

TIDINGS OF TRINITY

August 2009

As you think about the failures, hardships, and other difficulties you have experienced in your life, it is probably not difficult for you to admit, as many people readily do, "Yes, I am a sinner. Not only have I suffered many wrongs, but I have also committed many wrongs."

Your negative experiences might make it easy to conclude that you are a sinner in need of help. However, your persistent feelings of guilt or regret will continually attempt to prevent you from saying with confidence: "I believe that Jesus Christ has completely forgiven me all my sins-including the sins of which I feel ashamed." If this lack of confidence is true for you, you are not alone! Many people, including many lifelong Christians, suffer with similar doubts concerning the forgiveness Christ earned for them in His death and resurrection. When these Christians are asked, "Do you believe God has forgiven you all your sins?" they cannot bring themselves to answer confidently: "I do believe." The best these Christians can say is: "I hope so."

When you begin to feel doubtful and wonder whether God could ever truly forgive ALL of your sins, turn to Matthew 15:21-28. As you read what God says about the woman you see here, you will see that she insisted that Jesus deal with her according to His Word; but He seemed to ignore her. When He finally responded to her, His words felt like a slap on the cheek: "I was sent only to the lost sheep Israel!. It is not good to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." However, this woman responded: "Yes, Lord; but even the dogs feed on the crumbs which fall from their masters' table." With these words, this woman held her God to His promises!

Your Lord Jesus Christ not only wants you to recognize your sins, but He also announces to you that all your sins have been forgiven. Whenever your feelings of guilt and regret make you think that Jesus might be angry with you, think of this woman. Whenever you are tempted to think that God might not want to help you, insist that your Lord "be gracious to me according to Your Word." Hold Jesus to His Words, just as this woman did.

Pastor Jaster

REV. RANDALL COX is a man that the Rocky Mountain District has submitted to us for consideration as our Pastor. Rev. Cox has served 10 years as a Navy Chaplain, and in several other churches for about three years in each church. For the last two years he has been looking for a call. Rev. Cox is married to a woman from Viet Nam, they have two sons aged 5 and 7 years old. Rev. Cox will be arriving here in Cedar City on July 31 st, a Friday. He will be conducting the Worship Service on August 2nd. They will be staying for our Pot-Luck Lunch. Everyone is invited to meet Rev. Cox and his family.

A VOTER'S MEETING will be held on the second Sunday in August, on the 9th, right after our Fellowship Time. The reason we are holding this Meeting is to make a very important decision about calling, or not calling, Rev. Cox to be our Pastor. All members 18 years and up are eligible to vote. You are all asked to reserve this time on your calendar; a very important decision is to be made.

A MEET THE STUDENTS NIGHT will be held on the SUU Campus on August 25th, a Tuesday, beginning at 6:00 in the evening. The purpose of this activity is to give all churches in Cedar City an opportunity to

meet the students attending SUU. We always have a table for this activity. It would be nice to give something to the students who come to our table. We could give the computer disc holder that Miriam provided last year. It would also be nice to give Tootsie Pops; so if you would like to donate some Tootsie Pops, it would be much appreciated. We also need several people to volunteer to man our table, you get a free meal if you do this; so please let Pastor know if you are willing to help with this activity.

OFFERINGS AND ATTENDANCE at

Trinity for the month of July were:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Income</u>
6/28	61	\$ 1,269.00
7.5	57	1,370.00
7/12	58	1,000.00
7/19	48	966.00

Avg. Sun. Attend: 56 Total: \$ 4,605.00

Last year our average Sunday attendance during the month of July was 42 each Sunday; we went up by 14 each Sunday this year. Fourteen more people each Sunday worshipping with us is just **FANTASTIC!** Our income during the month of July last year was \$4,015.00; our income this year was \$590.00 more than last year. This was a slight improvement; but if we are going to have a called Pastor serve us, our expenses are going to increase. I urge all of you to give prayerful consideration to your giving; our giving must improve.

SERVING AS USHERS in the month of

August are Joy Johnson and Sharol Kleinschmidt. We have changed the way we serve communion. The Elder helps Pastor offer the elements, the Elder gives the bread. The Ushers direct the congregation to the Altar. There will always be a group ready to go up to the Communion Rail as the elements are being offered to another group. If you don't like this approach, then please let

the Elders or Pastor know. We are always trying to make our Worship Service more enjoyable and orderly, so please offer any suggestions you might have.

VOLUNTEERING TO SERVE AS GREETERS during the month of August are:

August 2nd - Carl & Wilma Dahlia
 August 9th - Jim & Diana Thompson
 August 16th - Phil & Jill Dillard
 August 23rd - Chuck Washburn
 August 30th - Cookie Williams
 If you are willing to serve as a Greeter, then please let Mike Coonen know. Being a Greeter is a great way to serve your Lord.

