

- 1980-1986 John Paul Meyer
Motto: Bring them in, build them up, send them out. Organization personified, Good Bible Study teacher. Trinity was blessed with increased numbers and participation in Sunday School, Midweek school and Vacation Bible School during Pastor Meyer's tenure.
- 1982-1987 Dick Hilgendorf, former missionary from Papua New Guinea. Dick assisted Pastor John Paul Meyer with Bible studies and visitations. Dick was commissioned by Rocky Mountain District to survey homes in Del Norte, South Fork and Creede to ascertain a need for a church. As a result, a worship service was started both in South Fork and in Creede. The services in South Fork were discontinued when Dick left, but Creede still has worship in the summer, served by pastors from Pagosa Springs and Monte Vista. Trinity had always had two small trees in the chancel for Christmas. Upon his suggestion, Marty Heimsoth and his Christmas tree crew cut a live tree 25' tall. Dick also wrote and directed a Christmas play for the Sunday School students that involved staging the birth of Jesus pageant outside and filming it with a video. The students had to memorize their lines. It was then presented to the congregation on Christmas Eve. He organized a talent night we very much enjoyed. Mrs. Meyer dressed as a 'flapper' and played ragtime on the piano. Sean Austin and Steve Weinhold did a skit from Spike Jones "Wyatt Earp, he makes me burp". Dick soldered a dime on a big safety pin and presented it to our AAL representative, Chuck Hast, a dime-ond pin in appreciation for his services.
- End of 1986-1987 Pastor Walter N. Wangerin served as our interim pastor. 'Doc', as he was affectionately called, had retired from teaching. He served as President of Concordia University in Edmonton, Canada and then was a professor at Concordia Teachers College, Riverforest, Illinois. Doc also worked in Hong Kong and other places overseas. The last 'working years' were served as vacancy pastor, but he continued teaching Bible studies in his home until his death in Dec.2007 at age 90. When he came as our vacancy pastor, he stipulated that he needed to be at Trinity thru Easter. The Lenten services had as many members attending as Sunday morning. Easter morning April 19, 1997 we went to the sunrise service at 6:30am. We entered the church with the traditional expectation, only this time it was different. EVERYTHING was just as we left it in silence on Good Friday. No music was playing, the altar was bare, all the black drapes were still in place; the paraments, the drape on the big cross and the wooden cross. It was silent. The feeling was someone had died. We sat in silence for a while. Then using a microphone from the back of the church, Pastor Wangerin started a responsive reading that took up where we had left off Good Friday with Jesus being taken down from the cross, laid in the tomb, the tomb sealed, the women coming to the tomb, the

stone being rolled away, and the angels' announcement. "He is Risen."

HE HAD KEPT HIS PROMISE!

And with that - all the lights were flipped on, the organ began playing "Jesus Christ is Risen Today", and the LWML women began filing down the aisle. Sherrie Hagedorn had a stick with a clasp on the end she used to pull the black drape off the big cross exposing a beautiful spray of white lilies. She did the same with the black drape on the wooden cross, also exposing a spray of white lilies, and the ladies started taking off the black paraments and replacing them with white, putting the gold missal, gold candlesticks, and communion ware on the altar, filling the chancel area with white lilies all the while we were singing "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today". One experienced the RESURRECTION.

1987-1996

Dave Bloedel

Remembered particularly for his care and compassion for the elderly. Two days before Esther Houser died, he drove from Carpinteria, California to Bakersfield, California where Esther had been spending the winter with her daughter, Judith Houser Gritz. Pastor Bloedel sat next to her bed for 3 hours reminiscing, singing hymns, and reading scripture. What a blessing.

1997-2017

Karl Wright

Pastor Karl came as an interim Pastor for a year before he accepted the call as our full-time Pastor. In Bible Study, the very first Sunday he was here, he went around the room and asked everyone their name and favorite religious holiday. There were about 13 of us. Werth Hage said "My favorite holiday is Easter; Lent is finally over. Why does Lent have to be so long?" :) and by then, Pastor Karl knew everybody's name. He has a unique ability to remember people's names and events. A great Bible Study teacher and a caring and compassionate person.

