

# TIDINGS OF TRINITY

I am going to share with you this month an article written by Sharol Kleinschmidt about reaching out into our community to meet new friends. I pray that you will take this article to heart; it is just so important to be friendly to all people.

“As I sat in our sanctuary the day of our recent Ladies’ Valentine Tea, I thought of how our beautiful “Jesus” windows may impact our attendees. The view from my seat was wonderful as all the quilts on display represent so much history in the lives of those who worked on them. As I welcomed the ladies. I thought of the meaning of quilts according to historians. A quilt is a type of bedding—a bed covering composed of a quilt top, a layer of batting and a layer of fabric, generally combined using the technique of quilting. Another technique for securing the quilt layers is tying. In this life, we are all tied together. Life is lived in layers. We have our childhood, our adulthood and our senior hood, for those of us blessed to attain it. Let us be thankful for our senior hood!

I have heard it said — “Life is a patchwork of good friends.” I hope this to be true for you as you meet new friends. May it be a warm and fuzzy experience, as if covered by a warm quilt. As the tea Ladies met afterward to discuss what went well and what might have not been so well presented, we lamented the fact that all who wished to attend could not as we do not have the seating capacity to accommodate a larger group.

The only place to expand would be the cement patio outside our fellowship hall. Alas, it does not have a cover. We are a practical group and know that there are many other areas which need our congregation’s attention. We are very thankful for the new sanctuary without which, we would not have the large fellowship hall in which to congregate.

We do have faith that someday we may have a larger area as our Teas gain in popularity and our main mission, which is to reach out to a larger community, may one day be reached.

Thank you to all who attended and added to the day!

Sharol Kleinschmidt

I hope you will all be reaching out to your friends, and invite them to come to Trinity and discover how friendly we really are.

**A SMALL CHURCH MEETING** Will be held in Moab, Utah on March 1st and 2nd, a Monday and Tuesday. This Meeting will have the Pastors of small churches in western Colorado and all of Utah in attendance. The purpose of this Meeting to determine if there are better ways of serving small congregations. Rev. Randal GoIter, our District President will be leading this Meeting. Pastor will be attending this Meeting; he is hopeful of finding a better way of ministering to smaller churches. Richfield and Cedar City would be considered a small

church.

**A GRANDMOTHER’S BABY SHOWER** will be held at Trinity on March 6th, a Saturday, at noon. Cookie Williams’ daughter is going to have twin boys, so some of the ladies want to throw a Baby Shower for Cookie. This will be a Salad Lunch; if you want more information, then please contact Joy Johnson or Diana Thompson. Gifts for the twins would be much appreciated. Cookie’s daughter may be in attendance at this Shower.

**OFFERINGS AND ATTENDANCE** at

Trinity for the month of February were:

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Attendance</u> | <u>Income</u> |
|-------------|-------------------|---------------|
| 1/31        | 64                | \$ 910.00     |
| 2/7         | 60                | 1,121.00      |
| 2/14        | 59                | 1,384.00      |
| 2/21        | 34                | 209.00        |
| 2/28        | 64                | 1,986.00      |

Avg. Sun. Attend: 61                      Total: \$5,610.00

Last year our average Sunday attendance during the month of February was 48 each Sunday; we went up by 13 each Sunday this year. Our average Lenten attendance last year was 30, we went up by 4 this year for our attendance for our special Lenten attendance. Our attendance for 2010 is really doing good. I encourage you to invite your friends to investigate what Trinity has to offer. Invite your friends to attend this Easter, the first Sunday in April. Our income during the month of February last year was \$5,182.00; our income this year was \$428.00 more than last year.

**SPECIAL LENTEN SERVICES** will be

held during the month of March. We are considering Jonah and his effort to escape from God's call to him. Here are the four Services we will be holding in March:

March 3rd - Our Providing God.

March 10th - Praying In the Belly of the Great Fish.

March 17th - The god of the Second Chance.

March 24th - About Face.

You are all encouraged to put yourself at the foot of the cross during the season of Lent.

By taking a good look at yourself during Lent, is preparing you to celebrate a most joyful Easter.

**SOUP SUPPERS** are also be offered on Wednesday evening, right before our Lenten Service. These Soup Suppers are held at 6:00 in the evening on Wednesday night.

