

Tidings of Trinity

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TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNIVERSARY



Welcome

From the Editor

Welcome to the September 2026 issue of Tidings of Trinity! September is a momentous month in the history of Trinity Lutheran Church as celebrate our 50th anniversary, adjust our service schedules and Christian education offerings, and keep up the pace of activity needed to inform and serve a growing 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



Come, Lord, Jesus! Come Quickly! And....He's Here!

The **Sanctus** is the next canticle of the liturgy of the Lord's Supper. Below we read the words from Divine Service Setting Three (*LSB* 184) in the musical setting many Lutherans learned from *The Lutheran Hymnal*, pg. 15.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**



The Preface and Proper Preface finished with the words, “therefore with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven we laud and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you and saying...”. These words give way to the congregation bursting forth into songs of praise, joining together to ascribe to God the glory due the Holy Name of the Triune God. The Sanctus is the highest point of the prayers of thanksgiving. When the Sanctus is sung in worship, the eternal church-past, present, future, here on earth and in heaven, sing in unison praises to the God who delights to save.

We know the Sanctus was sung at worship in the Jewish Temple and in synagogues. There are many references to the Sanctus in very early Christian writings, but we're a little less sure when it became a standard portion of the communion liturgy. We do know it was a regular part of the Lord's Supper in Rome by the 300s. In liturgies from medieval times, the Sanctus and Benedictus were sung after the Words of Institution, instead of at the time they are today. They were also rather long!

The canticle is divided into two sections. The first section is Isaiah's vision from chapter six, verses two and three (and echoed in Revelation 4:6-11). This verse is heaven's hymn of praise sung by the Seraphim before the throne of God in heaven. “Holy! Holy! Holy!” exalts God's perfection and proclaims His glory as it shows itself throughout the created world (Psalm 19), but also in His saving power (Titus 3:5; Isaiah 12:2). When Isaiah was looking upon and hearing of the glory of God as confessed by the angels, the Bible says, “And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke.” (verse 4). This was surely terrifying! What was Isaiah's response to this crushing weight of glory: I[saiah] said: “Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!” Isaiah confessed His sinfulness! He confessed that His sin made it utterly impossible for Him to stand before the Lord of Heaven and Earth and live! But what was God's response to His confession? Did He smite Him right then and there? No. The prophet continues: Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. And he touched my mouth and said: “Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for. God, in His mercy and love, desired not the death of a sinner, but rather to forgive sin, that sinners may live in unity with the God who created them. This is the context of the first section of the Sanctus.

The second section of the Sanctus shows how God is pleased to forgive the sin of the whole world and the way that God chooses to be with His Church: through the Son of David who comes in the NAME of the Lord.

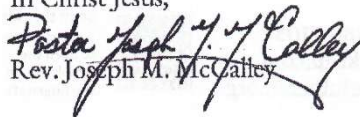
The second section are familiar words heard each year at Palm Sunday. The words “Hosanna!” “Save us Now, Lord!” were sung by the multitudes of people who went with Jesus on His triumphal entry into Jerusalem, marking the week of His passion (Matthew 21:9). The Lord *comes to his people to save them* and the man anointed for that saving is truly blessed. The same words used on Palm Sunday are from Psalm 118, especially verses 25, 26. Ps. 118 is a Psalm of Ascent (Psalms 120-134) because they were sung when people and priests in the Old Testament ascended to the Temple and altar to worship God. These psalms are invitations to come to the Lord’s presence. For us, having been covered with Christ’s blood and His righteousness, we are now ready to enter into the Lord’s presence, the Holy of Holies-just like Isaiah. It is suggested Jesus sung Psalm 118 with His disciples on the evening he instituted the Lord’s Supper.

The second verse can also be called a “Benedictus,” a song hailing Christ as Savior and Deliverer. Christians call upon Christ to save, and by His death and resurrection, He has done so. We are saved in the highest heaven before the Father, and where Christ reigns and intercedes for us. “Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord” turns the whole Sanctus into a hymn of praise to Christ. It is a confession that Jesus Christ is the God-Man who saves. Thus, the second verse is the Earth’s hymn of praise.

The Sanctus is important because it is the specific prayer asking the Lord Jesus to be present in, with, and under, the bread and wine in His Supper as He has promised to do so that He can be present with us in His REAL AND TRUE body and blood-the same body and blood that forgives our sin and grants us fellowship with God and one another. And he graciously answers that prayer by coming, just as He promised!

