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Trinity Lutheran Church is a caring community that welcomes, prepares and encourages all people to be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ

February 2012 ~ Newsletter

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Email: office@trinityalive.com
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OFFICE HOURS:

Mon-Fri 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

WORSHIP SERVICES:

Saturday 6:30 pm

Sunday 8:30 am

11:00 am

All services include Holy Communion

Sunday School 9:45 – 10:45 am

(September through May)

PASTOR:

Pastor Joel Benson
Senior Pastor

Rev. Bob Newpher
Interim Pastor

AARON MINISTERS:

Diane Petrak 724-355-1003

Kay Wharton 724-287-4472

STAFF:

Lynne Hasychak

.....Administrative Assistant

Dean & Elsie Sarvey

.....Sextons

Karen O'Donnell

.....Chancel Choir Director

Jessica Sanzotti

Choir Accompanist

Patsy Ann Johnson

.....Bell Choir Director

Pam Scott

.....Saturday Organist

Ingrid Beute

.....Sunday Organist

Guidelines for Commitment in this New Year

In his second letter to the Corinthians, the apostle Paul outlined ten guidelines for commitment and giving. These have been very helpful to many people for many years.

1. Give yourself (2 Corinthians 8:5) - If giving does not begin with the dedication of ourselves, it does always include such a dedication.
2. Excel in giving (2 Corinthians 8:7) – Paul urged the Christians at Corinth to excel in three things: faith, love and giving.
3. Let Christ be your example (2 Corinthians 8:9) – He was the supreme giver. We are his followers.
4. Put your faith to work (2 Corinthians 8:11) – Don't just talk about faith. Act on your faith.
5. Respond proportionately with a percentage of your income (2 Corinthians 8:12) – "As the Lord has blessed us." Tithers are often happy people.
6. Give what is honorable in God's sight (2 Corinthians 8:12) – God is to be honored in all things.
7. Give what is honorable in the sight of others (2 Corinthians) – Our giving is an expression of our faith. It is a witness to others.
8. Give as an expression of your love (2 Corinthians 9:6) – Paul encourages us to let our giving show our love.
9. Giving can lead to blessing (2 Corinthians 9:6) – This should not be our highest motive. It is a promise of God, and the experience of many Christians.
10. Christians ought to give cheerfully (2 Corinthians 9:7) – When we do give cheerfully, we are blessed indeed.

Blessings ~

Pastor Bob Newpher

Council Meeting Highlights

Jan. 16, 2011

The Treasurer's Report from Sandra Huey reflected a year end gain of \$3,716 against a budgeted gain of \$0. Income was \$47,195 less than planned but expenses were under budget by \$50,911.

The Worship and Music Committee reported that the Christmas manger scene will need to be replaced. George Armstrong will be substituting for Ingrid Beute as our organist for the last Sunday of each month.

Marsha Doerr has agreed to serve on the Daycare Board, reporting to the Congregation Council.

The Stewardship Committee is looking at ways to match the skills of various parishioners to volunteer opportunities within the church. To date they have identified over 65 different volunteer opportunities.

Karen O'Donnell was recognized for her outstanding work in leading the choir, and will be asked by Council to work with Pastor Benson to envision an expanded music program.

Butler's Children and Youth Services was the recipient of the "hats and mittens ministry" proceeds this year.

The Council focused attention on the logistics for the Recognition and Farewell planned for Pastor Pierotti on January 21st, the Annual Meeting scheduled for January 29th, Trinity has been asked to host the Synod Conference on March 13th – volunteers are being sought to coordinate, and Pastor Benson's Installation is scheduled for February 19th.

The Council will discuss a replacement for Rick Weber on the Audit Committee in February. He has completed his term in that capacity.

Half of the Lenten folder proceeds will be designated for Katie's Kitchen. They are in need of funds to keep the operation solvent.

