

Tidings of Trinity

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TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNIVERSARY



Welcome

From the Editor

Welcome to the October 2026 issue of Tidings of Trinity! October begins our 51st year as a congregation.

As always, this newsletter is for our congregation and is enriched by your participation. We welcome your feedback, suggestions, articles, photos, and announcements for future issues.

Thank you for helping make Tidings of Trinity a meaningful reflection of the life and ministry of Trinity Lutheran Church!

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Shepherd's Message



Service of the Sacrament, Lord's Prayer

Ahh, finally something easy-the Lord's Prayer! This prayer, a precious treasure for the baptized, is given by the Lord Jesus himself in two of the Gospels (Matthew 6:9-13 and Luke 11:2-4) at the Sermon on the Mount. The prayer is central in the Christian's devotional life and teaches much about how God is pleased to work in our life. There is so much to be learned from it that Martin Luther made it one of the Six Chief Parts of the *Small Catechism*. In fact, I would highly encourage you to break out those catechisms and review and meditate on each of the seven petitions!

But why use the Lord's Prayer in the service of the Lord's Supper? First, historically, it was immediately identified as good, right, and salutary. From ancient times, the prayer has been held in highest regard because it is *the prayer* the Lord Himself gave his disciples and all Christians to pray. St. Cyprian (210-258 AD), a bishop in the North African city of Carthage said, "What prayer can be more spiritual than that which was given us by Christ, by Whom also the Holy Ghost was sent? What petition more true before the Father than that which came from the lips of His Son, Who is the Truth?" St. Cyprian really emphasizes that by praying we are given the Holy Ghost who keeps us in the one true faith.

Secondly, the Lord's Prayer was and is held to be the highest privilege by true believers. In the ancient church, when the service of communion started the deacon would cry out, "the doors, the doors!" At that time, all the catechized (unbaptized, unconfirmed) left the sanctuary. They were excluded from saying the prayer altogether! That may seem strict, but hear the words of St. John Chrysostom (347-407 AD, archbishop of Constantinople): Not until we have been cleansed by the washing of the sacred waters (Holy Baptism) are we able to call God, Father. St. Chrysostom's words align with what we learn in the Small Catechism in the First Petition (Galatians 3:26, 4:4-6; Romans 8:15, 16; 2 Cor. 6:18), that only those who have been made children of God can truly call upon Him as dear children call upon their fathers.

The Lord's Prayer is not part of the consecration of the bread and wine, but it is part of the prayers of the faithful who are to receive the body and blood. The Lord's Prayer is helpful and fitting to pray near to the consecration because it is a summary of the whole gospel: the person and work of Jesus Christ. And the church, believers called by the Gospel, who are God's faithful children praying and joyfully partaking of His Son's most precious body and blood, lovingly given for the forgiveness of their sins.

There is a special emphasis on the words "give us this day our daily bread." These receive special focus because bread is going to be set apart (consecrated) for God's purpose: Jesus will join His body to this ordinary bread and give Himself to us to eat. Jesus is the bread from heaven that feeds us as unto eternal life by the forgiveness of our sin.

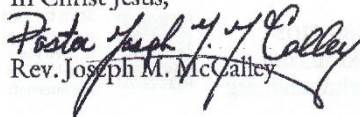
First, in previous generations, it was more common to have the pastor pray the Lord's Prayer before the Words of Institution. This was understood to be more reverent and appropriate given precious nature of the Supper. This was the rubric (instruction) in *The Lutheran Hymnal* (1941). The congregation

would then sing the doxology (For thine is the Kingdom...). This was not meant to convey a sense of “only the pastor is holy enough!” but rather show that Holy Communion ought to have a very solemn reverence. God is present in a very special way! In *Lutheran Service Book*, the pastor and congregation pray the prayer together emphasizing that even though the pastor is called specifically for this precious task, both he and the congregation have access to the Heavenly Father because of Jesus’ body and blood shed on the cross; praying together emphasizes the priesthood of all believers. Both are fitting and different congregations have different practices.

Second, why do some churches toll the bell during the Lord’s Prayer, one toll each at the words “Our Father” (1st Petition), “give us this day our daily bread” (4th Petition), and the Amen? This practice is a survival of the ancient custom of ringing a small set of hand bells at the consecration. The bells would also announce and invite the surrounding community to join the congregation in praying.

