

# TIDINGS OF TRINITY

People of faith often struggle to understand events that seem to deny God's love and protection. Because they cannot understand how God could allow or work any good through such events, sin casts the illusion that God can only handle so many things. Many trust in this illusion because it seems to ease the tension such events create. The goal of such an illusion is not the saving power of God for us, but the shifting of our faith to other answers why these things are happening, in other words, to other gods who are limited and lesser, to gods who are not the true God.

There was no greater evil in all of human history than the crucifixion of the innocent Son of God. He suffered this evil not to stop it or to put an end to evil but to take it upon himself and the sin that causes it

On the cross Jesus suffers the evil of perverted justice. He deals with all the evil that is in the heart of every person throughout time and the evil of every sin that has been or ever will be committed. He prepares to deal with the wrath of God against all this evil. In the midst of handling all this, Jesus speaks this word of reality that He is at work in all things for good. He does not let any of us go all by ourselves, or any of our needs, but rather it addresses and meets . our needs and the needs of all mankind.

Our faith in Christ does not mean that we can handle or even understand all the things that happen to us. Through the gift of faith, we receive the one in whom all things are held together—Jesus Christ.

Alleluia! He is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Pastor Jaster

**EASTER 2010** will be celebrated in these ways:

**A TENNABRAE SERVICE** will be held at 7:00 in the evening on Good Friday. This is a very moving Service. We will be mediating on the seven last words Christ spoke from the cross. This Service will be held in a darkened Church; after each word is considered a candle will be unlit, until finally the Christ candle will be removed. The Service ends with the Christ candle being returned at the loud closing of the Book. Two solos will be sung, along with a number of hymns by the congregation. Please invite your friends to come out to this inspirational Service.

**A EASTER BREAKFAST** will be held from 8:00 to 9:45 on Easter morning. Served at this Breakfast will be ham and a

variety of egg dishes. It would be fantastic to have some hard boiled, colored, eggs too. If you will be bring something for this Breakfast then please sign up on the lists in the Fellowship Hall. Juices, rolls, egg dishes, hard-boiled colored eggs are some of the things you can bring. Come out early to enjoy the fellowship of Easter Joy.

**A EASTER EGG HUNT** will be held at 9:00 on Easter morning. This event is for all the children and young people. We still need donations of some small chocolate eggs. If you would like to donate some money to purchase these items, it would be much appreciated.

**A SERVICE OF JOY** will be held at 10:00 on Easter morning. This is just such a joyful way to celebrate our Lord's resurrection from the grave. Our Choir will be singing,

And there will be a solo by Sharol Kleinschmidt's granddaughter. We will not have Communion on Easter Sunday, because we have so many visitors. Invite your friends to celebrate Easter with you here at Trinity.

**A EASTER LILY** would add so much to the joyful atmosphere of Easter. Please bring a Easter Lily to the Church on the Saturday before Easter, or early on Easter Sunday. Be sure to put your name with your Lily, so you can pick it up after the Service.

**OFFERINGS AND ATTENDANCE** at Trinity for the month of March were:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Income</u>
2/24	22	\$ 139.00
2/28	58	1,157.00
3/3	29	153.00
3/7	72	1,524.00
3/10	31	193.00
3/14	45	1,315.00
3/17	34	231.00
<u>3/21</u>	<u>58</u>	<u>1,180.00</u>
Avg. Sun. Attend: 56		Total: \$5,892.00
Lent Avg. Attend: 29		

Last year our average Sunday attendance during the month of March was 50 each Sunday; we went up by 6 each Sunday this year. Our average Lenten attendance last year was 28 each Wednesday, we went up by 1 each Wednesday this year. Our income during the month of March last year was \$5,428.00; our income this year was \$464.00 more than last year. Let's keep growing in the number of people worshipping at Trinity, and let's keep our income going up as well.

**A CIRCUIT FORUM** will be held at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Provo, Utah on April 10th, a Saturday, at 11:00 in the morning. The purpose of this Meeting is to discuss and make decisions about how small churches can be better served. President Golter will be attending this Meeting. It is important that we have a couple of members

attending; Pastor will be attending. If you are interested in going, then please let Pastor know. The decisions that will be made at this Meeting will greatly influence the ministry of Good Shepherd in Richfield.

**THE CHURCH COUNCIL** will meet on April 8th, a Thursday, at 5:30 in the evening. All congregational Officers are asked to attend this Meeting or submit a written report.

