
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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WHY DOES TRINITY LUTHERAN HAVE A PIPE ORGAN?

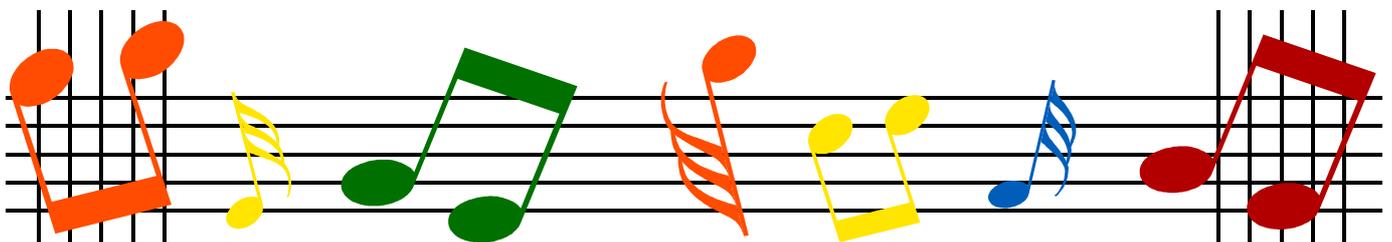
A short reflection by Rev Jan Olav Flaaten, Pastor at Trinity, 1986—2002

A little while before I came to Trinity, Eleanor Webb, the organist at the time, worked with members of the congregation to secure a small home pipe organ owned by Ron Frost. It had only 4 ranks of pipes (a rank means one pipe for each note on the keyboard), but it was an improvement over the small electronic organ it replaced. As the congregation and music program grew, however, a committee was formed to go listen to various organs in the valley with the hope of getting a larger instrument. After listening to both pipe and electronic organs, the chair of that committee, Shirley Mannion, declared that Trinity was going to have a pipe organ. It was the committee's view that pipe organs sounded better and were more supportive for worship and singing.

And that is the main purpose of the organ in worship—to support the congregation in their worship through hymns and prayers. So, with that decision made, the committee looked for an organ builder who could use the existing organ and add to

it. Graham Davis of Tucson, a craftsman well-known for his ability to tune and maintain pipe organs throughout the southwest, was contracted to build the instrument. First he needed space for the additional pipes, so a diagonal beam was placed in the northeast corner of the sanctuary where several ranks of pipes were placed along with using the enclosed space right behind it. The result was that the organ had 13 ranks of pipes, with principals (the basic organ sound), flutes, mixtures, and reeds. It is like having an orchestra accompanying the worship.

And Trinity has had some wonderful musicians to make use of the instrument. It can accompany music and hymns from the Baroque era; it can provide support for contemporary music and everything in between. It should be used and enjoyed. I'm glad that an effort was made to bring the organ into good playing order and I hope that it will continue to lead Trinity's worship.



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!



COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

September 10, 2019

Submitted by Sarah Rose, Secretary

Old Business

Security System – Security system has been put on hold due to low monthly contributions.

LSSSW Sign – No news.

Call Committee update – Ministry site profile to be ready by 9/11. Motion to approve Ministry Site Profile as written. Jan motioned to accept, Sah second the motion.

Community Action Committee – The outreach is going well. They were able to donate additional clothing and bedding to the Native American group lead by Pastor Mary Louis Frenchman.

Conference Youth PHY – Casey to be here Sunday 9/15. Youth programs will be held on mostly Saturdays.

Insurance – Current broker will be coming on 9/11 to see if he can match the new bid we have received. We have until the end of September to decide.

New Business

We Feed the Homeless Program – Chad works about a block away and used to be homeless himself. He is looking for a third location to give out sandwiches and water on Sunday nights. Chad has contacted Trinity to see if he can use our parking lot at 6 pm on Sundays. He will provide trash cans, food, and any other materials needed for his program. Sarah motions to give the program a try through the end of 2019 and will reevaluate with the council the first meeting in 2020; Eric second the motion. All are in favor, and a contract will be written to solidify the program.

Youth Fund – Susan motioned for Ruth to cut a check for the initial youth deposit of \$500; Jan second the motion. All are in favor.

Food Bank – We will be receiving food from All Saints and receiving food from Fishes and Loaves. We may need more fridges/freezers.

Thanks and Recognition:

- To Lane for trimming the tree between the sanctuary and the Parish Hall.
- To Walter for trimming the tree by grassy area.
- For everyone involved in the activities of Rally Day.
- Pastor Joe, Ruth, and Nurse Jo.

Next meeting date and time: Tuesday, October 8, 2019, 5:30 pm



REFORMATION SUNDAY

OCTOBER 27, 2019

THE WISDOM OF MARTIN LUTHER

Salvation by Faith Alone

It is the will and pleasure of the Father that he who sees the Son and believes on Him have eternal life. Would to God this fact would sink into the heart! It is stated plainly, bluntly, and clearly enough that he who has the Son is to have eternal life together with the forgiveness of sins and is to be rid of death. If only people would think what this means! Whence are they to have it? Merely from hearing and seeing the Son and believing on Him. This language is bold and vigorous enough in denunciation of all good works as a means of salvation. Nevertheless, men refuse to take the *sola fide* (faith alone) at its face value, Luther complains in a New Year's sermon on Galatians 3:23-29.



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!!!

- Eric Andersen—for his help with "Easy Worship" screens after the recent computer update
- Lane Doolittle—for working with animal rescue to get a lost puppy, wandering on our property, a new home
- Jerry Cook—for donating a new microwave
- Rowena Zenk—for her faithfulness in providing goodies for Sunday fellowship
- Sah Fayah—for his dedication in raising funds for sending school supplies to Liberia

