



TRINITY HIGHLIGHTS

JANUARY 2020

The monthly newsletter of

Trinity Lutheran Church

Greencastle, PA

Dear Family,

Wishing you a blessed Christmas and a New Year filled with good health, spiritual growth and the peace of Christ. The stores are already replacing Christmas with Valentine's Day displays. The church is called to be a light in all that crazy consumerism. WE know the season isn't really over until Epiphany, Jan 6.

"And the Word became flesh and lived among us." (John 1: 14)

We read those words at the PJ Worship on Christmas morning. God leaves everything that it means to be God and becomes one of us in Jesus. The church word we use for God's gift of Jesus is "incarnation." Through Jesus we get to partner with God. As we grow in our relationship with God, we make God real to the people around us. We live ever more fully as incarnations of God's Word of Love in our thoughts, attitudes and how we live and relate to each other. We share Christ in word and deed.

To give us tools for deepening our relationship with God so we can go about our mission, our faith family embarked on an intentional journey of renewal with the synod through the R3 program. R3 stands for Renew Reform Revision. Someone remarked it also means Relationship, Relationship, Relationship. Relationship with God. Relationship with each other. Relationship with our neighbors. Deepening each of those relationships is essential in healthy, dynamic, vital congregations.

This January, the renewal team will help us with conversation in moving forward more intentionally in renewal. We will be using the PAWN process for these conversations. PAWN is an acronym for: Purpose/ Assets/Wows/Needs. The letters explore our strengths and our growing edges as we move forward in ministry.

Purpose: What is our place in God's plan?

Assets: What resources (people, places and things) do we have to help with ministry?

Wows: What makes God smile here at Trinity? What are we doing well?

Needs: What are the needs in our congregation and our neighborhood that God is calling us to address?

When we finish with these conversations, we will have a good idea of our purpose. For what is God calling Trinity? If we didn't exist would anyone miss us?

Our faith family here at Trinity has made some tough decisions this past year. We're learning what it means to live together in struggle. Hybrid worship isn't easy! Sometimes, what happens at worship isn't our taste. Yet, we are a family and it is a spiritual discipline to be able to sit in the crucible together and know that when something doesn't speak to us, it speaks to someone else. Soon, it will be our turn again. It's the loving in the struggle that takes us to our knees to trust God in the process.

I strongly encourage each of you to hold our family at Trinity in your prayers. May the God of hope and new possibility, who came to us as a small babe, bring peace and true joy to our hearts as we continue to wrestle with what it means to be church together.

Blessings on your journey,
Pastor Barb



JANUARY Birthdays



December Council Corner

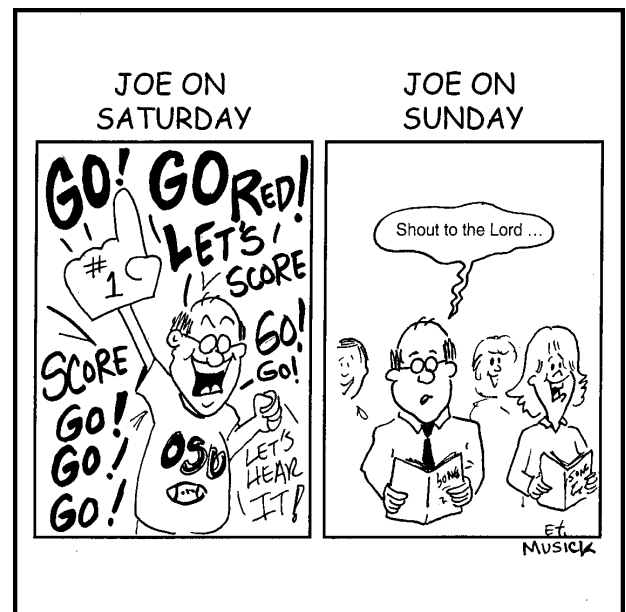
- Giving for Spiritual home is up over 2019.
- Budget for 2020 was passed by the congregation unanimously.
- The matching fund check for \$5,00 has been sent by the Synod.
- The Lutheran Churches in our area are collecting furniture for anyone in need. If you have something you would like to donate, see Pastor Barb.
- Appraisal for new mortgage was done on 11/26/19.
- Treasurer reported no unusual expenditures the past month.
- Technology Committee keeping newsletters, bulletins, etc. current on Website Working on page to display pictures.
- A special thank you to Erin Pryke, Doug McCullough and Cameron Scroy for serving on council and whose terms has ended.
- New council members are Darrell Swart, Kathy Saczawa, and Tom Sidoli who accepted a second term.