Next month, we will have a gander at the Lord’s Prayer, the Prayer of Thanksgiving, the Words of Institution, the Pax Domini, and the Agnus Dei.

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 September edition. Thank you in advance for helping us to fill the newsletter with your submissions!

50th Anniversary Devotion

Much More than Past, Present, and Future...An Eternity!



Fifty years ago, America was celebrating its bicentennial. You might on occasion examine your pocket change and find one of the quarters with the drummer boy on the reverse, keeping the drumbeat for all who were assenting to the aspirations and hope of forming a fledgling, albeit rebellious, nation. A new light. Fifty years ago, a group of Lutherans had been meeting in southern Utah, praying to form a congregation that would be a beacon of truth. A new light.

Fifty years later, America is celebrating its semi quincentennial. The nation goes on. Trinity is rejoicing in its 50 official years as a congregation. Much has changed in the US in 50 years, would that drummer boy recognize the nation he marched into battle for? What about the church? What's changed? Does it matter? Who's the drummer boy keeping the beat as we march?

An anniversary is a time to look back as well as a time to look forward. We look back and give thanks for the wisdom, the courage, the gifts of time and talent and money that God was pleased to bring together for the sake of preaching the Word and administering the Sacraments in Cedar City. We can even be realistic there were likely disagreements among our predecessors as they sought to discern the wisest way forward. Would they recognize the congregation today? Would they be pleased? It matters not—they received from God as He was pleased to give, and we are thankful they were kept in the true faith as they sought to proclaim the gospel in its truth and purity here. That's what matters. As we look forward, we pray and rejoice that God would give us wisdom to discern what is wise in the months and years ahead. Above all, we pray that God would be pleased to continue the preaching of His Word and the administration of His sacraments for many years to come, even it means big changes. Still, the question lingers: is Trinity recognizable?

By God's grace, the answer is a resounding yes. The church is not always pretty, nor is it easy. Most of the time our life together is small and unglamorous. Is the future exciting or cause for a little nervousness? The beauty that is ours to appreciate as we consider our 50th is that Christ is the head of the church. We are Trinity, we are a dear family, but we are much more: we are the bride of Christ whom Jesus loves. And Jesus is more, much more, than a drummer boy: Christ is the Church's foundation, her Head, and her destination. In Christ, we have absolute certainty for eternity. His Word and Sacraments are praised in this little outpost with absolute clarity and boldness—for all the world to hear and join. Nations come and go, even congregations come and go. But the Church, the body of Christ, whom He has redeemed with

His precious blood-that's worth considering for an eternity-and God is pleased to strengthen us and persevere us in that blessed truth now. We have the apostolic teaching as our most treasured possession. Even when life in the church and life as a Christian is challenging, it's always blessed because God's teaching is our priceless treasure, because while saints come and go, history disappoints, we have the Word of the Lord which endures forever. And we have the promise that does not disappoint: He who believes in me, though he die, shall never die. And, be faithful unto death and I will give you the crown of life. And yet at the same time, God is pleased to have you right here, right now, to proclaim the wonderful works of Him who has called us out of darkness into His marvelous light. To make known His deeds to the people. In this, past, present, and future we constantly and endlessly praise for God's goodness. This is our holy delight, and the task God has given.

In hymn 940, Holy God We Praise Thy Name, stanza three highlights the history and hope of the Holy Christian Church:

**Lo, the apostles' holy train
Join Thy sacred Name to hallow
Prophets swell the glad refrain
And the white-robed martyrs follow;
And from morn to set of sun
Through the church the song goes on.**

