

Trinity Times

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

February 2019

*"And now
abideth faith, hope, love, these
three, but the greatest of these is
love".*

~ 1 Cor. 13:12-13

During this month of love, this verse seems to be one of the most popular bible verses recited. Why not, this is the month where love is in the air. This verse is a popular verse used in weddings, I even used it at my wedding.

You have to wonder, though, without faith and hope, would there be true love? In order to love completely, we need to have faith that promises made are kept and that we will be accepted as we are. We need to have hope for the future, even though things may not seem that hopeful. When faith and hope fall into place in our hearts, that is when we find true

love.

God promises us that when we have faith in His promises, and hope for the future, we will find His love is more powerful than anything here on earth. Sometimes it is hard to accept the path that God has prepared for us. We need to open our hearts to His path and have faith that He is steering us in the right direction.

During our call process here at Holy Trinity, we need to turn to prayer to ask God to guide us in the path that He has planned for us. We need faith that He has already picked the right person who will fit our needs. We need to have faith that our church leadership will guide us in the right path. With each step taken in the call process, we will grow in our hope of a new future for our church.

As of now, our council is working

on securing an interim Pastor. When that happens, there are several steps that need to be completed before we can form a call committee. Prayerfully consider serving on the call committee if you are asked. Serving on this committee is a very important part in the process.

When everything falls into place, our love for our church, community and our relationship with God will grow in great abundance. Pray for guidance for our church council as they begin the process of calling a new pastor. Have *faith* that they are doing their best, have *hope* that the process will go smoothly, and above all, *love* them unconditionally as they work towards a great future for Holy Trinity.

~Nancy Gipfert



Midwest Theater Production

The Church Basement Ladies are back!! They will be performing "Rise Up, O Men" at the Midwest Theater in Scottsbluff on Tues.

March 19th at 2pm & 7:30 pm.

This is a hilarious musical comedy that takes a peek at the lives of the rural Norwegian Lutherans. Tickets are \$28 but groups of 20+ are \$24. If you are interested, contact Nancy in the office as there is already a group interested in attending. There is a poster in the entryway for more information.

**Holy Trinity's website is: www.holytrinitysidney.com
and our Facebook page is Holy Trinity Lutheran Church.**

You can live stream our services each Sunday if you are unable to attend.

Share with friends and neighbors!

Hope

Hope is a beautiful thing. Like a flower that thrives on sunlight and water, hope relies on the daily sustenance of the word of God, of prayer and of experience shared with others who have received the gift. Hope is an elusive bird to those who have no relationship with God or reservation in eternity. Hope requires more than simply clicking red shoes or crossing our fingers. It is a sweet and magnificent benefit of walking with Christ. Hope looks at all that is true about the present, lifts the circumstances of life into the tender loving hands of God—and exhales in trust. Hope make it possible to live with our feet firmly planted on earth while our hearts and minds are committed to a vision of life that is far bigger than we are.

A new year is like the fresh, crisp page of an untouched journal. We lift our pen to the first day. This year will hold unexpected joys and sorrows, moment of faith and fear, wishes fulfilled and dreams abandoned.

There is much we do not know. But there is much we do know with absolute assurance. We know that God is in control and that his heart is good and merciful toward us. We know that we are not alone. We know that everything that happens in our lives and in the lives of those we love has already passed through our Father's hands. And we know that we are loved.

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Gretchen Emerson
Congregational Care Director

**If there is an emergency and you are in need of pastoral care while we are awaiting our interim pastor, please call the office or Steve Miller at 308-249-0832.
We have Pastors who are willing to step in when needed.**



Breakfast club will be meeting
February 3rd & 17th at
Grandma Jo's at 8:00 am.
All youth grades 7-12 are
welcome to attend. We discuss
topics that the youth pick and
have had wonderful turnouts
each time we meet.
Plan on joining us!!



Young at Heart will meet
Wednesday Feb. 13th at noon
for a pot luck and fellowship.
Anyone 60 or older is invited to
attend!

