

Trinity Times

The grass withers, the flower fades; but
the word of our God will stand forever.
Isaiah 40:8



Note from the pastor



“Barefoot in the Blackberry Bushes”

Dear friends in Christ Jesus,
Grace to each of you as we
enter this month with
caution, with some fear and
trepidation despite our best
efforts to trust and be bold,
and with excitement to return
to gentler routines. The year
2020 has indeed brought
challenge to our world and to
each one living in it. Thank
God that He is bigger than
any challenge and cares for
His beloved creation and
creatures – including you and
me!

Seeking inspiration to lift
your spirits, calm your fears
and rock my calling of
Pastor, I confess that I
frantically scanned my office
and all that is on my walls,
desk and shelves hoping
something amazing would
jump out at me. It did not.
So I bowed my head and
prayed for inspiration to
share something that would
bless your hearts – and God
answered because as I
opened my eyes I saw, stuck
into a picture on my wall, a

note given to me by a
member a year or two ago
which I had missed in my
frantic search. A wee poem
by Elizabeth Barrett
Browning, “

“Earth is crammed with
heaven and every common
bush afire with God; but only
he who sees takes off his
shoes. The rest sit around it
and pluck blackberries.”

The connection is obvious -
my passion for being
barefoot, especially for
worship! I got it right away,
smiled and gave thanks for
the giver’s love and care.
Today however it was a gift
of grace on time as it struck
me that these two lines carry
a powerful message to us as
God’s people. Read the
poem again. What does it say
to you?

Here is what it tells me; God
is present, and I am called to
honour Him in all things.
These two lines are alive
with deeper images. Heaven
come down to earth
completely fills it: who
came down from heaven to
earth for us? Jesus! And He
filled the earth with His
redeeming love and sacrifice
on the cross. The way home
to God was opened, sinners
forgiven. In the common
and the ordinary is found the

very presence and power
of God. The burning
bush on Mt. Sinai, where
Moses met God, burned
but was not consumed.
We cannot gaze on the
face of God so God
comes to us in simple
visible ways – in water, in
Word, in bread and wine,
bringing holiness and
righteousness. God told
Moses to take off his
shoes as he was on “holy
ground”. God’s greatest
gift is the faith to know
Him even though we do
not see Him and to be
able to respond with
obedience and service.
We are called to ‘walk by
faith and not by sight. (2
Cor. 5:7) Those who do
not have the gift of eyes
of faith to see God can
only see what is before
them – a bush with
blackberries. They may
enjoy the temporary
pleasure of gathering and
eating the berries, but
they do not have the
enduring promise of life
and sustenance found in
Christ! My take may not
have been the author’s
intention but I am reading
it with eyes of faith, and
eyes of faith give us the
lens of Christ, of whom

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St. Paul writes, “For in Him we live and move and have our being” (Acts 19:28). And there is the inspiration, calm, and spiritual strength that I wanted to impart to each of you – Christ Jesus is all in all! In Christ we have all that we need to face 2020 or any other year.

As September 2020 dawns we stand bold and ‘barefoot’ before our God, with our eyes on Christ Jesus, who goes before us to make a way! May we remind each other daily that “we walk by faith and not by sight” into the unknown!

In Jesus’ unending love, Pastor Maggie

STARTING SOON



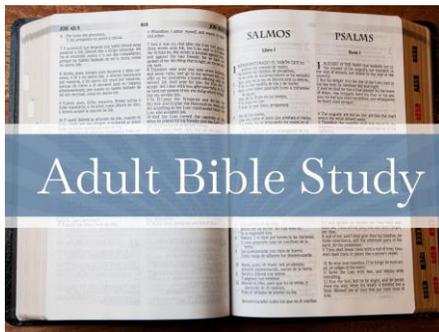
College and Career Group

Ages 18 – late twenties

Make it your own

Mid September start up

[Email](#) or call the church office 403.362.4259 to let us know you’re interested.



