

TIDINGS OF TRINITY

AUGUST

Are you an “I’ll get to it tomorrow” person? You know, a procrastinator? Someone who never quite gets to anything today, instead it’s always on your calendar for tomorrow? How little are the accomplishments of a tomorrow person! If there were ever a sure-fire cure for this problem, it could well be holding to the idea that life begins with the decisions you make and the actions you take today!

You may be thinking “You don’t understand my life, my business. There’s no way they can be solved in a day’s time!” You’re right! I don’t know exactly what keeps you up at night or causes you to worry or why you put off doing something tomorrow that could have been done today. But I do know that anything you begin to do today will start chipping away at your block of procrastination, even if only a fraction.

Every positive action we take, no matter how small, brings results. Degrees aren’t earned overnight, more like over the course of years. But taking classes this semester and the next will certainly move you toward your final goal. Problems can’t always be solved right now, but making small decisions today goes a long way toward the resolution of your problems.

The steps you take today are important; in fact, they’re imperative! So deal with it ... today. Pray about it ... today. Stop it ... today. Start it ... today. Talk about it ... today. Resolve it ... today. Tomorrow you will feel so much better!

Do you have decisions, conversations, apologies, or tasks you’ve been putting off? Things that, night after night and day after day, eat away at your peace of mind? Whatever they may be, today is the best day to begin bringing about a positive change ... today is the day to start a new outlook on life. Make decisions ... today. Take action ... today.

Pastor Jaster

A BAND CONCERT will be held here at Trinity on August 13th, a Saturday, at 6:00 in the evening. The Band is composed of Lutheran people from the LA area. Penny Johnson’s mother is a member of this group. The Pastor of the Lutheran Church will also be performing with this Band They have a very good reputation in LA; they are invited to perform at many churches. There is no cost to hear the band, but a Free Will Offering will be accepted, which will be donated to the Care and Share here in Cedar City. You are all encouraged to give this Band a lot of good publicity. Invite your friends and neighbors to come out and hear this Band. We want to have a great attendance for their performance; so please, please invite people to come out.

THE. LWML CONVENTION convened in Peoria, Illinois from June 23-26, 2011. More than 4,600 Lutheran Women in Mission attended this 34th Biennial Convention of the LWML. They gathered to conduct business, renew friendships, and rally around God's Word The theme of the Convention was “**Being with Jesus—Living on the Edge**” based on Scripture from Acts 4:13b & 20. Trinity Lutheran Church submitted \$100 for the mites by sponsoring Cookie Heddings in the Mission Walk. Diana Thompson was an alternate delegate and due to the absence of our Zone President, Diana was a voting member at this Convention. The National mite goal was set at \$1.825 million and 19 grants will be fully or partially funded. Cookie and

Diana want to thank our extended family at Trinity for financially assisting us in attending this convention.

OFFERINGS AND ATTENDANCE at

Trinity for the month of July are:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Income</u>
6/26	57	\$ 1,417.00
7/3	57	1,232.00
7/10	50	819.00
7/17	60	1,070.00
7/24	47	1,010.00
<hr/> Avg. Sun. Attend: 54		Total: \$ 5,548.00

Last year our average Sunday attendance during the month of July was 50 each Sunday. We went up by 4 each Sunday this year. Our attendance is improving. Let's invite our friends to come to Trinity to find out what we have to offer them. Our income during the month of July last year was \$5,497.00; our income this year was \$51.00 more than last year. However, last year we had a special \$1,000.00 donation made to our Building Fund. This reminds me that I hope all of you are still making donations to our Building Fund. We are still making payments toward our Building debt. So I am encouraging all of you to make a special donation to our Building Fund. If we forget to do this, we will soon be in the red.

A JOINT PROJECT is being undertaken by the Presbyterian Church, the Lutheran Church, and all LDS Churches in Fiddlers Canyon. This project is to clear the trails that go through Fiddler's Canyon. On August 27th, a Saturday, from 7:00 in the morning until 11 :00 a.m., we will be working on this Joint Project. The LDS Churches are planning on having around 500 people working on this project. Now we know that the Presbyterian and Lutheran Churches won't come close to that number; but we would like to have at least 20 to 50 members out for this project. So please bring a

shovel, or a rake, or a hoe on the 27th of August. Water and Snacks will be provided by the Committee. We can gather at Trinity Church at 7:00 in the morning. Let's have a good turn-out for this Joint Project. Pastor is planning on working this Project.

