



*Newsletter of Trinity Lutheran
Church, Wernersville, PA*



Cub Scout/Boy Scout Sunday

February 8



**February 18, 2015 Communion and Imposition of Ashes
Noon and 7:30 PM, Dinner follows noon service**

**Church
Meeting**

**Annual Congregational Meeting, Sunday, February 22nd
following worship**

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Jullie Searfoss recently participated in a mission trip with the Franciscan Nuns at Alvernia University. Trinity's Endowment Fund helped fund this trip. Jullie is studying for her PhD, and she will bring us the message regarding her experiences in the Dominican Republic at worship services on Saturday, 2/14 and Sunday, 2/15. Don't miss this presentation.

Speaking of Mission Trips-if you go to the Synod Website (www.nepsynod.org.) and scroll down under recent news and stories is an article entitled *Helping Hands from Wernersville, PA to David, Kentucky*. Click on the link to read the story. You can also find it by clicking "stories" at the top of the page and then Faith in Action.

What an honor for our church to be featured in this way. Thanks to all of you who made this possible.



February 18

Noon

Communion with imposition of ashes
Ed and Mary Jane Evans are preparing a meat for us following the service. You know you are in for a treat.

7:30 PM

Communion with imposition of ashes

Weekly Midweek Lenten Services begin the following Wednesday (2/25) @ 7 PM. We will again be using Holden Evening Prayer and Pastor Sue will be presenting a short message each week on one of the Beatitudes. We encourage you to attend these beautiful, meditative services. If you prefer a daytime worship experience, the Conrad Weiser Ministerium is holding a noon service. Please see the monthly calendar for weekly locations. 2/25 will be held at St. Daniel's Lutheran Church. 3/4 will be held at St. Paul's UCC in Robesonia.

February 22, 2015

Annual Congregational Meeting

For reception of reports and adoption of endowment and rental management budgets
Immediately following worship
During worship that Sunday, your church council and officers for 2015 will be installed



Church Council Highlights for January

1. Completed ministry profile.

2. Ended the year with strong financial giving-thank you. Benevolence was paid in full.
3. Approved Thrivent Choice Dollars to support Preschool through end of 2014-2015 academic year.
4. Spouting repair completed.
5. Council and officers will be installed on 2/22.



To Megan Wagner who graduated from Temple University on December 18th with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Biochemistry.

To Nick Eshbach on receiving his Eagle Scout Award.



We extend our sincere sympathy to Beverly and Dan James on the loss of his mother. Clare entered the Church Triumphant on Monday, January 12th and services were conducted at Phoebe on Friday, January 16th. Please remember Dan and Beverly in your thoughts and prayers. We also extend our sincere sympathy to the friends of Arlene Adams. Arlene entered the Church Triumphant on Sunday, January 18th. Services were conducted at Lamm & Witman by Pastor Sue on Thursday, January 22nd. Please remember her friends in your thoughts and prayers.

Thank You



Mary's Shelter

Business Office:
736 Upland Avenue • Reading, PA 19807
610-603-8010 • Fax 610-603-8012
www.marysshelter.org

December 31, 2014

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
130 S. Walnut Street
Wernersville, PA 19565

Dear Friends,

Thank you for the thoughtful donation of \$891.00 and for the opportunity to learn more about Mary's Shelter. We appreciate your kindness very much.

In 2014, Mary's Shelter, the Cay Galgon Center, and Mary's Home provided housing for over 50 expectant women, 30 toddlers, 25 newborns, and assisted more than 700 women and children from the community with basic needs and services. These programs offer love, guidance, and structure while working to strengthen family bonds. Services have expanded to include assistance with housing, education or job training, legal referrals, individual counseling, budgeting, life skills training, parenting classes and much more.

Our mission is to provide quality comprehensive care in a secure and comfortable environment. Our program offers each young woman the opportunity to make a real change in her life by laying the groundwork for positive growth. Residents in our program focus on self-esteem and self-reliance. They continue their education or begin job training while they struggle to balance the demands of motherhood, career, and personal growth.