In Christ Jesus,

Posta Joseph M. McCalley
Rev. Joseph M. McCalley

Member Submission – The Red Taffeta Slip

As a child, I was privileged to grow up with two grandmothers. One lived four blocks from my house, and one lived in the faraway land of South Dakota. Grandma Harms was my maternal Grandmother who taught me to sew my first cotton skirt at Nine years old. She lived with my aunt and uncle near my grade school... sometimes my mother arranged for me to go to Grandma's house for lunch. She always served custard for dessert which I learned to like after many attempts. I did not like it at first but did not want to hurt her feelings. (Today, one of my favorites). Grandma Mable lived many miles away and visited seldom. She also was a kind grandmother... I say Grandmother because she wasn't "warm and fuzzy". She smoked and used a black cigarette holder which I found unusual. She is the one with the red taffeta slip. My parents gave her their bedroom when she came to visit. That is when I saw the red taffeta slip hanging near their closet. I knew she loved me as I was her first grandchild. But I don't remember her hugging me! The contrast between the two grandmothers made me think (even as a child, that I wanted to be like Grandma Harms and I would not wear a red slip ever). Our Merciful Father in Heaven has granted that to me and as always, I thank him for that. I guess the lesson I learned at a very young age is to pour out your heart to God even though He knows what we are thinking and thank him for all our blessings... large or small! Also, Ladies, be mindful of how our grandchildren see us. We can spoil them all we want because they are blessings from God and we know Jesus is the future of the church. 🙏.

- Sharol Kleinschmidt

P.S. Grandma Harms always carried a peppermint in her black coat pocket on her way to church for us.

Photo Gallery – Burton Family Farewell



It pleased Almighty God to prepare for the Burton Family and opportunity in Huntsville, Alabama.

We pray God's protection and wisdom for Jarrod, Sophia, JJ, and Gem Ray as they settle into their new home and look forward to a visit from them!

Photo Gallery – Luella Koontz’s 100th Birthday Celebration



Photo Gallery – Not Your Grandma's Bingo



Christian Education

Children's Ministry

Sunday School



Welcome to Sunday School!

We are excited to have the children back at Sunday School on **Sunday, 13th September** at our new time...**9:30-10:30am**.

Our first time together will include welcoming the children, hearing how their summer went and how school is going and how our faith can help us handle the highs and lows of new experiences!

We will have discussion time, a Bible story, a craft, snack and outdoor games!

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

Children's Christmas Program

September has arrived and it's almost 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 let us know.

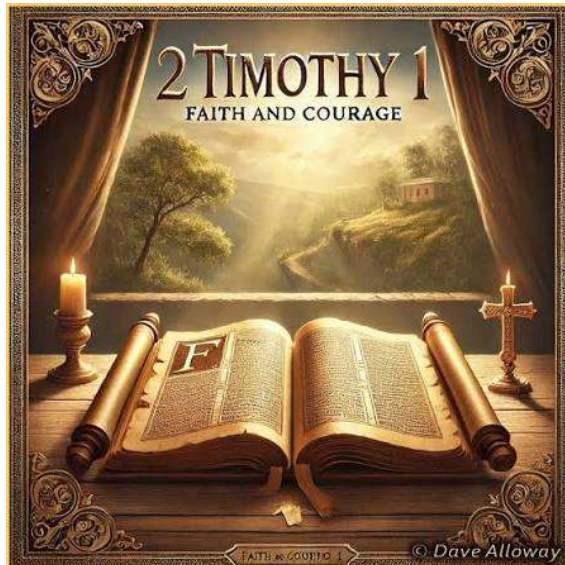
Thanks,

Charmaine Beckman and Cat Webb

Confirmation Classes

Confirmation classes will begin on **September 13th**, and continue **September 20th, and 27th**.
Classes 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 in September, **Tuesday evenings, 6:00-7:15pm** in the Fellowship Hall. The course will meet weekly for approximately 6 more weeks. 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 begin a study of the Lutheran Confessions, the summary of what Lutherans believe, teach, and confess on **Wednesday, September 16 at 3pm** in the Fellowship Hall. If you have a Book of Concord, please bring it! See you there!

Leadership and Stewardship

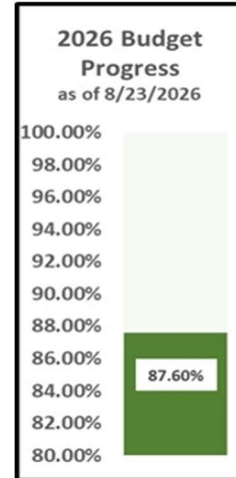
Stewardship Report



The 2026 budget calls for donations of \$2,246 per week. For the first 34 weeks of the year, the budget receipts should be \$76,364.00. Donations were \$102,335.52 This is 22.23% more than what is needed (or \$25,971.52 over) for the year. Thank you to all who continue to give so generously!