A EAGLE SCOUT COURT OF HONOR

for Nathan and Andrew Coonen will be held here at Trinity on August 10th, a Monday, at 7:00 in the evening. Nathan and Andrew will receive their Eagle Scout Badge at this time. A real live eagle will also be in attendance at this activity. Mike and Sharon Coonen will be hosting this Court of Honor. They will be providing refreshments. All of you are invited to attend this function.



THE TEA LADIES will gather on August 28th, a Friday, at 1:00 in the afternoon at Sharol Kleinschmidt home. All of the women of Trinity are invited to attend this Gathering. This is a great opportunity for fellowship, as well as, for making future plans for a large Tea Gathering.

TRINITY WEB SITE: Please visit our web site: <http://www.cedarlutheran.org>. It's coming along. The July newsletter is there, as well as a calendar of events. The August newsletter should be available by August 1st. Please forward any suggestions to Miriam Davis or Carl Dahlia. I'd like to put more email addresses for the officers. Any officers or others who are willing can have a generic email address, like secretary@cedarlutheran.org and have that email forwarded automatically to any email address you would like, so your personal email address will not be published.

The big project that is left is a photo album with captions. I have many photos and would need help deciding which to put in, as well as writing the captions. Dave Johnson has many photos too.

FYI: I will be out of town from July 28th until August 12th. If you send anything to webmaster@cedarlutheran.org, it will be sent to me. I'm not sure that I will have much Internet access while I'm gone.

Miriam Davis

A VACATION will be taken by Pastor and Millie from September 1st until the 17th. At this time they will be cruising Alaska, something that Pastor has wanted to do for a long time. During their absence Matt Custer will be preaching on September 6th, and Alan Hoppes and John Tews will be doing the rest of the Service. On September 13th the LWML will be conducting the Service. Several of the women will be giving their testimony. Please spread the word to your friends and neighbors, and invite them to worship with you on September 6th and 13th.

A DIFFERENT DRUG PROBLEM: The other day, someone at a store in our town read that a drug lab had been found in an old farm house in the adjoining county and he asked me a rhetorical question, "Why didn't we have a drug problem when you and I

were growing up?"

I replied, I had a drug problem when I was young: I was drug to church on Sunday morning. I was drug to family reunions and community activities no matter what the weather was like. I was drug by my ears when I was disrespectful to adults. I was also drug to the woodshed when I disobeyed my parents, told a lie, brought home a bad report card, did not speak with respect, spoke ill of the teacher or the preacher, or if I didn't put forth my best effort in everything that was asked of me.

I was drug to the kitchen sink to have my mouth washed out with soap if I uttered a profanity. I was drug out to pull weeds in mom's garden and flower beds and cockleburs out of dad's fields. I was drug to the homes of family, friends and neighbors to help out some poor soul who had no one to mow the yard, repair the clothesline, or chop some firewood, and, if my mother had ever known that I took a single dime as a tip for this kindness, she would have drug me back to the woodshed.

Those drugs are still in my veins and they affect my behavior in everything I do, say, or think. They are stronger than cocaine, crack, or heroin; and, if today's children had this kind of drug problem, America would be a better place.

God bless the parents who drugged us.

This is the wedding picture of Shawn and Miriam Davis. They were married on Aug. 2nd in 1992. They were married at Windsor Hills Baptist Church in San Diego, Calif.



A VETERAN'S NURSING HOME is under consideration for Cedar City. Chuck Hoepfner, a former member of our church is one of the people heading up the effort to get this facility here in Cedar City. Check out this article. If you are interested in helping out in getting this facility here in Cedar City, then please get in touch with Chuck Hoepfner at (453) 531-3033.

Southern Utah Veterans Skilled Nursing Home

- **The need for a Veterans Nursing Home** in southern Utah is not the question, of course the need is valid. The question is what is the best service location for the benefit of those who have served their country.
- **Cedar City** in Iron County is more centrally; located in Southern Utah than any other location, with easy access via 1-15.
- **The weather** is milder most of the year than St. George especially in the summer. The snow is less than that of Salt Lake City and usually does not linger long.
- **A southern Utah nursing home** would help to resolve many years of neglect by the VA system of Utah's 160,000 Veterans, at least 26,000 reside all over Southern Utah. Nearly 12,000 are over 65 years of age, the very group that need this support.
- **Cost:** According to state VA estimates, such a veterans' nursing home would cost approximately \$17 million for ground-up constructions. The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs would share the cost to construct the facility. The Federal Share is 65 percent or a little over \$11 million. The State of Utah's share would be \$ 6 million. Complete ownership would rest with the State of Utah.
- **Economic Impact.** According to the state VA, the facility would be operated by a private contractor. Approximately 95 full-time and 10 part-time jobs would be created with annual payroll in excess of \$3 million. In addition, there will be professional consulting fees paid under contract exceeding \$50,000 per year. The majority of these dollars constitute "spendable" income and the multiplier effect in the community is approximately 4 times this amount or as much as \$16 million to local businesses. One full-time State Officer (state employee for oversight /compliance) would be required on the site. Expenditures in the community for food and food supplies, cleaning and maintenance supplies and equipment, nursing and direct care supplies, recreation, social service and medical records supplies will exceed \$450,000 per year.
- **Cost to Residents:** Daily cost is expected to be about \$155 per resident. VA per diem will cover \$78 per day and the balance would be the responsibility of the veteran and his/her family. Computed as a monthly rate this is \$4,650 (well below the; national average of \$6,400) with \$2,340 paid by the VA and \$2,310 paid by the veteran.
- **Result to Cedar City Ut.** Aside from a economic boost from the Nursing Home itself and some added visitors from all the surrounding counties, Washington county, Kane County, Garfield county, Piute County, Sevier County, Beaver County, and all the Towns out and about in Iron County. We could show support to all Veterans.

