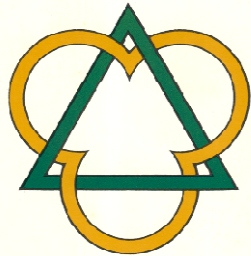


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persons contributed to our salvation. God the Father loved the world and sent his Son to save it. God the Son fulfilled the task by his sacrifice on the cross. God the Holy Spirit worked faith in our hearts to believe it. *Pastor Fred Piepenbrink*

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NEWS IN BRIEF



The Trinity

When I was growing up, the first church I remember being a member of was called Trinity Lutheran Church. The name reflects the incomprehensible

teaching of the Bible that the God of heaven and earth is three persons in one God. What that means is that three distinct, living, divine beings exist who each function and operate independently from each other, and yet they are so united that one must say that there is only one God. The Father is God, the Son is God, and the Holy Spirit is God, but there are not three gods, only one God. If that concept does not register in your mind, don't feel embarrassed. No one can figure it out. It is one of the great mysteries of the Bible. And yet we should not be surprised that our finite minds cannot comprehend the very essence of the infinite God. Indeed, it is a source of comfort to know that the writers of the Bible would present a teaching which they knew didn't make logical sense. They obviously received their message by inspiration of God himself. Every Christian church today teaches the Trinity, and those who do not are outside the Christian faith.

So why is the teaching of the Trinity important? First, this is who God is, and this is how he wishes to be worshiped. In our Lutheran worship services, the Trinity is proclaimed at least four times in our liturgy. Secondly, it confirms the truth that Jesus is true God. When Jesus asked Peter, "Who do you say I am?" Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus said, "You have answered correctly. Upon that confession I will build my church." But thirdly, the teaching of the Trinity inspires us to know that each of the three

Highlights of voter's meeting (June 6, 2021):

Worship

- After reviewing the inactive members still on the church roster, the updated membership statistics are 40 souls and 38 communicants.
- Pastor Henning will begin conducting worship services on July 18. First Lutheran's time for worship will then need to change to 10:45 a.m. instead of 9:30 a.m.
- Pastor Piepenbrink will conduct a four-part sermon series entitled "Character Studies of the Old Testament" starting June 13.

Education

- Bible classes will be postponed until after the summer months. Bible classes and Sunday school will then be held from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Administration

- A copyright license was purchased from OneLicense to allow the printing of liturgy and hymns in the bulletin.
- The new WELS hymnal will be out in the fall of this year. The cost of one pew hymnal is \$24.

Finances

- Contributions for the fiscal year through May are \$51,930. This includes \$12,400 transferred from STV. The budget for the same time period is \$48,000.
- Total expenses for the year to date is \$24,845, leaving a positive balance of \$27,084.
- The current bank balance in the Compass Bank checking account is \$93,162. The balance at AmTrust Bank CD is \$5,941.
- The roofing fund balance is \$20,841.

New business

- The voters chose to resume immediately all pre-Covid worship procedures.
- The Lord's Supper will be offered the first and third Sundays of the month starting July 18.

- The voters chose to eliminate the use of our church facilities by outside groups.

Property

- Thumb Butte Landscaping is providing landscaping services the first and third Tuesdays of the month.
- Gopher holes need to be addressed before mowing starts.
- Patriot Pest Control and Orkin came to give bids for spraying the outside of the church.
- A light in the women’s bathroom needs to be replaced.
- A window in the fellowship hall must be replaced. Someone shot a BB through it.
- We need volunteers to clean the church. A sign-up sheet will be posted next Sunday.

The code has been changed for the lock box outside the fellowship door where the key is stored. If you need to know it, please contact Sharon.

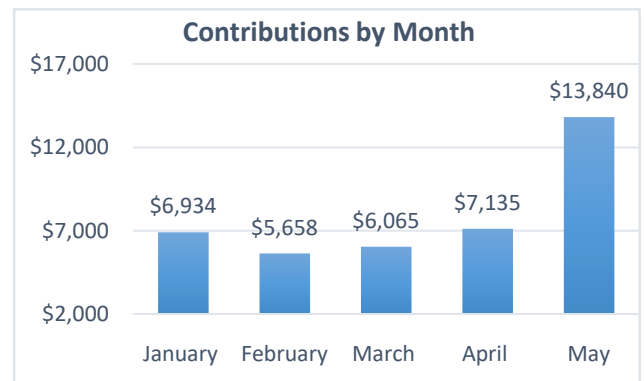
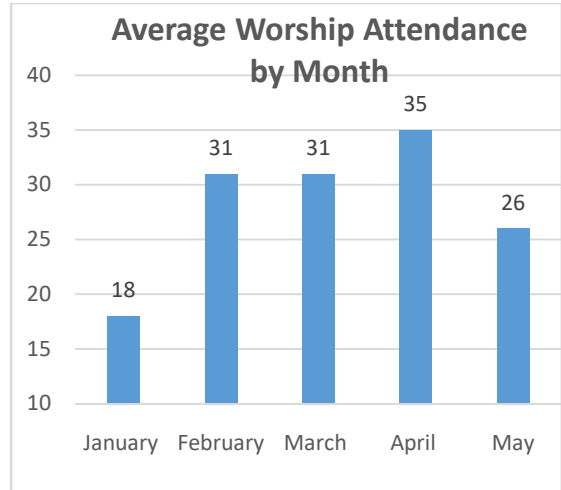
Thanks to all who participated in the potluck at Hope Church May 30 and for bringing your food donation. Fifteen members of First Lutheran attended. Hopefully we all had the opportunity to fellowship with the members of Hope that we did not know and perhaps reacquaint with some old friends we hadn’t seen for a while.

The leaders of our ladies’ group have agreed for the month of June to support and encourage the two missionaries that have been assigned to the Grand Canyon/West Circuit of the LWMS that we are a part of. Our members can send cards or emails to these missionaries and find out more about them by visiting their websites.

- 1) Missionary John Roebke (part of the One Africa Team) Malawi, Africa. Regular mail is very unreliable in Malawi so he does all his correspondence through email. He loves getting emails from people asking about his work or just offering words of encouragement. He is very quick to reply. His email is shepherdroebke@gmail.com. His website is www.oneafricateam.com.
- 2) Pastor Dean Ellis at Crown of Life Lutheran Church in Riverside, CA. Crown of Life is a multi-site congregation with churches in Corona, Yucaipa,

and Victorville, in addition to Riverside. Three pastors serve these 4 churches. The address is: 872 Daffodil Dr., Riverside, CA 92507. His email address is pastorellis@mycrownoflife.com. His website is mycrownoflife.com.

Church Statistics



Schedule: Altar and Communion Set-Up:

Month	Volunteer
June	Diana Piepenbrink
July	Lorraine Johnson
August	Janet Ragan
September	Sharon Radichel
October	Sandy Smith

Birthdays: June

- Pastor Fred Piepenbrink 6/3
- Steven Fischer 6/7
- Juliette Torp 6/8
- Donna Jacobs 6/9
- John Mata 6/23

Wedding anniversary: June

- Bruce and Nancy Cannon 6/15