On behalf of the residents of Mary's Shelter, the Cay Galgon Center, and Mary's Home, thank you for your generous donation and support.

Sincerely,

Christine Folk
Executive Director

Mary's Shelter is a non-profit organization and all donations are tax deductible according to IRS guidelines for 501(c)(3) organizations. No goods or services were provided by this agency in exchange for the gift. The official registration and financial information of Mary's Shelter may be obtained from the PA Dept. of State by calling toll free within PA 800-732-0909.

Mary's Shelter 325 South 12th Street • Reading, PA 19602 • 610-376-1973
Mary's Home 736 Upland Avenue • Reading, PA 19607 • 610-603-8010
Cay Galgon Center 714 West Broad Street • Bethlehem, PA 18018 • 610-867-9546

This is in regard to our Thankoffering gift.

DEAR MEMBERS
THANK YOU ALL FOR WHAT YOU
HAVE DONE FOR MYSELF AND
MY FAMILY DURING OUR TIME
OF HEALING. YOUR LOVE AND
SUPPORT MAKE THIS
JOURNEY LESS DIFFICULT AND
STRESSFUL, AND HELPS ME
LOOK FORWARD TO MY
RECOVERY.

THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR
THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

P.S. I LOOK FORWARD TO
SEE YOU ALL SOON !!

THANK YOU
ALL FOR YOUR GENEROSITY.
YOUR ASSISTANCE WILL BE
PUT TO GOOD USE. THANK
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GOD BLESS YOU ALL!

The above two notes are from the Rodney Weiss, Jr. family. The first is in reference to monies sent to him from the proceeds from the Strawberry Festival Community Relief Fund and the second is in regards to a financial gift from the Social Ministry Holiday Appeal Fund.

In addition we received two thank you calls, one from Opportunity House to thank us for our Christmas gifts that we collected and one from Wernersville Encore for the poinsettias we donated for the Meals on Wheels recipients. They were very much appreciated by these homebound folks.

Upcoming Sunday School Schedule



Sunday School for ages 3 through 4th grade will be studying Moses and the Parting of the Red Sea beginning 2/8. The schedule is as follows:

2/8-Games with Kathy Lawry

2/15-Cooking with Kim Scheider

2/22-Art

3/1-Music with Carol Koch

Remember we will start in church each Sunday (except 3/1) and go down for Sunday School after the Children's Sermon.

On 3/1 the children begin in Fellowship Hall and then come up for Communion.

Beginning 3/8 we will prepare for Palm Sunday, Holy Week, and Easter with a Module entitled the Easter Garden.

Children's Sermon Schedule for February

2/8-Diane Brown

2/15-Mary Nace

2/22-Betty Lou Franzen

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:

2/1-Heather McFadden

2/8-Kevin Kurtz

2/15-Jerry Jarsocrak

2/22-Stephanie Kurtz

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.

Why do we "Pass the Peace?"

Passing the Peace during worship is symbolic of our desire to be reconciled to one another. In so doing we are showing that, though we have differences, perhaps even differences in our degree of cleanliness, we understand ourselves as the body of Christ in the world.

This is not a time that we simply say a friendly hello to those we feel most comfortable with but an opportunity to seek out those we may have more trouble accepting and loving on a day to day basis. Jesus' Sermon on the Mount lays a foundation for sharing the peace, "So when you are offering your gift at the altar....first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift..." (Matthew 5:23) This also explains why we generally share the peace just prior to the offering.

It's hard to imagine Jesus avoiding touching someone because they were ill. That said, we are not Jesus. We carry fears that he did not. We are not as confident in our place before God and in the world.

Moving about in the world we inevitably share germs; the possibility of doing so increases in the cold and flu season. We urge you to use good judgment when mingling with the public if you are sick, including the church community. We also remind you that in passing the peace a handshake is not required regardless of the season. Any gesture that demonstrates your desire to be reconciled with your brother and sisters in Christ honors the intent of "Passing the Peace."