NOTICE

**We are in a Horse Race with St. George Ut. For this
Veterans Nursing Home Project.**

We need to move swiftly !

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LWML National Convention June 2009, Portland, OR – The attached sheet will fill you in on what was voted on at the convention with over 3300 attendees. We have a new mite goal of 1.8 million dollars for 19 different mission grants. Thanks so much to all who sponsored me on the Mission Walk. We were able to donate \$190 for the mission grants. I walked the two miles plus a lot more during the whole convention. Cookie Williams



July
2009

3,300+ Attend Portland Convention

More than 3,300 men, women, and children learned to "Look to the Hills" to see that "God Reigns" at the 33rd Biennial LWML Convention in Portland, Oregon. Want to know all the details? Check out news and photos from the convention on the Web at www.lwml.org. You can also download issues of the daily convention newspaper, *The Hilltop Proclaimer*, for your society or zone.



The LWML has adopted a \$1.825 million mission goal for the 2009-11 biennium, the largest mite goal in the LWML's 67-year history. This is an increase of \$125,000 over the previous goal. Praise God for blessing the LWML with such mission-minded women! We will fund a record of 19 mission grants:

1. Defray Costs of Shipping Quilts by Lutheran World Relief	\$80,000
2. Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Food Bank Relocation.....	\$50,000
3. The Carpenter's Hands – Youth Refurbish Homes in Florida.....	\$26,000
4. Psalm 69:14 Project – Emergency Disaster Aid in Texas, Oklahoma & Louisiana	\$50,000
5. Digitize Classes for Specific Ministry Pastor Program, Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana.....	\$36,000
6. 10 Chapels, Transportation, and Pastoral Training in Tanzania.....	\$88,000
7. Body and Soul Care for Children in India.....	\$50,000
8. LCMS Prison Ministry Provides Devotional Material	\$50,000
9. Lutheran Braille Workers Provide English Braille Bibles – Africa	\$100,000
10. Kyrgyzstan Locals Trained for Evangelism	\$100,000
11. The Hope Center for Refugees and Immigrants – Ohio.....	\$90,000
12. Human Care & Pastoral Ministries Developed in Latvia & Lithuania.....	\$87,500
13. Mission Support to Disabled Children – Dominican Republic	\$50,000
14. Native Leadership Scholarships for Students Enrolled in Ethnic Immigrant Institute of Theology	\$100,000
15. Humanitarian Care Outreach in Kazakhstan.....	\$90,000
16. International Student Ministry Provides Bibles & Christ-Oriented Resource	\$30,000
17. Earthquake Relief Aid & Church Plants in Peru	\$100,000
18. Light of Christ Chinese Lutheran Mission – St. Louis.....	\$75,000
19. Humanitarian Aid Opens Mission Field in North Korea	\$82,482*

* partially funded

Go to www.lwml.org/conventions to check out photos and news from the Portland convention!

New Officers Elected

New officers have been elected to serve the LWML for the next four years:

- **Patti Ross** of Tulsa, Oklahoma, Vice President of Christian Life
- **Linda Arnold** of Woodridge, Illinois, Vice President of Communication
- **Marilyn McClure** of Tuscon, Arizona, Vice President of Gospel Outreach
- **Judy Carlson** of Paola, Kansas, Recording Secretary
- **Rev. Kristopher Whitby** of Arlington Heights, Illinois, Pastoral Counselor

Newly elected to the Nominating Committee, serving for the next two years, are:

- **Dianne Diekmann** of Yankton, South Dakota, who will serve as chairman
- **Lois Ford** of Eustis, Florida
- **Pam Kercher** of Billings, Montana
- **Melody Rosenwinkel** of Irwin, Idaho
- **Marcia Wittenburg** of Baker, Louisiana

Salt Lake City in 2017

Salt Lake City, Utah, will be the site of the 37th Biennial LWML Convention in 2017. Host districts are Utah-Idaho, Rocky Mountain, and Wyoming.

Gifts from the Heart

- 308 Health Kits
- 194 Art Kits
- 697 Packages of Socks (5-10 pair per pkg)
- 308 Teddy Bears
- 421 Packages of T-shirts (1-5 per pkg)
- 1,776 Miscellaneous Items