

TIDINGS OF TRINITY

FEBRUARY 2012

Well, this is the last Newsletter I will be publishing here at Trinity. On February 19th, I will be preaching my last sermon. On the first Sunday in February, I will have been your Pastor for ten years. Just think about that, for ten years. On that first Sunday in February we had 17 people here in Church. I believe we have grown in our membership. We have taken a number of people in as members here at Trinity, but we have also transferred a number of people to other churches.

A number of important events have happened here in the past ten years. The most important, I feel, was that we added a new sanctuary. This new addition makes our ministry so much easier as far as holding Worship Services, you don't have to take down chairs and put them up again. Our stain glass windows add so much to the meaning of our existence, the Good Shepherd is here with us in Cedar City. We've had our differences of opinion; I wanted pews but we ended up with chairs. The Design Committee didn't want anything in one of our stain glass windows; I wanted a couple of sheep. So you win some and you lose some; it is just so very important that you communicate your concerns, and then accept what is decided.

The people that Millie and I have met here at Trinity in these ten years has been so awesome. I think that one of the best characteristics of Trinity has been are fellowship together. Our Pot-Lucks and Soup Suppers, and other activities, I feel, have been so meaningful. I strongly urge you to keep these fellowship activities going, they are so meaningful.

I also remember the Pastoral duties I performed, marrying, burying, baptizing, and confirming. Fay Burns' Memorial service really inspired me. The Wedding of Cookie and Larry Heddings was unique.. The Confirmation and Baptism of so many young people always said to me that the Church has a future.

I am not going to say "good-bye," because Millie and I will still be living in Cedar City, so hopefully our paths will cross much. We just love Cedar City, there is just so much to do here, like attending the sporting events of SUU, and the Shakespearean Festival, and all the activities at the Heritage Center. I encourage you to accept your new Pastor, just as you accepted me. As I look back over the past ten years, I feel that one of the most important things we did was listen. I listened to you, and you listened to me. We may not have always agreed, but, at least, we were listening. This is just so very important. May God continue to bless each of you, and the ministry that you are conducting here at Trinity.

God Bless,
Pastor John and Millie Jaster

THE INSTALLATION of Pastor Bob Sharp will take place on the last Sunday in February, the 26th, at 6:00 in the evening. Our District President, Rev. Randal GoIter, will be preaching the sermon, and our Circuit Counselor, Rev. Bror Erickson, will be installing Pastor Bob. After the Installa-

tion, finger foods and dessert will be served. You are all encouraged to attend this activity, why you can even invite your neighbors to attend with you. We are expecting a good crowd of fellow Lutherans here in Utah, and maybe a couple from Vegas, as well as, local people. If you want to help with anything

for the Installation, then please let Diane Molnar or Diana Thompson know. Let's have a fantastic Installation.

OFFERINGS AND ATTENDANCE at

Trinity for the month of January are:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Income</u>
12/24	81	\$ 470.68
12/25	31	799.00
1/1	44	1,120.53
1/8	59	1,420.00
1/15	64	1,177.00
1/22	57	1,398.00
Avg. Sun. Attend: 51		Total: \$ 6,385.21

Candlelight Service Attend: 81

Last year our average Sunday attendance during the month of January was 48 each Sunday. We went up by 3 each Sunday this year. This is a good increase in our Sunday attendance because this year Christmas fell on Sunday and our attendance was quite low. Our income for the month of January last year was \$5,554.00; our income this year was \$831.21 more than last year. Let's keep up our giving in the year 2012

TRINITY VOTER'S MEETING was held

on Sunday, January 15th, following the Worship Service. There were 39 voting members present. The purpose of this Meeting was to elect new Council members. Diane Molnar read the slate of candidates:

Pres. - Mike Coonen

Vice-Pres. - Ron Webber

Treas. - Cookie Heddings

Recording Sec. - Lynette Webber

Trustee - Mike Scott

Elder - David Molnar

Since there was only one candidate for each position, Alan presented the entire slate for a vote by show of hands. All voted yes; none opposed. Mike Coonen's election created a vacancy in Trustees. Alan volunteered to fill this vacancy. All voting members unanimously voted yes to Alan becoming a Trustee;

none opposed.

