

TIDINGS OF TRINITY

Well, we celebrated Easter a little over a month ago. Church leaders all over the country once again scurried to prepare for the big day — Easter — the single most celebrated day by Christians all around the world. Attendance probably swelled by 40 to 50 percent as people made their token appearance at church. Our attendance went up by 40 percent this year this phenomenon will be repeated at the end of the year as those same people emerge from their homes to grace the churches all across the country to celebrate Christmas. I like to call these seasonally influenced Christians “**Chr easters.**”

However, a recently published Research Study found that less than one-third of Christians invited somebody to join them at church this past Easter; Trinity, I believe, rolled out the red carpet and welcomed all of our guests in the sincere hope that they would return and join us every week. Unfortunately most have not returned.

Some may contend that America is losing its faith and that most people are just not interested in a relationship with Jesus. According to another study, however, 64 percent of the population is completely open to pursuing their faith in an environment that differs from that of a typical church. And 75 percent of the population believe that God is motivating them to connect with Him through different experiences than were common in the past. Given that, I’d like to suggest four ways you can influence the **Chr easter** crowd.

1. **Go to them.** You’ve heard it before: Location, location, location. Rather than expecting people to drive to church, why not offer to bring them.

2. **Offer times that fit people’s schedules.** Weekends are busy. Between soccer games, grocery shopping, laundry, and house cleaning, there isn’t much time for anything else. Rather than forcing people to fit their schedules around our schedule, why not offer different times for worship.

3. **Recognize that there’s such a thing as too big and too small.** A common complaint I hear from **Chr easters** is that they don’t feel welcome at church. I suggest that if you see somebody in church that you don’t know, go over and introduce yourself to them.

4. **Practice listening more than speaking.** Regardless of where people are in their relationship with Jesus, they’re going to have questions. I encourage all of you to take the time to listen and to respond to them.

Let’s create opportunities for people to respond and to be a part of Trinity. It will help us build relationships with them, and it will help them grow in their faith.

Pastor Jaster

AN ICE CREAM SOCIAL will be held at Trinity on Father’s Day; the third Sunday in June, right after our Worship Service. A variety of different ice creams will be served, along with a Taco Bar. The Women’s Group is sponsoring this great fellowship activity. There is no charge, but you can leave a donation. Any funds derived from

this social will go towards helping Diane Thompson and Cookie Heddings go the LWML Convention being held at Peoria, Illinois. Let’s invite your friends to come to Church and to stay for this Ice Cream social.

THE INTER-FAITH GROUP is planning on having a special concert on July 3rd, at the

Presbyterian Church. Rehearsal will be held on Sundays, June 5th, 12th, 26th., and on Thursday June 30th. All rehearsals will be held from 5:00 to 7:00 in the evening. The Patriotic Concert will be held on Sunday, July 3rd, at 7:30 in the evening at the Presbyterian Church. If you would like to join this Choir, then please talk with Alan Hoppes. Everybody is encouraged to reserve the date of the concert on your calendar.

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

<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Income</u>
4/22	38	\$ 195.00
4/24	82	1,777.00
5/1	62	1,351.00
5/8	60	1,058.00
5/15	51	1,122.00
5/22	57	1,124.00
Avg. Sun, Attend: 62		\$ 6,627.00
Good Fri. Attend: 38		

Last year our average Sunday Attendance during the month of May was 54 each Sunday. We went up by 8 each Sunday this year. Our Good Friday attendance last year was 45, we went down by 7 this year. Our attendance during the month of May this year was fairly good. I am hopeful that our attendance during the summer months this year will really increase. Our income during the month of May last year was \$5,147.00; our income this year was \$1,480.00 more than last year. This was a very good month for both our attendance and our income; let's keep this going.

A SPRING CLEAN-UP will be held at Trinity on June 11th, a Saturday, at 9:00 in the morning. We will be cleaning in the Church, as well as, outside. A lot of weeding and general clean-up needs to be done on the outside. A general clean-up needs to take place on the inside of our Church, such as cleaning up the kitchen area and the our

bathrooms. We need a good clean up of the Sanctuary as well. Everybody is asked to bring any cleaning items that will help in this endeavor. The more people that show up the quicker the job gets done. Pastor will provide a pizza lunch. So let's have a great turn-out for our Spring Cleaning this year.