2006-2013

Griff Pritchard

A second-career Pastor, who was an oral surgeon from 1971 to 1995 in Illinois. Pastor Griff was a tremendous people person who could always make you laugh. He got his Master of Divinity at Lincoln Christian Seminary where he attended from 1986 to 1997. Then on to Concordia Theological Lutheran Seminary in Ft. Wayne, IN, so he could become a pastor in the Lutheran Church. His had a Trinitarian Ordination at his church in Peoria, IL. And, just in case you are wondering what a Trinitarian Ordination is.....the church was so large that it had three services and so he was ordained all over at all three services so all the congregation could take part in it.

2015-Present

Jason K. Cody

Our current pastor is young, energetic, alive, and fun. He has a beautiful family of 10 children, a 19-year-old to a newborn. His Bible studies are informative, encouraging, and inspiring. He preaches God's word and makes it relevant to our lives. His sermons are so memorable, not just an hour later, but throughout the week.

EPILOGUE BY PASTOR CODY

As time passes and seasons change the church continues on! After all, we have our Lord's promise in Matthew 16 that the gates of Hell will not prevail against the church. We have His promise!! Our Lord and Savior Jesus will protect and guard His church against the powers of evil at work in our world.

WHAT A CELEBRATION!! It is truly a blessed day when a local church celebrates any anniversary, but especially an anniversary of **100** years!

On this monumental occasion for Trinity we recall that it is the Lord Jesus' work we truly celebrate. He was born into our world, lived for us, and died for us on the cross. He resurrected on the first Easter to save us all and ascended into the heavens to rule and send His Holy Spirit to be our own seal of salvation. He daily and richly forgives our sins, and promises His return to bring us home to the place He is preparing for us. He at the same time never leaves us. We truly serve a magnificent God!

There have been many pastors and members of Trinity, teachers, and untold volunteers who have served God at Trinity with their time and talents over the last 100 years. Yet, the most amazing remarks acknowledge that it was also God at work through each set of hands, each step, and each thought that has gone into Trinity's existence and perseverance.

As time has passed, there have undoubtedly been incredible challenges that have faced Trinity Lutheran Church and School. However, through the faith God gives His people, He has triumphed to this day 100 year later. This wonderful day we celebrate with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven. Together, we laud and magnify HIS glorious name this day, January 19, A.D. 2019. Amen.

Pastor Jason K. Cody
Trinity Lutheran Church and School

100 YEARS OF GRACE AND MERCY

ITINERARY FOR
THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF
TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
for

SUNDAY, JANUARY 20, 2019

9:00 AM Fellowship with coffee, cocoa, hot cider, and sweet rolls

10:00 AM Celebration Worship Service, Communion,
and Dedication of new hymnals.

Followed by Potluck dinner in the fellowship hall
where there can be viewing of all the previous pictures,
histories, and anything else pertaining to Trinity.

Due to the inclement weather here in the valley
during the winter months, it was decided to have
a second celebration for the 100th in June when
the out-of-towners would be able to make the trip.

Therefore, the June 22 & 23, 2019 celebration
schedule is listed on the next page:

CELEBRATE WITH US AS WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

ITINERARY FOR THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

SATURDAY, JUNE 22, 2019 AND SUNDAY, JUNE 23, 2019

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

June 22, at Trinity

9:00 AM	Welcome Morning Prayers
9:30 – 11:30	Reception, Visiting Coffee, Juices, Sweet Rolls
11:45	Midday Prayers
12:00	Lunch on your own, tour Alamosa, free time
3:30	At Trinity – Visiting, Social reacquainted time
5:45	Vespers
6:00	Catered dinner (prepaid reservations) Former Pastors, Members sharing Memories, Group Pictures
8:45	Compline (Evening Worship Service)

Sun. June 23 at Trinity

8:45 AM	Bible Study
10:00	Celebration Service and Communion
11:30	Fellowship Time 100 th Anniversary Cake Fruit and Cheese