Thank you notes are being prepared for the following:
-Joey Hertzog who sang Ave Maria at the 4PM Christmas Eve service as well as the service on January 8

-Janet and Barry Flecken, Mary Baxter, Tony Michael, Jeremy Michael, Les Houston, and Terri Laborie for their work painting the halls downstairs. This effort is ongoing and other volunteers are surfacing as the task progresses. Bill Smith has also been instrumental installing badly needed shelving.

-Lynne Hasychak, Alice O'Brien, Linda Cunningham, Sandra Huey, Sue Switzer and Barbara Gilbert (Bev Ludlum's sister) for their assistance with the reception for Pastor Benson January 7. Bev Ludlum coordinated this effort.

The next Council Meeting will be held February 20 and newly elected Council members will be welcome although their terms do not begin until April.

Respectfully submitted by Sue Switzer, Council Secretary

INCOME & EXPENSE REPORT		Month End	Same Month
Income & Expenses thru >>>>		12/31/11	Last Year
Income	We Budgeted:	357,886	\$335,912
	We Received:	<u>310,691</u>	
	Received UNDER Budget:	\$ 47,195	
Expense	We Budgeted:	357,886	\$333,334
	We Spent:	<u>306,975</u>	
	Spent is UNDER Budget by:	\$ 50,911	
Gain/ Loss	We Budgeted a GAIN of:	\$ 0	\$2,578
	Our Actual GAIN was:	\$ 3,716	AHEAD
Budget by:		\$ 3,716	

Council Members

Scott Petrak	President	724-482-2039
Joe Rothbauer	Vice President Property	724-789-7320
Sue Switzer	Secretary	724-284-9542
John Kepple	Finance	724-234-3735
Jim Klein	Outreach	724-865-2603
Bev Ludlum	Personnel	724-482-2812
Open	Fellowship	
Rick Weber	Worship & Music	724-285-3748
Steve Rodgers	Social Ministry	724-282-2501
Stephanie Slezak	Parish Ed	724-421-7562
Open	Youth Ministry	
Don Wyman	Stewardship	724-285-8199
Sandra Huey	Congregational Treasurer	724-283-0427
Justin Rickert Christian Valecko	Youth Representatives	



WE WELCOME
 Pastor Joel Benson,
 his wife Mindy
 and children Adam & Mara

We look forward to our time together!



*Todd Slezak and
 Family
 on the death of
 Todd's father*



**Hospitalized this
 past month were:**

- Linda Beverage
- Gary Collar
- Dottie Daller
- Debbie Green
- Dawn Maurice
- Kitty O'Donnell



Prayer Chain Ministry

- Chairman: Day Calls.....8 am – 6 pm
 Carole Henderson.....724-283-7585
- Co-Chairman: Evening Calls.....6 – 11 pm
 Pam Miller.....724-482-4105
- Email Chairman:.....Anytime
 Lisa Blackburn.....partyanimallis@yahoo.com
- Emergencies.....Anytime
 Pastor Tom.....724-355-9933

Don't forget prayer requests can also be put on the board in the Narthex.



Worship Services will be held at
 12:00 noon & 7:00 pm
 Both Services will include Holy Communion
 & Imposition of Ashes



Food Cupboard

Items being collected in January are:

Paper Products

- Toilet Tissue
- Kleenex
- Paper Towels
- Etc.

Items can be placed in the Narthex.



Trinity's 100th Anniversary "Time Yet to Come"

In conjunction with Trinity's 100th Anniversary, "Time Yet to Come". We have been having trivia questions in the bulletin each week, with the answer given the following week. This is a great way to learn and appreciate the past 100 years of Trinity Lutheran Church.

Sept. 11 - Where and when was Trinity's first Sunday school held?

Sept. 17 - Answer: In a vacant house at 533 Carbon St. on June 23, 1912.

Sept. 25 - Where was the original location of Trinity in Butler and what is there now?

Oct. 2 - Answer: 3rd & Brady Streets (901 E. Brady St.) and today it is the site of the Butler Memorial Hospital parking garage.

