
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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COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES—March 13, 2018

Pastor's Report: A most exciting thing is that we are using mugs on Sundays. This is a big deal because it makes us more environmentally conscious. February was filled with great ministry opportunities, including attending the installation of Pr Kristen at All Saints Lutheran; Campfirmation, CALL, and Youth Gathering meetings; a FCTE conference call; gathering and presenting information for conference text study; and a planning meeting with Robin Peterson. There were two Ash Wednesday services, the Shrove Tuesday bacon and pancake dinner, our ongoing Wednesday soup and services, and the parking lot sale. Our annual mandatory report to the bishop and parochial report were completed by the end of February and we are in good standing with the Grand Canyon Synod office. I continue to be awed and grateful for this whole community that always does what they can when they can to be sure God is present in our lives and the life of this church.

Parish Nurse Report: In addition to her usual ministry of calls and visits and support group meetings, Jo was honored to provide her "Labor of Love", a Lenten devotional to be used and enjoyed by the congregation.

Old Business

Accelerated Mortgage Payments – President David Hawkins prepared some rough figures for a couple of options to accomplish this. The current mortgage is approximately \$201,550. A special congregational meeting is scheduled for May 6, 2018, to hold a vote on this measure.

New Business

Changing data management system – Our current software for managing our office data is Church Management Solutions, which will no longer be supported. It is being replaced by a web-based system, Simple Church. The new system will be somewhat more costly.

Process for filling staff vacancies – It is felt that it would be a good idea to have a plan of action in place in the event of having to fill a staff vacancy.

Organizing for "church life" tasks – Dependable volunteers are needed to take on the responsibility of some of these tasks: hospitality, membership outreach, etc.

Thanks and Recognition:

- Bill Taylor and his guys for preparing our Shrove Tuesday pancake supper.
- Pr Jacqui for transporting youth for various activities.
- Pertaining to the parking lot sale: All who donated/shopped for items; the gals who spent many hours sorting and pricing: Judy Vogt, Penny Marx, Linda Koschney, Linda Balderrama, Carolyn Perkins, Jan Hoopingarner, and Diane Secosky; the guys who moved tables, boxes, furniture; and everyone, including youth, who were there on Saturday; and a grateful shout-out to the Sunnyslope football team for coming out at 6:00 am on Saturday to help move stuff outside.