Alan turned the Meeting over to the new President, Mike Coonen, who thanked the congregation for the opportunity to serve, and also requested prayers for the Council and the Church as we go through the transition of ministers.

Mike adjourned the Meeting at 11 :25 am.

THE YOUNGEST SON of Carl and Wilma Dahlia has been promoted to the rank of Sargent at the Southern California South Gate Police Department. This promotion will take effect the second week-end in February. Carl and Wilma will be going to the ceremony where their son will be promoted. Congratulations to Christopher Scott Dahlia.

A WOMEN'S RETREAT will be held on February 23rd to the 26th at Springdale, Utah, which is right next to Zion National Park. This Retreat is sponsored by Community Lutheran Church in Las Vegas. The theme of this Retreat is: "No Place Like Home: God's Eternal Promise." It will be talking about Heaven and your eternal existence in Heaven. If any of you ladies is interested in attending this very fine Retreat, then please call Carol Byers at this number: (435) 867-1940.

AN LWML MEETING will be held on Saturday, February 4th at 10:30 in the morning. One of the very important items to be discussed is the plans for Pastor Sharp's Installation. Particularly planning on what will be served at the fellowship time after the Installation. If any of you ladies is willing to help with this endeavor, then please plan on attending this Meeting.

NEW MEMBERS will be received on the second Sunday in February, the 12th in our

Worship Service. If you would like to join Trinity, then please talk with Pastor about this matter.

THE TEA LADIES will be holding a special Valentine's Tea on February 11th, a Saturday, at 1:00 in the afternoon. This Tea is going to be a Vintage Tea. A lady from the Catholic Thrift shop is going to talk about the history of this Shop. They will also be featuring vintage fashions. There is also going to be a hat contest. Tickets for this activity are \$10.00 per person. If you are interested in attending then please talk with Diane Molnar.

A PASTOR'S CIRCUIT FORUM will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church in St. George on February 6th and 7th, a Monday and Tuesday. All the Pastors in Utah and western Colorado will be attending this activity. Professor Selz from the Seminary in St. Louis will be leading us in a study of the book of Mark. Pastor will be attending this very worthwhile study.

A CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING will be held on February 9th, a Thursday, at 5:30 in the evening. The newly installed Officers will be taking over the leading of this Meeting. All congregational Officers are required to attend this Meeting. We will be making the final plans for the Installation of Pastor Bob Sharp. If you have any concerns you are urged to bring them to this Meeting.

A LUNCH WITH THE YODERS will be held on February 16th, a Thursday, at noon at Emerald Pointe. This past month was the first such lunch, about 12 people attending this affair. Frank Nichols says the food was some of the best he has ever tasted. I don't know if that is true, but it is worth going to just to see the Yoders. Jim and Vonnie, I'm sure are now living at Emerald Pointe, in

room # 222. I'm sure they would enjoy a visit from anyone in the Church.

OUR SPECIAL LENT WORSHIP SERVICES will start on February 22nd a Wednesday, at 7:00 in the evening. The first of six services is always held on Ash Wednesday. This is the Service in which ashes are put on your forehead to remind you what Christ did for us by suffering and dying on the cross. Pastor Bob Sharp will start officially as our Pastor by leading us in our Worship on Ash Wednesday. In the past we have always held Soup Suppers right before our Worship Service. We need to have six Soup suppers; you are encouraged to get together with several other families to supply soup for our Suppers. The Soup supper on February 22nd will be supplied by Diana Thompson and Jill Dillard. Make the time in your schedule to attend these Soup suppers and a time for lent.