A NEW PASTOR is being considered by Trinity. The man we have in mind is Rev. Sharp. Rev. Sharp will be asked to come to Trinity in the latter part of June, or the first part of July. He will meet with interested people, as well as, conduct our Worship Service. We are looking for members who can house Pastor Sharp for two nights, and also provide a couple of meals for him and his wife. If you are willing to do either of these things, then please let David Molnar know.

THE BAPTISM of Delaney Jo Nicea Deutschlander will take place at Trinity on the second Sunday in June, the 12th. Everyone is encouraged to be in attendance on this Sunday. May God keep Delaney always true to her commitment.

A GAME NIGHT was held here at Trinity this past month. Eleven people showed up for this activity. We started out by playing Bingo, and Sharon Coonen, Travis Hoppes, and Miriam Davis won gifts. The most exciting game was Spinning Dominos. The next Game Night will be held on June 16th, a Thursday, at 7:00 in the evening. All of you are urged to attend this great opportunity for some fantastic fellowship.

A LUAU well be held at Camp Lutherwood on June 18th, a Saturday, at 4:00 in the afternoon. These Luau's have always been quite good. If you have never been to Lutherwood this is a good time to come to this great

Camp. You take SR 14 to SR 89, where it ends, then you go across SR 89 to a dirt road which goes about two miles. Just keep following the signs to Camp Lutherwood. This Luau costs \$10.00 per person. If any of you are interested in attending, then please let Pastor know, as Millie and Pastor will be attending this Luau.

THE TEA LADIES will be meeting in the month of June on the 24th, a Friday, at 1:00 in the afternoon at the Grind on Main Street. All of the women in the congregation are encouraged to attend this Gathering. They always have a devotional, good snacks, and fantastic fellowship. If you are interested in attending this activity, then please let Lynette Webber know.

AN ELDER'S MEETING will be held on June 23rd, a Thursday, at 5:00 in the evening. The Elders are Carl Dahlia, John Tews, and David Johnson. If you have any concerns, then please let your Elder know before their June Meeting.

A LWML CONVENTION will be held on June 23rd through the 26th in Peoria, Illinois. Diana Thompson and Cookie Heddings will be attending this Convention. There is some expense involved in attending this affair. If you would like to make a donation toward this expense, then put your donation in an envelope marked "LWML Convention" and give it to Diana or Cookie. They will be giving the congregation a thorough report on the Convention upon their return.

OUR WEB SITE ADDRESS is: cedarlutheran.org. If you want any information about Trinity Lutheran Church and what we are doing here, then please log into our web site. Spread the word around about our web site address. This is a great way to get people interested in the Church.

A SMILE

A smile costs nothing, but gives much. It enriches those who receive, without making poorer those who give. It takes but a moment, but the memory of it sometimes lasts forever. None is so rich or mighty that he can get along without it, and none is so poor but that he can be made rich by it. A smile creates happiness in the home, fosters good will in business, and is the countersign of friendship. It brings rest to the weary, cheer to the discouraged, sunshine to the sad, and it is nature's best antidote for trouble. Yet it cannot be bought, begged, borrowed, or stolen, for it is something that is of no value to anyone until it is given away. Some people are too tired to give you a smile. Give them one of yours, as none needs a smile so much as he who has no more to give. (Author Unknown)



A SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM for kids will begin on May 31st, Lunches are available for children under 16 from 11 am - 1 pm. Adults may purchase a lunch for \$1.50 each. New this year the Service Learning department of SUU has partnered with the Presbyterian Church to provide recreational activities for the children each day while lunches are being served. Volunteers are needed to help prepare the lunches Sunday through Thursday evenings, Please con-

tact volunteer coordinator Megan at 702/785-7468 (before 5 pm).

THINGS TO TALK & WRITE ABOUT

* Congratulations to Cookie Heddings for special recognition as a top staff employee at SUU.

* To the Coonens, Diane Molnar, Gene Brunner, and Liz Biller for church landscape beautification.