You are all invited to come to these suppers

for a good time of fellowship and also for some fantastic soup. Preparing the soups during Lent this year are:

March 3rd - Fay Burns

Karen Custer

March 10th - Diane Molnar

Cookie Williams

March 17th - Wilma Dahlia

Penny & Ivan Condit

March 24th - Frank Nichols

Chuck Purmal

Come out and fellowship with each other!

**EASTER** this year falls on the first Sunday in April, the 4th. We will be having an Easter Breakfast before our worship Service on Easter morning. If you are interested in helping prepare items for this Breakfast, then please talk with Diane Molnar. We will also be having an Easter Egg Hunt. We need donations of Easter Eggs, chocolate bunnies, and plastic Easter Eggs. If you are willing to donate any of these items, then bring them to Church by March 31th. It would be nice to have two large Easter Baskets to give as special prizes, if you are willing to donate these, then please let Pastor know. If you don't want to donate any item, then a donation of money would be greatly appreciated. Let's have a most joyful Easter this year.

**ATENABRAE SERVICE** will be held on Good Friday, April 2nd, at 7:00 in the evening.

This Service is one of the most moving Services we hold during the Church year. you are urged to attend this special Service. Invite your friends to accompany you at this Worship experience. We are going to consider the seven last words that Christ spoke from the cross before He died. We will also be having some special music for this Service. So please plan on attending this Tenabrae Service.

**VOLUNTEERS** are an essential part of the ministry we have here at Trinity. Volunteers carry out a very important part of our mission. Here are some of our volunteers:

**GREETERS:**

March 7th - Ivan and Penny Condit

March 14th - David and Diane Molnar

March 21th - Charlie Washburn

March 28th - Open

**SCRIPTURE READERS:**

March 7th - Sharon Coonen

March 14th - Travis Hoppes

March 21st - Open

March 28th - Open

**USHERING** during the month of March will be David Molnar and Charlie Washburn.

**FLOWERS** add so much to our Worship Service, but no one has signed up in the month of March to provide flowers. We also will be needing Easter Lilies on Easter Sunday, so please think about providing Easter Lilies.

**A MUSICAL GROUP** going by the name "Captive Free" will be here on April 14th, a Wednesday. They will be performing for us on the evening of the 14th, so please let people know about this group. They will also be sleeping in the Church. but we will have to provide three meals for them: Supper, Breakfast and a Sack Lunch. If anyone is willing to volunteer to help in the preparation of these Meals. then please let Pastor know. This is a part of our **VOLUNTEER-ING.**



**EMERALD POINTE** is an Assisted Living Institution in Cedar City. Pastor has been conducting Bible Classes there for the past 5 years. See if you recognize anybody in this picture that appeared in the Emerald Pointe Newsletter.



**Special Volunteers**

Pastor Jaster, with Ron and Maxine, are faithful volunteers every Thursday. Their Bible Study group is very popular with our residents and provides appreciated spiritual growth and learning, combined with fun and fellowship.

**A CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING** will be held on March 11th, a Thursday, at 5:30 in the evening. All Congregational Officers are required to attend this Meeting; but all members are invited to voice their opinions, However, only the Council can cast a vote.

**THE TEA LADIES** will gather together on March 26th, a Friday, at 1:00 in the afternoon. This Gathering will be held at Diane Molnar's home. All of the women of Trinity are invited to attend this Gathering: it will have a study of the Bible, good treats, and a whole bunch of fellowship. If you need directions to Diane's home, then give her a call at this number: 867-9163. Let's have a good turn out for this Tea Gathering.

## NOT JUST A LADIES TEA PARTY

When is a Tea, not a Tea? When it evolves into something more wonderful. The following is an excerpt from an e-mail sent to Diane & Lynette after the Valentine Tea.. This e-mail reflects positively on all who helped with the Tea.

### Saturday's Joys

I've thought so much about the two of you and the marvelous things you have accomplished. Your legendary food with its inimitable presentation are only part of the wonder. Your spirits of warmth and inclusiveness have radiated out to gather so many people into your embrace. It is clear to me that this is your whole aim. The weeks of preparation, the sacrifice of strength, energy and personal resource are all given to that aim. And your radiant, weary, exultant faces reflect that desire. I was just overwhelmed on Saturday, with the way you have succeeded in all the elements of your goal.