Due to the large number of special services and occasions this year, so far, our flower fund is in the **negative**. If you would like to designate any of your offerings to go to any specific fund, please indicate that on your envelope. That money will be set aside for those purposes.

Date	Attendance	Collections	Bible Study
7/26/2026	76	\$2,111.00	13
8/2/2026	86	\$3,307.00	14
8/9/2026	70	\$8,647.00	12
8/16/2026	85	\$1,970.00	14
8/23/2026	77	\$2,266.90	9



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



Our monthly meeting was held on Thursday, August 13th, with all members and the Pastor present. Before the meeting started the 50th anniversary committee had all of us introduce ourselves and give a brief description of our positions in the council. I personally can’t wait to see all the interviews done in preparation for the 50th anniversary celebration on **Saturday, Sept. 19th**. Time **10:30 AM**.

The meeting was called to order with the “Lord’s Prayer” and a brief devotion by Pastor McCalley.

We had a brief meeting with everyone staying on track. There are so many different things being worked on. If you have a question about something that’s changed and you’d like an explanation, please “ask”. We have an expansion committee who will be working on a multi-

phase plan for Trinity's expansion. Sounds exciting. I know the process won't be quick but think of the potential growth. Blessings, abound.

We have some possible candidates for help with playing the organ on Sundays. Pray one or more will work out. As a volunteer herself, Lynette could use the help. The audio system is still an on-going project. It seems there are no audio engineers locally, a possibility is Vegas. Stayed tuned.

It was a sad day to say farewell to the Burton family. We wish them safe travels and an equally fun and generous new congregation.

Our next meeting is Thursday, **Sept. 17th @ 10:30 AM.**

PLEASE DON'T FORGET ON **SUNDAY, SEPT. 13TH** WE START OUR NEW SCHEDULE. Please provide feedback to an Elder, council member or Pastor McCalley.

- *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.

Each article will address a brief element of the Christian faith or Christian life from a confessional Lutheran perspective. Articles might cover subjects such as prayer, Baptism, Holy Communion, forgiveness, the Church Year, stewardship, family devotions, the Divine Service, or Christian living. Our goal is to provide Bible-based teaching and encouragement outside of Sunday worship and provide the Elders an opportunity to explain Lutheran beliefs and practices in an approachable way.

Over time, we envisioned it becoming something the congregation comes to expect each month -- perhaps even building a collection of articles that could eventually serve as a useful library of faith-based material.

Closed Communion Basics

For September, I would like to address a topic commonly known as "closed communion." Trinity members and visitors alike may have wondered why reminders are consistently written in the service bulletin about the Lord's Supper, and why Pastor makes it a point to politely teach the congregation, prior to the start of service, that "visitors are kindly asked to come speak with him before approaching the altar for the first time." Perhaps you've asked yourself, "Why is there such an emphasis on communion?" or "Why does Pastor need to examine us beforehand?" or even "Why does Pastor get to decide who does or doesn't receive the Lord's Supper?" Simply stated, we communicate and practice these steps because we

take the Lord's Supper very seriously and want to conduct it in accordance with what we teach, believe, and confess as Lutherans as it is taught in Holy Scripture. In this brief article, I will attempt to answer why we practice closed communion.

To begin, let's consider the word *communion*. The word itself refers to fellowship or participation in something shared together. When we come forward to receive the Lord's Supper, we are receiving Christ's true body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins AND we are also publicly confessing a common, shared faith in what God has revealed through His Word and what Christ has instituted and promised concerning His Supper.

This is why Lutherans place such importance on what we "believe, teach, and confess." When we gather around the altar, we are not simply individuals coming forward to receive something that is personally meaningful to us. We are also confessing our unity in the Christian faith.

So, what does the word *closed* mean in "closed communion"? It does not mean that we believe ourselves to be better Christians than those who worship in another church. It certainly does not mean that we are making a judgment about whether a visitor is a Christian or whether they have faith in Jesus Christ. Rather, it recognizes that receiving Holy Communion together is itself a confession of unity.

When we receive the Lord's Supper at Trinity, we are saying something publicly about what we believe, teach, and confess. Because of this, we ordinarily commune with those with whom we are in doctrinal fellowship. This is also why Pastor asks visitors who are not already in fellowship with the LCMS to speak with him before receiving Communion. This conversation is not intended to be an interrogation, nor is Pastor attempting to determine whether someone is a "real Christian." Rather, it gives him an opportunity to explain what we believe and practice, answer questions, and determine whether there is sufficient unity of confession for us to commune together.