Finally, why do the Roman Catholics have a shorter Lord’s Prayer? There are several reasons. First, the “Thine is the kingdom...” is called a doxology, a praise addressed to God. Adding a doxology to the ends of prayers was a Jewish custom. When some copies of St. Matthew’s gospel were made (by hand!) sometimes the scribes added the doxology to the text so that’s a way it crept into use. There’s also evidence in the *Didache* (an manual of Christian teaching and ‘how to’ worship from the first century) that the doxology was spoken in the communion liturgy. There’s also evidence it was most common in the eastern half of the Roman Empire (based in Constantinople and the Greek-speaking church). In the western church (based in Rome and Latin-speaking), there’s not much evidence from early church fathers, like St. Augustine or St. Ambrose, indicating it was used. The doxology was not widespread in the western until the time of the Reformation. King Henry VIII of England (mister choppy-chop the heads of his wives) and Queen Elizabeth I tried to standardize the practices of the English churches and the doxology was brought back as a way to make a clear distinction between “Protestant England” from “Catholic Europe.” Thus, the extended form became the standard for English-speaking Protestants. The Lutherans kept this wording when they arrived in America in order to adjust to the culture, but in many cases the doxology was not included in the Lutheran liturgy.

In Christ Jesus,


Rev. Joseph M. McCalley

Celebrating our Life Together

"Celebrating God's work among us." - In this section, we highlight and celebrate blessed events and times of fellowship in the past month, as well as any planned for the upcoming months.

We are very blessed to have several items to celebrate for this October edition. Thank you for helping us to fill the newsletter with your submissions!

Reformation Reflection: What Does it Mean for Me?

Reformation Day is October 31. On this day, we rejoice and give thanks to God with our brothers and sisters here and throughout the world for the pure Word of God, taught in all its truth and purity.

The Reformation was, and still is, first and foremost about the pure gift of the Gospel of the forgiveness of sins in Jesus Christ. Dr. Martin Luther zealously sought above all to preach the Gospel in its truth and purity as given by God alone in Holy Scripture alone. And this Gospel is chiefly this: man is justified before God for Christ Jesus' sake—completely and freely. The forgiveness of sins and the assurance of eternal life is your greatest treasure for Jesus' sake.

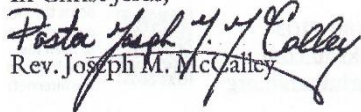
Christians from all walks of life aided Luther's efforts in spreading and teaching the pure Gospel, just as today. From poor printers to wealthy nobility, the sick and dying to the youthful rascal, many troubled Christians heard Luther boldly confess Jesus's saving death. People rejoiced in the hope and comfort offered to them by the Gospel—a clean conscience. That is no less true today. Jesus call Christians from everywhere: the downtrodden, food service and landscapers, bank tellers, health care providers, lawyers, and corporate research analysts. All who hear His Gospel want to receive this blessed assurance with others in their stations of life. The Reformation recovered the central message of the Bible and proclaimed the Gospel for what it is: God's living message of salvation for all people and all time—for you, right now! No longer was the Gospel the misunderstood possession of the clergy, but the treasure of all who believe whatever their station in life. No longer was Jesus the judge who had to be appeased by works, but instead a gracious Savior.

Possessing this priceless treasure, Luther encouraged and taught God's will for the Christian life. Christian husbands, fathers, wives, mothers, children, kings and queens, coopers, cobblers, and scholars learned the Gospel's application to their lives from the *Small Catechism*. Eventually, Lutheran rulers, scholars, and pastors compiled all their statements of the Bible's teaching (some old, some new) into the 1580 *Book of Concord*. Christians today subscribe to and study and apply these *Lutheran Confessions* as true and helpful expositions of Biblical doctrine. Our Reformation heritage is a zeal and striving to rightly understand God's Word, especially when so many churches and teachers offer confusing and erroneous teachings.

