



TRINITY HIGHLIGHTS

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A monthly newsletter of Trinity Lutheran Church - Greencastle, PA
"Sharing Christ in Word and Deed"

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FROM PASTOR BILL



As I read through some old January newsletters it appears that I have often used this page to give a “state of the congregation” type of message. I don’t think that is all bad. Right now we stand at an exciting and challenging time in Trinity’s history.

Hopefully we are getting near to turning some dirt over for the building expansion. As I note in a later entry in this newsletter there are still some hurdles to get over before we are ready to get out the shovels.

However, our ministry is not totally consumed in a building. There is much we are doing and much more we can do as we “Share Christ in Word and Deed”. Some of the new ventures appearing on the 2012 radar are:

- The formation of our Stewardship Committee. The Council has authorized this and we have the group to begin our renewed ministry in this area. One of the first things in which the committee will engage is a commitment of time and talent from the members and friends of Trinity.
- The revision of our constitution. Our present constitution is badly out of date. We have not kept up with the mandated changes from the ELCA and we are in need of reviewing and possibly revising many parts of our constitution. We have an ad-hoc committee making suggestions for a revised constitution. After it receives council approval it will be distributed among you for discussion and approval at a congregational meeting in the near future.
- The effort to remain better connected with one another. As we have grown and since we have two services we are in less contact with others. Congregations like growth but this is one of the challenges with growth. Our Mutual Ministry Committee is working on

ways that we can stay connected to the congregation and with each other – and to do this in a pastoral way.

- The need for more Sunday School classes is being addressed by the Education Committee. Admittedly having more space will help this situation on Sunday mornings. We need to have classes for the younger folks which aren’t stretched as far age wise. We are also looking to expanding adult education as well as for those who have completed Confirmation.

I don’t look at these as problem but as good challenges to have. We do not do all of this alone though. Our Lord is leading and empowering us. So it is good to keep in mind who really is in charge! God bless our congregation and ministry in 2012 and for years ahead.

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As I said in the sermon on December 4, the first chapter of the Gospel of Mark moves us along a high speed. Mark wastes no time in telling the story of Jesus - which is also the story of the in-breaking of God’s reign. By the end of the first chapter, John the Baptist’s ministry has come and gone, Jesus is baptized and then tested. He has called disciples, healed, taught, battled demons, cured leprosy. He became so popular that he had to stay out in the country because he could hardly move around in the towns because of the crush of people. That is just one chapter.

We will hear most all of this chapter during January. It will be a time for Jesus’ epiphany – his being revealed. At the same time, Jesus reveals the very heart of God for people, including you and me.

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Beth and I want to thank you for the Christmas gift we received on December 18 after worship. We really appreciate it!

In Christ,
Pastor Bill DeHass

OUR NEW WEBSITE

We finally have our new website up and running. We will still have the same address www.tlcgreencastle.org. Right now there is the main page, directions, about the Pastor, newsletters, bulletins and parish news. Much more can and will be placed on the site in coming weeks. The picture that we submitted for the home page looks very nice! Thanks for all of you who were in the picture.

NEW COUNCIL PERSONS ELECTED

At the Annual Meeting of the congregation on December 4 four persons were elected to terms on our Congregation Council:

Andy Gehr
Andre McKenzie
Darrell Swart
James Thomas

We thank them for their willingness to serve and ask God's blessings upon them and the rest of our Council in 2012.

The congregation also adopted the proposed 2012 budget. The budget calls for general expenses of \$147,236. This is only an increase of \$576 over last year's budget for general expenses.

THANK YOU!

Two of our council members completed six years of service – **Bruce DeMaster** and **Sue Snyder**. Bruce also served the last two years as the President of the Congregation. Thanks so much to both Bruce and Sue!

Don Swart coordinated the Advent Dinner on December 3. Thanks so much, Don!

Both our Youth Groups went to The Inn at Luther Ridge for caroling on December 18. The young people also made and gave lap robes to the residents.

47 Poinsettias were given for Christmas worship. Thanks to all of the sponsors!

The Christmas Program for worship on December 18 was led by **Bobbi Blubaugh** with help from **Matt Cessna, Deb Cline, Sue Snyder, Jess Swart and Trevor Timmons**.