There is another important aspect of this question: what Scripture says about being properly prepared to receive the Lord's Supper. St. Paul tells us in 1 Corinthians 11:28, "Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup." This examination is not about being a "good enough" Christian to approach the altar. None of us is worthy because of our own goodness. We are sinners, and it is precisely because we are sinners that we need what Christ gives us in His Supper. Self-examination is an opportunity to consider what we believe and whether we recognize what we are receiving. Do we believe Christ's words when He says, "This is my body" and "This is my blood"? Do we trust His promise that He gives His body and blood for the forgiveness of sins? St. Paul also warns us that receiving the Lord's Supper in an unworthy manner can bring judgment, sickness, and death upon ourselves.

This brings us back to the question, "Why does Pastor get to decide?"

The simple answer is that Pastor is not the judge of anyone's heart. Only God knows the true condition of a person's heart and faith. Pastor cannot look into someone's heart and know perfectly what they believe. What he can do, however, is faithfully carry out his responsibility as a pastor and shepherd of God's people. It is a way for him to do what has been asked of him, "to be a steward of the mysteries of God" (1 Corinthians. 4:1). When Pastor speaks with a visitor before they commune, he is not claiming to know everything about that person's faith. He is doing the best he can, as a shepherd, to make sure that the person understands what we believe and that receiving Communion at Trinity does not publicly communicate a unity of faith that does not actually exist.

It is worth briefly considering why some churches practice what is commonly called “open communion.” The difference is not necessarily that one group of Christians cares more about being welcoming than another. Rather, it reflects a significantly different understanding and error of what the Lord’s Supper means and what receiving it together publicly confesses.

There are many Christians who sincerely love Christ and trust in Him for their salvation yet belong to churches whose doctrine differs from what we believe, teach, and confess as Lutherans. We should never take our practice of closed communion as an opportunity to question the sincerity of their faith. At the same time, we should not pretend that differences in doctrine do not exist. If Communion is a confession of unity, then knowingly communing together when we do not share that unity can give a misleading public confession.

For this reason, closed communion is not intended to be a barrier between Christians or a means of excluding people from Christ. Instead, it is intended to take Christ’s institution of the Sacrament and our confession of faith seriously, while treating every visitor with Christian love and respect.

If you are a member of Trinity and have ever wondered about our Communion practice, I hope this article has helped answer some of your questions. And if you are a visitor, please don’t hesitate to speak with Pastor or one of the Elders. We welcome the opportunity to explain what we believe and why we practice Communion as we do. You may have questions that I haven’t addressed here, and that’s perfectly fine. These are important matters, and they deserve a thoughtful and respectful conversation.

As I have worked through this subject myself, I have been reminded that the purpose of all of this is not ultimately about a rule concerning who may approach an altar. It is about Christ, His Word, His promises, and the remarkable gift He gives us in the Lord’s Supper. My hope is that this brief explanation has helped clarify why we practice closed communion and, perhaps more importantly, has encouraged you to think more deeply about what we are receiving when we come to the Lord’s Table. May we never lose sight of the full measure of Christ’s love for His children, a love that He demonstrates by giving Himself to us for the forgiveness of our sins.

Scripture for Further Study

Matthew 26:26–28 — Christ’s institution of the Lord’s Supper

1 Corinthians 10:16–17 — Communion with Christ and unity among Christians

1 Corinthians 11:23–29 — Christ’s institution of the Supper and self-examination

For Further Reading

***Come in, We Are Closed* — Rev. Tyrel Bramwell (2018)** - A short, accessible book that explores common questions about closed Communion through a series of conversations about the biblical and Lutheran understanding of the Lord’s Supper.

