

TIDINGS OF TRINITY

Well, Rev. Kieschnick did not get re-elected as our Synodical President at the Convention in Houston, Texas. This is a concern to me, I feel that this may be an indication that our Synod is becoming more conservative. Our District President of the Rocky Mountain District, Rev. Randal Golter, shared some of his thoughts about the Convention. I will be following his advice, I will be very patient with our Synod and its leadership. Here are some of Rev. Golter's thoughts:

“I am glad to put a little bit of distance between myself and the Convention of the Missouri Synod. Not that I don't enjoy church conventions, I do. It is not insignificant when the elected representatives, public teachers and laity of the church gather together in prayer to do His business.

As the Convention proceeded, though, there were definite times when the patience of Job was necessary. It was during this time I could not help but remember that the church is ever wobbly, shaken, fragile, and weak as it appears to sight and reason. This is true whether the leaders and laity are in convention as representative church or gathered with others around the local altar.

And yet, who would ever have surmised that the Son of God Himself was who He was and is when the Spirit led Him into the desert, being tempted by the Devil. And yet faith embraces even the lowliness of Christ as revealed in His earthly pilgrimage, knowing that through this God/Man, God was accomplishing the salvation of the world.

The new president-elect, Rev. Matthew Harrison, and the new vice presidents and committee members, will need an extra effort from God's people for prayer, prayers for wisdom and discernment. Rev. Harrison in his brief acceptance speech promised that he would not “coerce” the church; this is very good.

The greatest power and persuasion the church has is none other than the word, Faith and Love, not manipulation or even majorities or minorities! Faith submits gladly to God's Word as the only ruling norm and love lets the needs of the others to take precedence. This way the Lord's Church maintains her freedom.

If you have any questions or insights, please contact me. It is a privilege to serve Him and you.”

So, I encourage all of you to pray for our Church, and pray for those who are leading our Church as well. Let all of us be very patient. I am convinced that God will be leading our Church in the ways He wants it to go.

Pastor Jaster

CAMPLUTHERWOOD will have a Work Day and Pot-Luck meal on August 14th, a Saturday. The day will begin around 10 am with some small work projects for whoever would like to volunteer; there will be projects for everyone from raking the grounds to sweeping out the pavilion. They will provide the tools, if you will provide the labor!

Then around 2:00 pm they will stop for the day and get ready to have a mid-afternoon **pot-luck at 3:00 pm**. It's early enough so anyone needing to drive back home afterwards can get home before dark. If you will be attending this project, you are asked to bring something for the Pot-Luck. This event is an excellent way to get to meet

other Lutherans from southern Utah, do some volunteer work, and eat some great food. I hope some of us will be volunteering to get involved in this project. After all Lutherwood is closer to us than any other Lutheran Church, and yet so few even know where Lutherwood is located. If any of you will be attending this activity, then please let Pastor know.

OFFERINGS AND ATTENDANCE at Trinity for the month of July are:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Income</u>
6/27	56	\$ 879.00
7/4	51	887.00
7/11	46	2,180.00
7/18	45	1,080.00
Avg. Sun. Attend: 49		\$ 5,026.00

Last year our average Sunday attendance during the month of July was 54 each Sunday; we went down by 5 each Sunday this year. This is not good, our attendance seems to be going down lately. I hope this is not going to continue. Our income during the month of July last year was \$4,743.65; our income this year was \$282.35 more than last year. It is ironic to me we go down in our attendance, but we go up in our income. I hope all of you are inviting your friends and neighbors to attend Trinity.

HOMELESS SHELTER OFFERING: As many of you know, the Cedar Area Inter-Faith Alliance (CAIFA) has been selling their cookbook to raise funds for the much needed new homeless shelter. We want to thank everyone who has supported this endeavor. Over 1,000 cookbooks have been sold and they are still selling. However, almost \$200,000 of the \$550,000 needed to construct a new facility is still lacking. If the balance is not secured before the years end, the Federal grant that is the main portion of the funding will be lost.

All the churches of the Inter-Faith

Alliance are encouraging their members to help meet this critical need. Local businesses and other organizations have also been approached.

