
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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MY JOURNEY OF FAITH

Easter:

Secular

Egg decorating and hunting; new Easter outfits and hats
Family dinners

Christian

Lent: beginning with Ash Wednesday and continuing for five weeks
Giving up or taking up something
Holy Week: Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, Easter Sunday
Stations of the Cross, confession, washing of the feet, stripping of the altar
Easter Vigil
Color of altar cloths during Lent—purple, during Easter—white
Baptismal candle being lit at Easter service
The whole Lent and Easter season is based on the Pascal Mystery

I can remember as a kid we had family dinners and dying the Easter eggs, new outfits, Easter baskets, egg hunts. I did not go to church since my folks were not the type who went to church. At about the age of 8 years old, I started to attend the Lutheran church where my grandparents were members. I went through Confirmation classes and attended Sunday school. I got very active and became a member around the age of 15 years old.

I really started to look at the Easter story---the Pascal Mystery. I went through a weekend called Teens Encounter Christ (TEC) when I was about 16 years old. The weekend was based on the Pascal Mystery. There was a "presenting team" who sat at the tables with those of us going through the weekend and there was a "wheat team" who were doing behind-the-scenes stuff. Weekends started on a Saturday and ended on a Monday. Saturday was "die day", Sunday was "rise day", and Monday was "go forth" day. Each day had a theme revolving around the Pascal Mystery. Each team met weekly before the weekend to prepare the talks that were given during the weekend and to form a bond before the weekend so that those who were going through the weekend would be able to join the bond.

Basically that weekend changed my faith journey. I was able to start understanding the way church services are done. I was very active in my church, Zion Lutheran Church, an ELCA congregation. My grandparents were the ones who helped me start my journey—I thank God every day for them. I have learned to live the Pascal Mystery each day. Christmas and Easter are both my favorite seasons. Holy Week for me is a time of reflection. Sad to say the church that I grew up in had to close its doors after being there for 175 years. The congregation got older, passing on or living on a strict income,

and they eventually were not able to keep up the bills, including paying a pastor.

The whole Easter story means so much to me, that our lives are to be lived as if each day is our last. We are to die and rise each day and then we are sent out into the world to spread the Gospel. The Gospel is too heavy for us to hold on to ourselves; we lighten our load by spreading the Gospel. We are to

teach the young the richness and heaviness of the Gospel; we are to have faith as a child, to learn to trust in the word of God. I invite you to join me in this walk as I cannot do it alone, without the love of my sisters and brothers in Christ.

Peace and Love
Chris Cole



Mother's Day

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

April 9, 2019

Submitted by Sarah Rose, Secretary

Old Business

Call Committee – Susan and Diane Secosky performed an exit interview with Pastor Jacqui Pagel. Pastor Jacqui was satisfied with the congregation and appreciated the strong leaders and loving atmosphere. She hopes we continue working on community outreaches. She feels TLC still needs to find their identity. Her biggest concern is that change must happen. Susan will continue to find more Call Committee members.

Transfer of Funds from Good Sam to Budget Reserve re-addressed – Council agrees to give Ruth permission to take out up to \$4,000 from Good Sam fund. Sarah motioned to accept; Jeff second, all in favor.

Community Action Ministry – Jan gave us an update. There is currently no government money allocated to help these legal refugees. Insisting the communities must come together to help. TLC is working with Faith Lutheran to help the Guatemalan legal refugees. Busses come through every Thursday with Guatemalans who are feed and given a phone call to contact their next destination. Most do not stay in Arizona and are put on planes or Greyhound busses to meet with family or friends. “Jesus told us to feed and clothe.”

New Business

Roof Repair – The council currently has 3 bids in place to fix the flat roofs on the parish hall, narthex, and sanctuary. Council will schedule to fix the parish hall first, since it has a leak, and ask the congregation to raise \$7,000 to fix the sanctuary and narthex. Susan motioned to accept; Sarah second, all in favor.

Thanks and Recognition:

We appreciate and applaud:

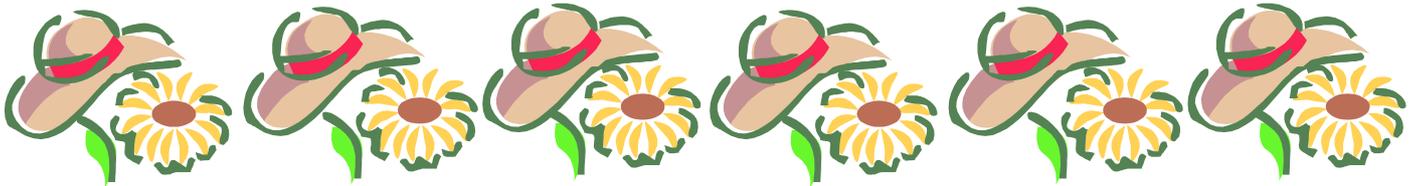
- Margaret Rude and Linda Koschney for setting the tables for the Celebration of Life service for Allan Dando on March 9, 2019.
- Laurie Schulz for organizing the multi-generational Sunday school on March 24, 2019, and to all who brought food to the event.
- Everyone who brought soup, etc. to the Wednesday services.
- Erik Anderson for re-vamping and streamlining our sound system.
- All who participated in organizing the wonderful picnic.

Next meeting date and time: Tuesday, May 14, 2019, 6:30 pm

THE WISDOM OF MARTIN LUTHER

Salvation Is *the* Blessing

The true, supreme, and best blessing, in which one can and should really and truly sense the goodness of God, is not temporal possessions but the eternal blessing that God has called us to His holy Gospel. In this Gospel we hear and learn that God would be gracious to us for the sake of His Son, would forgive sin and eternally save us and graciously protect us in this life against the tyranny of the devil and the world. To him who properly appreciates this blessing everything else is a trifle, even though he lacks temporal blessing, is poor, sick, despised, unfortunate, and burdened with all sorts of adversities.



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!!!

- Dave and Laurie Schulz — for coordinating the multi-generational Sunday school lesson
- Jan Hoopingarner — for spearheading the refugee clothing drive
- Brenda Guy — for helping with the refugee project
- Don Brethauer — for getting the grounds ready for the Family Resource Center event and for doing the shopping for the food pantry
- Margaret Rude and Judy Vogt — for coordinating the luncheon for the Williams and Wilson memorial services
- Ruth Texidor — for her work with the families and Pr Joe to coordinate the bulletins and details for the memorial services
- Laurie Schulz — for coordinating and all those who helped with the Palm Sunday breakfast and Easter egg hunt
- Eric Anderson — for going out of his way to provide sound system support for the Arizona Girlchoir
- Diane and Wally Secosky — for weeding and yard work prior to Easter
- Linda Balderrama — for the great job arranging the Easter flowers

**God bless those
who serve and
have served.**



**Remember
our veterans
on Memorial Day.**

Anyone who would like to contribute to the Tidings is welcome to do so. Articles could be a biography of one of our members, an interesting faith experience of yours or someone you know, a perspective on our Lutheran beliefs or heritage, reflections on meeting challenges during the call process, vision for Trinity's future, or other information of general interest. Articles should be from one half to one page long. Ruth needs your article by the 20th of the month for the next month's Tidings. Please let her know a couple of weeks in advance if you will be providing an article so she can plan the space for it. We look forward to seeing the written word from some of our members!