

TIDINGS OF TRINITY

A while back someone predicted that the end of the world would take place. Well from my understanding of the Scriptures, our God stated that we would not know when the last day would happen. I also remember my old Aunt Helen kept telling me that the signs of the time were pointing out that the last day was coming. I was about 7 years old at that time, today I'm 74 years old, and the last day still hasn't happened. I get a little angry that with all the beauty our God has put around us, the challenges and excitement he allows us to experience every day, that some people dwell on predicting the end of time.

I have run into a number of people who were down right nervous about this prediction. My question is why? If we truly are living our lives as we should, what is there to fear? Have you helped your fellow man in his time of need? Have you shared a blessing with your family and friends? Have you treated others as you wanted to be treated? Have you truly loved your fellow man? Have you asked for forgiveness when you have sinned and truly worked at changing your ways? If you can answer "yes" to these questions, then rather than fear the coming of the last day we should be excited.

I had a great sign which I hung on the wall of my garage in Kingman, Arizona. This sign said: "Good morning this is God, I will be handling all your problems today. Enjoy your day." I misplaced that sign when I was moving to Cedar City, but I read it every morning and tried to live by that statement. I would thank God for all that has blessed me with so when that day does come I just might have a tiny regret that I won't get to experience another day's adventure on this earth. So I encourage all of you to live your life to the fullest. Take advantage of all the blessings our God has given to you. If you do this then you will be ready for the last day whenever it should happen.

Pastor Jaster

A BAR-B-Q LUNCH will be held here at Trinity on the first Sunday in July, the 3rd, right after our Worship Service. We need people to volunteer to make this Bar-B-Q a huge success. We need hamburger patties and hot dogs with buns, please sign up if you will provide these items. We also need a number of different salads, so please indicate if you will be bringing a salad to our Bar-B-Q. A couple of people who will be barbequing is also an essential part of our Lunch on July 3rd. Please sign up if you are willing to undertake that responsibility. Let's just have a fantastic Bar-B-Q this year. This event will be held right before the 4th of July, so what better way to celebrate this very patriotic day. See you on the 4th of

July .

A PATRIOTIC CONCERT will be held on July 3rd, a Sunday, at 7:00 in the evening at the Presbyterian Church. The Choir presenting this Concert is made up of people from LDS Churches, as well as, people from all different Churches here in Cedar City. They have been practicing for this Concert for a number of weeks. The Choir will be singing a number of Patriotic Songs, and there will be a few individuals talking about how they have made a patriotic contribution to our country. Several of our members here at Trinity will be singing in this Concert. After the Concert is finished, ice cream will be served by the ladies from the Inter-Faith

Group. Come out on the evening of July 3rd and experience a time of fellowship with people from Cedar City.

OFFERINGS AND ATTENDANCE AT

Trinity for the month of June are:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Income</u>
5/29	60	\$ 1,145.31
6/5	61	1,351.00
6/12	71	1,547.00
6/19	57	778.00
Avg. Sun. Attend. 62		Total: \$ 4,821.31

Last year our average Sunday Attendance during the month of June was 58 each Sunday.

We went up by 4 each Sunday this year. Our attendance is getting better. Let's keep this up for the month of July. Invite your neighbors to come to experience what Trinity has to offer them. Our income during the month of May last year was \$6,362.00; our income this year was \$1,540.69 less than last year. We did have a rather large donation to our Kitchen Fund last year of \$2,000.00. But I encourage you to take a good look at what you are doing to support Trinity in a financial way. Let's keep growing.

A COUNCIL MEETING will be held on July 7th, a Thursday, at 5:30 in the evening. All congregational officers are required to attend this Meeting. If you have some business to bring up for this Meeting, then you can attend or you can contact Alan Hoppes.

NEW MEMBERS will be received at Trinity on the 4th Sunday in July, the 24th, in our Worship Service. If any of you are interested in joining Trinity as an official member, then please talk with Pastor about this matter.

THE TEA LADIES will gather on July 22nd, a Friday, at 1:00 in the afternoon in the

home of Cookie Heddings. Cookie's home is located in Kanarraville, so if anyone needs directions, then please contact Cookie. This Gathering offers you great fellowship, good snacks, and some inspiration. All of the ladies are urged to attend this event.

A GAME NIGHT will be held on July 21st, a Thursday, at 7:00 in the evening. May and June saw our first Game Nights. With Ed's Spinning Dominoes, and Pastor's Euchre and Bingo, plus other games, there seems to be no end of choices. You can bring a game that you enjoy playing, and teach it to others. Add snacks and a cold drink, what's not to like. We start at 7 and usually end by 8:30. Let's see more people show up for fun and fellowship at our Game Night!

VACATIONS are usually taken in the months of July and August. If you are taking a vacation Pastor is always interested in what other Churches are doing, or what projects they are involved in. Pastor would much appreciate a Sunday bulletin, and a monthly Newsletter from any Churches you worship at on your vacation. Be sure you don't take a vacation from God; it is just so very important to worship on your vacation.

LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES' new television special, *The Bible on Trial* has begun airing across the country. This is an important event; it puts the Bible on trial. This program features expert testimony from Dr. Paul Maier of Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, Mich.; Dr. Randall Price of Liberty University, Lynchburg, VA.; Dr. Jeff Kloha of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO.; and Joel Lampe of the Bible Museum, Goodyear, AZ. View this program online at: www.nrbnetwork.tv on Monday, July 18th at 7 p.m. Mountain time. It's been a number of years since LHM has offered a new television program. Check it out!

A NEW BIBLE STUDY has started here at Trinity at 9:00 in the morning every Sunday. We are studying the Parables of Jesus. A Parable is a story that Jesus would tell with the idea of communicating a message. I believe Jesus was trying to open men's minds to some part of God's truth. He did this by telling them a story. You are all encouraged to keep up an hour earlier on Sunday morning so you can attend the study of the Parables of Jesus.

FROM JILL DILLARD:

* **the Full Buck moon - July** July is normally the month when the new antlers of buck deer push out of their foreheads in coatings of velvety fur. It was also often called the Full Thunder Moon, for the reason that thunderstorms are most frequent during this time. Another name for this month's Moon was the Full Hay Moon.

A TORNADO struck Joplin, Missouri a while back. Peace Lutheran Church is the only Missouri Synod Lutheran Church in Joplin. The Pastor of this Church is Rev. Alan Mech. Pastor Mech last served as pastor of 1st Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Las Vegas, Nevada. Pastor Jaster knew Pastor Mech as a personal friend.

Sharol Kleinschmidt submitted the following article: I am sure that you all have heard on the news about the devastation in the heartland of our country. Storms and tornados have decimated whole communities, separated loved ones and shattered lives. Swept up in the devastation was Peace Lutheran Church, Joplin, MO. This is an invitation to put \$1 in our offering plate as a gesture of support and assistance to this place of worship as they sort out what the future will be for their ministry. Put a dollar, or any donation you are willing to make, into an envelope marked "Tornado." Lutheran Disaster Response is working in

the area to help all impacted by these terrible events. Of course, monetary contributions are not always available, especially as we struggle with our own finances. So, as always prayer is greatly needed and appreciated.

- * 141 deaths
- * 18,000 vehicles destroyed
- * several schools destroyed
- * two fire stations destroyed
- * 8,000 housing units destroyed
- * 400 hundred businesses destroyed
- * over 3 billion dollars in damage
- * the tornado's path was 13.8 miles long
- * 6 miles of over 200 mph winds causing severe devastation
- * tornado was a 1/2 mile wide

THE 2012 LUTHERAN HOUR TOURNAMENT OF ROSES FLOAT is titled

"God's Promise For All." This year's float is filled with symbols of the promises that are ours through a relationship with God: the picture of Jesus; the stream of life where hope springs eternal; doves, symbolizing a peace which will only be complete in heaven; and the butterflies which remind us of the new life which is ours in Jesus Christ. The Lutheran Hour Float Project relies solely on the generous support of many Christian friends. The cost of this project is not included in any budgets of the Int'l LLL or the LCMS. We hope that you will want to share with us in this ministry. We request your prayers and appreciate your financial support.

A gift may be sent to:

Lutheran Hour Float Committee
P.O Box 20044
Riverside, CA 92516

Or if you would like to help putting flowers on the float, then call: Lou Marting at 949/770-8420, or at 818/404-6447

Use the Daffodil Principle.

Stop waiting

- Until your car or home is paid off
- Until you get a new car or home
- Until your kids leave the house
- Until you go back to school
- Until you finish school
- Until you clean the house
- Until you organize the garage
- Until you clean off your desk
- Until you lose 10 lbs.
- Until you gain 10 lbs.
- Until you get married
- Until you get a divorce
- Until you have kids
- Until the kids go to school
- Until you retire
- Until summer
- Until spring
- Until winter
- Until fall
- Until you die ...

There is no better time than right now to be happy. Happiness is a journey, not a destination. So work like you don't need money. Love like you've never been hurt, and Dance like no one's watching.

Wishing you a beautiful, daffodil day!

Don't be afraid that your life will end, be afraid that it will never begin.

4. If Webster wrote the first dictionary, where did he find the words?
5. Why do we say something is out of whack? What is a whack?
6. Why does “slow down” and “slow up” mean the same thing?
7. Why does “fat chance” and “slim chance” mean the same thing?
8. Why do “tug” boats push their barges?



**It's the Soldier, not the reporter
Who has given us the freedom of the press.
It's the Soldier, not the poet,
Who has given us the freedom of speech.
It's the Soldier, not the politicians
That ensures our right to Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness . . .
It's the Soldier who salutes the flag,
Who serves beneath the flag,
And whose coffin is draped by the flag.**

AMEN!

**WE LIVE IN THE LAND OF THE
FREE, ONLY BECAUSE OF THE BRAVE!**

God Bless Our Military

Life is a gift, Freedom is a responsibility. – unknown

Tolerance is the virtue of a man without convictions. – Gilbert Keith Chesterton

“All tyranny needs to gain a foothold is for people of good conscience to remain silent.” – Thomas Jefferson