**CAPTIVE FREE**, a musical group of six college age youth will be at Trinity on April 14th, a Wednesday. They will be arriving about 4:00 in the afternoon. We will provide a dinner of pizza at about 5:30 that evening. They will perform for about an hour, beginning at 7:00 p.m. You are encouraged to attend this special Musical Program. Invite some young people living in your neighborhood to experience this group.



**THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY** of Msgr. Michael Winterer, the Priest at the Roman Catholic Church here in Cedar City, will be held at the Cedar Middle School. Father Mike, as he is usually called, has been serving here in Cedar City for many years. Pastor and Millie have been invited to attend this event, and they are planning to go to it.

**A NEW BIBLE STUDY GROUP** will be started here at Trinity. Come and discover your windows while transforming your world view to a more biblical one. This new Bible Study will be utilizing the book *Discover Your Windows* by Kent Hunter. We

Will be looking through ten different windows: Purpose, Comfort, Image, Priorities, Stewardship, Financing, Change, Leadership, Teamwork, and Attitude through which we will discuss the differences in the biblical views versus those commonly held today. Lutherans HATE change, but now is a wonderful time to come and open your mind to a new way of thinking. Join Penny Condit on Wednesday nights, beginning April 21, at 7:00 pm at Starbucks in the Providence Center for this wonderful series. Let Penny know by April 14th if you will be participating so she will have enough materials. Hopefully many of you will be attending.

**A YARD SALE** will be held here at Trinity on April 24th, a Saturday, beginning at 8:00 in the morning. We need donations of all kinds of items. Used furniture, clothes, books, machines, and whatever. This is one of the big money makers that the women of Trinity put on every year. If you have something to donate, then just bring it to the Church by April 22th. If you are willing to help with any part of this Sale, then please contact Diana Thompson at this number: 531-3810. Let's make this Yard Sale a huge success. The money derived from this Sale will go toward improving the kitchen.

**THANK YOU** - A big 'Thank You to the LWML and the Tea Ladies that gave me the "Grandma Shower." As usual, anything our ladies do turns out to be a success and greatly appreciated. The table decorations were just darling and the food was delicious. But the most important thing that was so wonderful was the love and caring that my sisters in Christ have for me and my two twin preemie grandsons. I can't thank you enough for all of your prayers.

Love, Cookie

### **A LAMB TO THE SLAUGHTER**

We recently transported our calf and lamb to the butcher in Beaver. They were raised with the intent to share the meat with our four children and their children. As you all know the economy is a big problem with growing families, not to mention the rest of us in some way or other.

I felt really bad as we left and I looked back at them in the butcher's pen. They were both watching us drive away. They did not know their fate.

As I thought of a subject for this month's Newsletter, it came to me as a parallel. how God felt when He let His lamb be slaughtered, our Savior, Jesus Christ!

Our Jesus was being put to death out of God's unending love for people already dead plus those not yet living. Of those already living, most did not believe He is our Lord and Savior. If we could only be that loving! Our meat was going for those who already love us (we hope!)

The true meaning of "a lamb to the slaughter" will not be the same to me now!

Sharol Kleinschmidt

**THE TEA LADIES** will gather on April 23rd, a Friday, at Sharol Kleinschmidt's home at 1:00 in the afternoon. This group of ladies accomplish so much in our Church throughout the year. You are invited to gather with them on the 23rd. One of the things that they have been working on is a Cook Book, containing recipes from people of all different religious backgrounds. There will be a Tasting party on May 22nd, a Saturday at the Rock Church here in Cedar City. Reserve this date on your Calendar so you can attend this event

**THE RECIPE** on the back of this page was submitted by Karen Custer.

This is a clone of the Olive Garden Zuppa Toscana. Tried and true.  
by Cycle Michael

1 1/2 hours / 20 min prep

SERVES 4-6

1 lb Italian sausage (I like mild sausage)  
2 large russet baking potatoes, sliced in half, and then in 1/4 inch slices  
1 large onion, chopped  
1/2 can oscar meyer bacon bit  
2 cloves garlic, minced  
2 cups kale or swiss chard, chopped  
2 cans chicken broth  
1 quart water  
1 cup heavy whipping cream

1. Cook sausage in a 300°F oven for approximately 30 minutes.
2. Drain sausages on paper towels and cut into slices.
3. Place onions, potatoes, chicken broth, water, garlic in pot, and cook on medium heat until potatoes are done.
4. Add sausage and bacon.
5. Salt and pepper to taste.
6. Simmer for another 10 minutes.
7. Turn to low heat.
8. Add kale and cream.
9. Heat through and serve.

When God solves your problems,  
you have faith in His abilities.  
When God doesn't solve your  
problems, He has faith in YOUR  
abilities.

