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**“Trinity exists to minister in our community by sharing the**

**saving grace that we have received through Jesus Christ.”**

Dear friends in Christ our Refuge in every storm,

 I received a free book at the Doxology Conference I attended last Spring titled Christ and Calamity by Harold Senkbeil. In the introduction, it says that the book was well into the writing before the Covid pandemic hit, but that a special chapter had to be written to summarize the worldwide effect this virus has had upon societies around the world. With daily changes in information, we find ourselves in a storm of uncertainty for our future days. When will we return to normal?

 But the book goes on to say, “this is not a book about the coronavirus or the Covid 19 pandemic. It’s a book about you -- and where your life intersects with your Savior in every step of life. It’s about your faith in a Christ who has promised to be with you as a refuge in every calamity. You see, it’s not the amount of our faith, but the “object of our faith,” the One who says: “Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you and you will glorify Me.” Psalm 50:15

 Some of the chapters of Pastor Senkbeil’s book intrigued me: “When you are weak, Christ is your strength,” “When you are sad, Christ is your joy,” “When you are in darkness, Christ is your light,” “When you are dying, Christ is your life.” It helps us to see the victory of Christ in every circumstance. “We are more than conquerors through Him who loved us!”

 One of the mysteries of the Christian faith is the role of suffering in our faith journey. The book of Job leaves us asking, “Why did this man have to suffer so when he was a good and righteous man. Our suffering is directly tied to the suffering of our Savior, who suffered all that we might be saved. In our suffering through calamity, we learn that He does not forsake His children, but invites us to find refuge for our bodies and souls in His infinite mercy He gives His children.

 **“Christ, Our Refuge**

 **and Strength”**

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May we ever find a safe harbor in the arms of our Savior. We come to Him in time of calamity, but we also find great pleasure in His presence when all is well because where Christ is, “it is well with my soul!” Let us pray:

**Lord Jesus, You know the deep places through which our lives must go: Help us when we enter them, to lift our eyes to You. Help us to be patient when we are afflicted, to be humble when we are in distress, and grant that the hope of Your mercy may never fail us, and the consciousness of Your lovingkindness may never be clouded or hidden from our eyes; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Around the Circuit ~ You are invited to join the installation of Rev. Robert Hauter as pastor of St. Peter’s Lutheran Church, Monte Vista on Sunday, October 10, at 4:00 pm.

~ In Jesus’ Name, Pastor

**BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES**

**NAVIGATORS BIBLE STUDY** continues on Sundays, following worship, led by Randy Daberkow. All are invited to join us! We are studying 1 Thessalonians.

**WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY** will begin Wednesday evening, October 6th at 6:30pm, in the Church basement. We are studying “Lifelite Series, 1st, 2nd & 3rd John”. This is a nine week series and all are invited to join us each week. For more information, please email Jon Bush at Jonophiclide\_tuba@gmail.com

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**JOIN US FOR WORSHIP**

**Saturday Evening 5:30pm**

**Sunday Morning 9:00am**

**TRINITY EARLY LEARNING ACADAEMY NEWS**

Happy Fall, Y’all! Our first month of school is behind us, and I am happy to leave the challenges it brought behind us. We are excited to take advantage of the unique learning opportunities presented by the new season-from life cycles, weather, and food to Halloween, it will be an exciting month! Now that the children have gotten comfortable in their new school schedule and routine, we will introduce our Letter of the Week lessons in October. Early childhood research tells us that letter formation in a specific writing sequence results in less frustration and easier acquisition for children, so we will begin writing letters (capital) that are made with vertical and horizontal lines first: 10/4-F, 10/11-T, 10/18-L, and 10/25,H. (Note: while we will begin with WRITING capital letters, consideration is given to the unique abilities of each child. Children will also be exposed to lower case letters and those that are developmentally ready will be encouraged to write both.) We can’t wait to join “the big kids” from the school side for a fun-filled day at the Pumpkin Patch on the 15th, and meet and greet lots of folks at the Trunk or Treat event on the 30th! Grace and Peace to All! ~ JoAnn Collins, Director

**TRUNK OR TREAT!**: Our school will be hosting a “Trunk or Treat” on Saturday, October 30th from 5:00pm-6:00pm. All are invited to come decorate your car and hand out treats to all of our Trick-or-Treaters! Invite your friends and family to come attend. A Trunk or Treat Trophy will be given to the People’s Choice of Best Decorated Trunk.

**GIFT BIBLES** were given to our 3rd/4th grade students recently at the service they attended. May God bless Maverick Aggson, Jacob Ahlin-Pineda, Grayson Baldwin, Jackson Blasing, Shania McKissick, Brianna Resendez, Zachary Resendez and Katherine Ruff as they use their Bibles for many years, to learn of their Savior, Jesus!

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** has resumed on Sunday mornings following worship at 10:15am to 11:00am, for ages preschool to fifth grade. If you have any thoughts or questions about Sunday School, please do not hesitate to contact me. God's Blessings, Mia Harberts

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**NEWCOMERS to Trinity** will be officially welcomed on Sunday, October 31st. This is a very special time where we meet those who have joined our Trinity family over the past year, and tell them how happy we are to have them here. Plans are still in the making. Please watch your bulletins and emails for further information.

**REMINDER:** <https://www.trinitylutheranpueblo.org> is Trinity’s website, where you can go to see important news and information about our church, school and early learning center. You may also go to the bottom of our home page on the right, select the yellow Donate button to make your contributions. Your faithfulness in this act of worship is deeply appreciated!Please call the church office for more information.

**NEWS ABOUT OUR PEOPLE**

Our prayers have been with the following members and friends who have been ill and/or hospitalized: Joey Vigil, Rick Young, Paul, Catherine Coffey, Kathryn Florez, Amy Huth, Evelyn Daberkow, Harriet Avis, Ty Butcher, Ken Beeman, Melanie Trujillo, Julie Eggert, Kathy Taylor, Frank & Joyce Michelli, Larry Graham, Cash Blanchfield, Lucille Cochran, Jacob Freeman, Mickey McBee, Wilbert Lutz, Adella Schmidt, Helen Koncilia, Sophia DeSalvo, Earl Schwalm, Jeanive Solheim, Sara McBee, and Jerry Dockendorf. May God continue to strengthen and heal them. We rejoice with Terry and Debby Daberkow as God has blessed them with the precious gift of a baby granddaughter, Vivi Lynn Cebella Marcum. May God bless this His “little one” and her family. We rejoiced with Earl and Marlene Graves as they celebrated 57 years of marriage. May our God of Love continue to bless them with happiness.

 **OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS**

2 – Sophia Wiggins

 4 – Brad Gerler

 Earl Schwalm

 6 – Ayla Klopp

 Kathryn Taylor

 7 – Chris Brunner

 Shari Heun

 Kacia Vigil

 12 – Carrie Fetty

 13 – Gary Gray

 16 – Ethan Beeman

 Cleo Day

 18 – Natalie Clayton

 Mark Mayes

 31 – Maverick Aggson

**PLEASE NOTE**: Pastor Bolt will be out of the office from October 20th through the 22nd as he attends the Pastor’s conference in Breckenridge. We will have a guest Pastor the weekend of the 23rd & 24th as Pastor Bolt will be officiating a wedding out of town.