
TRINITY TIDINGS

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TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

A loving, Christian community, feeding God's people in mind, body, and spirit

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Time Out!

by Pr Jacqui

Ump! Ref! Hey, Blue, we need a time out. You get over there in that corner! Nose to the wall and take a time out. Hey, you. Go lie down! Obviously you are tired and just need some time out. Sometimes you just need to stop and assess the situation. Sometimes you just need to catch your breath.

The Tidings as you know it is taking a time out. Mostly Pr Jacqui is taking a break from writing articles for a while. Trinity Lutheran Church has to make some big moves to stay current and continue to be a thriving, worshipping community in Sunnyslope. More energy has to be spent in other areas. If anyone is willing to take on the formatting and printing of the Tidings, please let Pr Jacqui know. The Tidings needs to be streamlined and digitized. Some of you have expressed concerns over still knowing what's going on. Please talk to your council members more. Please check Facebook more regularly. Please be at church on time for announcements. Please stick around after church at the fellowship time and find out what's going on. If, over the next few months, we learn that a great hole has been created by not printing the Tidings as you know it, then it will be reinstated in a similar format.

The hope is that Pr Jacqui and Ruth will get a few hours per month to spend implementing some better business practices to help Trinity stay current and

relevant. The newsletter and many other things around here need to be revamped and updated. In order to have new, different, better, we have to give up some things old. Church is changing. The message is the same and the message is good; we just have to be better about taking our message out instead of waiting for people to come and get it. We have to be better about presenting ourselves in a modern format easily accessible to the masses. Pr Jacqui needs time to help that happen. Getting our service online is taking too long. Having a public Facebook page is taking too long. Getting an Instagram account is taking too long. We have to get more people as part of community and we have to make it easy. To continue to expect growth while doing the same thing is as Albert Einstein said, "Insanity."

As of March 1, 2018, only the calendar and the minutes from the council meeting will be available via paper. When there is something BIG or a new concept is introduced, we will expand the Tidings to include such announcements to be sure that all of our community is kept informed. Times are changing and while God is God, and the Alpha and the Omega (Rev 22:13), God's chosen are called to be in front of the change leading the way, not in the rear being dragged along. Trinity had a good time out; now we have to get back in there and win this.



COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

January 9, 2018

Pastor's Report: We celebrated Christmas with two services on Christmas Eve (morning worship and evening Christmas Eve service). December went out with a bang as we welcomed three new members and finished financially better off than we started. Outside of the regular text study, brown bag, and Sits, there was a little extra work for me at the synod office in regard to my position as FCTE liaison. The majority of the month was spent with me in much prayer and contemplation over the growth of Trinity, and I am looking forward to 2018 to see the many ways we stretch ourselves and become a better worshipping community.

Parish Nurse Report: December started off on a note of sadness as Terry Harral passed away on November 30. I will continue my ministry to his mother and wife during their time of grief. Our thirteenth annual Pre-holiday Memorial Service was held on December 13, with twenty-one people participating. Interestingly, the majority of them were non-Trinity members. Perhaps this means that we are trying to be the church beyond our borders. This time of year can be very difficult for many people as has been evident during my visits and phone calls. Let's try to remember this as we reach out to others in his name.

Old Business

Stephen Ministry – Pastor Jacqui reported that Stephen Ministry volunteers have been trained and are available upon request for service.

New Business

Tidings Newsletter – The value of printing the church newsletter in its present format was discussed.

Question was raised of how many parishioners read the newsletter. Further discussion is planned.

Mortgage – currently church mortgage is on a \$220,000 14-year plan. Discussion held regarding possibility of paying off current mortgage in three years and how this might be accomplished. Issue will be given further consideration.

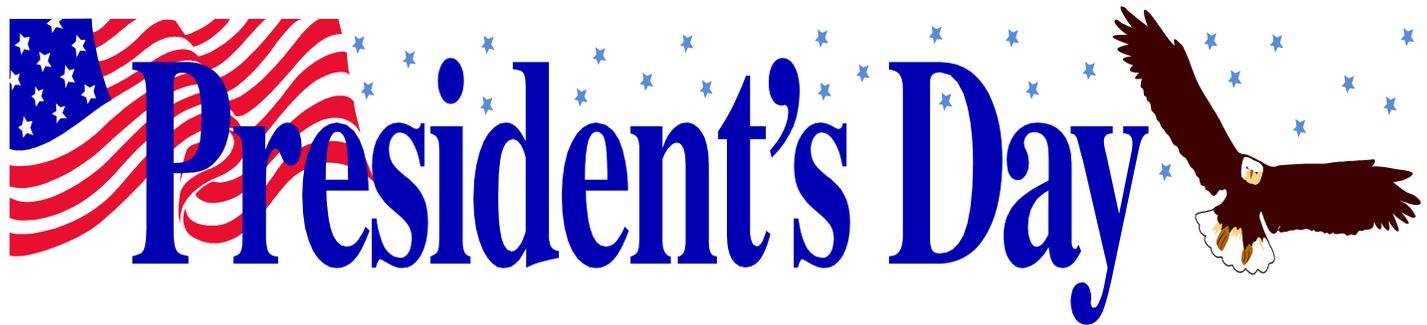
Agenda – The January 28, 2018 Annual Congregational meeting proposed agenda was discussed.

Thanks and Recognition:

- Thanks to Sunnyslope High School football team for helping at our Fall Festival.
- Thanks, AA, for preparing the December I-HELP meal.
- Thanks, Laurie Schulz and Robin Peterson, for directing our children in the Sunday school Christmas program, and to Mali Schulz for preparing their slides.
- Thanks to Jo Ambrose for presenting a lovely and meaningful Pre-holiday Memorial Service in December.
- And thanks to all who decorated our sanctuary for Christmas, and a special thanks to Anna Leonard for adding the final touches.

Next meeting date: Tuesday, February 20, 2018, at 4:00 pm.



A graphic for President's Day featuring a stylized American flag on the left, a bald eagle in flight on the right, and a field of blue stars in the background. The text "President's Day" is written in a large, blue, serif font across the center.

President's Day

CAUGHT YOU CARING

The following people were cited for performing random acts of kindness during the past month. Thanks to all who took the time to recognize others. A random selection was made and a small token of appreciation was given. Each act gives honor and glory to God as we reach out to others in His name. Please, continue to notify Jo (in person, by phone or email) with names of those doing acts of kindness; let's keep this program going!!!

- All those who worked to undecorate the church after the holidays
- Ruth Texidor — for graciously sharing her computer while Jo's was out for repairs
- Jan Hoopingarner — for stepping up to coordinate the I-HELP dinners
- Birdie Matern and Jan McChesney — for providing lunch for the confirmands prior to attending CALL

