

TIDINGS OF TRINITY

OCTOBER

In 2 Corinthians 12:7-10, St. Paul makes an astounding confession! He says God gave him a “thorn” in his flesh! For Paul, this thorn was an ongoing and painful affliction that God would not remove. “I implored the Lord three times that it might leave me,” Paul says. But God did not remove the affliction from His servant. Why would God give Paul such a painful irritation which He would not remove? God gives the answer: to prevent Paul from exalting himself or from becoming conceited.

To be spiritually conceited would be like a person who would read the Bible one time and then feel that this would make him or her so strong they would never need to read the Bible again. However, in order to prevent us from becoming physically handicapped, God has graciously placed within each of us a type of “thorn” in the flesh to warn us that in order to stay alive, healthy, and strong spiritually, we need to practice our faith every day.

If we believe that going to church once a year, or maybe once every few months, or praying occasionally, or reading the Bible once, is all we need to do to stay spiritually strong, then we are making a big mistake. However, just as God uses a “thorn” to remind us of our need for food in order to remain strong and alive, so He also gives us spiritual hunger as well. This spiritual hunger is the “thorn” of trials and afflictions that causes you to desire the preaching of God’s Gospel and His miracle-working gifts in the Word and Holy Communion.

Learn from Paul’s “thorn” in the flesh! Trust that God permits such “thorns” to come into your life so that you may be drawn closer to Him and to His promises of forgiveness and life. Instead of whining about your “thorn,” repeat Paul’s words: “God has said to me, ‘My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness.’ Most gladly, therefore, I will rather boast about my weaknesses, that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am well content with weaknesses, with insults, with distresses, with persecutions, with difficulties, for Christ’s sake; for when I am weak, then I am strong.” (2 Corinthians 12:9-10)

Pastor Jaster

a great turnout for our Church Picnic.

A CONGREGATIONAL PICNIC will be held on the first Sunday in October, on the 2nd, at 11:45 a.m. This Picnic will be held at Canyon Park here in Cedar City. Canyon Park is located a little past East Elementary School. It is not the Park along the road, but is off the road a bit. The Lotts are providing hamburger patties, but we need some hot dogs also. We also need salads and desserts, please sign up what you will be bringing. We also need a couple of people to do the Bar-B-Quing, so please let me know if you are willing to undertake that job. Let’s have

A MISSIONARY TO AFRICA will be our guest on October 2nd. He will be making a presentation at Bible Class about the mission work being conducted in Africa. They will also be staying for our Church Picnic, so you can ask them any questions about our Mission work in the world. This missionary is the Rev. Bernie Lutz and he lives a few miles from the Canadian border in Minnesota. He will be first stopping in Butte, Montana, then he will be here in Cedar City,

and then he will be going on to California. Invite your neighbors and friends to come out and here Rev. Lutz. Come to our Bible Study on October 2nd to hear about our mission work in Africa.

OFFERINGS AND ATTENDANCE at

Trinity for the month of September are:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Income</u>
8/28	53	\$ 1,103.00
9/4	49	1,132.00
9/11	62	1,176.00
9/18	67	1,047.00
Avg. Sun. Attend: 57		Total: \$ 4,458.00

Last year our average Sunday attendance during the month of September was 51 each Sunday. We went up by 6 each Sunday this year. Our attendance is improving. Our income during the month of September last year was \$5,075.00; our income this year was \$617.00 less than last year. Our income is going down the past few months. This could be a very serious matter for Trinity if we continue to gain in our attendance, but decline in our income. Please, take a good look at what you are giving to the ministry here at Trinity. We need to improve in this area.

ALWML MEETING will be held on October 1st, a Saturday, at 10:00 in the morning.

All women are urged to attend this Meeting. This organization plans a lot of the activities we conduct here at Trinity, so plan on attending.

NEW MEMBERS will be received here at Trinity on the second Sunday in October, the 9th, in our worship Service. If you are interested in becoming a member of Trinity, then please let Pastor know.

A CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING will be held on October 6th, a Thursday, at 5:30 in the evening. A number of important

issues need to be discussed at this Meeting. All congregational officers are required to attend.

A CHOIR adds so much to our Worship experience. We have scheduled our first Choir Rehearsal on October 4th, a Tuesday, at 7:00 in the evening. We are looking for more voices in our Choir this year than we had last year. We have a need particularly for men's voices. We need some tenors and basses; so please come out to our Rehearsals. A Choir is just so very important.