Here at Trinity we would like our members to prayerfully consider what they are able to give. There will be an opportunity for a free-will offering as we leave the service on August 8th. If you wish to get tax credit for your donation, please place cash in an envelope with your name and designate it to ‘The Homeless Shelter.’ If you wish to write a check, please make it out to Trinity Lutheran and designate ‘The Homeless Shelter’ and the Church will get the funds to the shelter account.

God has truly blessed many of us here at Trinity. This is our opportunity to help those less fortunate in our community. We appreciate your prayerful consideration in this matter.

Diane Molnar

A WELCOME STUDENTS TO SUU NIGHT will be held on the campus on August 24th, a Tuesday, at 6:00 in the evening.

Trinity has a booth at this event so we can meet the students of SUU. We usually hand out brochures and we also give them a special gift. If you have an idea of what we should hand out, then please let Pastor know. We also need several people to man the booth. Please sign up if you will help with this endeavor. All those who help will be treated to a free bar-b-q meal. This event will be held on the Multipurpose West Lawn (located directly south of the Centrum Arena.)

A CONFIRMATION ORIENTATION MEETING will be held on August 19th, a Thursday, at 7:00 in the evening.

If any young people in the 6th Grade and up, who have not been confirmed, are eligible to attend Confirmation. So if you know of

anyone who is in the 6th Grade and up who has not been confirmed, then please give Pastor this information.

“WELL DONE, THOU GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT”

When Pastor asked us to write about our vacation, I wondered what I would tell about ours. We camped at Fallen Leaf Lake next to Lake Tahoe. Part of our family joined us as we do every summer. It's our way of having a family reunion. We look forward to it every year.

There was a message from my “closest cousin” saying his wife had died. She was a strong Christian woman and they had been married 58 years. I could hear the grief in his voice.

When we arrived home and unpacked the trailer, a message came from Dean's former co-worker, that his boss of many years had died. Ed and his wife were strong Christians and steadfast workers in their church. Ed had been more than a boss to Dean—a good friend.

Yesterday came news of the passing of Fay Burns, another strong Christian woman. She will be a loss to our congregation. Why do these deaths make us sad? They had served their Lord and now have the reward of seeing Him face to face in all His glory.

I think it is for their absence from our earth that we grieve. But won't we see them again? Jesus said He has gone to prepare a place for us, too. Won't that be a glorious day?

I pray He can say “Well done, thou good and faithful servant” to me. May God be with us all as we mourn their passing from this earth.

Fay, you will be missed!

Sharol Kleinschmidt

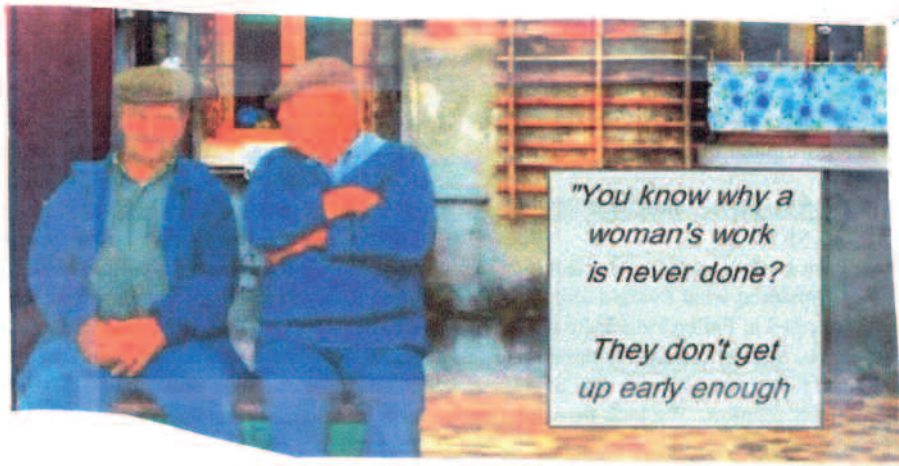
AN INTER-FAITH CHOIR will be having a Choral Concert on August 26th, a Thursday, at 7:30 in the evening at the Heritage Center in Cedar City. This Choir will be made up of all the Choirs in churches here in Cedar City. All the Mormon Churches, as well as, all other churches will be represented in this Mass Choir. The choir will be directed by Adrienne Tawa and will perform a variety of music centered around the theme “The Roots of American Music.” There will also be other musical groups performing on August 26th So please mark this date on your calendar, and plan on attending this fine Musical Presentation.