NOVEMBER FINANCIAL REPORT

PLEASE REMEMBER

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

| General | | Spiritual Home Fund | |
|--------------|------------|---------------------|----------------|
| Offerings | \$10278.00 | Offerings | \$7022.00 |
| Other Income | \$2.40 | Other Income | |
| Expenses | \$10812.16 | Expenses-Interest | \$4469.61 |
| Difference | -\$531.76 | Expenses-Principle | \$2596.28 |
| YTD 2019 | -\$1663.91 | Expenses-Total | \$7065.89 |
| | | Difference | -\$43.89 |
| | | YTD 2019 | +\$3031.03 |
| | | Principal Balance | \$1,038,102.66 |





| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | 1 <i>Happy New Year!</i> | 2 Prayer 6PM | 3 AA 8PM | 4 |
| 5 Sunday School 8:30 AM <i>Fellowship 9:15</i> Worship 10 AM <i>Youth Parents' Mtg</i> | 6 AA 8PM | 7 Finance 7PM <i>Choir 7:15 PM</i> | 8 Council 7PM | 9 Prayer 6PM | 10 AA 8PM | 11 Renewal Workshop |
| 12 Sunday School 8:30 AM <i>Fellowship 9:15</i> Worship 10 AM <i>Blood Pressures</i> | 13 AA 8PM | 14 Choir 7:15 PM | 15 ET Joint Mtg 7PM <i>Worship & Music 7PM</i> | 16 Prayer 6PM | 17 AA 8PM | 18 |
| 19 Sunday School 8:30 AM <i>Fellowship 9:15</i> Worship 10 AM | 20 AA 8PM | 21 Choir 7:15 PM | 22 | 23 Prayer 6PM | 24 AA 8PM | 25 |
| 26 Sunday School 8:30 AM <i>Fellowship 9:15</i> Worship 10 AM <i>Blood Pressures</i> <i>Youth Parents' Mtg</i> | 27 AA 8PM | 28 Choir 7:15 PM | 29 | 30 Prayer 6PM | 31 AA 8PM | |

WORSHIP



JANUARY

ASSISTANTS

Assisting Ministers:

- 5 - Dave Wolfe
- 12 - Charlie Ford
- 19 - Hannah Ruffner
- 26 - Scott Valentine

Communion Assistants

- 5 - Karla Fox and Sue Wunderlich
- 12 - Ralph Burdick and Mary Thomas
- 19 - Dave Cline and Nancy Freshman
- 26 - Carol Swart and Darrell Swart

Lay Readers:

- 5 - Mary Thomas
- 12 - Ralph Burdick
- 19 - Beth Ford
- 26 - Robin Witmer-Kline

Ushers:

- 5 - Don Swart and Larson Thomas
- 12 - Gust Barbuzanes and Alan Shank
- 19 - Ralph Burdick and Terry Ellis
- 26 - Charlie Ford and Richard Miller

Cantors:

- 5 - Matt Cessna
- 12 - Dave Wolfe
- 19 - Hannah Ruffner
- 26 - Matt Cessna

Acolytes:

- 5 - Grace Cessna
- 12 - Larson Thomas
- 19 - Abigail Wolfe
- 26 - Ella Swart

Greeters:

- 5 - Charlie and Beth Ford
- 12 - Paul and Shirley Freeman
- 19 - Charles and Nancy Freshman
- 26 - Alice Marsh

Nursery

- 5 - Linde Cessna and Debbie Cline
- 12 - Stacie Wolfe and Abigail Wolfe
- 19 - Mary Thomas and Grace Cessna
- 26 - Linde Cessna and Debbie Cline

Communion Presenters:

- 5 - Darrell, Jess, Ella and Norra Swart
- 12 - Bud and Donna Wolfe
- 19 - Dave and Stacie Wolfe
- 26 - Ralph Burdick and Beth Ford

Communion Preparers

- 5 - Charlie and Beth Ford
- 12 - Paul and Shirley Freeman
- 19 - Don and Carol Swart
- 26 - Bud and Donna Wolfe

Blood Pressures Taken by:

- 12 - Beth Ford
- 26 - Rob Marsh



SAVE THESE DATES!