Your program was wonderful. The food was indescribable from my narrow vantage. But the thrilling aspect was the congeniality among so many diverse women, and the warmth that emanated from the two of you, and your ten or so helpers.

I love you! I feel my life is immeasurably graced by this friendship.

This is from a non-Lutheran woman in the community, who has attended all of our Teas and wouldn't miss any other event at our Church. The original goal of the Tea Ladies was to reach out into the community with a "warm fuzzy" activity. Our small group has succeeded far beyond our expectations and Trinity Lutheran Church has a very positive reputation in this community. I want to thank all the wonderful women, old and new members, who gave of their time, talents and energy to make this event so successful. We would like to encourage all who are interested to join us to make our August "Garden Party Tea" an equally successful event.

Diane Molnar

#### **2010 TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH OFFICERS**

|                |                 |          |                  |                     |
|----------------|-----------------|----------|------------------|---------------------|
| President      | Alan Hoppes     | 867-6266 | Design Committee | Diane Molnar        |
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## RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Mushroom Tartlets are such a big favorite. We have served them at all the Teas of the Trinity Tea Ladies. They are time consuming to make, but they are oh so good! Enjoy!

**LUTHERANS** build their lives on Jesus Christ. They believe Jesus is the only, perfect, Son of God. They believe that Jesus died for them and for every person in this world. And Lutherans believe that Jesus rose from the dead and lives for them and for all

people who believe in Him as their Savior. Jesus brings people close to God. Lutherans believe their lives—today, tomorrow and in eternity—depend on Jesus. Lutherans live with a sure hope of eternal life because of Jesus Christ. They know they're not perfect. that they stumble and fall in their daily walk with God. But they also know that their forgiveness has been won and paid for by Jesus Christ and when they repent and seek forgiveness, God will forgive them because of Jesus. And, they want to tell others about that hope!

Recipe for: Flaky Mushroom Tartlets cooking time: \_\_\_\_\_  
serves: \_\_\_\_\_

Easy Puff Pastry - In food processor, place flour & butter & process until blended. In small bowl mix sour cream & egg yolk. Add to flour/butter mix & process until mixed. Chill until cold enough to roll. May be frozen or refrigerated for 5 days.

Mushroom Filling - Filling  
In skillet melt butter & saute onion until soft, add mushrooms & cook until liquid is evaporated. Stir in flour & cook until well mixed. Stir in cream, blue cheese & lemon juice. Bring to a boil,

Ingredients:  
2c. flour  
2 sticks butter, cold & cut into pieces  
1/2c. sour cream  
1 egg yolk  
1/2 stick butter or marg.  
1 onion, chopped  
1 lb. mushrooms, finely chop.  
2 Tbsp. flour  
1/2c. whipping cream  
1/2 oz. blue cheese, crumbled  
1/2 tsp. lemon juice  
Salt & pepper to taste

stirring until thickened. Season with salt & pepper.

### Tart Shells -

On floured board, roll 1/2 of pastry into a rectangle about 1/8" thick. Use a 2 1/2" round cookie cutter to cut out circles. Place in cups of mini tart pan (spray pan = Pam). Push pastry into cups. Place a tsp. of filling in the center of each.

Bake at 400° for 25-30 min. until crust is golden. Remove to racks to cool.

Baked tartlets may be frozen. Reheat on baking sheet at 350° for 10 min or until heated through. Makes 40-48 tartlets.

**A TRAINING SESSION** to help people with hearing, cognitive, mobility and visual disabilities to better assimilate into our faith community will be held on March 24th, a Wednesday, from 4:15 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. This Session will train people how to be more welcoming into their Church. It will also teach us appropriate and effective communication. It will also help us to reach out to people with disabilities. If you are interested in taking this Class, then please let Pastor know. Pastor is planning on attending, but this is Wednesday and we have Lenten Worship on this day.

## *Legend of the Donkey's Cross*



Legend tells us the donkey that carried Jesus into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday followed Him to Calvary. Appalled by the sight of Jesus on the cross, the donkey turned away but could not leave. It is said that the shadow of the cross fell upon the shoulders and back of the donkey. A cross marking found on many donkeys today remains a testimony of the love and devotion of a humble, little donkey.