If you are willing to add your voice to this Choir, rehearsals will be held on Sunday evenings at 7:00 p.m. at the Mormon Church on 200 South, right across from the Leavit Building. Rehearsals will be held on August 1, 8, 15, and 22. A dress rehearsal will be held on August 25th, a Wednesday, at the Heritage Center. The time for this rehearsal will be announced later.

A CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING will be held on August 5th, a Thursday, at 5:30 in the evening. A number of important issues will be discussed at this Meeting, among them a new out reaching program that is being sponsored by Thrivent. All Officers are required to be at this Meeting.

HELP LCEF BUILD CHURCHES

LCEF is looking for people to serve as a congregational rep. This person will serve as a liaison between LCEF and the members of your church. LCEF will provide training and all materials needed to do the job. All the congregational rep needs is a heart for mission. If you would like more information on volunteering for LCEF, please contact Laura Raben. laura.raben@rm.lcms.org



HOLY HUMOR

During these serious and troubled times, people of all faiths should remember these four great religious truths:

1. Muslims do not recognize Jews as God's Chosen People.
2. Jews do not recognize Jesus as the Messiah.
3. Protestants do not recognize the Pope as the leader of the Christian world.
4. Baptists do not recognize each other at the Liquor Store.

UNANSWERED PRAYER

The preacher's 5 year-old daughter noticed that her father always paused and bowed his head for a moment before starting his sermon. One day, she asked him why.

"Well, honey," he began, proud that his daughter was so observant of his messages. "I'm asking the Lord to help me preach a good sermon."

"How come He doesn't answer it?" she asked.

TRINITY TEA LADIES' EVENTS

Ladies, please join us for these upcoming events — and bring your friends. too.

AUGUST 21, Saturday, 1 PM Garden Tea at Trinity
-- PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS DATE HAS CHANGED --

A garden-themed luncheon and tea at Trinity church. Tickets are \$15. An assortment of summer salads and desserts will be served. Liz Biller, a member of our congregation and also a Master Gardener and Native Plant Society member will present the program. Wear a summer straw or flowered hat.

SEPTEMBER 24, Friday, 1 PM Tea in the garden at the Iron Gate Inn

Meet in the beautiful shady garden terrace for tea, devotions and fellowship. The 1897 Iron Gate Inn is located at 200 W. and 200 S. in Cedar City. Cost for tea and goodies is \$8.00

OCTOBER 22, Friday, 1 PM Tea Ladies' monthly gathering

Meet at the home of Diana Thompson for an afternoon of devotions, fellowship and refreshments.

---There are no Tea Ladies' gatherings in November or December - - but LWML monthly breakfasts will continue all year, (second Tuesday at 9AM). Watch the Sunday bulletin for location. ---

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MOM'S BANANA CREAM PIE

Here's a great recipe from Florence Kehr to use some of those farm fresh eggs she brings us most Sundays.

Pie Filling:

- 2/3 cup sugar
- 1/4 cup cornstarch
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 4 egg yolks, beaten
- 3 cups milk
- 2 T soft butter
- 1 T plus 1 tsp vanilla
- 2 large bananas, sliced
- 1 baked pie shell

Stir together sugar, cornstarch and salt in a saucepan. In a bowl, blend egg yolks and milk. Gradually stir egg mixture into sugar mixture. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly until mixture thickens and boils. Boil and stir for 1 minute. Remove from heat. Blend in butter and vanilla. In a baked pie shell, arrange banana slices. Pour heated mixture over the bananas.

Meringue:

- 4 egg whites
- 6 tsp sugar
- 1 tsp lemon juice

Preheat oven to 350. Beat egg whites until stiff. Add sugar and lemon juice. Place meringue on top of pie. Bake until top browns, about 15 minutes.