



Newsletter of Trinity Lutheran Church, Wernersville, PA

Consecration Sunday Is Coming!

“What percentage of my income is God calling me to give?”

We challenge you to consider that question in the weeks leading up to Consecration Sunday (**February 1st**) while you hear announcements in church about individuals growing spiritually in their relationship with God by supporting their church’s mission and ministry with a percentage of their incomes.

No one will call your home for a pledge. But we will contact you personally to secure your commitment to attend worship that weekend and the **Appreciation Dinner** (A meal specially catered by the Penn Werner Hotel for all members and friends of the church at the Wernersville Firehouse **Sunday February 1st**.)

Remember the date:

**Consecration Sunday &
Appreciation Dinner on Feb. 1st**

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A reminder to all Committee Chairs that the deadline for all reports for the February 22nd Congregational Meeting is Friday, January 23rd. They can be e-mailed (preferred method) to the office @ tlcworship@aol.com. Otherwise, a hard copy should be in Carol Koch's mailbox by the above date.

Over the course of December if you are homebound and did not receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion or know of someone who is homebound and did not receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion please call the church office @ 610-678-1782.

We wish to thank the following Church Council Members for their dedicated service over the past three and six years.

Bob Bashore for two terms
Mary Nace for one term
Kevin Kurtz for one term

At the congregational meeting on December 7, 2014 we elected the following people to church council:

Mary Nace for a second term of 3 years
Kevin Kurtz for a second term of 3 years
Pamela Moyer for a first term of 3 years.

Congratulations!

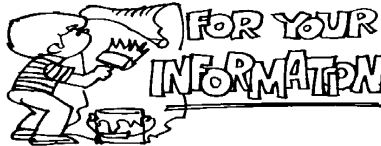
We also adopted the budget that finance committee prepared based on the recommendations of our committee and teams.

Annual Congregational Meeting

For reception of reports and adoption of endowment and rental management budgets

February 22, 2015

Immediately following worship



Church Council Highlights for December

1. Approved Endowment budget for 2015.
2. Established a call committee.
3. Took a straw vote for officers for 2015.
4. Set 2/22 as the date for the congregational meeting.
5. All committee and task forces reports are due into the office by 1/23.

Over the past several years, Trinity has achieved a presence on the Internet with our own website at www.trinitywernersville.org. This website was built through the efforts of Scott James, who did much of the work while pursuing his college degree. He has continued to care for the site and post items while establishing his career.

Another of Trinity's member's, Scott Franzen, has now volunteered to attend to the website and Scott James has graciously assisted him in transitioning into the site. I would like to, for all of us, commend and thank Scott James for helping Trinity enter into the digital realm and for his efforts in establishing our website and keeping it up to date.

Jerry Jarsocrak

Over the past month Trinity's Council has established the composition of our call committee. In accordance to Synod guidelines, the committee was chosen to provide a cross section of congregants based on, among other things, gender, age, and experience. The purpose of this committee is to thoughtfully and prayerfully select a candidate or candidates for Trinity congregation to select or reject as our Pastor. The candidates will be named through the office of the Bishop based on the numerous surveys we've completed, his knowledge of the pastor, and the prospects' perception of being called to the church. Ultimately, our goal is to fulfill God's wishes for the church. The members of the call committee are:

Diane Brown
Beverly James
Izannah Bashore

Rick Lawry
Wendell Byler
John Kurtz

I urge everyone to support and pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit in the committee's and our decision-making during the call process.

Jerry Jarsocrak



Thank you to the Sunday School youth for the care package I received. It was a nice surprise. I appreciate the thoughtfulness put into the note and the package.

Thanks again Trinity youth.

Brian James

Dear Members of Trinity
Lutheran Church,
I'm sorry this is late but
thank you so much for the
Nollawein package, special thanks
to John and Carly Kuty for
the letters in the mailboxes!
Have a merry Christmas &
a happy new year!
-Danielle Jarsocak

(As part of their lesson one Sunday, the Youth Sunday School Class did care packages for our college youth, thanks to Jullie Searfoss who was teaching that Sunday and worked it into her lesson.)

To our Trinity family,
God's spirit
shines through
in people like you.
Just a note to say "Thank you"
for all the prayer support &
friendship over the past
months. Your kindness was
sincerely appreciated.
With Sincere Thanks
Bon & Dawn
"Chris Hangiacoms"
Wishing all of you a very Merry Christmas
and a Healthy Happy New Year.

Thank you, Kathy Bashore and Kathy Lawry for coordinating our Advent Fun Shop.

Thanks to everyone who helped decorate the church for Advent and Christmas.

A big thank you from the Fellowship Committee to all who donated cookies and other goodies for the refreshments following the bell choir concert.

Oops! We missed a congregation in our thank you regarding People First last week. Thanks to Trinity Lutheran, Wernersville as well as all the others! We truly appreciate the generosity of all those who participated! From Reading Berks Council of Churches. (This was for the hats, scarves, and gloves we collected).

Trinity Lutheran Church in Wernersville invited guest speakers from Mary's Shelter to address the members of their church during weekend services. Thank you for this opportunity and for the collection of \$891 that was offered to Mary's Shelter.

(The above is from the November Newsletter from Mary's Shelter in regard to our Thank Offering service and gifts.)

