials talking about their faiths, their views on the Church, how they view technology in their lives and other topics. It's about an hour long. Here is the link: <https://www.youtube.com/user/ConcordiaTechnology/videos> and then click on the Millennials, the Church, and Technology episode. There's also a eBook that can be downloaded.

### **Story of the Month**

#### **An Interview with God**

I dreamed I had an INTERVIEW WITH GOD.

"So, you would like to interview me?" GOD asked.

"If you have time," I said.

GOD smile.

"My time is eternity... what questions do you have in mind for me?"

"What surprises you the most about humankind?"

GOD answered...

"That they get bored with childhood, that they rush to

grow up, and then long to be children again."

"That they lose their health to make money... and then lose their money to restore their health."

"That by thinking anxiously about the future, they forget the present, such that they live in neither the present nor the future."

"That they live as if they would never die, and die as though they had never lived."

GOD's hand took mine... and we were silent for a while.

And then I asked, "As a parent, what are some of life's lessons you want your children to learn?"

GOD replied, "To learn they cannot make anyone love them. All they can do is let themselves be loved."

"To learn that it is not good to compare themselves to others."

"To learn to forgive by practicing forgiveness."

"To learn that it only takes a few seconds to open profound wounds in those they love, and it can take many years to heal them."

"To learn that a rich person is not one who has the most, but is the one who needs the least."

"To learn that there are people who love them dearly, but simply do not yet know how to express or show their feelings."

"To learn that two people can look at the same thing, and see it differently."

"To learn that it is not enough that they forgive one another, but they must also forgive themselves."

"Thank you for your time," I said humbly.

"Is there anything else you would like your children to know?"

GOD smiled, and said... "Just know that I am here. Always."

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### **Carnival History**

Through most of the history of the 19th century, rural North America enjoyed the entertainment of traveling shows. These shows could include a circus, vaudeville show, burlesque show or a magic lantern show. It is believed that the 1893 Chicago World's Fair was the catalyst that brought about the modern traveling carnival. At the Chicago World's Fair was an avenue at the edge of the grounds called the Midway Plaisance, which became the model for traveling carnivals and had games of chance, freak shows, wild west shows and burlesque shows. Otto Schmitt formed a company that featured thirteen acts and began touring the northeast United States. The appeal of this new type of entertainment was embraced. In 1902, there were 17 traveling carnivals in the US which grew to forty-six in 1905, and 300 by 1937.

Modern traveling carnivals usually make contracts with local governments in order to play both state and county fairs, as well as smaller venues (such as store parking lots, church bazaars, volunteer fire department fund raisers and civic celebrations).

Wikipedia

### **Newsletter Info**

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