A THRIVENT SOCIAL FELLOWSHIP

will be held at Lutherwood Campground on August 13th, a Saturday, at 2:00 in the afternoon. You get to Lutherwood by taking SR14 east until it runs into SR 89, then you go across SR 89 to a dirt road, you follow the signs to Lutherwood. Thrivent representatives will present the program. Come early and look over the RV sites and cabins. The Boy Scouts will prepare a tasty outdoor meal at noon. The Thrivent program will start at 2:00 p.m. Following the program, drawings for the various door prizes will take place. To make overnight reservations call 1-800-205-4887. Please RSVP to Bobbi Butka at 435-634-1959 for the noon meal.

THE CHURCH COUNCIL will meet on August 11th, a Thursday, at 5:30 in the evening. There are a number of important issues that need our attention. We will be discussing a Church Picnic, what we will be giving SUU Students at our Welcome, and a couple of other important items. All congregational officers are required to attend this Meeting.

CONFIRMATION CLASS will be starting in the first week of September. All young people in the 6th Grade and up, who have not been confirmed, are eligible to attend this year's class. If you know of anyone in this age bracket, then please let Pastor know. Confirmation goes for 9 months, and prepares the young people to make a commitment to their Lord. When they finish this Class they will get up before the congregation and make their commitment.

A GAME NIGHT will be held on August 18th, a Thursday, at 7:00 in the evening. We have held several of these Game Nights, but our attendance has not been that good. You are all encouraged to set aside a couple of hours on the 18th for playing games with each other. If you have a favorite game, then bring this game to our Game Night. Let's have a much better turn-out this month.

MEET SUU STUDENT NIGHT will be held on August 23rd, a Tuesday, from 6:00 to 8:00 in the evening on the SUU Campus. This event is a great opportunity to meet the students who are attending SUU; it is particularly important to meet all the Lutheran students. We always have a booth, and we also give little gifts to anyone who stops by our booth. If you have any ideas about what we should give this year, then please talk with Pastor about this matter. This activity is held on the open space right next to the Basketball Arena. We need a couple of people to man the booth, and to greet the students, if you are willing to help, then please let Pastor know.

AN ELDER'S MEETING will be held on August 25th, a Thursday, at 5:00 in the evening. Our Elders are John Tews, Carl Dahlia, and Dave Johnson. If you have any concerns, then please get in touch with one of these Elders.

THE TEA LADIES will gather at Sharol Kleinschmidt's home on August 26th, a Friday, at 1:00 in the afternoon. All of the ladies are encouraged to attend this Gathering. You will be experiencing great fellowship, a good devotion, excellent snacks, and superior conversation. Let's have a good attendance at this month's Tea Lady Gathering.

A CONFIRMATION ORIENTATION

will be held on August 25th, a Thursday, at 7:00 in the evening. This Orientation is for the parents, or any adult who is responsible for the young people who will be attending Confirmation Class. We will be going over what the adults are responsible for, and what time we will be holding this Class. We will also be answering any questions you may have about Confirmation. So please mark this date on your calendar; it is important that at least one adult attend this Orientation session.

HANDS

While singing "Take My Life And Let It Be" last Sunday, I thought of a temple talk I gave years ago about stewardship. The second verse was my theme. It says to take our hands and let them move at the impulse of His love.

There are many hands that move here at Trinity. Most of them may go unnoticed. Our lawns are looking the best that I can remember. Most Sundays, we have beautiful altar flowers, whether dedicated by someone or from a member's backyard. The coffee is always excellent in my estimation. The goodies go well with the coffee. Clean-up is a chore that someone usually does. Our church always seems to look neat and clean even without a full sign-up sheet. Our music is always there to cheer us in worship, provided by several willing hands. Does it sound like I mean to pat us on the back? No. There is much more we can do. Maybe the people who have always done these things can use a vacation for a while. It seems like "burn-out" is a problem most volunteers suffer from occasionally. Is there a place where you have a particular talent that you can lend if even for a short time? Maybe you can find out who does what and ask if that volunteer would like a little break. I'll bet that your offer would be greeted with

a yes ... maybe not?