Christians who confess the saving name of Jesus and desire to rightly understand the Bible's doctrine are heirs of the Reformation. Your Christian life in Sunday worship, how you live your life at home, and yes, even American culture, is deeply connected to the work of the Reformation. Yet, the meaning is more significant than our cultural heritage. What does it mean to be an heir of the Reformation today? What does it mean to be a Christian today? The answer isn't new: it's the same as it was in the Old Testament, the New Testament, and always will be. The answer is eternity. You are a Christian because by the Holy Spirit you confess the saving name of Jesus and treasure the truth and promises of

God alone, above all else. It is your life and breath. Dear Christian, Jesus is for you, you who are an heir of God's heavenly, eternal kingdom with Moses, St. Paul, Luther, the members past, present, and future of our dear Trinity congregation, and the body of Christ the world over. Your faith is their faith: the one, true, apostolic faith delivered to God's people, once and for all!

In Christ Jesus,


Rev. Joseph M. McCalley

CELEBRATING TRINITY'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY – INTERVIEW WITH JUNE SEWING

Hi. I'm Linda Norman from Trinity Lutheran Church here in Cedar City. This year, we're celebrating our 50th anniversary as a congregation. So, we thought it might be fun to bring in some of our long-time members and ask them a few questions and maybe get a little enlightenment about our history. Today I'm talking to June Sewing. Thank you so much for agreeing to do this, and what a lovely home you have. What brought you to Cedar City?

It's kind of a long story, so I'll try to be a little brief. I went to school with a girl in Burbank, California and she married a guy from Utah, and he always wanted to move back to Utah. So, they ultimately bought a farm in Newcastle, and we started coming up here. We were on vacation and we'd stop by, and then we started coming up for the weekends, and then we started coming up for a week. We were up here one time and Mary, that was my friend, mentioned that there was a guy that was selling his farm. This was in 1969. So, we bought the farm. Using it for our retirement, thinking that's what we would do when we retired. My husband and I both worked for major companies in Southern California and things just happened at both of our jobs and we said, "Well, why don't we just move to Utah?" So, we moved to Newcastle and we farmed there for 20 years before moving to Cedar City. The church that I went to in Southern California was part of the Rocky Mountain District and we got a newsletter and the pastor there showed that to me, saying that there was a group in Cedar City, that there was pastor from Las Vegas coming up here once a month to do communion service. We were meeting in all kinds of different places. We met in basements; we met at the old airport. and at that time, we were actually the Trinity Church from southern Utah because there wasn't a Lutheran Church in southern Utah when we moved here. Anyway, we progressed from that for a while. Chronologically, I might be not getting things exactly right. Hard for me to remember things at my age. We had a Vicar, a couple different Vicars. We were actually holding services in the old Presbyterian church and then Pastor Schultz, bless his heart, he had already retired once, and so, he decided to come out of retirement and he came here to serve us. He said, "we don't do things at other people's churches". So, at that time, we looked at it and we had a storefront church for about 5 years. In the meantime, there got to be more people in St. George than there were up here. So, we separated and we were here and they were there. They had more people, so they did build a church down there first. We had the storefront up here and Pastor Schultz did a service in St. George at 9 o'clock. He did a service here at 11 o'clock, and he did a service in Kanab at 6 o'clock all on a Sunday, every Sunday and then he came up here on Monday evening and did a Bible study. Most of the people that were here when I first came here were government employees and so they were here only for temporary times. None of those people are here anymore. When we were in the storefront, when Pat and Lonnie came or when Frank came and Carl; we unfortunately just lost. But they were all part of our storefront, at least I know they were there. But anyway, Frank gave us a really good deal on that property where the church stands

now because he was a developer there in Fiddlers Canyon. They had a group from the Rocky Mountain District. They were called Workers for Christ and they would come when you were going to build a church and they would come here with their trailers and their families and build a church. Anyway, we did that when they built the fellowship hall, that's what we built, what they built the first time in the early '80s when that happened. I don't know if there may be other records in the church that will show that when it happened. 1975 when we first started here, Pastor Schultz was coming here. He came here after we built the sanctuary. When we built the fellowship, not the Sanctuary, we had to change chairs. But like I said, a lot of our members, you know, were just here on the temporary assignments and so they came and went. I know that the pastor that we had, that came after Pastor Schultz, name was Johnson, I don't remember his first name. He was here for, I don't know, five or six years, I guess and then he decided to leave and then that was when Pastor Manweiler came. He came here first before he went to St. George. He was here for a couple of years. Then we started going there because they were the same people that we knew more. So, we started going to church down there on Sunday, in St. George.

