

TIDINGS OF TRINITY

I found the following e-mail on my computer recently; it really tells us how we can treat people. Some people treat us right, but others don't. Please read this e-mail, and respond like this taxi driver did.

"How often do you let other people's nonsense change your mood? Do you let a bad driver, rude waiter, curt boss, or an insensitive employee ruin your day? Unless you're the Terminator, for an instant you're probably set back on your heels. However, the mark of a successful person is how quickly she/he can get back her/his focus on what's really important. Five years ago I learned this lesson. I learned it in the back of a taxi cab in Indianapolis. Here's what happened.

I hopped in a taxi, and we took off for the Airport. We were driving in the right lane when, all of a sudden, a black car jumped out of a parking space right in front of us. My taxi driver slammed on his brakes, skidded, and missed the other car's back end by just inches!

The driver of the other car, the guy who almost caused a big accident, whipped his head around and he started yelling bad words at us. My taxi driver just smiled and waved at the guy. And I mean, he was friendly.

So, I said, 'Why did you just do that?' This guy almost ruined your taxi and sent us to the hospital!' And this is when my taxi driver told me what I now call, 'The Law of the Garbage Truck.'

Many people are like garbage trucks. They run around full of garbage, full of frustration, full of anger, and full of disappointments. As their garbage piles up, they need a place to dump it. And if you let them, they'll dump it on you. When someone wants to dump on you, don't take it personally. You just smile, wave, wish them well, and move on. Don't take their garbage and spread it to other people at work, at home, or on the streets. Successful people do not let Garbage Trucks take over their day. Life is too short to wake up in the morning with regrets, so ...

Love the people who treat you right. Forgive the ones who don't.

Life is ten percent what you make it and ninety percent how you take it!"

Pastor Jaster

OUR PARKING LOT looks fantastic NOW. At the beginning of last week our Parking Lot was not looking very good at all. But a paving contractor has filled in the cracks in the Parking Lot, as well as, give it a new coat of protection. They also repainted our Parking Lot. It looks fantastic. This project did cost \$2,500.00 to get done. We are asking five families to each donate \$500.00; if they would do this we could pay for this project without having to use funds

from our Building Fund. We are also looking into making our Parking Lot bigger and adding another entryway. We are getting bids on this project. It would probably cost around \$4,000.00. If people would be willing to help with this effort it would be very helpful. Anyone wishing to make a donation should put their donation in an



envelope marked "For Parking Lot." Any thing you can do will be very much appreciated.

OFFERINGS AND ATTENDANCE at

Trinity for the month of August are:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Income</u>
7/25	58	\$ 1,350.00
8/1	44	1,605.00
8/8	55	1,140.00
8/15	66	2,012.00
8/22	60	1,061.00
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Avg. Sun. Attend:	56	Total: \$7,168.00

Last year our average Sunday attendance during the month of August was 61 each Sunday; we went down by 5 each Sunday this year. You are all encouraged to invite your friends and neighbors to come to Trinity to worship with you. Our income during the month of August last year was \$7,826.07; our income this year was \$658.07 less than last year. However, we did have a large Building Fund donation last year.

OUR MONTHLY CIRCUIT MEETINGS

will be starting up again in the month of September. This month's Circuit Meeting was originally scheduled for Cedar City, but for some unknown reason it was rescheduled for Provo, Utah. Pastor will be attending this Circuit Meeting; it will be held on September 9th, a Thursday, at 9:30 in the morning.

THE 100th ANNIVERSARY of Pastor's first Church in Petaluma, California will be held on September 18th and 19th. Pastor has been asked to speak at this Anniversary, so he and Millie will be attending this function. A Banquet will be held on the Saturday evening, and a special celebratory Service will be held on Sunday. Pastor was not the first pastor to serve this congregation, as some people have indicated to him. Conducting the Worship Service in Cedar City

on the September 19th will be Deacon Chuck Meyn. Chuck is a former member of Pastor in Las Vegas, Nevada. Chuck and his wife Sue will be coming to Cedar City on this week-end, and they will be staying with Larry and Cookie Heddings. Communion has been switched from the Sunday on the 19th to the last Sunday in September, the 26th.