Serving and Encouraging

Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML)

Cedar City, UT -- Esther Circle

This is an article from our WOW (Women of the World) newsletter:



Celebrate 80 years of the PSD! (Pacific Southwest District)

In 1946 Women of Southern California met at St. John's to organize the district's Lutheran Women's Missionary League. The first convention was held in June 1946 in Long Beach, California, with 400 in attendance, and the Southern California District became the 26th district of the LWML. In 1955, Phoenix held their first zone rally, with over 100 attendees from eight desert congregations. Southern Nevada was welcomed into the Southern California District in 1968. The Pacific Southwest District now includes Southern California, Southern Nevada, Arizona, and So. Utah. Over the 80 years many new changes have been added to the Pacific Southwest District, but one thing that remains the same is Lutheran Women in Mission love to support missions. In thankfulness and celebration of our 80 years as the LWML, Pacific Southwest District, we encourage you to put God's love into action by collecting 80 items that can be donated to a mission in your community. This can be done as an individual, a group, or a zone. This challenge will go on all year. Remember to take a picture of your donation as an individual, group, or zone with the recipient of your 80 gifts and send it to Brenda Hood for publication (james67brenda@gmail.com). Thank you!

Here are some things that have been done, so far: 80 snacks were collected for Mesquite Lutherans Daycare, as well as school supplies and coloring sheets for a local retirement village (all in Mesquite, NV). Ascension Lutheran in Apple Valley, CA sold purple \$5.00 bills to raise \$100.00 to contribute to their Mite offering. Let's put our thinking caps on and come up with something unique. I will be sending in an article the with pictures for the next edition of "WOW". WOW comes out quarterly. This quarter's newsletter is approx. 19 pages. I can e-mail it to any interested or it may be found at <https://www.lwml.org/home>.

Our next meeting is **Saturday, Sept. 5th @ 10:30**. We will be having a craft after the meeting for all who want to join in.

I am still debating on a devotion. One is "Fill My Cup" (Philippians 4:19). I would need 7 volunteer readers. Nothing longer than a paragraph, I promise. The second is "Enough" (Exodus 16:11-2 and John 6:35). If one sounds more interesting than the other, please let me know. I can also bring snacks, but if someone else would like to be hostess? I wouldn't say no.

Our district Fall festival and voters meeting is scheduled for **Oct. 17th in Kingman, AZ**. Dwanye and I will be attending. If you're interested in going, I can provide more information. The in-service project is 'Supporting homeless and hurting veterans.' (John 15:13) At this point they will be collecting "cash" There is also a silent auction each fall to support sending a representative from our district to the convention. We will be providing an auction item. Any ideas.

I'm sure I've overwhelmed some with information. Even when we don't have monthly meetings the wheels keep turning.

So many had taken pictures of our Bingo event and sent them to be included in the September newsletter. I'll let the pictures speak for themselves. All had a marvelous time. It's amazing that an event can take months of prep and planning and clean up takes less than an hour. A special thank you to all who stayed to help put the fellowship hall back to normal.

October meeting is **Saturday, Oct. 3rd @ 10:30 AM.**

October is LWML Sunday (**Oct. 4th**), Pastor and Volunteer awareness/recognition month.

- *Stacie Hehn, Recording Secretary*

Choir

Choir practice will be held throughout the month of September on the following dates and times:

- Saturday, September 5, 10:00AM
- Saturday, September 12, 10:00AM
- Saturday, September 19, **NO CHOIR PRACTICE / 50th Anniversary Celebration**
- Saturday, September 26, 10:00AM

Altar Guild

The Altar Guild will meet on **September 17th (Thursday) at 10:00AM.**

Outreach

Cedar City Hospital – Quilts for Newborns



Sandy Crabtree and Ellen Janis have dedicated their time and skills supporting the Quilt Guild's America 250 goal of providing each baby born at Cedar City Hospital with a lovingly handmade quilt. Their quiet example of loving thy neighbor contributes to higher levels of engagement for Trinity within our community and echoes God's love for all his children.

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

Sept. 2nd (Wednesday) - Utah Circuit Meeting - Cross of Christ, Bountiful

Sept. 5th (Saturday) - LWML meeting w/craft project, 10:30 AM

Sept. 8th (Tuesday) – Ladies Breakfast, Hospital Cafeteria, 9:00 AM

Sept. 8th (Tuesday) - Food and Faith at SUU, 6:00 – 8:00 PM

Sept. 8th (Tuesday) - Elders Meeting, 11:00 AM

Sept. 11th (Friday) - Jill Dillard Memorial, 1:00 PM

Sept. 13th (Sunday) – **NEW** Sunday schedule; **Sunday School starts.**

Sept. 17th (Thursday) - Council meeting, 10:30 AM

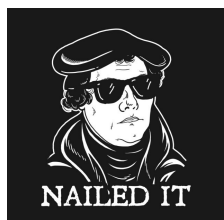
September 19th (Saturday) - **Trinity's 50th Anniversary Celebration**