* Appreciation to organists Lynette Webber, Denise Kirmeyer and Millie Jaster.

* Alan Hoppes, our Choir Director, the Choir, and to Vonnie Yoder for sharing and singing "Heavenly Vision," a meaningful hymn for Vonnie and her family.

* Congratulations to Cedar High graduate Andrew Coonen and Fall student at Utah State. And to his brother Nathan Coonen for the opportunity to work at beautiful Yellowstone Park.

* A word of thanks to Brenda Fishell for making the beautiful Pentecost banner. This banner will be hung in Church on Pentecost Sunday.

* Full Strawberry Moon – June. This name was universal to every Algonquin tribe. However, in Europe they called it the Rose Moon. Also because the relatively short season for harvesting strawberries comes each year during the month of June ... so the full Moon that occurs during that month was christened for the strawberry!

* Red rock Zone 31/32 held its Spring Workshop in Boulder City, NV on Saturday, May 21, 2011. There were 30 in attendance and all enjoyed the workshop on "TIME" which focused on time for God, Time for Yourself and Time for Others. Pastor Dave Hinck from First Good Shepherd, Las Vegas, showed a series of videos featuring Rob Bell, who is the founding Pastor of Mars Hill Bible Church in Grand Rapids,

MI. We all enjoyed refreshments and a lunch hosted by the LWML ladies of Christ Lutheran, Boulder City. I'm sorry you missed the workshop--it was awesome.

Cookie

* How many books of the Bible can you find in this paragraph? Hidden in the following paragraph are 15 books from the Old and New Testaments.

I once made some remarks about hidden books of the Bible. It was a lulu – kept some people looking so hard for facts and studying for revelation that they were in a jam. Especially since the books are not capitalized here. But truth finally struck some numbers of our readers. To others, it was a real job. We want it to be a most fascinating few moments for you. Yes, there will be some really easy to spot. Others require judges to determine. We must admit it usually takes a minute to find one, and there will be loud lamentations when you see how simple it is. One little lady says she brews tea while she puzzles her brain. Well, get to work of you want to complete it. Good Luke!

Acts, Amos, Esther, Hebrews, James, Job, Judges, Kings, Luke, Lamentations, Mark, Numbers, Revelation, Ruth, Titus.

* Just before the funeral services, the undertaker came up to the very elderly widow and asked, "How old was your husband?" "98," she replied, "two years older than me." "So you're 96," the undertaker commented. She responded, "Hardly worth going home, is it?"

* The nice thing about being senile is you can hide your own Easter eggs.

* Recently I was asked to play in golf tournament. At first I said, "naaah! Not interested."

Then they said to me "Come on, it's for handicapped and blind kids." Then I thought ... Gee, I could win this tournament.

A mother was concerned about her kindergarten son walking to school. He didn't want his mother to walk with him.

She wanted to give him the feeling that he had some independence but yet know that he was safe. So she had an idea of how to handle it. She asked a neighbor if she would please follow him to school in the mornings, staying at a distance, so he probably wouldn't notice her.

The neighbor said that since she was up early with her toddler anyway, it would be a good way for them to get some exercise as well, so she agreed. The next school day, the neighbor and her little girl set out following behind Timmy as he walked to school with another neighbor girl he knew. She did this for the whole week.

As the two walked and chatted, kicking stones and twigs, Timmy's little friend noticed the same lady was following them as she seemed to do every day all week. Finally she said to Timmy, "Have you noticed that lady following us to school all week? Do you know her?" Timmy nonchalantly replied, "Yeah, I know who she is."

The little girl said, "Well, who is she?"

"That just Shirley Goodnest," Timmy replied, "and her daughter Marcy."

"Shirley Goodnest? Who is she and why is she following us?"

"Well," Timmy explained, "every night my Mom makes me say the 23rd Psalm with my prayers, cuz she worries about me so much. And in the Psalm, it says, 'Shirley Goodnest (surely goodness) and Marcy (mercy) shall follow me all the days of my life,' so I guess I'll have to get used to it!"

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face shine upon you, and be gracious unto you; the Lord lift His countenance upon you and give you peace.

May Shirley Goodnest and Marcy be with you today and always!