Oct. 9 - When was Trinity organized?

Oct. 16 - Answer: Sept. 1, 1912 and at that time the name Trinity Lutheran Church was chosen.

Oct. 23- What is the date of the Charter and how many people signed it?

Oct. 30- Answer: It was signed on October 23, 1912, with 35 members signing it.

Nov. 6 - When was the church built at 3rd and Brady Streets and how much did it cost?

Nov. 13 - Answer: The property was purchased from George, Annie & Isabella White for \$1,500. The summer and fall of 1912 a frame building 70 x 35 feet was erected at a cost of \$4,500. The congregation had Mission help from the Women's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the Pittsburgh Synod. The dedication was Sept. 1, 1912.

Nov. 20 - What year was the original building raised 5' and veneered with light brown stone and stain glass windows (our present windows) at a cost of \$3,500.

Nov. 27 - Answer: It was dedicated October 19, 1924. The interior walls were cream colored. The window castings, doors, and ceiling in the auditorium were finished in dark oak. The chancel, pulpit and altar were finished in walnut.

Jan. 8 – What happened to Trinity Church on Brady Street when the congregation moved to Center Township?

Jan. 15 – Answer: It was purchased in June 1960 by the Prayer Church for \$27,500.

Jan. 22 – Who gifted the property of 5 acres in Center Township?

Jan. 29 – Answer: Mr. & Mrs. John Campbell, owners of Clearview Farm (present site of the Clearview Mall)

Trinity's Centennial Cents

Don't forget to continue to place your pennies or extra change into the container in the Narthex. Donations will go to a charity at the close of our 100th Anniversary Celebration. Thank you for all of your generous donations.

Trinity's 100th Anniversary Commemorative Plates

100th Anniversary commemorative plates to help us celebrate Trinity's 100th Anniversary are available for \$10 each. These can be purchased at the church office.



Choir – Easter – Join Us!

The Choir again this year is planning to sing the Halleluia Chorus. Anyone interested in singing with the choir for Easter is welcome to join. Rehearsals begin in February at 7:30 pm on Wednesday Evenings.



Property Update

Thank you to Bill Smith for coordinating the construction of cupboards and countertops for Room 108. Thank you also to Barry & Janet Flecken and Les Houston for their work on this project.

The Flecken's also continue to paint the hallways in the Sunday School area. Thanks so much for helping to brighten these areas.

Thank you to Bill Smith & Jerry Huey for solving the problem with the microphones.

Thank you to Janet Flecken and Lynne Hasychak for cleaning the Library.



Women's Bible Study

Thurs. Feb. 2nd @ 10:00 am

We are continuing with our "Praying with the Women of the Bible" Series. Please join us!



Work Week Trip – Funds Needed

John Hertzog, Pastor Joel Benson and others from the area will be going south for a Synod sponsored work project the beginning of February. They are in need of funds to pay for the gas for the trip. Please consider donating to this worthy cause. Please mark checks or envelopes Work Week Trip.



Seniors – Tax-Aide Program

Thursdays beginning Feb. 2, continuing each Thursday through Apr. 12 from 9:00 am – 2:30 pm AARP Tax-Aide will be preparing income tax returns at Trinity in Room 108 downstairs for low and middle-income taxpayers free of charge. You do not have to be an AARP member to take advantage of this program. Please bring with you all of your 2011 tax information and also your 2010 tax returns. It is also suggested that you bring something to fill your time as service is provided first-come, first-served with special attention given to seniors. If you have any questions please contact Gary Rauschenberger at 724-283-7131.

Katie's Kitchen December Attendance

Jan. 5	80 Adults	5 Children
Jan. 12	80 Adults	3 Children
Jan. 19	75 Adults	6 Children



Trinity Lutheran Church charters Boy Scout Troop 5. This troop meets at Trinity on Monday Evenings. They will be participating in our 11:00 am Worship Service on Sun. Feb. 5. Thank you to Leader, Neil Ashbaugh and Troop 5.



