

# TIDINGS OF TRINITY

“For to us a child is born, to us a son is given: and the government shall be upon His shoulder, and His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.” (Isaiah 9:6)

All these words are strong and intense. Isaiah was speaking about the greatest affliction, of darkness and the shadow of death. We have experienced these same powers in the course of this past year. The war in Iraq and Afghanistan are powerful forces we have confronted. The leadership of Iran has also placed a strong barrier before us, as well. We have also experienced the tragedies of nature, and mass murderers, and all the other evil forces in the world.

This Christmas everything comes down to the child born and given to us, who is to set us free from the dominance of darkness and the shadow of death. This Child is no ordinary infant. No, this is the Son of God, who has a Name above every name. All He does, He does for our good and salvation. His Father placed all of us upon His shoulders for our good. He takes up the burden of governing us with the Word and Gospel.

He who is the Wonderful Counselor brings us into the safety of His Church where He counsels us. He who is the Mighty God sets right the weakness of His people triumphing mightily for them over their sin and death. He who is Everlasting Father cares for His people as a loving father cares for his own children. He who is Prince of Peace crowns His subjects with the peace that comes from His justifying work. His birth has no other goal than the good of those who love Him. The Child comes for no other reason than “for us.”

May you all experience a most meaningful Christmas as you realize that Christ came into this world so that we could have His peace and joy. May you also pass this joy and peace to all people. If you will do this, I believe that 2010 will be a more peaceful and joyful year than what we had in 2009. Peace and Joy to everyone!

Pastor Jaster

**A WARM AND FUZZY THANK YOU** to so many people who made our Harvest Tea such a great success.

Our goal of reaching out to those in our community, getting to know ladies in other churches in Cedar City and letting people know where and who we are, is being realized.

We have ladies asking “when is our next tea?” Hopefully they will remember it is February 13, 2010—a Valentine Tea for ladies.

This is not to say we are acting alone here at Trinity. I pray our Lord is working through us and helping to inspire us and others.

I feel it is very important to keep in close with what God tells us and to associate with

others in our community. Let's spread the "Warm and Fuzzy" experience to others!

**A BIG THANK YOU** for all your help in filling our “Care Baskets,” two boxes of food stuffs will be delivered to a client of Jill Dillard's, a lady in need (the lady-not Jill.)

After much discussion, she was selected as our first recipient. If you wish to know more about her, or how you can help further, please talk to Jill. Your generosity has helped us to help others. If you know someone in great need, please contact one of the ladies.

Also, thanks for all your help in filling your Mite Boxes. The boxes are a project of the

national Lutheran Women's Missionary League.

**OFFERINGS AND ATTENDANCE** at Trinity for the month of November were:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Income</u>
10/25	61	\$1,786.00
11/1	67	928.00
11/8	68	1,620.00
11/15	55	1,075.00
11/22	63	1,122.00
Avg. Sun. Attend: 62		Total: 56,531.00

Last year our average Sunday attendance during the month of November was 47 each Sunday; we went up by 15 each Sunday this year. Let's keep our attendance going up in the month of December. You could invite your friends to experience the joy of Christmas by attending Trinity. Our income during the month of November last year was \$5,805.00; our income this year was \$726.00 more than last year. The month of December is your last chance to make a tax deductible donation in the year 2009. Please make a special donation this Christmas.

### **CHRISTMAS 2009 AT TRINITY**

The women at Trinity will be holding a **CHRISTMAS PARTY** on December 5th, a Saturday, at 12:30 in the afternoon. Your Secret Pal will be revealed at this time, and you will be given an opportunity to pick a new Secret Pal for 2010. Everyone attending this Party is urged to bring a gift for to exchange with others. You are also urged to bring your favorite food to share with others. You can also invite your women friends to attend this Party. Let's have a great attendance for this affair.

**ADVENT SERVICES** will be held on December 9th and 16th at 7:00 in the evening. This year we will be considering the topic: "Away In A Manger." Please put yourself at the foot of the cross for these two special service at Christmas this year. It is just so

very important to do this if you want to experience a joyful Christmas.

**SOUP SUPPERS** will be held right before our Advent Service on the 9th and 16th of December. On the 9th Diane Molnar and Sharol Kleinschmidt will be preparing the soup. On the 16th Chuck Purmal and Frank Nichols will be preparing the soup. Come early to the Advent Service and enjoy good soup and great fellowship.

**TWO CHRISTMAS TREES** will be adding to the joy of Christmas this year. A small tree will be in the entryway of the Church. This tree is for cards to wish your fellow members greetings at Christmas. The larger tree will be in the Sanctuary. We will be decorating these trees on December 12th, a Saturday, at 10:00 in the morning. Please come out and help us decorate these trees. The more people who come out the faster it will be accomplished.

### **RINGING BELLS FOR THE SALVATION**

**ARMY** will happen on December 10th, a Thursday, from 4:00 to 8:00 in the evening. These people have signed up to do this at WalMart

Time	North Door	South Door
4-5:00pm	Jill Dillard	Miriam & Marilyn
5-6:00pm	Diane Molnar	Sharol Kleinschmidt
6-7:00pm	Klaus&Oliver	Gustavo&Marilyn
7-8:00pm	Sharon Coonen	No One

We need one more person to help us ring bells, please sign up. Thank you for volunteering yourself to ring bells on a cold December evening.

**CHRISTMAS BAGS** to be given to the children on Christmas Eve will be assembled on December 22th, a Tuesday, at 3:00 in the afternoon. We need to assemble 50 bags at this time. We need donations of Candy Canes, nuts, pencils, and other Christmas candies. If you would like to donate money so we can purchase some of these items that would be acceptable. Please bring your donations to the Church Office.

