

Trinity Times



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From Pastor's Desk

What blessings we enjoy, Trinity Lutheran Church! We have good schools, teachers, coaches, and parents, working hard to train up the children the Lord has blessed us with in our community! As my own children are settling into the routines of school in our new community, I give thanks for the many dedicated people who work so hard to be the "support staff" for Iris and myself in our God-given work as parents. However, the most important work God has called my wife and myself to, in our vocations as parents, is to train up our children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

That means that we regularly (weekly) bring our children to the house of the Lord for Worship, teaching our children to rightly call upon the Name of the Lord (Can you tell I've been teaching the catechumens the 2nd and 3rd Commandments lately?). God be praised also for the support the Lord has given us in the little treasure that is Luther's Small Catechism! (if you can't find your old one to dust it off and open it up again, just let me know, we'll get you a new one)

And Trinity Lutheran Church enjoys further blessings - a full compliment to dedicated volunteers staffing our Sunday School program every Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. This Sunday morning Bible Study and Sunday School program is an extremely valuable

extra-layer of parental "support staff" which the Lord has given to us and the families of our congregation. A huge thank you to Flo, Denise, Sheryl, Sandra, Robynn, Julie, Virginia, Vicki, Melody, and Pastor Rabe for your dedicated service!

Thinking of children, faith, and October, allow me to share a few thoughts about Halloween and Reformation Day:

I grew up carving pumpkins, trick-or-treating around the neighborhood for candy, getting dressed up in costume with my brothers and the neighbor kids, parents going to halloween costume parties some years, but all in all, that was pretty much it. Its kinda how I still want to treat Halloween. With just a little parental guidance, its can be all in good fun. However, in my previous congregation in the city, I often thought that today's Halloween celebrations have gotten a little out of hand - which just means, in my opinion, it seemed that a few too many "grown men and women" were taking Halloween just a bit too seriously.

So, I guess my suggestion about Halloween is, if Trinity is going to do things together, let's just have fun, keep it safe, and not take any of it too seriously. (by the way, All Hallows Eve, as it used to be called, is just the evening before All Saints's Day on November 1st, which we will celebrate at Trinity this year on Sunday, November 3rd. Stay

tuned for more details)

Besides, in our Lutheran families, the day is a great opportunity to highlight our significant history and the beginnings of the Lutheran Reformation, October 31st also being "Reformation Day" when Martin Luther nailed the 95 Theses to the Castle Church door in Wittenberg, Germany, bravely ringing in the Reformation, which was a faithful return to Jesus and to the full and clear public proclamation of the Word of the Lord. The blessings of the Lutheran Reformation still resound to this day through Churches in full fellowship with us all around the world. Praise God for Christians like Trinity Lutheran Church in Rupert, Idaho, who still boldly confess Christ and Him crucified, for the full and free gift of God, the forgiveness of sins, by grace, through faith, and unto life forever. (I'm also hoping Trinity Rupert will be well represented at the LLL/LHM Reformation service in Twin Falls on Oct. 27th - look in this newsletter for more details).

Anyway, I hope you have a safe and happy Halloween, that the Children's teeth don't fall out due to sugar, and that everyone has a very blessed Reformation Day!

in Jesus,
Bryan Lindemoor
pastor





Autumn is a
second spring
when every leaf is
a flower.

—Albert Camus



Highway Cleanup

Quite a few years ago, Trinity Lutheran Church adopted a stretch of highway via the Adopt-a-Highway program. Our adopted territory is the section of Highway 25 between the KOA (where Hwy 25 and I-84 intersect at exit 216) and the river.

Each fall, members of Trinity's congregation get together to tidy up our adopted stretch. This fall, our scheduled Highway

Cleanup day is October 26th.

Folks wishing to spruce up our piece of highway should meet at the church at 11:00 AM. We ask that everybody



brings a pair of work gloves to protect their hands.

Garbage bags and brightly colored safety vests will be provided. We also ask that children be left at home for their safety.

Come and join us on Saturday the 26th! It will be a time of fun, fellowship, and service. Colleen Parkin heads up the operation and can answer any questions. Hope to see you there!

Trinity to Form Human Care Committee

Trinity is forming a committee dedicated to mercy ministries within the congregation, within the Mini-Cassia Community, and the world at large.

While the exact details are yet to be determined, possi-

ble tasks would include: review and partial oversight of disbursement of Good Samaritan Funds, leading the congregation in mercy projects, serving funeral meals, and caring for the bereaved and crisis-stricken.

On November 3rd, there will be a meeting after church in the Multi-Purpose Room to discuss possibilities and make organizational decisions. There is also a sign up sheet on the table in the narthex.

Altar Guild

Trinity has been blessed with a beautiful sanctuary and many hands to make light work of the odd jobs which make services run smoothly on Sunday mornings. We are in need of a few more hands to help with dressing of the altar.

For a number of years, the members of Dorcas Society

have been handling these important tasks and now it is time to involve all members of the congregation by forming a congregational Altar Guild instead. Members of the Altar Guild would be responsible for changing paraments and banners on a seasonal basis, cleaning altar linens and

communion ware, and ensuring that flowers are available and placed on the altar each Sunday morning.