To the Trinity Family:

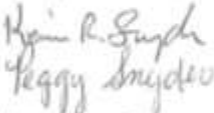
In my capacity as Executor of the Estate of Anne K. Snyder I enclose a check for \$10,000. This is in consideration of a bequest in her Last Will and Testament. It is to be used for whatever purpose the church sees fit.

Trinity Lutheran always occupied a special place in Anne's heart. Many times she told us how her grandfather Samuel helped build the current church in the 1890's. Although life with husband George took her many places, her heart always remained in Wernersville. When she moved back to Wernersville in 2000 after George passed away, it was truly a coming home experience, and Trinity Lutheran was there just as it was when she left.

Anne was the last survivor of four Wenrich sisters, daughters of Edward Wenrich. One of Reverend Diefenderfer's final acts as pastor of Trinity Lutheran was to lay Anne to rest as he had done for sisters June, Betty, and Josephine. That he was able to do so was somehow very appropriate and gave Peggy and I great comfort in a time of need.

We hope that Anne's bequest will take its place as another stone in the foundation of Trinity along with the ones carried by Samuel.

Sincerely,



Kevin and Peggy Snyder

385 Campbell Hill Road

Hollidaysburg PA 16648

We are so grateful for this bequest which was given to the Endowment Committee via Church Council. One of the kindest remembrances to God and God's family can be a place in your will for the church. We have an Endowment Fund where such bequests could be designated and the principal will serve the education of Trinity in different ways and contribute to ministries outside our congregation for time immemorial. You could leave the bequest to the discretion of church council's wisdom at any particular time. Or you could donate to pay down something like our mortgage. Even in our death we can be good stewards and respond to God's presence over the course of our lives. If you ever want to discuss such a matter, talk to the pastor, Diane Klinger or Bob Bashore.

We also received a monetary gift in memory of Ethel Darosh from

Cindy Yeich and her family with thanks to all of you for your support and prayers during the difficult time of her mother's illness and death. This gift was put into the memorial fund.

Volunteer Reading Tutors needed for Ready.Set.READ! Program

Help make a difference in a child's life! Volunteers are needed to tutor 2nd grade students who are struggling with reading at Conrad Weiser East and West Elementary Schools on Wednesdays 3:15 – 4:15 PM. No previous teaching experience is required. This opportunity is for anyone interested in volunteering weekly for one hour. Current background clearances are required prior to assignment. Please contact Darby Wiekrykas at United Way 610-685-4574 or darbyw@uwberks.org.

Many of you probably have fond memories of Anna Shull. She and Kent Narrows co-authored a book about Anna's husband, Edd, entitled *That Boy from Summit Point*. Chapters 47 and 48 are all about Anna. The book is on the back windowsill now and will be placed in our library in the near future. Please feel free to look at it before or after church or even take it home for a few days. Just remember to bring it back so others may enjoy it.



STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL TASK FORCE -- Time to get organized --
Everybody—mark your calendars for Saturday June 13, 2015—
Trinity Strawberry Festival 2015 -- Come out for the organizational meeting on Monday February 23 at 7:30 pm in the Library. Questions and suggestions, call BL Franzen, 610-678-7330, or blou-clue@comcast.net



Pre-school early Enrollment

The \$25 pre-school registration fee will be waived, for any member

of the congregation or any congregations' family member who registers for the 2015-2016 pre-school academic year prior to March 1st. A discounted registration fee of \$15 will be offered for those members who enroll between March 1st and April 30th. Any registration submitted after the April 30th date, will be required to pay the full fee in the amount of \$25. For registration forms or further information regarding the Trinity Lutheran pre-school, please contact either Betty Lou Franzen at 610-678-7330, or Kelly Thompson at 610-468-8920.

The 2015-2016 preschool session begins September through May, five mornings a week from 9:30 am to noon, with an optional 2, 3 or 4 day schedule available. All children who are 3 years old by September 1st are welcome to attend.