A WOMEN'S RETREAT will be held at Christ the King Catholic Church here in Cedar City, on October 8th, a Saturday, at 10:30 in the morning. This Retreat is open to all churches in Cedar City. The Retreat will last about three hours, and there is no cost involved. A free lunch will also be served. As part of the program, four ministers in Cedar City will be presenting some insights into four women in the Bible. The four presenters will be: Rev. Jaster, Rev. Jeri Lee Harrell of Parowan Methodist Church, Rev. Susan Wiltsey-Smith of St. Jude's Episcopal Church, and Rev. Gerald Van Iwaarden of Westview Christian Church. Sister Yvonne of the Catholic Church will also talk about "Women in Spirit." To attend you must RSVP by October 5th. You can call Donna Fray 867-1129 or Sally Pople 865-0719. Pastor will obviously be attending this Retreat, he encourages all of you to come out and join him. Let's have a good attendance from Trinity.

PENNY JOHNSON has been hired as the Youth Director at the Presbyterian Church. She will be responsible for two Youth Groups, one is Middle School Youth, and the other is High School Youth. I told Pastor Guthrie, it would be nice if we could add our youth to his group; he said that we

could if Penny agreed. Maybe if we offer a little bit of income, Penny will agree. Any way, Penny, congratulations on you becoming the Youth director at the Presbyterian Church.

A LWML FALL CELEBRATION will be held at Lake Havasu City, Arizona on October 15th, a Saturday, at 9:00 a.m., Pacific Daylight Time. A \$10.00 fee will entitle you to lunch and any materials. Cookie Heddings will be attending this Celebration, if anyone of you is interested in joining her, then please let her know. The theme is: "When God Gives You Scraps - Make A Quilt!" They will also be gathering school supplies for the children of Lake Havasu City. They need these items:

- * 70-Sheet notebooks 8" x 10 1/2"
- * Rulers with centimeters and inches
- * Pencil sharpener
- * Blunt scissors
- * #2 Pencils with erasers
- * Ball point pens (no gel ink)
- * Box of 16 or 24 crayons
- * Eraser approximately 2 1/2" long.

This Celebration will be over by 3:00 PDT in the afternoon.

THE TEA LADIES will meet on October 28th, a Friday, at 1:00 p.m. in the home of Diane Molnar. You are invited to join with this Group, they do so many things here in Cedar City to let the people know there is a Lutheran Church here. Devotion, discussion and goodies are included in this activity, so plan now on attending.

A PARADE will be here in Cedar City with the emphasis on sheep. This parade will be on October 29th, a Saturday, at 10:00 in the morning. Floats have always been in this Parade, but Trinity has never sponsored a Float. Well, this will be changing this year; the ladies of Trinity will be sponsoring a

Float. This Float will be decorated very beautifully by our ladies. Miriam's Greyhound will be disguised as a sheep. Dean Kleinschmidt will be providing the means of moving this Float. A number of our women will be riding on the Float. We will be advertising Trinity Lutheran Church on this Float as well. Everyone is urged to attend this Parade to give our Float the recognition it deserves. If you would like to help in the decorating of this Float, then please let Sharol Kleinschmidt know.

A NEW PASTOR is being sought by Trinity to serve this congregation. The Pastor we are considering to Call is Rev. Robert Sharp. Rev. Sharp is not serving any church at this time, but is interested in doing so. He comes out of the Denver area, and President GoIter has given him a good recommendation. Pastor Sharp will be coming to Cedar City on the last week-end in October. He will be conducting a Bible Class and our Worship Service on Reformation Sunday. A Pot-luck Dinner will be held on the Saturday before at 6:00 in the evening. Please sign up what you will bring to this Pot-Luck. You can bring a hot dish, or a salad, or dessert. Everyone is urged to come out to the Pot-Luck and the Bible Study and Worship service to get to know Rev. Sharp. A Voter's Meeting has been set for the second Sunday in November, the 13th, to make a decision to call or not call Pastor Sharp.

FROM MAXINE:

I was praying to God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit. I praised and thanked Jesus for holding me in His loving arms.

Then it came to me "Jesus you have always held me and I feel like I'd like to have my arms around you and kiss you on the cheek. He holds us, but we must be sure to hold him close to us! Praise the Lord.

P.S. Thanks for the joy you gave me for my 90th birthday. Thanks for the cake, the flowers, and the love.

