



# TRINITY NEWSLETTER JULY 2011

**YOUR KINGDOM COME, BUT YOUR WILL BE DONE....**

## **INTRODUCTION**

Wonder what I /you would have done if we were God? It probably would have been long game over. Yet, now we struggle between: Can I/we remain faithful-it is taking so long and maybe we worry, but what about those who still did not repent? Fortunately God can juggle grace to His witnesses and to the hard-hearted. So let His will be done and let us abide and trust Him.

You will be sad/glad to know that this will be the last newsletter in the current form. As promised our website had a revamp and as of August new positive forces will be present and visible. This will also be the case with the newsletter. New capable (hu) manpower has come on board with zeal to take this ministry forward.

Blessed is the one who reads this letter.

### **1. NO-ONE LIKE HIM!**

*But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord, Jesus Christ (1Cor 15:57).*

Around us so much apparently points to the fact that God is not in charge. Everywhere the media yells it out on billboards and posters! Why is His kingdom in tatters and in so much pain, the faithful wants to know. This baffle us, frustrate us and lead to much confusion and despair as our witness are compromised and rendered ineffective by these apparent realities.

The spiritual input for this week (Mark 13:24 ff.) does not deny this confusion, but overrides the despair. There is a reason to this, which is known and a plan of action to straighten the situation. Lack of action is not equal to lack of power and in ability to stop evil. It is part of the strategy to rectify the situation.

“Weeds” are permitted to undermine God’s kingdom, but not indefinitely. Action will be swift and directed with military precision when the call is made. It is just a matter of time, time for repentance and to read the signs. A time to change allegiances, whilst it is still possible and join the right ranks of the victors.

Be smart and act with discretion. Do not allow yourself to be misused in weakening the establishment of the kingdom of God. Choose life, choose the good, and forsake the evil.

*He who testifies to these things says, “Yes I am coming soon.” Amen Come. Lord Jesus.*

**Prayer:**

*Therefore my dear brother/sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labour in the Lord is not in vain. (1Cor. 1: 58).*

## **2. TRINITY SUNDAYS DEDICATED TO UPLIFTING FAMILY VALUES (TAKE 2)**

What is the modern family exposed to? What influences reach my children and what do my children transmit to their peers? O, what interesting times we are living in=what difficult times we are living in!

This is your opportunity to establish God's kingdom in your home-the nucleus of influence with consequences far beyond its scope. Let us try to do what we can because, Happy families are happy communities are happy nations as the song goes. Let us seek what makes for true lasting happiness. And prayer should be at the core of this or else it is all a power game that will not last.

This Trinity Season please pray for one another and that families can survive the onslaught. Please pray for your leaders, but also the struggling single mother who tries her best to raise her kids.

### **3. VIVA! LABOURERS IN THE VINEYARD!**

We have the pleasure to announce the expansion of the COD workforce with three young and dynamite vicars who will be ordained on **Sunday 24 July in Kimberley**. They are **Charlton Broekstein, Mandisa Mbiza and Alison Williams** who will commit themselves to the Lord. Please intercede constantly on their behalf that the Holy Spirit will utilize them mightily to establish God's kingdom on earth.

Gratitude is expressed to God for their perseverance and protection and to everyone who contributed to this milestone in their lives over the years.

### **4. WORDS OF COMFORT**

*I waited in silence... Have you ever been there? Perhaps for you it was the tragic death of child or spouse that plunged you into the desolate desert of God's absence. Maybe it was a crisis in marriage or vocation, or a failure in business. It may have been none of these. There may have been no dramatic event at all--you simply slipped from the warm glow of intimate communion to the icy cold of... nothing.*

*The soul is parched, and thirsty, and this thirst can lead us to prayer.*

*Maybe I have forgotten to fetch the water of life and food for my soul in prayer from Him...*

*(Extracts from Prayer for the Forsaken by St John of the Cross- the rest can be Googled)*

## **5. SOMETHING NEW....FB.**

Please be informed that our Website now has a brand new **Face book (FB)** page. This is geared to the youth and all young at heart to interact with other Lutherans on questions and views.

From my side I would like you to react and inform us where we need to be more (pro) active in serving Lutherans in the COD better. Thus where can we improve our ministry? This is an exercise in critical thinking, which is acceptable, yet let us please refrain from (personal)references to persons/groups and specific congregations/areas.

Furthermore, talents and gifts vary so leave room for the Holy Spirit to meet us where we are and then gear us in HIS direction at HIS discretion and timing.

On the other hand, if you only want to thank Revs Standaar and Manong plus Br. D.Prins and Sandra Voster for the website initiatives that too will be appreciated. So let's get typing!

## **6. COD GEARS FOR NETWORK FUSION.**

What in the world is he trying to say? "LOL"

Sorry, this is just me having my moment to thank the COD Executive and related members for excellent preparatory work to procure a laptop for each parish. This will facilitate speedy communication and connection to the DC Office, but also all the other parishes, partners and groups.

The Pomeranian Church is specifically thanked for supporting the realization of this dream. May God's continuous blessings be evident in your lives everyday!

Now it is up to you to secure your parish email address and meet the T&C's so that the fireworks can begin.

## **7. NOTICE**

**Young Adults League Diocesan Rally** will take place at St Johannes parish, Bloemfontein on the 31 July 2011. "*Theme: Claim your space*"

So what are you waiting for?

## **8. WAITING ON GOD.... (A DOUBLE TWIST)**

*When life knocks you off your feet, it's time to go on your knees. ( Fred Beck)*

*Someone who kneels regularly, will remain on his feet (Roy B. Zug)*

## **9. HAVE YOUR SAY....**

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