Do you remember when you came back to Trinity?

It was just a couple of years ago, because my husband passed in 2009. So that's when I came back to Trinity. You know, it's a lot easier than driving to St. George.

What do you think were the major milestones involved in growing the physical church?

We struggled to find a place and we weren't that big and we were fortunate to get a loan to build the church. We had to pay it back. It seemed like every place where I was in California, I was a treasurer and when I came up here, I was not only the treasurer, but also, I can't remember what they call the person who actually takes the offerings, but the treasurer just pays the bills.

What would you say brought you the most joy being involved at church? What were you involved in? Was counting money, one of those things? What kind of things did you really like to do? What brought you joy?

Just being able to go to church, having church to go to and it was to have one place and not having to figure out where we were going to go next. I haven't heard anybody say, but I don't know if anybody knows, we had a school. After we built the fellowship hall. They were all in one room. It was a one room school. It lasted about three years, I think, and then the teacher got married, so she left and we couldn't really afford to have a teacher at that time. I don't know how many students we had. Just maybe had 10 or 12 students or something like that. So, then we just closed the school. That's the one thing that I'm so happy to see here now is that we do have a lot of children and younger people. Most of the people, where we went to, Our Savior, in St. George didn't leave, they just died, you know? So, then that's why we grew smaller because they were all older, you know? I was glad to see that we had so many young people here when I came back.

So, you probably knew Petty Hunt then, didn't you'?

Oh, yes, I knew Peggy and I do not think that Pat and Lonnie or Frank were actually members when we were going around every other place. But they, when we were in the storefront, they were there. It's just the church was not necessarily a physical thing but it has always been a part of my life. Since I was married, the first time, that's how I came to the Lutheran Church. My family never was, you know, church going people or anything. And so, it was like, what I've always said; "My first marriage, I got my church and my son".

I have to ask you one more question, if you don't mind. Coming from Burbank to Cedar City or Newcastle, that's probably even more of a spread. To Cedar City, was it kind of a culture shock? What was Cedar City life back then?

Well, you know, when we moved here, there was 11,000 people in Cedar City. There was only 10,000 in St. George because Cedar always was the more, the hub, because we had the railroad and St. George

didn't. There was more here, where people came from all around to do their shopping and stuff like that. But I don't know that it was really the cultures. But I will say that I think that 20 years that we spent on the farm was the best years. We had 100 acres. And then, of course, the first thing we learned was, you don't make a living on a farm. So, my husband had been, earlier in his life, he'd been a truck driver, so he got a job driving a truck and I got to be the chief irrigator. So, he was always home for wood cutting and bailing and stuff like that and I was an irrigator. I look back on it and I just think, we had less at that time than we ever had. And yet everything seemed to always sort out, it was just amazing. And then when we decided to retire, when we got too old. At one time, there were five families in Newcastle that were from mostly California. Actually, we knew two of the other families when we lived in California. And so, you know, there's nothing in Newcastle for us because most things were centered around the church and we never had a problem as far as the other religion was concerned, you know what I mean? We always were good neighbors, and, you know, there was nothing there for us. We never ever considered and we didn't think about it until later, that none of our family has ever moved here. A lot of people, they move, and then their family moves with them. Our kids were all grown when we moved here. And so anyway, we just looked in Cedar City. We didn't plan on moving any place else, maybe we looked, we could have gone anywhere. But I think the church was one of the reasons that it was why we stayed here. We looked around and since we lived on a farm, we had no neighbors. We were concerned with living where you could look at the other people and you know, because we had dogs. And so, we found this subdivision that was just barely starting and have been here 30 years now.

In this house? It's so gorgeous. The view is amazing. I should show you guys, but we're not going to do that, but the view that she has out her front window is absolutely amazing. And today's a beautiful day. June, thank you so much for sharing.

You feel I've been rambling on here right now?

No, I enjoyed it so much. We learned a lot today. That was our whole purpose You did great and we thank you so much.

Well, thank you for including me. I appreciate that.

Onward Into Year 51

Trinity's council would like to thank everyone who joined together on September 19 to celebrate our milestone anniversary! Special recognition goes to Pastors McMalley, Malone, and Manweiler for creating and leading the service and to Linda Kanyr-Norman, chairperson, and Sonya Swatsely for extensive planning of the fellowship event and giving us all a delightful and creative time (even memorializing it for posterity—the 100th anniversary?).

