



CROP WALK GEARS UP

Our annual Mini-Cassia CROP Walk fundraiser is coming up on September 23rd. The walk begins at 10:00. Participants may register prior to the event. The walk will be held in the park next to the Heyburn Chamber of Commerce. CROP Walk is a fundraiser which is sponsored by an interdenominational organization called Church World Service and organized on the local level by churches from several denominations. The purpose is to raise funds which are used to end hunger around the world.

The first CROP Walk occurred on October 16, 1969 in Bismarck, ND. Other CROP Walks soon began to take place in communities nationwide.

CROP Walk works much like the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. Participants volunteer to walk a four-mile course in exchange for sponsorships from friends, relatives, and neighbors. The four miles walked by participants is a nod both to the feeling of weakness felt by the those who hunger and to the distances many are forced to walk for the little bit of clean food and water available to them.

Trinity has participated in the Mini-Cassia CROP Walk for many years and is in need of participants and sponsors for the 2018 CROP Walk. Now is the time to start thinking about participating or donating. Colleen Parkin is Trinity's CROP Walk liaison. Please speak with her to sign up for CROP Walk or to find a participant to sponsor.

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FROM PASTOR'S DESK

Dear friend of Trinity, (August 2018)

This August, let's think about "love". And the kind of love I want to ponder is God's unconditional love, His Agape love which He gives to each of us. Often this is compared to other kinds of love, as in brotherly or sisterly affection - this is the love shared in common between friends, you know, "you scratch my back, I'll scratch yours" kind of love. Also there's erotic love, the love that by God's design is to be shared within the safety of marriage, between husband and wife - I believe this mutually shared love is a union of souls or a union of love, or as God put's it, "the two shall become one flesh". But anyway, what I really want to focus on here is unconditional love:

In the Small Catechism, from the first commandment we are instructed that we are to hold this kind of love toward God: "We should ... love ... God above all things." Wow! There is no person, no thing, no other that we are to unconditionally love equally to our love of God! And then we are instructed in how to do that, in the rest of the 10 commandments, we are told that when we endeavor to live according to God's will as basically laid out in those 10 words from God, those are the ways that we live in that unconditional love of God. Remember how Luther has all of the rest of the commandment explanations begin with this phrase: "We should fear and love God so that..."

One problem though our love always get's all tangled up in our confusion and misconceptions and expectations, so that to our love we always try to keep some strings attached. And this is such a bummer to realize, but in realizing that about ourselves, we can confess the imperfections of our love to God, and receive brand new from him, His unconditional love again to have and to share it. Why am I so reluctant to really examine these deep-seated personal feelings? I don't know, but perhaps we're afraid we will lose out, if we love unconditionally, no strings attached? No doubt about it, self-centered love always wants to push aside God's unconditional love. But it can't! :)

Oh, we may push this love aside for a lesser version of our own design, and we may lose out because of that, but God's true unconditional love always remains. We see it in the Apostles' Creed: It was from His love that He created all things and more personally, he made you to be a very unique and special person in His creation. It was from His love that He redeemed you and became your savior through the person and work of Jesus' love outpoured for you upon the cross. It was out of His incredible love that He won forgiveness for a world full of lost and condemned people through the death and resurrection of Jesus. And it was through His love that He gave all of his unconditional love to you by calling you to faith, placing you into the life of His promise through Baptism and the forgiveness of sins, and in love He keeps you in these gifts even though we never deserve that. See, it is His unconditional love that He has so freely and generously shared with you! Receive it, live in it, and bless everyone with this incredible love that you have been freely given. And every day you mess it up, don't worry, commend those troubles to the Lord in prayer, rest in peace through the night, and if God so ordains it, you will wake in the morning with God's love renewed brand new with you for each day. Bless your love in Jesus! Happy August!

in His love,

Pastor Bryan Lindemood



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The ladies of Dorcas Society will meet on Wednesday, August 8th, at 7PM in the Parish Hall. All ladies of the congregation are invited to attend!

We are no longer collecting Labels for Education for Bethesda.

Join us Sundays on Television and Radio!!

Worship Anew Television Program – 8:00 a.m. KSAW (Channel 6)

Lutheran Matins 8:30 a.m.
Lutheran Hour 9:00 a.m. - KBAR (AM 1230)

****Please be sure to submit announcements for the bulletin by 3PM each Wednesday.**

****Please submit all materials for the Newsletter and calendar by 3PM on the last Thursday of the month.**

****Please be sure to submit all calendar items to the office to be sure that the schedule is clear and the event has trustee approval.**

CAMP PERKINS FAMILY CAMP

It's time to start thinking about Family Camp at Camp Perkins! Trinity's family camp will be held over the Labor Day weekend once again and, if you haven't done so already, it is time to reserve your room.

A Retreat Center stay costs \$175 per person, a cabin stay costs \$140 per person, and it costs \$105 per person to stay in an RV or at a campsite. As always, Trinity pays for all children under the age of 18 and college students to go to Family Camp.

SHUT-IN VISITATION

Just a friendly reminder to give those that are not able to attend church a visit to let them know that they have been in our prayers.

I've included a few tips for those of us who get a little nervous visiting the hospital or entering someone's home. If that person is feeling okay, visits can be a wonderful blessing!

1. Phone and ask before visiting: "Are you feeling like a visit?" "When should I come?" "Would you like me to bring a book to read aloud?"

2. Instead of the standard greeting, "How are you?" say, "I came to be with you for awhile."

3. Keep it short. Being a patient can be exhausting. Keep your hospital visits to about 10-15 minutes. For shut-ins, a lot depends on the situation, but 25 minutes is a good rule of thumb.

4. Don't rush out the door, or even seem rushed. Take the time to sit down, always in a chair and never on the bed. Take your coat off and don't make it seem like you are stop-

ping by just to do a job. If you sense you should stay, then stay. Even if that means you are sitting quietly with the person, not even talking.

5. Be sensitive, but not timid. Ask questions about what is going on in their life, but if you sense they are being private, don't press.

6. Those in the hospital may have things at home with which he/she needs help, so you may want to ask if there's something you can do so that he/she has one less thing to worry about.

7. Pray. Always pray for the person you are visiting.

8. Remember the family. They often require pastoral care too. A great practice is to call the family after visiting with their loved one.

* Jack Smith; Minidoka Memorial Hospital – Room 104

COMICS



Each Monday at noon, Pastor holds noon devotions. We have a 30 minute devotion and then eat lunch together. All are welcome. Please join us!

MEN OF FAITH IN CHRIST

On the third Sunday of every month, a men's breakfast and Bible Study is held at The Snug in Eden. Men from all over the Magic Valley meet for fun, fellowship, and food. The men eat breakfast at 7:30 and have a Bible Study after breakfast. If you are a man who hasn't been to one yet, you should give it a try! The next Men's Breakfast will be held on August 18th. Do you have a son, grandson, nephew, or friend who might enjoy the breakfast? Consider inviting him!

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday school this year will be starting September 9th.

We welcome you, your children and grand-children back to another Sunday School year! Hopefully, the summer was relaxing and regenerative for you and your family, and we hope that you have returned recharged to begin another Sunday School year! Sunday School teachers will be meeting over the summer to gather curriculum and plans for the coming school year.

As of now, the opening time will remain the same as the 2017-2018 school year at **9:15 a.m.**

Comfort and care committee is looking for more volunteers. Please contact Ronda Rogers or Pastor Lindemood.