Pastor Jaster,

Hello. I am Chaplain Greg Williamson, pastor at Trinity Lutheran from 1983-1986. I happened to see the church and the addition on the webpage. It sure looks nice.

I hope that the folks at Trinity are well. Please send them my regards. I don't know if Lonnie Williams is still a member, but share a special "hello" with him if he is.

I also wanted to share a bit of history with you. We began ministry at Brian Head and Beaver while I was the pastor. The manager of the resort was a Lutheran man so he requested services on Christmas. Beaver was a town without Christian witness so we began services with the assistance of Lutheran Brotherhood Insurance who had addresses of policy holders in Beaver... we had about 10 people attend. While I was at Cedar City, Kanab was also a preaching station. It was very tough. Doris Griswold always attended ... when in town, but she was the only person who would reliably show. Some weeks I drove to Kanab and no one was there. Ultimately, we shut the preaching station down. This was a tough decision, and the folks were very disappointed. I don't know if they have a Christian church in Kanab today, but there was a Baptist church when I was preaching at the station. By the way, we met in the fire hall.

We averaged 33 people at worship when I left in 1986. Most were government employees and were a transient group.

My family is well. My son, Aaron, who was born in Cedar City will marry in May. He lives in Fayetteville, NC. We also have another son, Isaac. He attends North Carolina State University. I will soon move to Korea to assume duty at Yongsan in Seoul.

Again, God's peace and greetings to the flock at Cedar Cedar City. Please pray for our service men and women.

Pax,  
Chaplain Greg Williamson

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**Let me get this straight.....we're trying to pass a health care plan *written* by a committee whose chairman says he doesn't understand it, passed by a Congress that hasn't read it but exempts themselves from it, to be signed by a president that also is *exempt from it* and hasn't read it and who *smokes*, with *funding administered* by a treasury chief who *didn't pay his taxes*, all to be overseen by a surgeon general who is obese, and *financed* by a country that's broke.**

**What the hell could *possibly* go wrong?**

**VOLUNTEERS** are needed at Trinity. Volunteers are a vital part of our ministry. The following people have volunteered at Trinity:

**USHERS** in April are:

Sharol Kleinschmidt and Joy Johnson.

**GREETERS** in April are:

April 4th - Jim & Diana Thompson

April 11th - Liz Biller

April 18th - No One

April 25th - No One

**SCRIPTURE READERS** in April are:

April 4th - Diana Thompson

April 11th - No One

April 18th - No One

April 25th - No One

Please volunteer to serve at Trinity.

**LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES** has entered into a one-year agreement to air The Lutheran Hour radio program through Christian Satellite Network (CSN) International expanding by more than 30 percent the number of stations over which the program can be heard. The Lutheran Hour will air simultaneously nation wide on CSN affiliates every Sunday morning at 8:00 a.m. Mountain time. A list of CSN stations is available at [www.csnradio.com/stations.htm](http://www.csnradio.com/stations.htm). The Lutheran Hour will now be airing over a total of more than 1,300 stations. God is good!

### **SNOWPLOW**

On a bitterly cold winter's morning a husband and wife in Cedar City were listening to the radio during breakfast. They heard the announcer say, "We are going to have 8 to 10 inches of snow today. You must park your car on the even-numbered side of the street, so the snowplows can get through." So the good wife went out and moved her car.

A week later while they are eating breakfast again, the radio announcer said, "We are expecting 10 to 12 inches of snow today. You must park your car on the odd-numbered side of the street, so the snowplows can get through." The good wife went out and moved her car again.

The next week they are again having breakfast, when the radio announcer says, "We are expecting 12 to 14 inches of snow today. You must park . . ." Then the electric power went out. The good wife was very upset, and with a worried look on her face she said, "I don't know what to do. Which side of the street do I need to park on so the snowplows can get through?"

Then with the love and understanding that all men who are married to blondes exhibit, the husband replied, "Why don't you just leave the car in the garage this time."

While I sat in the reception area of my doctor's office, a woman rolled an elderly man in a wheelchair into the room. As she went to the receptionist's desk, the man sat there, alone and silent. Just as I was thinking I should make small talk with him, a little boy slipped off his mother's lap and walked over to the wheelchair. Placing his hand on the man's, he said, "I know how you feel. My mom makes me ride in the stroller too."

His wife's graveside service was just barely finished, when there was a massive clap of thunder, followed by a tremendous bolt of lightning. accompanied by even more thunder rumbling in the distance. The little, old man looked at the pastor and calmly said, "Well, she's there."