Sunday Night Live!

February 12, 2012 we'll head out to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Pittsburgh to explore the Word! We'll meet at the church at 3:30 pm and leave by 3:45 pm. We'll be back around 9:00 pm. We are collecting items for a Women's Shelter this time! Nice girly stuff only! Bubble Bath, lotion, shower gel, and lip gloss!

Sign up on the Youth Bulletin Board by Feb. 5!



2012 ELCA Youth Gathering
citizens with the saints
Ephesians 2:14-20

Youth Gathering Meeting

Everyone that is attending the Gathering and their parents should plan to come to a lunch meeting on **Saturday, February 4 from 11:00 'til 2:00 pm.** There is still much planning to do. We need to discuss more fundraising, travel arrangements, entertainment options and dates for future meetings. If you can't make it please contact Lisa A.S.A.P.

July 18-22, 2012

The following youth and chaperones will be attending the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans, LA next summer. Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare for this very special experience.



Youthfest

Youthfest is the synod-wide gathering for Lutheran Youth in southwestern Pennsylvania. This three day retreat for 7th through 12th graders features dynamic speaker and musician, intimate small group experiences moving worship, dancing, games, Christian fellowship, and plenty of time to discern God's presence. Join us at Camp Lutherlyn, for an exploration of how God's Word is relevant to today's youth culture. Sign up now! It's \$122.00 for the weekend. \$50.00 is due at the time of registration the balance can be taken from an individual's account or paid any time prior to the event. Registration forms should have been received in the mail, in Sunday school and at Youth Group and are available on the Youth Bulletin board or from Lisa. Complete BOTH forms and return them to the Children and Youth Ministry committee by **NO LATER THAN February 19, 2012.** Make checks payable to TLC Youth Ministry.

Mara Davanzati
Mikayla Elias
Erika Fenstermacher
Emily McDonald
Stephanie Miller
Mason Northrop
Sami Roos
Carrie Rugh
Christian Valecko
Lisa Blackburn
Toni Michael

Ryan Doerr
Elaina Fenstermacher
Ron Matson
Lindsay Michael
Jake Nichter
Justin Rickert
Barbie Rugh
Natalie Smith
Stephanie Slezak
Kim Flecken



Daily Prayers and Scripture
February 2012



Daily Lectionary Texts

Feb. 1	Jeremiah 29:1-14
Feb. 2	Luke 2:22-40
Feb. 3	Psalm 147:1-11, 20c
Feb. 4	Isaiah 46:1-13
Feb. 5	Mark 1:29-39
Feb. 6	Psalm 102:12-28
Feb. 7	2 Kings 8:1-6
Feb. 8	Mark 3:7-12
Feb. 9	Psalm 30
Feb. 10	Acts 19:11-20
Feb. 11	Matthew 26:6-13
Feb. 12	Mark 1:40-45
Feb. 13	Psalm 6
Feb. 14	1 Corinthians 10:14-11:1
Feb. 15	Job 30:16-31
Feb. 16	Psalm 50:1-6
Feb. 17	1 Timothy 1:12-20
Feb. 18	Luke 19:41-44
Feb. 19	Mark 9:2-9
Feb. 20	Psalm 110:1-4
Feb. 21	Job 19:23-27
Feb. 22	Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21
Feb. 23	Psalm 25:1-10
Feb. 24	2 Timothy 4:1-5
Feb. 25	Matthew 9:2-13
Feb. 26	Mark 1:9-15
Feb. 27	Psalm 77
Feb. 28	1 Peter 3:8-18a
Feb. 29	Proverbs 30:1-9