When everybody helps, we can all accept a pat on the back knowing we did our best to pitch in.

A little “food for thought” as they say.

Thanks to everyone who has let their hands move at the impulse of HIS love!

You know who you are!

If you can't labor, you surely can pray for our church to continue ministering in our community.

Sharol Kleinschmidt

BEWARE OF TERRORIST GROUPS IN CHURCH

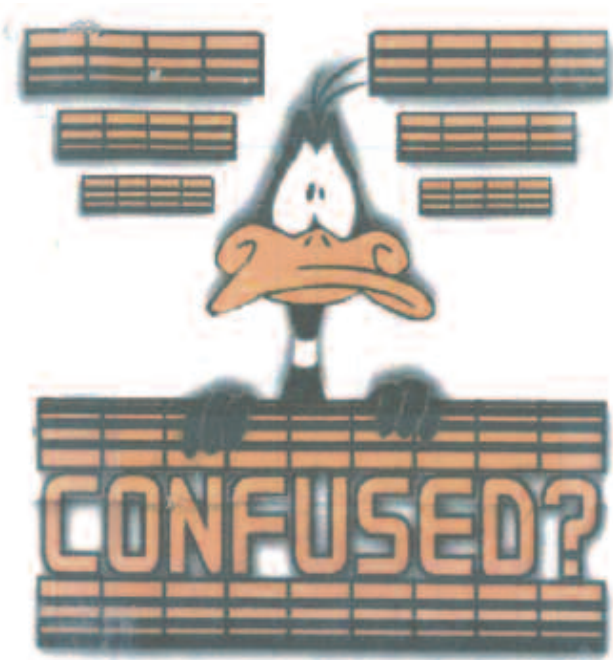
Reports are that five terrorist cell groups have been operating in many of our churches. They have been identified as: Bin Sleepin, Bin Gossipin, Bin Arguin, Bin Fightin, Bin Complainin, and Bin Missin. The plan is to come into the church disguised as Christians and to do the work within the church to discourage, disrupt, and destroy. However, there have been reports of a sixth group. A tiny cell known by the name of Bin Prayin is actually the only effective counter terrorism force in the church. Unlike other terrorist cells, the Bin Prayin team does not blend in with whoever and whatever comes along. Bin Prayin does whatever is needed to uplift and encourage the Body of Christ.

We have noticed that the Bin Prayin cell group has different characteristics than the others. They have Bin Watchin, Bin Waitin, Bin Fastin, and Bin Longin for their Master, Jesus Christ, to return. No church is exempt! However, you can spot them if you bin lookin and bin goin.

Miriam Davis

WISE SAYINGS

1. Life isn't fair, but it's still good.
2. When in doubt, just take the next small step.
3. Life is too short to waste time hating anyone.
4. You don't have to win every argument. Agree to disagree.
5. Cry with someone. It's more healing than crying alone.
6. It's OK to get angry with God. He can take it.
7. Make peace with your past so it won't screw up the present.
8. Get rid of anything that isn't useful, beautiful or joyful.
9. No one is in charge of your happiness but you.
10. Forgive everyone everything.
11. What other people think of you is none of your business.
12. However good or bad a situation is, it will change.
13. Don't take yourself so seriously. No one else does.
14. Believe in miracles.
15. God loves you because of who God is, not because of anything you did or didn't do.
16. The best is yet to come.



Why do we put suits in garment bags and garments in a suitcase?

How come abbreviated is such a long word?

Why do we wash bath towels? Aren't we clean when we use them?

Why doesn't glue stick to the inside of the bottle?

Why do they call it a TV set when you only have one?

Why do we sing "Take me out to the ball game" when we are already there?

Why are they called "stands" when they are made for sitting?

Why is it called "after dark" when it really is "after light"?

Doesn't "expecting the unexpected" make the unexpected expected?

If work is so terrific, why do they have to pay you to do it?

If all the world is a stage, where is the audience sitting?