A OKTOBERFEST MEAL will be held at Lutherwood on September 18th, a Saturday, at 4:00 in the afternoon. All kinds of great German food will be served at this special dinner. Food like Red Cabbage, Sauerkraut, German potato salad, Sauerbraten, and German Chocolate Cake. Tickets are \$10.00 per person. If you have never been to Lutherwood this is a great time to go. This Camp is a very fine facility, and the food will be fantastic, so please plan on attending.

AN LWML MEETING will be held on September 29th a Wednesday, at noon. The LWML is an organization of women who work at spreading the Word of God throughout the world, as well as, here in Cedar City. This Meeting will be held at Diana Thompson's home, and she will be serving lunch to everyone who will be attending. You are encouraged to get involved with the LWML, it's a fantastic organization. If you need directions on how to get to Diana's home, then please talk with Pastor or one of the ladies who belongs to this group.

PENNY CONDIT would like to start another study group. She is looking for a book to study, if you have any ideas on good book to study, then please talk with Penny. She is also thinking about changing the evening they have been studying. If you have a more convenient time to study, then please let Penny know.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR on October 2, 2010 will celebrate its 80th anniversary of the proclamation of the Gospel. Since 1930, the Lutheran Hour has evolved. Now, not only is The Lutheran Hour heard on traditional radio stations, but it is also heard online, via satellite radio, on podcasts. As The Lutheran Hour nears its 80th anniversary, it continues to reach new audiences. Military personnel and their families can hear a slightly modified version of the program on the Armed Forces Network. And earlier this year the program's reach expanded by more than 30 percent (to more than 1,350 stations) through a partnership with Christian Satellite Network International. The success of The Lutheran Hour has also opened the door to ministry in a variety of ways in more than 30 nations around the world. The Lutheran Hour is broadcast over KSUB here in Cedar City at 9:00 in the morning every Sunday.

OUR CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

will be held on September 9th, a Thursday, at 7:00 in the evening. We moved the time back to 7:00 p.m., because Pastor will be attending a Circuit Meeting on this day and he can't make it back before 7:00 p.m. There are a number of important items to be discussed at this Council Meeting. All congregational officers are required to attend this Meeting.

THE 64th REGULAR CONVENTION of our Church body is now over. Some 1,200 delegates adopted 85 resolutions and elected 94 to positions in the Church. We did elect a new President, Rev. Matthew Harrison received 643 votes, or 54 percent-593 votes were needed to win. Rev. Gerald Kieschnick received 527 votes, or 45 percent. It may shock you to hear that the Missouri Synod is in a state of financial crisis. Our income has dropped from \$28 million in

2001 to \$19 million for the current fiscal year.

Some of the more important Resolutions passed were:

8-08A proposed that the Synod's seven program boards be reduced to two elected policy boards: one for national mission work and one for international mission work.

8-09 declined to change the Convention Meeting times from every 3 years to every 4 years.

8-02A to restore circuits to their primary purpose as a network of congregations that walks together for mutual support.

3-02A to make a study of the 2009 ELCA decision to allow homosexual and gays to serve a ordained Pastors.

3-04 which amends the bylaws regarding recognition of altar and pulpit fellowship with small emerging Lutheran church bodies.

1-04A to respond to opportunities for outreach to Muslims.

2-06 to encourage study of the Lutheran Confessions during our upcoming Reformation celebration.

7-01 mandated a specific plan to restore harmony in our Synod for the sake of the whole church.

4-02 directed the Board of Directors to evaluate all assets, taking action to ensure that they are being used effectively.

4-03 directed the treasurer to use available means, including the official periodicals, to state the Synod's financial position in an easily understood way.

This is just a few of the more important Resolutions that were passed at our Convention. Shortly they will be sending a overview of all of the business that was enacted. We need to put our Church body in your prayers. Please pray that our Church will continue to act in a loving way.

Secrets of the Garden Tea
August 21, 2010

Our gardens hold many secrets, not only in the way seeds grow and the scientific ways we encourage them to grow. One of my garden secrets is the therapeutic feel I get of cold mud oozing up between my toes after a rain.

I try to work in my garden, especially, when I feel stressed. I can be out there digging and pulling weeds for hours while the pressures of life fall away! (All one needs is a small patch of earth.) Flowers are a great addition to any scene. I think of the great variety of flowers that grow, even here, where it freezes every winter.