American Cancer Society
Daffodil Days

Sun. Mar. 25

Daffodil Days Order Form

Orders due to the church office by: Sun, Feb. 26

Make Checks Payable to: American Cancer Society

___ I would like to order ___ bunches of daffodils
(\$10 per bunch / 10 flowers per bunch)

___ I would like to order ___ Vase(s) of Hope
(\$15 per vase / includes vase and one bunch)

___ I would like to order ___ Bear(s) and a bunch
(\$25 per bear / includes bear and one bunch)

___ I would like to order ___ Mini Potted Daffodils
(\$12 each)

___ I would like to order ___ Bear(s)
(\$25 per bear / for Project Care)

___ I would like to donate \$ _____
to the Gift of Hope

Name _____

Telephone Number _____

BLOOD



DRIVE

***"Every 2 seconds someone in the U.S. needs blood.
44,000 units are needed every day to meet these needs"***

In the next few months The Health & Wellness Committee will be updating our blood donating records. They will be contacting you to find out if you are able to donate blood at our blood drives. They appreciate your cooperation.



Health and Wellness Ministry Minutes February 2012

Our Health & Wellness Ministry would like to thank Pastor Tom Pierotti for his gracious guidance and support to us. His interest and prayers have been a great help in continuing our goals to serve Trinity and the community.

*“Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life”
(Proverbs 4:23, NIV).*

February is well-known for being Heart Month by the American Heart Association.

But ... are you guarding your heart? Well, there are volumes of health information about heart health, and especially this month, *but let's not overlook God's Word as a resource of heart health.*

God speaks to us in both Testaments about the condition of the human heart and how we cannot trust that our hearts are in line with God's beliefs and purposes. Jesus teaches in Matthew 6:21 that “where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” So, in addition to referring you to sites regarding the physical health of the heart, more significantly, I refer you to the Biblical guides for a healthy heart. There is a very nice article online by J. Hampton Keathley, III, called “Guarding the Heart”, found at <http://bible.org/article/guarding-heart>

Please check the Health Education Bulletin Board or ask a Health & Wellness Ministry member for more Heart information.

Our church is fortunate in having an Automatic External Defibrillator, located in the narthex, to the left of Fellowship Hall.

Please continue to remember Our Troops by letting them know you care. Send an email or letter via Amillionthanks.org or Americasupportsyou.mil

Daily appointment with God for prayer and Bible study. Start out with 15 minutes a day and you may find yourself being able to increase that time. It takes commitment and discipline, but I promise you that once you start scheduling God into your life daily, you will wonder how you ever functioned any other way.

Blood pressure screenings continue as follows on the second full weekend of the month:

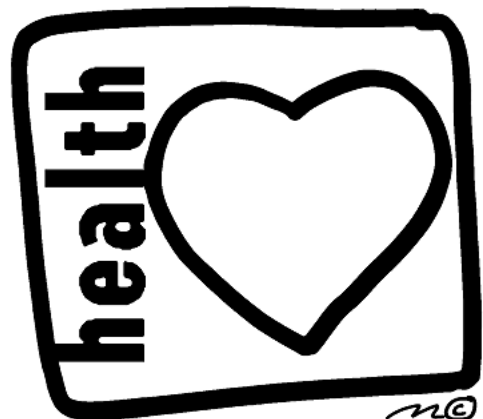
- ✓ **Following 6:30 PM service, Sat., Feb 11, 2012**
- ✓ **Between 8:30 & 11 AM services on Sun., Feb 12, 2012**

Health & Wellness Ministers are: *Linda Cunningham, Paula Jesteadt, Jane Titley, Marlies von Laufer, Janice West, Barb Wick and Becky Klein.*

Next Health & Wellness Ministry Meeting: **Monday, Feb 27, 2012 at 6:30 pm** in the church.

Becky Klein

February is Heart Month



Take care of your heart!

Our Appreciation

Thank you so much for the care package! It was a nice surprise and reminded me of all the people at home that care about me. I greatly enjoyed the snacks during finals week. I appreciated it a lot!

Thanks again,
Jessica Carlson

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Thank you for the care package. It was nice to be thought of and I enjoyed the snacks.