**CONFIRMATION
CLASS WILL MEET ON
FEBRUARY 3RD AT 4:30PM AT
THE CHURCH. DINNER WILL BE
SERVED!**



**Bingo Feb. 11th
@ 2:00 pm,
at SRMC
Extended Care**



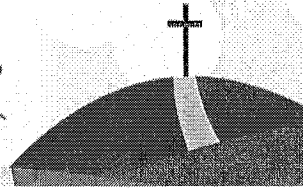
FAMILY FUN NIGHT FOR FEBRUARY

Watch your mail for
details about this
month's
Family Fun Night on
February 17th at 5:00
PM!!



For the month of February and through Lent, we will be participating in the ELCA's 40 days of Giving campaign. Essentially, we are being asked to set a monetary goal to raise during Lent that will be given to the fight against world hunger. \$2 per day is more than what 10 percent of people around the globe live on. An individual gift of this amount can help those facing hunger and poverty, and setting it aside is a powerful reminder of what our neighbors face. We have set a goal of \$500 to raise through our Noisy offering. If you would like to set a personal goal of giving during that time, you can give to the ELCA's campaign by marking on your giving envelope "ELCA 40 days" or you can give directly to their website, ELCA.org/40days.

ELCA World Hunger's
40 DAYS of Giving



Refresh Update

Our basement is slowly getting updated. New paint, light fixtures and flooring have been installed. We are waiting on new countertops and the main hall will be complete. Next project will be making the two small bathrooms into one big handicap accessible bathroom.

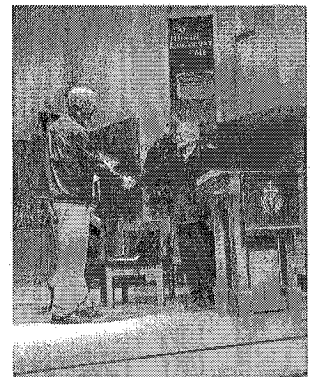
Pastors office has received a new coat of paint and new carpet has been laid. Thank you to everyone who has helped in any way to get these projects done!!

Lent

Lent begins on March 6th with Ash Wednesday. Once again this year we will be having our soup supper beginning at 5:30 pm before our Wednesday evening service which will start at 6:30pm. Be on the lookout for a sign up sheet to serve at the service and to provide food for the soup suppers.



Congratulations to Craig Brauer for receiving the "Walking on Water" award for stepping out of the box and working on our video production set up.



★ Thank You! ★ THANK YOU! ★

To my church family; Thank you to everyone who attended my surprise birthday party and for the birthday wishes from all of you. It was a very special day, all day, and some people are really good at keeping secrets! Thanks again for making that day very special and especially for letting my family use the church which made it even more special. Thanks to Nancy who is really good at keeping secrets! May all of you have a really great year as we go forward together. ~Gretchen Emerson

Anne and I would like to thank everyone for their gifts and cards at Christmas time and on our last Sunday. We would also like to thank those who helped us as we loaded the truck to move. We are very appreciative. We are getting settled at our new church home in Columbus. ~Pastor Dave

Thank you to the church for the great time with our grandkids at the movie "The Star". We all enjoyed the movie! ~Tom & Pam Nelson, Corbin and Reese

SHROVE PANCAKE FEED

The Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Lodgepole will be hosting a shrove pancake feed March 5th, from 5-7 pm.

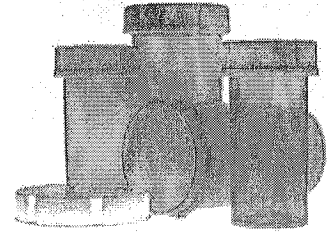
They will be serving pancakes, eggs, sausage, milk, coffee, and orange juice. In addition they will be having drawings for Give-a-ways and raffles. All are welcome to attend.



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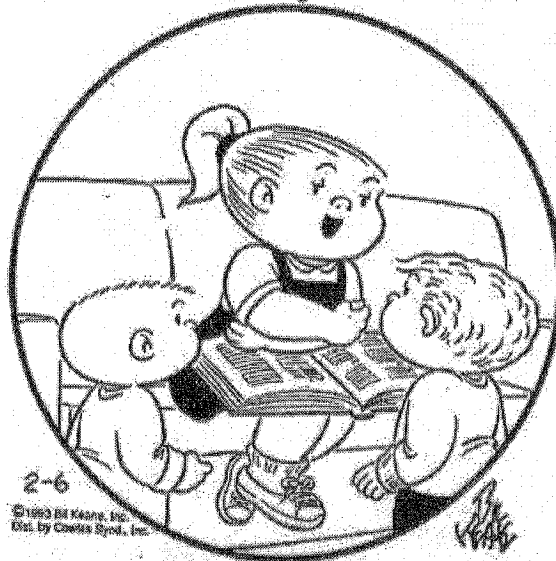
We are still collecting empty, clean pill bottles to be shipped to the Matthew 25 Ministries to be recycled. This is an ongoing project.