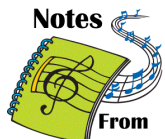
- January 5 - Epiphany Sunday
- January 11—Renewal Team Workshop
- February 25 - Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
- February 26 - Ash Wednesday



Trinity's helpers at Heritage Christmas



PJ Christmas Party
Christmas Morning Service



From
Saundra

What a privilege to have served the Lord and the folks here at Trinity alongside Pastor Barb this past year! I can hardly believe Jan. 31 marks 4 years I have been back at Trinity! Thank you!

Choir has been busy in December preparing an anthem for Dec. 22 and two anthems for the 7:30 PM Christmas Eve service. Rehearsals will begin again Tuesday, Jan. 7 at 7:15 PM. We welcome new voices who can commit to the weekly Tuesday night rehearsals with refreshers Sunday mornings at 9:30. For more info, please don't hesitate to talk to me in person or by phone. Maybe you cannot commit to weekly rehearsals but could perform a solo instrumentally or vocally or be part of a small ensemble. Please give me a shout!

Some of the goals I believe we should set for 2020 are to legitimize the technology team as a very needed and valued ministry among us, to increase the number of people serving as Sound Techs or Projectionists, to schedule some training for all interested persons, and to create a service schedule like other worship assistants currently have. I am praying and working to these ends.



*Christmas Program
December 22, 2019*

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Dave Wolfe will be leading an Adult Bible Study on "A Christmas Carol" on Sundays 12/29 and 1/5 during the Sunday School hour which begins at 8:30 AM. Everyone is welcome to attend.



Pastor Barb, Saundra Wingert and Carol Hughes would like to thank Trinity for the very generous year-end cash gift. Thank you also for your good wishes and prayers as we continue our journey together.

Thank you for the Christmas gifts, cards and financial contribution from the congregation.

I am so grateful to be part of the Trinity Family.
You are in my thoughts and prayers

Pastor Barb



God has blessed Trinity with an abundance. Many of our family give time, talent and supplies behind the scenes so our work as the people of God can happen.

Each month we will take some time to say thank you. You are appreciated!

- * Sue Wunderlich: The Advent Christ Candle in memory of Alma Oberholzer
- * Lower Susquehanna Synod: \$5,000 final installment of the \$10,000 Mission Matching Grant. Trinity increased giving to the Spiritual Home Fund by over \$10,000 which was matched by our Synod's Mission Fund.
- * Our family who faithfully give of their blessings from God for God's mission at Trinity. Our financial picture is improving.
- * All those who helped bake, set-up and distribute cookies for Heritage Christmas
- * Everyone who helped with the reception following Jack Phillippy's funeral.
- * Those who provided snacks, set-up and clean up for the Ornament Bingo event.
- * The Praise Team, Choir and worship leaders who helped provide inspiring worship during the Christmas season.
- * Everyone who helped decorate the sanctuary for the Christmas season.
- * For everyone who planned and participated in the Christmas skit.

FLOWER SPONSORS NEEDED

Sponsors are needed for altar flowers on January 5 and 26. If you would like to sponsor the flowers, please contact Sue Wunderlich.



Saturday, December 14, the youth traveled to Sky Zone on for glow in the dark jumping. A fun energetic time was had by all who attended. A spaghetti dinner is being planned sometime in February. Stay tuned for further details!

We need to know by January 5 how many youth are planning to attend the Youth Retreat at Nawakwa. Please let Rachelle Gehr or Dave Wolfe know weather your youth is planning to attend.

There WILL be a short parent's meeting for Trinity youth after worship Jan 5. The intent of the meeting is to organize Trinity's participation in youth group.

Save these dates!

Jan 5: Meeting for families of Trinity youth following worship

Jan 15: ET Joint Committee meeting

Jan 26: ET Youth Parent's Meeting (Parents of youth in grades 6 – 12 are invited to this important meeting. We will continue to discuss improvements to the program.)

Feb 28 -Mar 1: Youth retreat at Nawakwa

JANUARY SPECIAL APPEAL

The Special Appeal for January is the Franklin County Homeless Shelter and the Cold Weather Drop-In Shelter. The Franklin County Homeless Shelter opened its doors in 1986 and since then, has successfully provided temporary emergency shelter & food to homeless individuals and families. Counseling and case management are provided to the residents to help them move into permanent housing.

The Cold Weather Drop-In Shelter which is located on West Loudon Street in Chambersburg is a Christian-based program developed to provide a warm, safe, clean environment for those who are homeless, and have no options for shelter during the cold inclement months of the year.

If you desire to make a donation, please mark your envelope for "Special Appeal" or use the white envelope in the pew rack and mark it "Special Appeal".