We give gratitude to God for those early far-sighted Lutherans who began to worship in homes 50 years ago in conjunction with St. George Trinity, grew into larger accommodations and finally were able to raise the funds for the church building (the current fellowship hall), leading to expansion with the current sanctuary.

As we enter our 51st year, I would like also to recognize some of those roles that do the “ordinary” work of keeping the church maintained, functioning, and carrying out its missions on a daily and weekly basis. The list is extensive—the pastor (of course!), and the other leadership positions of elders, deacons and council members (each with his/her specific duties). The list is expanded with Sunday School teachers, the choir and organist, ushers, and those providing flowers. Others serve during worship by warmly greeting others and building relationships.

Essential to the church's ministry, of course, are the women, who generously feed us and clean up after, a group that is largely made up of the LWML, which carries out a multitude of projects. Important

to mention are also those who provide rides to others and send cards and messages of support, and those who provide financial support.

All roles are enacted in support of all the congregation, who also serve by attending regularly, praying, and lending their voices to the glory of God. Many, in addition, contribute by sharing their faith experiences with others and expanding their knowledge and devotion by attending classes. Just as much the body of Christ are those who take their faith into the community and beyond through hours of service, prayers, and donations. No doubt there are myriad other ways, small and large, in which our congregation serve, each effort contributing to the body of Christ, spreading the Word and God's love.

Another calendar year approaches, bringing opportunities to serve in these various roles--on the council, in others mentioned above or even in new ways. We encourage everyone to pray and reflect on ways he/she can contribute and even broaden our service. No effort to spread the Good News is insignificant! We are Christians because we have experienced God in some way, time and place that has brought us to this church and led to our commitment to each other. It is, therefore, our responsibility and privilege to build upon our heritage. While God changed the world in three days, our human efforts take daily, habitual devotion.

- Submitted by Ellen Janis, Membership Secretary

Christian Education

Children's Ministry

Sunday School



Welcome to Sunday School!

TLC's revised Sunday School schedule continues in October on **Sunday mornings** at our new time...**9:30-10:30am**.

In September, we welcomed the children back from summer vacation, hearing how their summer went, how school is going and how our faith can help us handle the highs and lows of new experiences!

We will continue in October to have discussion time, Bible stories, crafts, snacks and games!

If you are interested in volunteering, please see Jennifer or Charmaine.

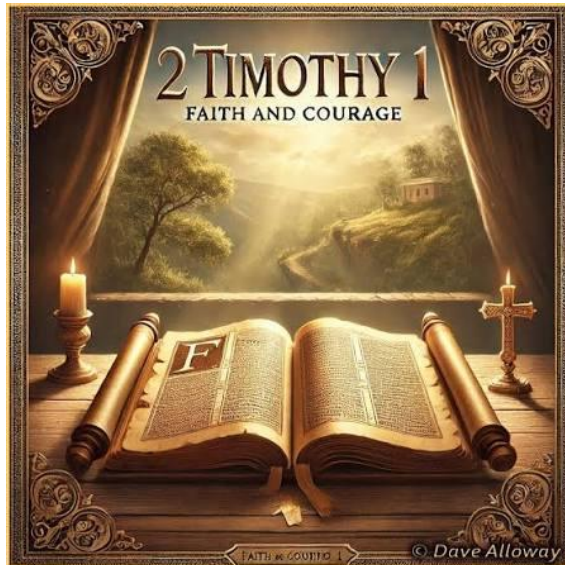
Children's Christmas Program

October has arrived and it's time to start getting organized for our Children's Christmas Program! If you would like to be involved in the pageant or behind the scenes, please contact Charmaine or Cat. Thank you!

Confirmation Classes

Confirmation classes will continue in October and will follow Sunday services at **12:00PM**.

Weekday Bible Classes



Tuesday Bible Study, *Pattern of Sound Words*, continues a basic introduction to the Bible and Christianity leading to communicant membership, will continue on **October 6th, 13th, and 20th (Tuesday evenings) from 6:00-7:15pm** in the Fellowship Hall. This is a membership class, but all who would like a review of the Small Catechism are welcome to attend. Invite your friends!