If you are interested in serving the church in this capacity, please sign up to be on the Altar Guild today. There is a sign up sheet available on the table in the narthex.

Reformation at the Roper

Lutheran Laymen’s League and Lutheran Hour Ministries are hosting a Reformation Worship Program at the Roper Auditorium on October 27th at 4:00 in the afternoon.

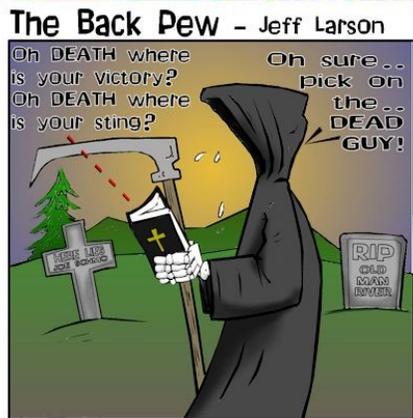
Their guest speaker is Rev. Ken Klaus, speaker emeritus of **The Lutheran Hour®** radio program. He writes and records sermons for The Lutheran Hour, writes and edits Lutheran Hour Ministries' daily devotions, records Bible studies and

other video clips for the LHM **Men's NetWork** (an online men's ministry resource), and represents Lutheran Hour Ministries at speaking engagements across the country. He previously served as speaker of The Lutheran Hour from 2002 until his retirement in 2012.

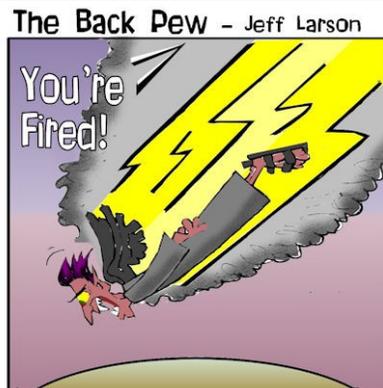
Pastor Klaus has published many works, including volumes one and two of Stories from *The Lutheran Hour - A Changeless Christ in a Changing World* and two

prayer books. Currently he is writing daily devotions available via e-mail from Lutheran Hour Ministries that speak to readers with the holiness of God in the here and now.

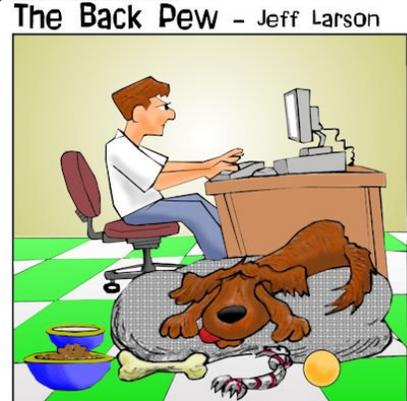
Come worship with fellow Magic Valley Lutherans and hear Pastor Klaus speak at the Reformation Program. It promises to be an awesome evening.



Gimmy couldn't help but feel mocked when reading **1 Corinthians 15:55**.



The Apprentice (eternity edition)
Jesus said... I saw Satan fall like lightning from Heaven. **Luke 10:18**



Food, water, toys, & shelter provided by the master. **BLESSED BEYOND HIS DREAMS.** Hey, and that dog has it pretty good too. **Ps 23, Mt 7:11, 10:29-31, Lu 11:13 Pr 12:10**

New Acolyte Albs!

Trinity will soon be purchasing new acolyte robes. Our current acolyte robes are quite old and are quickly wearing out. This time around, a new style has been chosen. Rather than continuing with the red cassock and white cotta as we have had for many years, we will be switching to a white alb

with cincture, similar to the robe that pastors wear (see picture at right). Two robes in each available size will be purchased so that we will always have albs to accommodate our acolytes on Sunday mornings.

If you would like to donate funds to defray the cost of

the new albs, please prayerfully consider allocating a portion of your offering to this project. Just jot down on your offering envelope how much you would like to gift to "Acolyte Albs."



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Sunday School Off to a Great Start!

Sunday School is up and running again and off to a great start!

Our first Sunday School meeting of the year held 18 students pre-school age through 17. The students are looking forward to another awesome year and are hard at work, memorizing their memory verses each week. Adults can memorize along with the kids as the memory verse is printed in the bulletin each week. Watch out for those Pop Quizzes!

Youth Confirmation is also off like a shot. Students are charging through the material which is a new curriculum from the Concordia Catechetical Academy. Check them out at: <http://lutherancatechesis.org/>

The Youth Group has already had their first organizational meeting and are raring to go with lots of great new ideas and opportunities.

They are using two new tools this year: the Re:form curriculum (<http://reform.wearesparkhouse.org/>) and Higher Things Magazine (<http://higherthings.org/>).

Adult Bible Study is finishing up an in-depth study of the book of Matthew and about to embark upon a study of first and second Timothy.



Lutheran Catechesis (Adult Confirmation) has been hard at work as well. Approximately 10 students gather each Wednesday night to learn the basics of our Christian faith. Some are repeat learners and

some are new to the faith. If you have been missing these classes, you should come and join us! We can't wait to see you!