OUR POT -LUCK LUNCH in February will be held on the third Sunday, the 19th, and not on the first Sunday as usual. The reason this change has been made is that the third Sunday is Pastors' last Sunday and everybody would like to fellowship with him and his family for the last time. So everybody please mark February 19th on your calendar so you can attend this Pot Luck Lunch. Please sign up what you will be bringing to this Pot-Luck. You can bring a hot dish, or desserts, or salads. Let's have a super time of fellowship.

CHOIR REHEARSALS ARE HELD ON Tuesday at 7:00 in the evening. We are hoping to have a few extra voices to sing for the Installation of Pastor Sharp. So you are all encouraged to come out Tuesday evening for a time of rehearsing. Please, Please consider doing this; your voice will make a big difference, so PLEASE! PLEASE!

YOU NEVER KNOW

I have entitled this article you never know because that has been the case for me many times.

I recently received a call from a friend of mine who has moved to Oregon since we attended church together in California.

She told me that her son had been robbed and beaten in November of last year. He was left in a pool of blood and had serious head injuries. He died sometime later of those injuries. As she sobbed and told me the story, she stated that her faith was being sorely tested.

As I listened to her, I remembered what a strong woman she had been and a great helper in our women's ministry.

As we said goodbye, I thought what could I do to show her my love and try to help her see that she would hopefully regain her faith? She had quit going to church, also.

I remembered our Tea Ladies' calendar and thought that might cheer her up. A condolence card did not seem enough.

{ I have learned to act on my first instincts and hope they are correct. }

I did send the calendar and a week later she called sounding like her old self. She raved over the photography, the beauty of all the foods offered and commented on the happy faces of the women involved.

She said that the day the calendar arrived, she had been very depressed. When she opened her mail, she could not believe how beautiful everything looked. She began to ask me about the photographer, the food and our activities.

Since she is a gourmet cook herself, she was especially interested in all the delightful foods that are shown on the pages, especially the cream-filled strawberries. She commented on the food presentation and asked if I would send her the strawberry recipe. I said, of course, I would get it for her from Diane and that would give me a reason to call her back.

On our next call, she told me how the women of her church had been calling her for lunch and she had always said no because she did not feel ready. NOW she is ready and they plan to fellowship together and I am sure they are as happy as I am that she is going out, now!

At times like these, I know that it is not me doing the acting, but, God telling me what to do for a hurting friend. What a privilege it is to help. It is a joy as Pastor is fond of saying!

So, if you get a call or visit from a hurting friend, listen to your heart and act on it because, YOU NEVER KNOW!

A SPECIAL thank you to the TEA LADIES for the calendars and to PASTOR JASTER for all the newsletters he has published over the years that he has been here!

Sharol Kleinschmidt

Here are two recipes Sharol Kleinschmidt submitted. Maybe if you try these recipes, you will become more joyful!

Roasted Almond Truffles

$\frac{1}{2}$ cup undiluted Evaporated milk.
 $\frac{1}{4}$ cup sugar
1 Pkg ($1\frac{1}{2}$ oz) Milk Chocolate morsels.
 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 1 tsp almond extract.

1 cup finely chopped almonds, toasted.
Combine evaporated milk & sugar
in small heavy gauge pan.

Cook until mixture comes to a
full boil, then boil for 3 minutes
stirring constantly, remove from
heat, stir in morsels & almond
extract, stir until smooth, chill
45 minutes, shape into 1 inch
balls, roll into almonds, chill
until ready to serve.

"Mini-Cheese Cakes"

Vanilla Wafers

2 (8-oz) Pkg Cream Cheese

$\frac{1}{2}$ cup sugar. 1 tsp Vanilla. 2 eggs.

Line muffin tin with mini cup cake liners.

Place 1 vanilla wafer in each liner.

Mix cream cheese & sugar until blended. Add eggs
mix well. Pour over wafer. fill $\frac{3}{4}$ full. Bake 25
min. @ 325.

Note. I added cherry glaze and whipped cream
on top after cake cooled, made them look
pretty and tasted good. This was my
idea. Went over real well too.