**A CANDLELIGHT SERVICE** will be held at 7:00 in the evening on Christmas Eve. This is one of the most beautiful and inspiring Services we hold. The message of Christmas is proclaimed in a candle lit Church. Please invite your friends and family to come out and experience the joy of Christmas in this special Candlelight Service.

**A SERVICE OF JOY** will be held on Christmas Day at 10:00 in the morning. I know we decided not to hold a Christmas Day Service. but this would be the first Christmas I would not be having a Service on Christmas morning. So I will conduct a Service. Last year Only 13 people attended this Service. Please come out on Christmas morning and experience the joy of the Lord's birth.

**POINSETTIAS** would add to the Christmas atmosphere. You are all encouraged to bring a poinsettia to Church during Advent and Christmas. Please put your name on your poinsettia. so you can pick it up after Christmas. The more poinsettias we have the more beautiful our Church will be. so please bring a poinsettia.

**THE MONTHLY WOMEN'S BREAKFAST** will take on a holiday flavor in December. We will meet Tuesday, December 8th, at 9:00 in the morning at the Iron Gate Bed & Breakfast, 200 West 200 North. The Inn will be decorated for Christmas and we will be able to tour several of the bedrooms. A holiday breakfast including egg nog. French toast and fruit, as well as other goodies and an assortment of teas and coffee will be served in the large dining room. The cost will be approximately \$8.00 per person. Please let Lynette know if you plan to attend.

**A VOTER'S MEETING** will be held on

the second Sunday in December, the 13th, right after our Fellowship time. We will be electing the 2010 Officers. All members 18 years and up are eligible to vote. If you would like to serve as a Officer, then please let the Nominating Committee know. Let's have a great turn out for this very important meeting.

**A BAKE SALE** will be held on December 13th, a Sunday, after our Worship Service. The women of Trinity will be baking all kinds of Christmas goodies. This would be the time to purchase some special bake goods for Christmas. If you would like to offer to bake some items for this Sale, then please let Diane Molnar know.

A father was at the beach with his children when his four-year-old son ran up to him, grabbed his hand, and led him to the shore where a seagull lay dead in the sand. 'Daddy, what happened to him?' the son asked. 'He died and went to Heaven,' the Dad replied. The boy thought a moment and then said. 'Did god throw him back down?'

A Sunday School teacher asked her children as they were on the way to church service, 'and why is it necessary to be quiet in church?' One bright little girl replied, 'Because people are sleeping.'

If you want information about what is happening here at Trinity. then you can use this internet: [cedarlutheran.org](http://cedarlutheran.org)

You look in the mirror and what do you see?  
A strange looking person who cannot be me  
for I'm much younger, not nearly so fat  
As the face in the mirror that I'm looking at.  
Oh, where are the mirrors I used to know  
Like those made 50 or 30 years ago  
All things have changed, I'm sure you agree  
Mirrors are just not as good as they used to be.

# APRONS

I don't think our kids know what an apron is.

The principal use of Grandma's apron was to protect the dress underneath because she only had a few. Also, it was easier to wash aprons than dresses and they used less material.

Along with that, it served as a potholder for removing hot pans from the oven.

It was wonderful for drying children's tears and on occasion was even used for cleaning out dirty ears.

From the chicken coop, the apron was used for carrying eggs, fussy chicks and sometimes eggs to be finished in the warming oven.

When the weather was cold, Grandma wrapped it around her arms.

Those big old aprons wiped many a perspiring brow bent over the cook stove.

Chips and kindling wood were brought into the kitchen in that apron.

From the garden, it carried all sorts of vegetables. After the peas had been shelled, it carried out the hulls.

In the Fall, the apron was used to bring in the apples that had fallen from the trees.

When unexpected company drove up the road, it was surprising how much furniture that old apron could dust in a matter of seconds.

When dinner was ready, Grandma walked out onto the porch, waved her apron and the men knew it was time to come in from the fields for dinner.

It will be a long time before someone invents something that will replace that "Old time Apron" that served so many purposes.

Grandma used to set her hot baked apple pie on the window sill to cool ....

her granddaughters set theirs on the window sill to thaw!

They would go crazy now trying to figure out how many germs were on that apron.

I don't think I ever caught anything from an apron!

The above story brings to mind a happening of many years ago.

My daughter had a friend I will call Betty. They met in Kindergarten and became great friends who visited back and forth at each others' homes.

We lived in a very modest home in an old neighborhood which we rented. It was on a huge lot with trees for the children to climb and plenty of room to dig forts in the ground.

Betty's mother came to pick her up one day at our house. She was dressed very fashionably with her hair perfect, her nails polished and her dress was beautiful. It reminds me of June Cleaver on "Leave it to Beaver," I wondered if she cleaned house dressed like that. She was a very nice woman and they left to go shopping. I must admit I felt a little inferior because there I was in my apron! The only shopping I did in those days was for groceries, but, we were happy.

After we moved to another town, the girls found each other while in High School.

Betty confided that her family had "fallen" apart and her father had died a sad death after her parents' divorce.

She also told my daughter that she remembered me and wished that her mother had worn

an apron!

I think it shows that things are not always as we imagine them to be.

Maybe an apron symbolizes love, security and warmth.

Who do you remember from your past who wore an apron....or maybe you wear one yourself.

Sharol Kleinschmidt



The Wedding picture of Penny and Ivan Condit  
They were married on June 25, 2005 in  
Rock of the Foothills Lutheran Church  
in La Verne, California by Pastor Brian  
Taylor.

They were the first couple to be married  
in the new sanctuary of this Lutheran  
Church.



This is the Wedding picture of Diana and  
Jim Thompson,  
They got married in Gold Hill, Nevada a  
small town outside of Virginia City, Nevada,  
They were married on December 21, 1963



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