Wednesday Bible Study, *Lutheran Confessions* - St. Paul exhorts the young pastor Timothy: Keep a close watch on yourself and on the teaching. Persist in this, for by so doing you will save both yourself and your hearers. (1 Tim. 4:16). This instruction does not only apply to Pastors but to all Christians-we ought to know what we believe so that we can be assured it is truly from God's Word.

We'll continue with the study of the Lutheran Confessions, the summary of what Lutherans believe, teach, and confess on **October 7th, 21st, and 28th (Wednesday afternoons) at 3pm** during October in the Fellowship Hall. If you have a Book of Concord, please bring it! See you there!

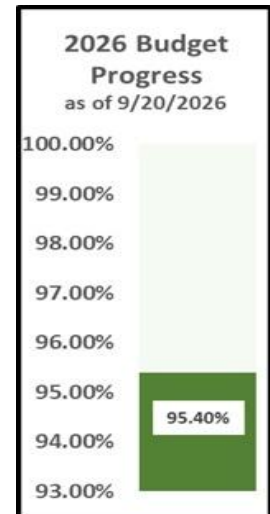
Leadership and Stewardship

Stewardship Report



The 2026 budget calls for donations of \$2,246 per week. For the first 38 weeks of the year, the budget receipts should be \$85,348.00. Donations were \$111,449.52 This is 22.34% more than what is needed or \$26,101.52 over for the year. Thank you to all who continue to give so generously!!

Date	Attendance	Collections	Bible Study
Aug. 30	80	\$1,691.00	13
Sept. 6	84	\$2,030.00	11
Sept. 13	67	\$3,146.00	28
Sept. 20	64	\$2,247.00	20



Council News



“As each has a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God’s varied grace.”
1 Peter 4:10



A nominating committee is being formed to staff our council for the 2027 year. The primary duties of the church council are to:

1. Meet at least 8 times a year.
2. Serve as the Board of Directors of the corporation. (Except to the extent powers and authorizes are retained by the voters’ assembly).

Here’s a brief overview of each position on the church council:

President: Preside over meetings, keeping order in accordance with our By-laws and Constitution. Represent congregation in legal actions. Meet with the Pastor and Vice-President to review past progress and plan future events.

Vice-President: Perform all duties of the President in their absence or inability to preside. Coordinate calendar activities for the coming year. Perform the duties of recording secretary in the individual's absence.

Recording Secretary: Keep all minutes of Voter's Assembly and council meetings. Responsible for notifying members of regular and special meetings. Newsletter article on council happenings. (Responsible for all sign-up sheets).

Financial Secretary: Receives and records members gifts and supervises the counting of all offerings. Ensures that deposits of weekly receipts are made safely as soon after receipt as practical.

Treasurer: Chief financial officer of the congregation. Safeguards the congregation's funds, disburses funds within budgetary guidelines. Prepares an annual budget and presents to the church council. Provides monthly reports of receipts and expenditures. Serves as controller of the congregation and is responsible for the financial accounting system. Head of the budget committee.

Board of Trustees: Care of all personal and real property of the congregation. See's that the property is kept in good repair and appearance. Negotiate service contracts. Make and; issue keys for all church property.

Board of Elders: Be an example of Christian love, humility and service. Assist the Pastor, and so much more.

If in the next month or so, you're approached and asked be nominated for a position on the council, please prayerfully consider accepting that nomination. Feel free to ask questions about what the position entails. These are only brief overviews of each. While not all positions are up for renewal, several will be. Most of these positions require only a few hours a month.

Blessings, In His Service.

- Stacie Hehn, Recording Secretary

Elder's Corner

Introduction

The inspiration behind Elder's Corner was to give the Elders a regular, positive presence in the newsletter that is about faith and spiritual encouragement. It is intended to be a recurring monthly feature written by one of Trinity's Elders, rotating among them, allowing the congregation to hear different voices and become more familiar with those men who serve.

Serving One Another

Dear fellow Christians,

We have much to give thanks for, too numerous to mention. Our church is doing well, growing in faith and numbers. At our father's house, we just celebrated our 50th anniversary! What an honor we have

serving our Lord and Savior with the love we share at Trinity. Where we are today is because God has blessed us with our loving, giving, and caring congregation.