Stay tuned for more information



Please join us
Sunday, September 13 @ 10:00 am
At City Hall (Veteran’s Park)

Let’s worship outdoors where we can spread out and physically distance while enjoying God’s creation
*bring your lawn chair



Looking For Volunteers
HIGHWAY CLEANUP

Mission Ministry Fundraiser

Saturday, September 19 @ 8:00am

[Email](#) or call the church office 403.362.4259 to let us know you can help



GATHER AND GROW

Anyone interested in becoming a member of Trinity please let us know by [emailing](#) or phoning the church office (403.362.4259). Plans are in the works for “Gather and Grow” a 4 - 6 week adult / senior teen membership class for the fall

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN



Dear Quilting Friends,

Exciting news! The charity quilting is a go at Trinity Lutheran Church and we hope to see you there. As with many things these days, some aspects will be the same, and some will be different. Following are what we know so far:

- **Start date will be Tuesday, September 15**
- **Time will be from 10am to 3pm**
- You are welcome to come in either the morning OR the afternoon
- If you prefer to work at home, you may pick up items to cut, sew or tie on Tuesdays between 10 and 3
- Social distancing will be practiced (maximum 2 people tying on a single quilt, more tying stations available, sewers spaced around the sides).
- Unfortunately . . . no coffee time for now, but do bring a mug of coffee, tea or water if you like.
- Masks are optional. Do what makes you most comfortable
- Work surfaces will be cleaned before you arrive and after you leave

Quilters are nothing if not flexible, therefore, any of the above may change if COVID-19 circumstances worsen in our community, or, better yet, improve!

Thanks to all of you for waiting patiently while these decisions were being made. Our greatest hope is to see you all very soon, however, we respect your need to care for yourselves and your loved ones in the way that is best for you.

Blessings to each of you from the TLC quilters group!

Questions? Call Mabel at 403-362-7473



Dear Women of Trinity,

You are all invited to a time of fellowship, praying, seeking discernment and visioning as we go forward in Women's Ministry. Help decide what to let go of, what to keep and to look for new ways to serve our Lord.

We will practice distancing and encourage you to bring your personal refreshment of choice.

Hope to see many of you on **Wednesday, September 16 at 1:00 pm** in the fellowship hall and invite your prayers.



Agape Bible Study

I'm hoping that we can start up our Agape Bible Study this fall. I would love to host outdoors for September, weather permitting, so that we can socially distance without masks for as long as possible. The new study is called...(wait for it)... "Waiting – a Bible Study on Patience, Hope and Trust" written by Sharla Fritz and was ordered PRE-COVID! What a God-incidence!

Let's plan to start **Wed., Sept. 9th at 9:30am** at my home, 47 Westland Acres. Spread the word! I can't 'WAIT' to see you all and to try to rebuild what we have lost.

Call me for information or concerns. 403-362-3515 or text 403-793-7218

Blessings, VAL

**FALL STUDIES for
Children & Youth:
PLEASE READ!**

The summer of 2020 sure looked different around here with no VBS and there was sadness (and some tears shed) in not being able to host this amazing week of God's Word and God's love in Jesus and connect it with many young hearts!

Different yes – but alive still with small mini-camps/movie days that drew kids and youth together and under the direction of our Summer Intern facilitated opportunities for God's Word and God's love in Jesus to connect with many young hearts!

SO that brings us to the Fall and Sunday School/Confirmation/Youth classes and what to do. In prayer and wrestling we are going to proceed slowly, with due attention to the current AHS guidelines for the well being of our family in Christ.

We are faced with hard realities and forced to approach our ministry with new eyes, much

prayer and a willingness to fall on our faces if necessary BUT trusting the Holy Spirit to lead and guide us, pick us up and help us find our way. **FOR FALL:**

Sunday School Classes will resume on **Sunday September 20th in Worship** for ages 4 yrs. - Grade One, and for Grades 2-5. The kids will worship with their families, and leave following Children's Story. Grade 6's will have the option of joining or remaining in Worship. Our Curriculum is SEED from SOLA Publishing.

Jr. Youth: THERE WILL BE NO SUNDAY CLASS FOR THIS AGE GROUP FOR THE FALL. We encourage them and their families to attend Worship together on Sundays at 10 am.

CONFIRMATION CLASS: Resumes Wednesday, Sept. 9, 4:30-6:00 p.m. A New Class will begin later in the Fall. This will serve as a weekly study time for this age group.

Senior Youth (Grades 9-12): **THERE WILL BE NO SUNDAY CLASS**

FOR THIS AGE GROUP ON SUNDAY FOR THE FALL. PLANS ARE UNDERWAY FOR A MID-WEEK DEEPER STUDY (4:30-6:30) TO ALLOW STUDY AND TIME TOGETHER BEGINNING MID-SEPTEMBER. Our youth have been regular in worship and we affirm them in that habit.

