

TIDINGS OF TRINITY

NOVEMBER 2011

Sharol Kleinschmidt wrote an article for the Newsletter entitled "What Is Your Vision." I'm going to put this article here at the beginning of the Newsletter. Your vision for Trinity Lutheran Church is just so very important. Someone said to me that they were praying for a Pastor who would make Trinity grow. That's important, but I feel the people in the congregation will make Trinity grow, not the Pastor. Every member of this congregation needs a vision; a vision about what you can add to Trinity. Here is Sharol's article.

"Do you remember the most wonderful scene you have ever seen? One of mine was many years ago as I hiked in the Sierras with my young family.

Our destination was the lakes high in McGee Pass. We drove to roads end, parked and started up the dirt road, past a ranch and on up the trail. It brought us to a valley bordered on both sides by high mountains. Ahead lay the trail that wound high up. In the valley was a stream, dammed into a huge pond where the beaver had built a large dam. The huge white clouds in the sky hung over the entire area like a ceiling. I had never seen a real beaver dam and the whole scene was surreal to me. Being there with my whole family was a thrill to remember in later years as they all grew and went their own ways.

Think of the most beautiful vision in your memory.. God promises our life with Him in Heaven to be far greater than anything we have known here on earth. Just to be with Him seems to be enough to make our hearts soar. But, to be far more wonderful than anything we have ever experienced on this earth is a great incentive to do His will and strive to serve Him it seems.

How can we serve God here at Trinity?

We can clean the church, join in Bible Study, provide "goodies" on Sunday mornings, join the choir, (you don't need a great voice), or we could invite people to come and investigate what Trinity has to offer. You may say some else is already doing that—well, give them a hand. How about helping with the women's activities like attending LWML Meetings, or volunteering at the Valentine Teas? Maybe cleaning up after Fellowship times? Think of your most beautiful vision and be inspired to know someday it will be even greater than that."

Sharol Kleinschmidt

A OKTOBERFEST will be held here on the first Saturday in November, the 5th, from 5:00 to 7:00 in the evening. Tickets for this affair are \$10.00 for adults, and \$5:00 children aged 5 to 12 years old. We will be serving Brats, Sauerkraut, home-made Root Beer, Potato Pancakes, Apple Sauce, and a great selection of pies and cakes. Please pick up extra tickets to sell to your friends. The proceeds gained from this Dinner will go in our Pastor's Relocation Fund. Let's

have a great turn out for our Oktoberfest.

A VOTER'S MEETING will be held on the second Sunday in November, the 13th, right after our Worship service. The purpose of this Meeting is to extend a Call to a Pastor, who will be serving this congregation. It is just so important that everyone come out to this Voter's Meeting to voice their opinions. The Call Committee will be making a recommendation to the congrega-

tion. Let's have a good attendance for this very important Meeting.

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

<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Income</u>
9/25	50	\$1,346.00
10/2	74	1,012.00
10/9	60	1,388.00
10/16	43	1,044.00
10/23	45	1,025.00
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Avg. Sun. Attend:	54	Total: \$ 5,815.00

Last year our average Sunday attendance during the month of October was 58 each Sunday. We went down by 4 each Sunday this year. Our income for the month of October last year was \$6,936.73; our income this year was \$1,121.73 less than last year. October certainly was not a good month for Trinity. Hopefully, we will be improving in the last two months of 2011.

A CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING will be held on November 10th, a Thursday, at 5:30 in the evening. All congregational officers are required to attend this Meeting. But if you have some business you are invited to attend.

A LWML MEETING will be held on November 12th, a Saturday, at 10:00 in the morning. All of the women are urged to attend this Meeting. The LWML is the women's mission organization, as well as, other projects. So please plan on attending this Meeting!

ON THANKSGIVING DAY at 10:00 in the morning, we will have a Service of Thanks. This is one of the most inspirational Services we have here at Trinity. In this Service everybody has an opportunity to give thanks for all the blessings God has bestowed on them. Thanksgiving is a busy time for families, as they gather together for special meals and watching Football games

and parades; but it is so very important that you take a little time to give thanks to God. So you are all encouraged to set aside a hour of time to come into church on Thanksgiving Day.

A SPECIAL THANKSGIVING MEAL was held at Trinity last year for people who didn't have anyone to celebrate Thanksgiving with. If you are interested in holding this special activity this year, then please let Pastor know. If enough people are willing to get involved with this meal, like fixing various things for eating, then we will have such a meal this year. We would also need to purchase a turkey, and how many people would be attending depends on the size of turkey we will purchase. Let Pastor know as soon as possible.

THE SEASON OF ADVENT starts on the last Sunday in November, the 27th. We will be holding three special Advent Services on Wednesday evenings. The first of these will be held on November 30th, this will be followed by a Service on December 7th, and on the 14th. This series of Services is based on the hymn "Savior of the Nations, Come." God's people are invited to respond to His invitation to follow Christ. First to rejoice at the manger, then to follow Him as He takes up His cross of humility that leads to His death and to His resurrection. Please plan on attending these three special Advent Services. Invite your friends to come with you.