The 27 young people participating were:

Madison and Grace Cessna
Logan and Connor Cline
Kayann, Maddie and Gabrielle Coote
Keira Davis
Olivia Dodson
Ryan Helman
Emily Kohler
Jenny and Nick Knode
Peyton Lewis
Kristen Louder
Morgan and Chloe McKenzie
Mason and Faith Miller
Hannah Ruffner
Thatcher, Bergen and Bella Stevens
Ella Swart
Larson Thomas
Sarah and Abbie Wolfe

Our musical leadership for Christmas Eve: **Trevor Timmons, Latasha Davis, Maryellen Fairchild, Phyllis McCullough and Dave Wolfe**, musicians, the duet by **Megan Louder and Phyllis McCullough** and the **choir** and the **hand chime choir** for the special music. All of your time and talent is much appreciated!

MORTGAGE BURNED

We concluded worship on December 18 with a Thanksgiving at the Retirement of a Debt. We burned the mortgage as part of that occasional service. What a joyous occasion!

Our thanks to all of you who contributed generously over the past eleven years to make this happen!

GOD'S BLESSINGS TO:

Norra Bailey Swart who was baptized at Trinity on Sunday November 27. Norra is the daughter of **Darrell and Jess Swart** and her big sister is **Ella**.

BUILDING EXPANSION UPDATE

At the moment two things are happening. First, the Building Committee is still in conversation with our contractor (GRC) about the final details and pricing of our planned expansion.

Second, the Finance Committee is talking with various lending institutions about a mortgage for this expansion. This will be wrapped up by February 1.

After the beginning of February we hope to have a clear picture and some hard data to bring to the congregation.

Please remember these people!

There are some folks from Trinity that are not able to be with us on Sundays at the present time. We ask that you would remember them with a card, call - and always - in prayer.

Carl Clark
12170 Randy Drive
Greencastle, PA 17225

Helen Clever
Hearthstone Retirement Home
102 S. Potomac
Waynesboro, PA 17268

Betty Goetz
Quincy Home Room 223
6596 Orphanage Road
Waynesboro, PA 17268
(Betty hopes to be home in early January)

Karl Higgins
834 Buchanan Trail East
Greencastle, PA 17225

Jean Jimick
Room 324 Providence Place
2085 Wayne Avenue
Chambersburg, PA 17201

Helen Wingert
The Villiage of Laurel Run
6375 Chambersburg Road
Fayetteville, PA 17222

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN SUNDAY SCHOOL?

Because of the response in the Adult Class to the course on Luther's Small Catechism, we are continuing a few weeks after the first of the year with a continued discussion of Lutheran Beliefs. The first session will be on January 8.

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

Are you a member of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans? Do you know that if you qualify, you have "dollars" that you can designate for giving?

Two years ago Thrivent made a change from the way that benevolent dollars are given to congregations and other ministries. In the past each congregation was designated an amount each which could be received. That has ended.

In place of this each member of Thrivent now has an amount assigned to them (based on the value of products owned). Each member now can assign their dollars to go to any ministry listed by Thrivent. One of those options is to designate Trinity as the recipient.

Our local representative, Marlin Maclay, informed Pastor Bill that we have only 3 Thrivent members who are designating any of their dollars. There are several more of you who could be making the choice.

If you are a member and want to know more, please speak with Pastor Bill or call Marlin Maclay at 264-3324. The process for setting up the designation is easy and can be done by mail, phone or on-line.

SPECIAL APPEAL FOR JANUARY

The Special Appeal for January is designated for Franklin County Homeless Shelter and the Cold Weather Drop In Shelter. If you desire to make a monetary donation, please mark your envelope for Special Appeal or use the white envelope in the pew rack and mark it "Special Appeal".