When we celebrated our 50th anniversary, we had some great volunteers to make the event happen. The same goes for potlucks or celebrating someone's 100th birthday. People are there to help. I don't want to leave out the LWML always puts out 100%. We so appreciate the people that volunteer to make these events happen. We find in 1 Corinthians 12:28 that Paul here ranks the gifts and offices in the church placing preaching and teaching the office of service, this includes all volunteers, for any position. If anyone would like to be an usher once in a while, but is a little shy, maybe we could step out of our comfort zone, knowing that our Lord has our backs. If you are not sure what to do, ask an Elder for some advice. I have been an usher off and on for quite some time, and believe me, I have made mistakes and laughed it out. In the end, it all works out.

Looking back when first doing the readings, I was bit shy but felt good about it when it was all said and done. Years later, I was leading the church, along with the other Elders, while we were without a Pastor. This was a great faith builder. FAITH CAN MOVE MOUNTAINS!

It's amazing what a person can accomplish with our Savior by our side.

Faithfully driven in Christ.....Lonnie

Serving and Encouraging

Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML)

Cedar City, UT -- Esther Circle

First, I want to sincerely, from the bottom of my heart "Thank" everyone who made the celebration of Trinity's 50 years in Cedar City, UT party to beat all parties.



The LWML has several events coming up. Stacie Hehn will be attending the PSWD Zone Fall Celebration at Good Shepherd Lutheran in Kingman, AZ. At this event the Zone will be supporting our Veterans with items needed for the Jerry Ambrose Veterans Center in Kingman. If any would like to contribute all items need to be at church by Sunday, Oct. 11th. Here are the items requested:

Coffee, coffee pods, Little Debbie type snacks individually wrapped, toilet paper, paper towels, dish soap, unscented laundry soap, toilet cleaner.

Larger items new items please: Shower curtain sets, bath rugs, cookware sets, coffee mugs, flatware, queen size light bedding sets, queen sheets, underwear and T-shirts in various sizes, main focus on men.

October is LWML, Pastor and Volunteer awareness month in the Lutheran church. Please “Thank” a volunteer for keeping our church going. (Coffee, kitchen help, yard care, general maintenance, hauling our trash cans in and out, etc. etc. etc.) Most all the upkeep is done by volunteers, here at Trinity.

Trinity Food Pantry

Most are aware that we have a small food pantry right here at Trinity! In the last few weeks it has been almost depleted. What a blessing we have it and are able to help those in need.

If anyone knows someone with food insecurities, or just someone who needs a small amount of help, please feel free to access the pantry. There are plastic shopping bags available in the closet as well. This is just a small pantry and not meant for daily shopping, but a stop gap to get someone through a rough day.

Donations are accepted in the basket as you walk into the church. Please, remember **NO EXPIRED FOODS, & NO GLASS containers.** We would like to keep the pantry stocked with “convenience foods” which are shelf stable.

Examples are:

- Shelf-stable milk (individual sizes)
- Cup of Noodles
- Individual cups (Spaghetti-o’s, Rice-a-roni, cereal, mashed potatoes, etc.)
- Fruit cups
- Canned meats (chicken, roast tuna)
- Cereal

Thank you in advance!

Get ready for the fall and holiday season! The LWML, sponsor Samaritan Purse-Operation Christmas Child. The table will be set up in mid-October. We will also support Youth Futures with Christmas gifts as well as East Elementary school with warm mittens and hats. More information on these events will be in the November newsletter.

I know it seems like I’m skipping over Reformation, Oct. 25th All Saints Day, Nov 1st, New members and Advent (starting Nov. 29th) but I’m not. These dates and more will be on the calendar and weekly bulletins.

- Stacie Hehn, recording secretary

FYI: The Pacific Southwest District – Lutheran Women in Mission is celebrating its 80th year, this year.

Choir

Choir practice will be held throughout the month of October, **every Saturday at 10:00AM**, on the following dates:

- October 3, October 10, October 17, October 24, and October 31.

Altar Guild

The Altar Guild will meet on **Thursday, October 8th at 10:00AM.**

Outreach

SUU Food and Faith Barbecue

The **SUU Food and Faith Barbecue** is an annual Welcome Week event held at Southern Utah University to unite local religious communities and connect college students with area churches. For the Fall 2026 semester, the event took place on Tuesday, September 8, 2026, from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM between the Cedar City LDS Institute and the PE Building. Local congregations, including Trinity Lutheran Church of Cedar City along with others like Westview Christian Center and Valley Bible Church, participated by setting up booths, offering treats, and helping students discover local religious services and resources.