The container is in the Trinity Center.



THE FAMILY CIRCUS

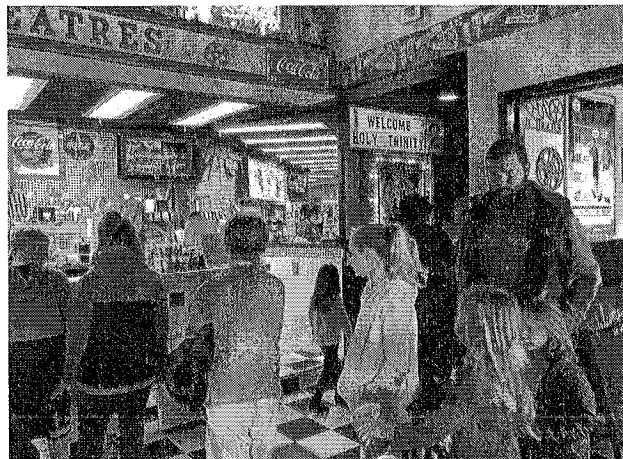
By Bil Keane



"Heaven is a great big hug that lasts forever."

FUN SUNDAY NIGHTS FOR JANUARY

Sixty plus people of all ages enjoyed a free movie, "The Star" at the Fox Theater in Sidney. Concessions were also provided by the church. Thank you to Beth & Joyelle for planning this outing and for the Fox Theater for hosting us.





Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Worship Servers for February 2019

SUNDAY WORSHIP IS AT 9:30 AM	Feb. 3 9:30 AM	Feb. 10 9:30 AM	Feb. 17 9:30 AM	Feb. 24 9:30 AM
Worship Ass't	Rece Herboldsheimer	Hannah Kennedy	Deana Winkelman	Molly Highby
Ushers	Craig Herboldsheimer, Tom Biggs, Jerome Frei, Tom Rosdail	Kurt Brauer, Jim Engert, Nathan Kennedy, Kelsey Pettit	Pat Finney, Gordy Stitt, Tom Nelson, Tom Birner	Carter & Harrison Kokjer, Norm Stevens, Larry Witters
Acolytes	Mayson Rowan Cydalee Ryder	Ava Witte, Madelyn Kennedy	Nicole Birner, Cloe Ahrens	Lyle & Connor Schumacher
Tech Team	Craig Brauer David Roop	Bryan & Laurie Herboldsheimer	Ron & Seth Studnicka	Steve & Blake Miller
Greeters	Roger & Hanna Franzen	Rodger & Betty Sauder	Dorothy Schoonover Dee Schnell	Larry & Dola Witters
Reader	Becky Rowan	Ginny Herboldsheimer	Molly Highby	Clara Kokjer
HC Servers	Barb Meier, Tammy Meier	Delores Stevens, Ginny Herboldsheimer	Michelle Studnicka, Cindy Birner	Tammy Miller Delores Stevens
Prayer Station	Leslie Biggs,	Shannon Cowan, Betty Sauder	Linda Berlage,	Barb Meier, Rece Herboldsheimer
Children's Time	Marshall Bowan	Joyelle Kennedy	Deana Winkelman	Molly Highby
Organist/ Keyboardist	Carla Brauer	Sonia Havorka	Sonia Havorka	Carla Brauer
Counters	Marcia Morrison	Laurie & Ginny Herboldsheimer	Linda Highby, Katherine Weisbrook	Steve Miller/Keo Ogle
Altar Guild	Jan Knicely/Traci Saali	Jan Knicely/Traci Saali	Jan Knicely/Traci Saali	Jan Knicely/Traci Saali
Hospitality Table Hosts	Barb Meier	Server Needed	Molly Highby	Deana Winkelman

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Monthly Planner

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