WORSHIP SCHEDULE – January 2012

AROUND THE CHURCH JANUARY 2012

Jan 1 The Name of Jesus - ONE SERVICE AT 10 AM

Holy Communion

Numbers 6:22-27

Psalms 8

Galatians 4:4-7

Luke 2:15-21

Jan 8 The Baptism of our Lord – 8:30 Svc. of the Word

11 am Holy Communion

Genesis 1:1-5

Psalms 29

Acts 19:1-7

Mark 1:4-11

Jan 15 Epiphany 2 – 8:30 and 11 am – Holy Communion

1 Samuel 3:1-10 [11-20]

Psalms 139:1-6, 13-18

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

John 1:43-51

Jan 22 Epiphany 3 – 8:30 Svc. of the Word

11 am Holy Communion

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Psalms 62:5-12

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Mark 1:14-20

Jan 29 Epiphany 4 – 8:30 Svc. of the Word for Healing

11 am Holy Communion

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Psalms 111

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Mark 1:21-28

Normal Sunday Morning Schedule

Worship at 8:30 AM followed by a fellowship time

Sunday School at 10:00 AM

Worship at 11:00 AM



Happy Birthday to those celebrating birthdays in January

- 1 - Stacy Murphy
- 2 - June Cline
- 4 - Paula Ricker
- 5 - Dick Hall
Nick Shinn
- 9 - Larsen Thomas
- 11 - Mimi Barbuzanes
- 13 - Jack Dunn
- 15 - Helen Wingert
- 16 - Shirley Freeman
- 21 - Brik Miller
- 22 - Maryellen Fairchild
- 25 - Arlene Sipple
- 26 - Madison Cessna
- 30 - Carl Clark

- 1 - Worship with Holy Communion – 10 a.m.
No Youth Group meeting
- 3 - Outreach Committee – 2:00 p.m.
- 4 – Council – 7:00 p.m.
- 5 – Praise Band Practice – 5:00 p.m.
Choir Practice – 6:45 p.m. \
- Hand Chimes – 8:00 p.m.
- 6-8 - Winterfest
- 8 - Worship – Service of the Word – 8:30 a.m.
Fellowship time following worship
Sunday School for all ages – 10:00 a.m.
Worship with Holy Communion – 11 a.m.
- 10 – Youth Group Committee – 6:15 p.m.
Christian Ed. – 7:00 p.m.
- 11 – Greencastle Homemaker’s Meeting – 9:00 a.m.
Worship & Music Committee – 6:15 p.m.
- 12 – Praise Band Practice – 5:00 p.m.
Choir Practice – 6:45 p.m.
Hand Chimes – 8:00 p.m.
- 14 – Youth Group making and selling apple
dumplings at Evangelical.
- 15 –Worship with Holy Communion 8:30 & 11 a.m.
Fellowship time following worship
Sunday School for all ages – 10:00 a.m.
“Little Lambs” Youth Group – 3-5 p.m.
No Jr/Sr Youth Group
- 19 – Praise Band Practice – 5:00 p.m.
Choir Practice – 6:45 p.m.
Hand Chimes – 8:00 p.m.
- 22 - Worship – Service of the Word – 8:30 a.m.
Fellowship time following worship
Harvest Committee Meeting – 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School for all ages – 10:00 a.m.
Worship with Holy Communion – 11 a.m.
Jr./Sr. Youth Group at Evangelical 5-7 p.m.
- 26 – Praise Band Practice – 5:00 p.m.
Choir Practice – 6:45 p.m.
Hand Chimes – 8:00 p.m.
- 29 - Worship - Healing Service – 8:30 am.
Fellowship time following worship
Sunday School for all ages – 10:00 a.m.
Worship with Holy Communion – 11:00 a.m.

AA Meetings are held every Monday and Friday nights
at 8:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Room.

FELLOWSHIP TIME

WE NEED PEOPLE to provide snacks and cold drinks for
Sunday morning fellowship time. Please sign the sheet on
the bulletin board in the fellowship room if you or a couple
people would be willing to provide snacks.

Worship Assistants for January 2012

8:30 AM

Lay Readers:

- 8 – Marie Dean
- 15 – Rachelle Gehr
- 22 – Megan Louder
- 29 – Cheri Roth

Ushers:

- 1 – Ralph Burdick
- 8 – Betsy Fisher and Richard Miller
- 15 – Don Swart and Darrell Swart
- 22 – Bruce DeMaster and Dave Wolfe
- 29 – Andy and Rachelle Gehr

Acolytes:

- 1 – Logan Cline
- 8 – Sarah Wolfe
- 15 – Reece Barbuzanes
- 22 – Kristen Louder
- 29 – Madison Cessna

Greeters:

- 1 – Don and Carol Swart
- 8 – Darrell and Jess Swart
- 15 – Bruce and Bobbi DeMaster
- 22 – Rob and Alice Marsh
- 29 – Deb Miller and Family

Nursery

- 1 – Debbie Cline and Nancy Freshman
- 8 – Jen Barbuzanes and Linde Cessna
- 15 – The McKenzie Family
- 22 – Mary Thomas and Sarah Wolfe
- 29 – Nancy Freshman and Stacie Wolfe

Communion Presenters:

- 15 – Rob and Alice Marsh & Evelyn Pensinger

Communion Assistants:

- 1 – Cameron Schroy
- 15 – Betsy Fisher, Nancy Freshman & Gary Louder

11:00 A.M. Service

Ushers

- 8 - Dale Thatcher
- 15 – Cameron Schroy
- 22 – Peggy Potter
- 29 - Doug McCullough

Comm. Assistants

- 8 – Donna Wolfe
- 15 – Trisha Davis
- 22 – Bobbi DeMaster
- 29 – Megan Stevens



*Happy Anniversary to those
Celebrating Anniversaries in January*

- 9 – Russ and Dody Clever*
- 17 – Charles and Nancy Freshman*
- 18 – Kevin and Lorena Davis*
- 23 – Bruce and Bobbi DeMaster*

YOUTH GROUP HIGHLIGHTS

THE JR./SR. HIGH YOUTH GROUP meets the 1st Sunday of each month at Trinity Lutheran Church from 5-7 p.m. They meet the 3rd Sunday each month at Evangelical from 5-7 p.m. Rachelle Gehr and Don Swart are the leaders.

The Youth Group will be making and selling apple dumplings on January 14th at Evangelical. The cost is \$6.50 for a pan of 4. Please sign the sheet on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Room if you are interested in purchasing some. You can pick them up on the 14th at Evangelical from 3 to 5 p.m.

THE LITTLE LAMBS youth group meets on the third Sunday each month. ALL youth in grades K-5 are invited to attend.

COMMITTEE REPORTS NEEDED

Reports from all committees of the church must be given to Donna Wolfe in the Church Office by January 15 in order to be placed in the Annual Report of the Congregation. These will be distributed to the congregation for their review.

NURSERY HELPERS NEEDED

People to care for small children in the church's nursery during worship. Two people are assigned to the nursery each week. Please see Donna Wolfe if you are able to help.

LIFE

(Living Independence for the Elderly) Lutheran Services, Inc. is enrolling participants and welcomes you to call or visit to learn more about this new ministry of Lutheran Social Services. LIFE Lutheran Services, serving residents of Franklin County is most simply “an alternative to a nursing home” making it possible for eligible individuals to remain independent and live safely in the community for as long as possible through coordinated delivery of a comprehensive array of health and social services. Coordinated by an interdisciplinary team, services are primarily provided in the LIFE Center located on Fifth Avenue in Chambersburg and supplemented by in-home support and referral services. All services emphasize holistic care and an improved quality of life. LIFE Lutheran Services provides transportation to and from the LIFE Center and medically necessary appointments for those participants enrolled in the program. The address of the LIFE Center is 840 Fifth Avenue, Chambersburg, PA. For directions or more information, please call LIFE Lutheran Services at (717) 264-5433 or go online at www.lifelutheranservices.org. Tours of the Center are available to the public Monday thru Friday from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m.

GREENCASTLE-ANTRIM WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Greencastle-Antrim Women's Fellowship will meet on Tuesday, January 24, 2012 from 9:30-11 a.m. in the Memorial Fellowship Hall at Evangelical Lutheran Church, 130 N. Washington Street. The speaker will be The Rev. Dennis Beaver of Waynesboro Evangelical Lutheran Church. His topic is, “Help!! I'm all stressed out!!” Men are invited to hear Pastor Beaver.

ITEMS TO SAVE

Please continue to save postage stamps. The “Stamps for Missions” program is ongoing. One pound of stamps provides a Bible for someone. When you cut them leave about 1 inch around each stamp. Please continue to save your used cell phones, ink cartridges, Campbell soup labels and General Mills Box Tops for Education. There is a box in the kitchen for all these items. Thanks to all!

Part of Trinity's mission is support of other groups and agencies in our community and world:

- Ukukwe Congregation, Tanzania
- Lutheran Home Care
- Camp Nawakwa
- Franklin County Homeless Shelter
- Waynesboro Area Human Services
- Franklin Country Cold Weather Shelter
- Women In Need
- Hospice of the Good Shepherd
- Lutheran World Relief
- Rescue Hose Company of Greencastle
- Fisher House
- Ronald McDonald House
- Santa's Helpers
- Lutheran Counseling Services
- Greencastle Food Pantry
- World Hunger Fund
- Domestic and World Disaster Relief
- Operation Christmas Child
- Habitat for Humanity
- The ministry of the Greencastle-Antrim Ministerium
- The ministry of the Lower Susquehanna Synod and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America