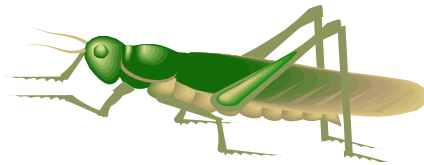


To Kevin Gemmell for being selected for the Select Chorus at Conrad Weiser and for the Lebanon Valley College Bandfest and the Lebanon Valley College Songfest.



Our sincere sympathy to Mark Searfoss and Beth Byler. They both lost their mothers in December. Please remember both these families in your thoughts and prayers.

Upcoming Sunday School Schedule



Sunday School for ages 3 through 4th grade will be studying Moses and the Plagues beginning 1/4. The schedule is as follows:

1/4-Science with Megan Shannon

1/11-Music with Carol Koch

1/18-Art with Karen Houck

1/25-Cooking with Kathy Bashore

Remember we will start in church each Sunday (except 1/4) and go down for Sunday School after the Children's Sermon.

On 1/4 the children begin in Fellowship Hall and then come up for Communion.

Children's Sermon Schedule for January
1/11-Betty Lou Franzen
1/18-Helen Hummel
1/25-Charlotte Moyer

Youth and Adult Sunday School meets at 9:15 AM each Sunday. The youth are in the Youth Room and the adults meet in the library.

Scheduled youth teachers are:

1/4-Jerry Jarsocrak
1/11-Kevin Kurtz
1/18-Stephanie Kurtz
1/25-TBD

The Adult class is led by Bob Bashore

If you would like to change your Simply Giving Amount or if you would like to participate in the program or withdraw from the program, just pick up a form in the narthex, fill it out and place it in a sealed envelope with Barbara Debiec's name on it.



The congregation is invited to PD's installation at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Orwigsburg on Sunday, January 18th @ 3 PM. A dinner will follow the service. For directions or further information, contact Carol Koch.

Our Children's Bell Choir at the Christmas Concert



More of our Children's Bell Choir at the Christmas Concert



Flower and Bulletin Sponsorship

The cost of sponsoring the flowers is \$38.00. If you are sponsoring the flowers, please note that there are flower envelopes in the narthex beside the sign up list for altar flowers. Please put your check (payable to Trinity) or cash in the envelope and place in the offering plate. The cost of sponsoring the bulletins is **\$12.00. Please note change in cost of bulletin sponsorship.** We also want to remind you that the week you are an altar flower sponsor, please call the office, Nancy Moyer, or contact the altar guild person listed in the bulletin if you want to keep the flowers. Otherwise, the flowers will be given to the sick, shut-ins, or others in need. Thanks. **We need altar flower sponsors and bulletin sponsors for 1/4 and 1/25.**

Altar Flower Sponsors for January: 1/4-available, 1/11-Diane Klinger in memory of husband, Bruce, 1/18-Kurtz Family in honor of Carly's 14th birthday, 1/25-available

Bulletin Sponsors for January 1/4-available, 1/11 Sue and Joe Sickler in honor of Andy's birthday, 1/18- Sue & Joe Sickler in memory of Joe's dad, Charles Sickler, 1/25-available.

Helpers for January

Communion Assistant-Diane Brown

Altar Guild-Nancy Moyer

Greeters: 1/4-Pete Schmehl, 1/11-Karen Berkenstock, 1/18-Marlene Ochs, 1/25-Darlene Gemmell.

Acolytes: 1/4-Carly Kurtz, 1/11-Nick Eshbach, 1/18-Jocelyn McFadden, 1/25-Forrest Lamm, Jr.

Lay Readers: 1/4-Kevin Gemmell, 1/11-Bonnie Giamotti, 1/18-Ron & Ruth Rush, 1/25-Anne Marie Rinehimer.

Ushers: 1/4- Rick & Kathy Lawry, 1/11-Coldrens, 1/18-Kurtzes, 1/25-Karen & Patrick Berkenstock.

Counters: 1/4-Coldrens, 1/11- Franzens, 1/18-Rapley/Pirl-Roth, 1/25-Jarsocrak/Sickler

Sound Technician: 1/4 & 1/11-Donald Oxenreider, 1/18-Wendell Byler, 1/25-Scott Franzen.

Bulletin Assemblers: 1/8-June Rapley, 1/15-Diane Brown, 1/22-Connie Fritz, 1/29-Diane Klinger.

Prayer List

ARLENE ADAMS, Anne Alderman, Wanda Barnett, Marge Dietrich, Maddy Folmar, Sharon & Larry Hamilton, Alice Henry, SUE HOLDER, Clare James, Hannah Kramer, Holly Shaffer, Ann Zimmerman, Jerry Brossman, Larry Brossman, RON HARMAN, RAYMOND HARP, Kevin Hartman, Nicholas Hydock, Leslie Jarsocrak, BUZZ LOCKWOOD, Jake Powers, Ryan Manbeck, Rodney Weiss, Jr., and Jerry Zachouski. Armed Services: Marie Rosati Clark, Allison Rosati Martin, NIC BACON, Justin Klinger, Brent Naveiro, Eric Ochs, SCOTT SCHAFFER, Jeffrey Troutman, Jr., and Anthony Witman. Please help us with this prayer ministry if there is someone you want to include.

Church Council Members

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Diane Klinger 610-670-3198

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Donald Oxenreider 610-678-4866

Happy Birthday

Birthday Milestones in January

Eleanor Zimmerman will be 81, Richard Reber will be 88, and Doris Ketner will be 82. Happy Birthday Eleanor, Richard, and Doris.