BACKPACK FOOD MINISTRY

We are once again helping children in the Marion School District at risk for hunger. Marion Elementary School is trying to provide 2 weekend meals for 100 children.

Thanks for sharing your blessings with children in need. It is what Jesus would have us do. We will continue providing these items; Salem Lutheran is running low.

January 2020

Jan 5: Raisins

Jan 12: Individual servings of fruit

Jan 19: Microwaveable cup meals: Chef Boy R Dee, Mac and cheese, etc.

Jan 26: Raisins



RENEWAL NEWS

~We have a new coach, Rev Kevin Stout, pastor of St John's Lutheran in Boiling Springs. Pastor Denise stepped down due to an overwhelming schedule.

~ We will begin conversation together using the PAWN (Purpose/Assets/Wows/Needs) process

~ The team continues to invite our family to notice God active in our lives. Fill out the slips of paper you find in your bulletin each week and add it to the box on the renewal table.

~ The team will continue interviewing members of our family about their vocations, both employed and retired, as a way of sharing how our faith makes a difference in how we live.

Here are some ways our family has noticed God this month as shared on the slips which were placed in the box on the renewal table.

- 1 With sunshine
- 2 In Josie playing piano
- 3 In Christmas cards from old friends
- 4 Even with a migraine most of the week, I saw God in everything!
- 5 On my brother's face when family members showed up at his senior living center to celebrate his 80th birthday!

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Sunday Worship Service 10:00 AM

Sunday School for All Ages 8:30 AM

Fellowship 9:15 AM

DINNER AT THE RIDGE

Dinner at the Ridge will be held at **12:00pm** at the Fleck Center at SpiriTrust Lutheran, The Village at Luther Ridge, on **Wednesday, January 8th**. The cost is \$7.50. The menu for January is Creamed Lettuce, Pork & Sauerkraut, Mashed Potatoes, Dutch Green Beans, Dinner Roll, Assorted Desserts and Beverages. Please call 717-264-3212 to make your reservation. Deadline for reservations is noon on Friday, January 3rd

WELLNESS TALK

The Wellness Talk for January will be held **Tuesday, January 14th at 1:00pm**. A representative from Rabbit Transit will be providing information about their service. Come and hear the many routes they provide in our community and learn how to apply for assistance with your transportation needs. The talk will take place at the Fleck Center at SpiriTrust Lutheran, The Village at Luther Ridge, 2998 Luther Drive, Chambersburg. Please R.S.V.P. to 267-1665 if you plan to attend this informative session.

HELP MAKE WALKER BAGS

Volunteers are currently needed to sew walker bags for our residents. Instructions are available. If you enjoy sewing and would like to help fulfill this need, please contact Linda Beaver at 717-264-0737 or lbeaver@spiritrustlutheran.org

CHICKEN AND WAFFLES AT NAWAKWA



On January 19 from 1:00 to 3:00 PM spend a Sunday at camp with a delicious home-made chicken and waffles dinner. Bring your sleds (if there's snow) to work off the calories, as if camp food actually has calories. Free will

STEWARD YOUR BEST YEAR EVER!

"Stewardship is not only a matter of faithful giving but of faithful living. In response to the Gospel, we submit our lives to the rule of God, to the lordship of Christ, and to the direction of the Holy Spirit, so that we may be the people God wants us to be and have the lives God wants us to have." —Mark Allan Powell, author of *Giving to God*.

Yikes! It's January 2, and the bathroom scale shows that, once again, I've gained a few pounds in the five-week blitz-feast of Thanksgiving-Christmas-New Year. Clearly, I need to *steward* my health better in 2020.

Though it's not the most common use of the word, *steward* is also a verb, an action word. We *steward* all that God has entrusted to us, making choices that, as Mark Allan Powell says, help us "be the people God wants us to be and have the lives God wants us to have."

We steward our lives through our decisions and choices – the food we eat, the people we call friends, how we spend our money, the entertainment we select, the hobbies we enjoy, the many ways we spend our time, and so on.

To steward faithfully, we have to live in prayerful awareness and make conscious, thoughtful decisions that will advance us in Godly directions.

As 2020 begins, prayerfully consider the most important areas of your life, such as your physical, mental and spiritual health, as well as your relationships and time, and ask God to help you steward them in ways that will help you be the person God wants you to be and have the life God wants you to have.

As for me, it will not only help me lose those extra holiday pounds, but also give me my best year ever.

—Rob Blezard

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