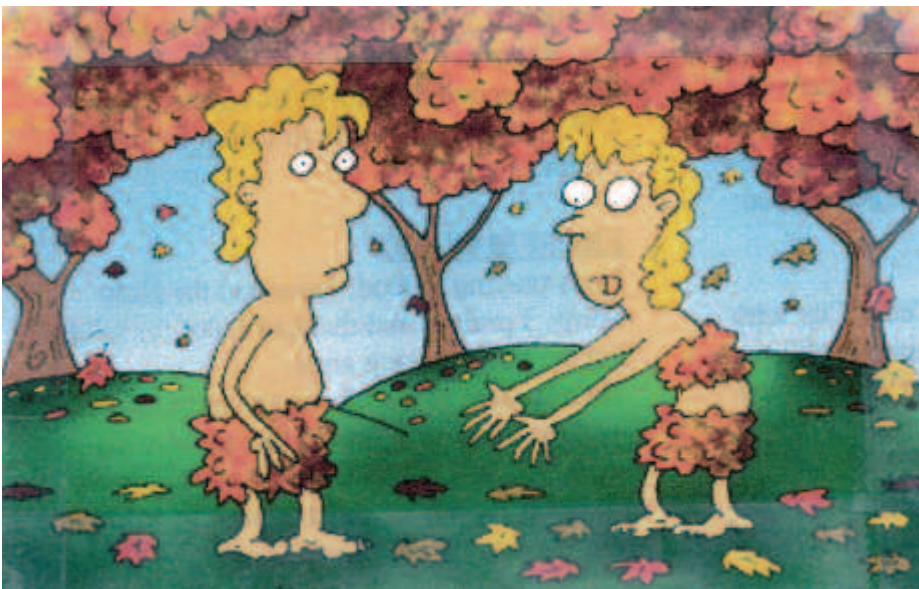
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Maxine Hewitt

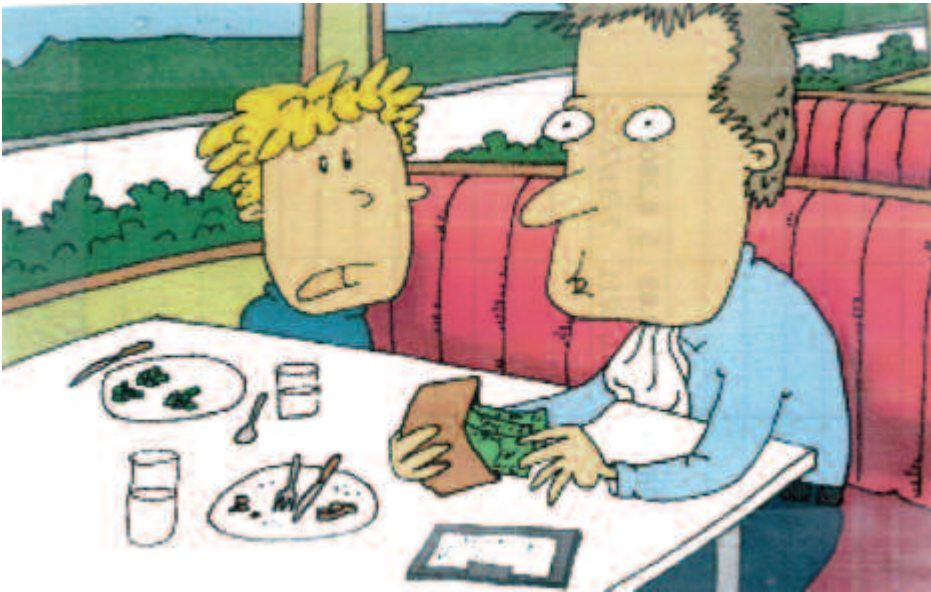
A SHORT VACATION will be taken by Pastor and Millie. They will be leaving on September 23rd, and will be returning on September 29th. They will be going to Palm Springs, California to visit their second son Craig. This is the first time Pastor will be seeing his son's new home. They will also be visiting their only granddaughter, Leyna. If an emergency should arise during their vacation, then please call this number:
435-531-9494

2012 CALENDARS are being sold by the Tea Ladies for \$10.00 per calendar. These calendars are so beautifully done, the pictures show the Teas that have been held here at Trinity. They are beautifully photographed. You are all urged to buy a couple of Calendars to send to your friends this Christmas. This is a money making project for the Tea Ladies' projects.

• **Full Harvest Moon - October 12th.** This is the full Moon that occurs closest to the autumn equinox. In two years out of three, the Harvest Moon comes in September, but in some years it occurs in October. At the peak of harvest, farmers can work late into the night by the light of this Moon. Usually the full Moon rises an average of 50 minutes later each night, but for the few nights around the Harvest Moon, the Moon seems to rise at nearly the same time each night: just 25 to 30 minutes later across the U.S., and only 10 to 20 minutes later for much of Canada and Europe. Corn, pumpkin, squash, beans, and wild rice the chief Indian staples are ready for gathering.



WILL YOU PLEASE PICK UP YOUR CLOTHES?



**HOW COME THE WAITRESS
GETS 15% AND GOD ONLY
GETS 10%?**

Don't let worry kill you off - let the Church help.

Next Thursday there will be tryouts for the choir. They need all the help they can get.

Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.

A bean supper will be held on Tuesday evening in the church hall. Music will follow.

At the evening service tonight the sermon topic will be 'What Is Hell?' Come early and listen to our choir practice.

Weight Watchers will meet at 7 PM at the First Presbyterian Church. Please use large double door at the side entrance.