SOUP SUPPERS have always been a part of our Advent celebration. Two or three families are asked to get together to provides soup and bread for each Wednesday. You are encouraged to get together with another family to undertake this project. The dates are: Nov. 30th, Dec. 7th, and Dec. 14th. Please sign up for one of these times. The

Fellowship we experience at these Soup suppers is just out of this world. So sign up when you will provide our dinner. Everyone is urged to attend these Advent Services.

INTER-FAITH PAJAMA PARTY—PAJAMAS OPTIONAL.

Now that I have your attention, I'll explain. The CAIFA "Cookbook Ladies" will sponsor a community-wide service event on Thursday, March 1st, 2012. We will be making flannel pajama bottoms in women's and children's sizes for the Women's Crisis Center. This Center serves three counties, including Iron County.

Those of us who attended the "quilting bee" earlier this year had a great time learning new skills and making new friends providing new quilts for the homeless shelter. So save this date on your calendar and yes, you may wear pajamas if you choose. We may even have pizza, after all, what's a "Pajama Party" without pizza. Lynette and Diane will provide more details as they are finalized.

WHAT CAN I DO FOR GOD TODAY?

Pastor's statement in his sermon this past Sunday "What can I do for God today?" really made me think: Do I do something for God every day? I do spend time at church doing various services, and I try to make a practice thanking God for blessings during my prayers. But most of my prayers are asking Him for things—good health for my family and friends, emotional support, success for various tasks, good weather or rain, etc., etc. We ask the Lord for many things in prayer, what are we giving Him in return? Are we volunteering to do work at church, to sing in the choir, to serve as an officer, to help our neighbors, to live a Christian life as an example to others. I'd like to challenge all of you to consciously think: "What can I do for my Lord today?" it

just may bring us all closer to Him.

Wouldn't that be wonderful?

Thanks Pastor, for a thought provoking study.

Diane Molnar

THE LUTHERAN WITNESS, the official publication of the Lutheran Church/Missouri Synod, is up for renewal. The cost of this magazine is \$21.65 per year. This entitles you to 11 magazines, the June/July issue are combined. The Lutheran Witness is just filled with all kinds of information of what's going on in the Lutheran Church. If you would like to subscribe or renew your order to the Lutheran Witness, then please give a check to Cookie Heddings.



BIBLE STUDY CLASS

Trinity's adult bible study class meets every **Sunday morning at 9 AM** in the parish hall. Currently we are studying Jesus' parables - - wonderful stories that teach us lessons that still apply today. The course of study comes from the book "Parables of Jesus" by William Barclay.

Last week we learned six principles to remember as we pray:

1. God knows what we need far better than we do.
2. God alone sees all things
3. Prayer must be absolutely sincere.
4. Effective prayer must be specific.
5. Our cooperation is essential if we really want our prayer requests to come true.
6. Accept what God wants in your life. Pray "Your will be done."

All are welcome to join this spiritually enriching class. Sunday School is provided for children at the same time

CALENDARS

2012 Tea Ladies' calendars are available in the parish hall for \$10. They will make unique Christmas gifts for friends and family. Proceeds will benefit our kitchen fund.

PRE-CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST

Here's a special treat for Trinity ladies and friends - - breakfast at the 1897 Iron Gate Inn. Our speaker will be Sister Yvonne Hatt from Christ the King Catholic Church here in Cedar City. She will share her experiences of living in Israel.

DATE: Tuesday, **December 6th**

TIME: 10 AM

PLACE: Iron Gate Inn Bed & Breakfast. 100 N 200 W (next to St. Jude's Episcopal Church)

COST: \$10 (includes hot breakfast, a tour of the inn, and gratuity)

RESERVATIONS: See Lynette Webber or call her at 586-4564

The inn's dining room only seats 24, so make your reservations soon. Guests and friends are welcome. This breakfast get-together is becoming a festive Advent tradition. Don't miss it! .

BIRTHDAY PARTY INVITATION

Please join us for fellowship and food on **Sat., Nov. 19th** at 5:30 pm in honor of Diane Mohlar's 70th birthday. The celebration will be here at Trinity in the parish hall. We will provide a buffet-style meal and we would like all of you to bring yourself and your good wishes! If you have any questions, you can e-mail Donna at donnad45@hotmail.com

• **Full Beaver Moon — November** This was the time to set beaver traps before the swamps froze, to ensure a supply of warm winter furs. Another interpretation suggests that the name Full Beaver Moon comes from the fact that the beavers are now actively preparing for winter. It is sometimes also referred to as the Frosty Moon.

He who believes in Jesus shall never die but have eternal life. This is the message of the 2012 The Lutheran Hour Ministries float Click on: <http://www.petalpushers.org/2012/float/>. The LHM float is the longest running and currently the only Christian-themed float in the Tournament of Roses parade, appearing since 1951. The mission of the LHM float is to provide a Christian witness and the message of hope in Jesus Christ, to those who view the float. A million persons are expected to see the float along the parade route and millions more through worldwide television coverage.

Petal Pusher® volunteers are now needed to decorate. Thanks to the efforts of the Petal Pushers®, we are able to be in the Tournament of Roses Parade. They will be decorating seven floats and assisting with floral preparations in the flower tent. Volunteers need to be 13 years and older. During decorating week volunteers wear a Petal Pushers shirt <http://www.petalpushers.org/store/>.