Utah Food Bank



www.utahfoodbank.org/programs/mobile-pantry

The Utah Food Bank delivers food packages to the parking lot of the LDS Church at 520 S. 1100 West and in Enoch at the LDS chapel at 451 E. Midvalley Road.

This food is for anyone in need. The only question will be how many are in the family. The Cedar delivery will be on the **1st Friday from 10:30-11:30** and in Enoch on each **3rd Friday from 10:30-11:30**, according to their online calendar.

Looking Ahead

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 3rd (Saturday) -- LWML Meeting, 10:30AM

October 6th (Tuesday) - Elders Meeting, 11AM

October 8th (Thursday) – Altar Guild Meeting, 10AM

October 8th (Thursday) - Council meeting, 10:30AM

October 10th (Saturday) -- Private event - Fellowship hall, 9A-4P

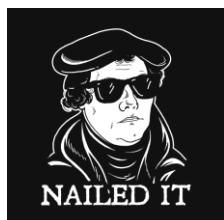
October 13th (Tuesday) -- Ladies Breakfast - Hospital cafeteria, 9AM

October 17th (Saturday) -- LWML Fall Celebration - Kingman, AZ

October 25th (Sunday) -- Potluck - Oktoberfest Theme

October 27th (Tuesday) -- Budget Committee Meeting, 11AM

October 31st (Saturday) – **Joint Worship Service & Oktoberfest Dinner**



The Utah Circuit will host a joint worship service and Oktoberfest dinner for the Festival of the Reformation on **Saturday, October 31**, at **2pm**. The host congregation will be **St. Paul Lutheran Church in Ogden**. More details will be coming soon.

It is always good to gather together (AND EAT!) with fellow Christians who cling tightly to the pure Gospel!

Volunteer Opportunities

We will need volunteers for all these events. Plan now to help any way you can! Please ask someone how you can help.

Media & Resources

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Trinity Lutheran Church services and events are streamed live on YouTube.

<https://www.youtube.com/@trinitylutheranchurch4605>

Prayer Requests? The members of Trinity Lutheran Church are blessed to support one another through prayer. If you have a prayer request for yourself, a loved one, or someone in need, we encourage you to share it with Pastor McCalley.

Prayer requests may be submitted by contacting the church office (435-586-7103) or by email (pastormccalley@gmail.com).

Whether your request is for healing, comfort, thanksgiving, guidance, or any other concern, it is our privilege to join you in prayer.

Newsletter Information – Contact the newsletter editing team via email at newsletter@cedarlutheran.org for newsletter submissions, questions, or suggested improvements.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 10:30-11:30am Utah Food Bank, LDS Church (Cedar City), 520 S. 1100 West	3 10:00am Choir Practice 10:30am LWML Meeting Ellen Janis 
4 9:30am Bible Study + Sunday School 10:30am Divine Service + Communion 12:00pm Confirmation Class	5	6 11:00am Elders Meeting 6:00pm Bible 101 Class <i>Pattern of Sound Words</i>	7 8:00am Breakfast at Amber Kay's 3:00pm Bible Study— <i>Lutheran Confessions</i> Dave Koontz Lois Stawitcke 	8 10:00am Altar Guild Mtg 10:30am Council Meeting	9	10 10:00am Choir Practice 9:00am—4:00pm PRIVATE EVENT (Fellowship Hall)
11 9:30am Bible Study + Sunday School 10:30am Divine Service 12:00pm Confirmation Class	12 Isabelle Crowe 	13 09:00am Ladies' Breakfast Hospital Cafeteria 6:00pm Bible 101 Class <i>Pattern of Sound Words</i>	14 8:00am Breakfast at Amber Kay's ← PASTOR AT RMD	15 Gem Burton  CONFERENCE	16 10:30-11:30am Utah Food Bank, LDS Church (Enoch), 451 E. Midvalley Rd. IN COLORADO →	17 10:00am Choir Practice LWML Fall Celebration (Kingman, AZ)
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