If you were a flower, have you ever thought what flower best describes you? We are all flowers in the bouquet of life! Some flowers are delicate and aromatic. Beautiful like the rose. They open up to bloom slowly, revealing their beauty, and requiring much care. Daisys are seen to be cheerful and perky, growing in great bunches. They add brightness and fullness to any bouquet.

The Iris is very delicate and colorful. When picked from the “mother plant” they fade quickly. While alive, their colors are vivid. The Gardenia is a beautiful flower with a heady fragrance that may bring thoughts of days gone by. Tulips are wonderful, coming up from bulbs each year. Their centers are intriguing to see, very delicate and complicated, is that you? Pansies grow close to the ground where they group up to show off their beautiful faces in many designs. My mother like to grow Zinnias. They grow in many colors and different designs. Zinnias last well when cut for a bouquet and show of their beauty.

If we were the flowers of our choice, we could be put into a space where our particular asset would be complimented by all the others. We cannot all be the most beautiful, aromatic or long-lasting. We cannot all retain our beauty for the same length of time. We cannot all come up year after year with the same vigor. What we can do is to grow to be the best flower we can in God’s garden of life.

As I look out upon you all today, I see a beautiful bouquet of many different flower faces! We must remember, we are all flowers in our Father’s Garden and He is the real “Master Gardener” feeding us with His love.

May He fertilize us with His goodness and may we beautify His garden and grow to a great beauty to magnify Him. Someday, may we all walk in our Father’s heavenly garden in the glory of His presence and learn the secrets of life!

Sharol Kleinschmidt

ADULT:

A person who has stopped growing at both ends and is now growing in the middle.

DUST:

Mud with the juice squeezed out.

BEAUTY PARLOR:

A place where women curl up and dye.

CHICKENS:

The only animals you eat before they are born and after they are dead.

Sometimes, when I look at my children, I say to myself, ‘Lillian, you should have remained a virgin.’

Lillian Carter
(Mother of Jimmy Carter)

The secret of a good sermon is to have a good beginning; and a good ending; and to have the two as close together as possible.

George Bums

TRINITY TEA LADIES' EVENTS

Ladies, please join us for these upcoming events — and bring your friends. too.

SEPTEMBER 24, Friday, 1 PM Tea in the garden at the Iron Gate Inn

Meet in the beautiful shady garden terrace for tea, devotions and fellowship. Our speaker will be Corrie Player, a well-known local newspaper columnist, author and lecturer. She writes the weekly "Heaven Help Us" column in the Cedar City Daily News. Her topic for us will be "Bloom Where You are Planted," or how to cheerfully face life's sometimes difficult situations. Millie Jaster will lead devotions. The 1897 Iron Gate Inn is located at 200 W. and 200 S. in Cedar City. Cost for tea and goodies is \$8.00

OCTOBER 22, Friday, 1 PM Tea Ladies' monthly gathering

Meet at the home of Diana Thompson for an afternoon of devotions, fellowship and refreshments.

---There are no Tea Ladies' gatherings in November or December - - but LWML monthly breakfasts will continue all year, (second Tuesday at 9AM). Watch the Sunday bulletin for location. ---

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SALSA BITES

This is Diana Thompson's recipe which is printed in the 2008 Trinity Lutheran Church cookbook. At the July Tea Ladies' meetmg, this delicious appetizer was prepared and served by Cookie Heddings.

1 8-oz pkg cream cheese	1/2 cup thick and chunky salsa
2 eggs	1/2 cup cheddar cheese, shredded
2 Tbs.. chopped black olives	1 Tbs. chopped green onion
1 clove garlic, chopped	1/4 cup sour cream
2 Tbs. fresh chopped cilantro	

Preheat oven to 350°. Whisk cream cheese with salsa and eggs until well blended. Stir in shredded cheese. Chop olives, green onions, garlic, and stir into mixture. Spray mini muffin pan and fill with mixture.

Bake 15-18 minutes until center is set. Let cool in pan 5 minutes. Spread a small amount of sour cream on top of each muffin. Sprinkle with fresh cilantro. Yields 24 mini muffins.

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HANDKERCHIEF:

Cold Storage.

TOMORROW:

One of the greatest labour-saving devices of today.

YAWN:

An honest opinion openly expressed.