Trinity Lutheran Church's 50th Anniversary Celebration will be **Sat, Sept 19, 2026**. We will begin with a special service at **10:30am**. It will be followed by a barbecue luncheon, featuring hot dogs, hamburgers and CAKE!! Plus, other delicious delicacies in the form of Pot Luck will be provided by our wonderful chefs in our congregation.. During the luncheon we will have games and a bounce house. We will also have a Photo Booth set up and would love to see everyone get their pictures taken! It will be a way to commemorate this special day. You will be given copies of your photos as a souvenir and we will be saving a copy of everyone's photos for an album that will be kept at the church.

For any of you that have a special talent that you would like to share on that day, please let us know! Face-painting, Karaoke, a special game, etc. Please contact Linda Norman if you have questions, or simply want to contribute to the celebration!

Sept. 27 (Sunday) - Potluck

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.

Announcements

Schedule Change

***** **SCHEDULE CHANGE UPCOMING !!!** *****

Beginning **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13**, our new Sunday schedule will begin on a trial basis.

Education Hour will begin at **9:30am** (Bible Study and Sunday School) and Divine Service will begin at **10:30am** with Fellowship Time to follow.

We pray the Lord will grant us wisdom to discern if this schedule helps strengthen the preaching and teaching of His Word in our congregation. As we adjust, please don't hesitate to submit feedback to Pastor and Elders as thoughts and concerns arise.

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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.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	SEPTEMBER 8th Anniversary—Richard & Charmaine Beckman Birthday—Dorothy Chelsea	1 Anniversary—Dale & Karen Ann Rood Anniversary—Ron & Lynette Webber Birthday—Daize Webb 6:00pm Bible 101 Class <i>Pattern of Sound Words</i>	2 8:00am Breakfast at Amber Kay's Utah Circuit Meeting Cross of Christ Bountiful, UT	3 Birthday—Barbie Oehler	4 10:30-11:30am Utah Food Bank LDS Church (Cedar City) 520 S. 1100 West	5 10:00am Choir Practice 10:30am LWML Meeting + Craft Project
6 8:45am Bible Study 10:00am Divine Service + Communion	7 10:00am LWML Meeting Birthday—Lynette Webber	8 09:00am Ladies' Breakfast Hospital Cafeteria 11:00am Elders Meeting 6:00pm Bible 101 Class <i>Pattern of Sound Words</i> 6:00pm—8:00pm <i>Food & Faith (SUU)</i>	9 8:00am Breakfast at Amber Kay's	10	11 1:00pm Jill Dillard Memorial	12 10:00am Choir Practice
13 9:30am Bible Study + Sunday School 10:30am Divine Service 12:00pm Confirmation Class Birthday—Lisa Emerson	14	15 9:00am Ladies' Breakfast at Hospital Cafeteria 6:00pm Bible 101 Class <i>Pattern of Sound Words</i> Anniversary—Lonnie & Pat Williams	16 8:00am Breakfast at Amber Kay's 3:00pm Bible Study— <i>Lutheran Confessions</i>	17 10:00am Altar Guild Mtg 10:30am Council Meeting	18 10:30-11:30am Utah Food Bank LDS Church (Enoch) 451 E. Midvalley Rd.	19 NO Choir Practice 10:30am Divine Service 50th Anniversary
20 9:30am Bible Study + Sunday School 10:30am Divine Service + Communion 12:00pm Confirmation Class	21 <i>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</i>	22 6:00pm Bible 101 Class <i>Pattern of Sound Words</i>	23 8:00am Breakfast at Amber Kay's 3:00pm Bible Study— <i>Lutheran Confessions</i>	24	25	26 10:00am Choir Practice
27 9:30am Bible Study + Sunday School 10:30am Divine Service 11:30am Potluck 12:00pm Confirmation	28 Anniversary—Art & Suzi Lieber	29 6:00pm Bible 101 Class <i>Pattern of Sound Words</i>	30 8:00am Breakfast at Amber Kay's 3:00pm Bible Study— <i>Lutheran Confessions</i>			