Thanks,
John Carlson

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Dear Trinity Family,

The wonderful carolers came bearing gifts: a poinsettia, a bag of goodies and especially their smiling faces and love. I also received beautiful Christmas cards that included little messages. Thank you all for your thoughtfulness. I am so blessed.

Sincerely,
June Bush

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Dear Trinity Youth,

Thank you so much for the care package! It was so nice to receive something in my mailbox because I never get mail! I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Thanks again!
Rachel Calhoun

Thank you to the Trinity volunteers for sharing your painting talents in the painting of the Trinity Sunday School hallways...Mary Baxter, Toni Michael, Jeremy Michael, Les Houston and Terri Laborie. Your time and gifts are deeply appreciated and the painting project really brightened the hallways.

Many Blessing to All,
Barry & Janet Flecken

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Dear Members of Trinity Lutheran Church,

Thank you so much for sponsoring children for our Christmas program here at Butler County Children and Youth Agency. With your donations we were able to provide gifts for children in our community who may not otherwise have gotten any. Thank you again for your support and I look forward to working with you in the future.

Sincerely,
Rochelle Graham, Resource Family Coordinator
Charles Johns, Assistant Director

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To Trinity ~

Thank you for the cards, poinsettia, and goodie bag! A special thank you to all that came to share the beautiful Christmas music.

Thank you again.

In Christian Love,
Martha Crail



THE REVEREND JOEL A. BENSON
has been called as Pastor
to the ministry of Word and Sacrament
at Trinity Lutheran Church, Butler PA

You are cordially invited to his installation service
Sunday, February 19, 2012
2:00 pm

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Presiding: The Rev. Michael Sourwine, Dean of Conference 1
Preaching: The Rev. Sarah Lee-Faulkner

All clergy and rostered lay leaders are invited to vest.
The color of the day is white.

Reception will follow.

February Birthdays

Feb. 2	Fran Michael & Heston Suorsa
Feb. 3	Chris Reigh
Feb. 4	Levi Dellen
Feb. 5	Jim Osche
Feb. 6	Jack Baccanti & John Ellison
Feb. 7	April Green & Jerrod Markle
Feb. 8	Julia Ameduri, Casey Bowser, Alice Elliott
Feb. 9	Joann Blain & Stephanie Jackson
Feb. 10	Paul Brown, Dick Schwab, Janice West
Feb. 11	Phillip Sarnese & Gregg West
Feb. 12	Elaine Foguth, Marissa Hull, Joan Mariacher
Feb. 13	Dasius Druckenmiller, Trevor Essenwein, Justin Rickert
Feb. 14	Scott Laborie & Al Ludlum
Feb. 15	Gordon Bachman, Dan Maguire, Hannah Michael, Ashley Reigh, Bob Wolfrum
Feb. 16	Aaron Doerr, Bill MacKay, Amanda Smith, Cal Wonderly
Feb. 17	Brooke Bellis
Feb. 18	Aysha Dellen & Dylan Weyand
Feb. 19	Ida Cooper, Dottie Daller, Josh Osche, Brandon Wallace
Feb. 20	Michele Goetz, Linda Peifer, Sue Switzer
Feb. 21	Elizabeth Day, Kristen Kowalik, Mary Ann Kowalik
Feb. 22	Dale Blain, Dennis Buffington, Pat Fischer, Paul Reep
Feb. 23	Tracy Ammon, Linda Beblo, Isabelle Taylor, Marlies von Laufer
Feb. 24	John West
Feb. 25	Philip Lehman & Dorothy Taylor
Feb. 28	Ernie Grochalski, James Laskowski, Tim Swidzinski, Sandra West



February Anniversaries

Feb. 7	Dave & Betty Wobb
Feb. 8	Al & Bev Ludlum
Feb. 14	John & Linda Beblo and Todd & Stephanie Slezak
Feb. 16	Dennis & Belinda Stewart
Feb. 23	DuWayne & Linda Cunningham and Bill & Ellie Smith
Feb. 27	Dale & Joann Blain
Feb. 28	Jim & Alice O'Brien

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