

Trinity Times

Trinity Lutheran Church

January 2017

Elders

The Elders will meet January 8, 2017. Please feel free to contact any of them at any time with comments or concerns.

The Elders are:

Duane Neal 623-688-6833
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Ralph Wegner 565-3936
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Call Committee

The Call Committee for the search for a new Pastor has been formed. Members are:

Bruce Short, Chairperson
Mary Lou Volk,
Vice Chairperson
Beth McCabe, Secretary
Ralph Wegner
Sara McCabe
Duane Neal
Jacqueline Chittick
Robin Wolcott

The Rocky Mountain District has developed a call process that they ask congregations to follow. The process starts with a "congregational survey". The initial step is a report of general information on the congregation like number of members, annual budget, whether the church supports a school, etc. The Church Secretary and Treasurer are compiling that report now. The next step is a meeting of District Vice President Rev. Paul Albers and our Circuit Visitor, Rev. Brohr Erickson from Farmington, with the Call Committee. We will go over our congregational statistics, discuss

recommendations to the congregation for a Vacancy and/or Interim Pastor, and come up with a schedule for the call process. That meeting is scheduled for the evening of January 18. The District will then furnish the congregation with a list of Vacancy/Interim Pastors and for the congregation to vote on.

The District will then furnish the congregation with a list of candidates from their call list that seem to meet our needs. We will also ask for nominations from the congregation for Pastors that they know may be available or would be interested in serving here. The Call Committee will review all the candidates' resumes and pick several final candidates. The finalists will be interviewed and recommendations made to the congregation no less than two weeks prior to the Call Voters Meeting. Resumes and interview information from the finalists will be available to the congregation to review. At the Call Voters Meeting the congregation will vote to extend a call.

The process is designed to be deliberate, prayerful, and promote a good fit for both the congregation and the Pastor. We expect the process will take 6 months or more. If anyone has questions or input to the Call Committee, please contact one of the Committee members.

Stewardship

As the new year unfolds, many of us are compelled to make plans, contemplate resolutions, and look for opportunities to make the most of 2017 and our resources.

In the matter of giving, the Bible suggests tithing, which is giving 10% of your resources. Normally, it's money or wealth that this is applied to, but it can also include your time.

As many of you know, Trinity Lutheran is not always able to meet their monthly obligations without dipping into savings. Many members still give a weekly or monthly amount to Trinity. Whatever your circumstances, Trinity needs to continue to receive regular donations from all of us so that the lights and heat can stay on and the employees get paid.

Please prayerfully consider what you are able to give to Trinity and then faithfully give that amount though out the year.

Fifth Sunday Fellowship

Plan to stay after the service on Sunday, January 29, 2017 for the Fifth Sunday Fellowship event. The Fellowship Committee will furnish the main ingredients for a Baked Potato Bar. Members are asked to bring salads or desserts. A sign-up sheet will be stationed on the bulletin board in the narthex.

Prayer Chain

If you would like to join the Prayer List, send your e-mail address to Lisa Wegner @ lisawegner153@gmail.com or Barbara Jeanne Humbracht @ bhumbracht@bajabb.com. Plan to offer your prayer when you receive the message. You can also send your prayer requests to either of these ladies and they will pass it on.

Hopes Kitchen

The final figures have not been tabulated for 2016 but it is a no brainer in that the year surpassed anything on record. The compassion people of Montezuma County show to their neighbors knows no boundaries. All I can ask is that you continue to assist where you can, knowing that prayers are always one of the best items we can provide others. A special 'shout out' to Tom who continues with his egg supply as they are available.

As usual, I will be more than willing to pick up and deliver any donations that you may wish to contribute.

Thank you all,
Larry Gessner

LCMS

The Lutheran Hour Ministries celebrates it's 100 year anniversary this year. You can read more at www.lhm.org.

Upcoming Events

- Jan 8, 2017 – Elder's Meeting @ 10:15 a.m.
- Jan 11, 2017 – Sew 'n' Sews @ 9 a.m.
- Jan 18, 2017 – Call Committee Meeting @ 6 p.m.
- Jan 25, 2017 – Sew 'n' Sews @ 9 a.m.
- Jan 29, 2017 – Fifth Sunday Fellowship @ 10:30 a.m.

Book Suggestion

The suggested book this month is **The Message** Bible. This is actually a version of the Bible that was written by Eugene Peterson, a pastor. He realized that the adults in his Bible class weren't feeling the vitality and directness that he sensed as he read and studied the New Testament in its original Greek. "Writing straight from the original text, I began to attempt to bring into English the rhythms and idioms of the original language." So for 2 years his primary goal was to capture the tone of the text and the original conversational feel of the Greek, in contemporary English. "The Message strives to help readers hear the living Word of God—the Bible—in a way that engages and intrigues us right where we are."

It's really helpful with Scriptures that are more difficult to understand or to get a new feel for a certain passage. It's available in most Christian book stores and on-line vendors.

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.

Joke of the Month

The devout cowboy lost his favorite Bible while he was mending fences out on the range. Three weeks later, a sheep walked up to him carrying the Bible in its mouth. The cowboy couldn't believe his eyes.

He took the precious book out of the sheep's mouth, raised his eyes heavenward and exclaimed, "It's a miracle!"

"Not really," said the sheep. "Your name is written inside the cover."
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