Are You a Spectator or a Participant?

Western Berks Shepherding Ministries, Inc. took 75 new clients into the program in 2014. BUT, only 26 new volunteers were trained. Do you think what WBSM is doing in our communities is important? We do. And, we appreciate your compliments. But, we need YOU to help us reach out to others by becoming one of our volunteers. Help us to make our ministry stronger by becoming a participant instead of a spectator. We're asking you to share ONE, only ONE, morning or afternoon a month of your time to help someone get to a doctor appointment or therapy. Training, insurance, mileage reimbursement and an opportunity to make a difference in someone's life by sharing God's love is what you will get in return.

SAVE THE DATE

The next 45 minute volunteer training session will be on Tuesday, March 3rd @ 10:00 at St. John's (Hain's), Wernersville. Please contact Cheryl Young at 610-670-5945 if you have any questions.

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 for 2/8, and 2/22 and bulletin sponsors for 2/1, and 2/18 (Ash Wednesday).**

Altar Flower Sponsors for February: 2/1-Clarence Schein in memory of his wife, Anna, 2/8-available, 2/15-Diane Brown in memory of her grandparents, 2/22-available

Bulletin Sponsors for January 2/1-not sponsored, 2/8-Janice Lamm in honor of Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts "459", 2/15-Marie Rosati in honor of Joe's birthday, 2/18-available, 2/22-Joe & Sue Sickler in honor of Beth's birthday.

Helpers for February

Communion Assistant-Kevin Kurtz

Altar Guild-Diane Klinger

Greeters: 2/1-Connie & Terry Fritz, 2/8-Boy Scouts, 2/15-Marlene Ochs, 2/22-April & Matthew Schwartz

Acolytes: 2/1-John Kurtz, 2/8-Kevin Gemmell, 2/15-Nate Scheider, 2/22-Patrick Berkenstock

Lay Readers: 2/1-Al Roke, 2/8-Boy Scouts, 2/15-Helen and Dick Hummel, 2/22-Elaine Briner

Ushers: 2/1 Rick & Kathy Lawry, 2/8-Coldrens, 2/15-Kurtzes, 2/22-

Karen & Patrick Berkenstock.

Counters: 2/1-Diebec/Rinehimer, 2/8-Coldrens, 2/15- Franzens, 2/18 (Ash Wednesday)-Rapley/Pirl-Roth, 2/22-Jarsocrak/Sickler

Sound Technician: 2/1 & 2/8-Donald Oxenreider, 2/15-Wendell Byler, 2/22-Scott Franzen.

Bulletin Assemblers: 2/5-Darlene Lundy, 2/13-Linda Weiss, 2/19-Mary Nace, 2/26-Eleanor Brossman

Prayer List

Anne Alderman, FERN BAGENSTOSE, Wanda Barnett, SYLVIA CHRISTY, Marge Dietrich, Maddy Folmar, Sharon & Larry Hamilton, Alice Henry, SUE HOLDER, Elaine Holehan, Hannah Kramer, Landry, Holly Shaffer, Ann Zimmerman, Jerry Brossman, Larry Brossman, Ralph East, RON HARMAN, RAYMOND HARP, Kevin Hartman, Nicholas Hydock, Leslie Jarsocrak, BUZZ LOCKWOOD, Jake Powers, Ryan Manbeck, Nick Moore, 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. (Capital letters designates members of Trinity).

Church Council Members

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Diane Klinger 610-670-3198

Mary Nace 610-207-4104

Pamela Moyer 610-670-5896

Kelly Thompson 610-468-8920

Nick Eshbach 610-670-6934

Jerry Jarsocrak, President 610-670-0954

Kevin Kurtz, Vice President 610-693-5233

Donald Oxenreider 610-678-4866

Happy Birthday

Birthday Milestones in February

James Putt will be 96 and Erma Wagner will be 85. Happy Birthday Jim and Erma.