We encourage our families to regularly visit our website and our **FAMILY** and **YOUTH** pages to get current updates and info. We will make use of the **REMIND** app regularly so please contact the Office to sign up for it if you are not already.

Please pray for us that we may be open to seek out new ways to connect God's Word and God's love in Jesus with many young hearts in this time of uncertainty – it is our mission and calling to be faithful and trust that God goes before us to make a way!

All of the above will be evaluated and adjusted as we go forward, On behalf of TLC Board of Ed, Pastor Maggie



On behalf of the tenants, Manager and Advisory Board Members of the Champion's Centre our sincere thanks to the Tithe Committee, church Council and the congregation for the generous gift of \$2,500.00. God bless you the way you support the men in our community.



In the picture: Manager-Darcy Dreidger and Board Member-Sharon Reid



Trinity has a blog!

To check it out go to <https://trinitylutheranbrooksblog.wordpress.com/>

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Larry & PeggyAnn Springer	Sept. 01
Mike & Nichole Vincent	Sept. 02
Jason & Erin Roberts	Sept. 03
Jim & Jeanie Culligan	Sept. 04
Earl & Joy Christman	Sept. 05
Blaine & Kari Bolen	Sept. 05
Chris & Aimee Blanch	Sept. 07
Branden & Jade Mitchell	Sept. 08
Jesse & Chantelle Murray	Sept. 14
Travis & Melissa Lutes	Sept. 15
David & Kayla Moore	Sept. 18
Rob & Leiza Clow	Sept. 21
Randy Hofer & Joey Armstrong	Sept. 22
Mark & Melanie Altwasser	Sept. 24
Dallas & Terryn Currie	Sept. 25
Brent Altwasser & Tilly Gamble	Sept. 26
Patrick & Carol Gummeson	Sept. 26
Jayden & Amilyn Harvie	Sept. 27
Matthew & Meagan Erlandson	Sept. 28



SEPTEMBER SENIORS BIRTHDAYS

Steve Schekk	Sept 04
Leonne Stuart	Sept 11
Leta Babb	Sept 15
Faye Altwasser	Sept 17
Dale Ferguson	Sept 17
Sharon Jensen	Sept 18
Raymond Flatla	Sept 20
Renate Jaspersen	Sept 20
Myrtle Ulrichsen	Sept 21
Lorene Nichols	Sept 27
Marie Garthwaite	Sept 28
Don Sandau	Sept 28
Helen Dumontel	Sept 30



If you are a Senior and would like to have your name included on the Seniors' birthday list, please call the church office.

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*The next deadline is
September 24, 2020.*

*“Serve Christ our Lord by
welcoming, equipping
& sending disciples”*

SEPTEMBER 2020

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
		1 8:00 pm AA	2	3 8:00 pm AA/Alanon	4	5
6 10:00 am Worship 11:15 am Communion Service 1:30 pm Church of God Tabernacle Worship	7 Labour Day – Office Closed	8 7:00 pm Deacon's meeting 8:00 pm AA	9 9:30 am Agape Ladies Bible Study 4:30 pm Confirmation class	10 8:00 pm AA/Alanon	11	12
13 10:00 am Outdoor Worship @ Veteran's Park 1:30 pm Church of God Tabernacle Worship	14 4:00 pm Board of Education	15 10:00 am – 3:00 pm Quilting 7:00 pm Council meeting 8:00 pm AA	16 9:30 am Agape Ladies Bible Study 1:00 pm Trinity Lutheran Church Women 4:30 pm Confirmation class	17 8:00 pm AA/Alanon	18	19 8:00 am Highway Cleanup 2:00 pm Pastor Maggie officiating wedding
20 10:00 am Worship with Sunday School 11:15 am Communion Service 1:30 pm Church of God Tabernacle Worship	21	22 10:00 am – 3:00 pm Quilting 8:00 pm AA	23 9:30 am Agape Ladies Bible Study 4:30 pm Confirmation class	24 Trinity Times deadline 8:00 pm AA/Alanon	25	26
27 10:00 am Worship 1:30 pm Church of God Tabernacle Worship	28	29 10:00 am – 3:00 pm Quilting 8:00 pm AA	30 9:30 am Agape Ladies Bible Study 4:30 pm Confirmation class	OFFICE HOURS Mon 11am – 3pm Tue 9am – 3pm Wed 9am – 3pm Thur 9am – 3pm Fri 9am - noon		