

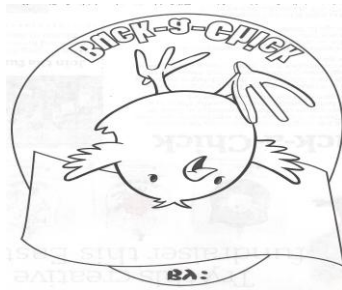
**Every Wednesday 1/2 hour service
@ Noon & 7:00 PM
Noon service will be followed by a soup
luncheon.**

What's new at your church?

Thanks to Scott James we now have an on-line website for our church at www.trinitywernersville.org !!!!!

There's a daily calendar that lists daily events and meetings updated weekly and all kinds of information out there about our church and a slide show also. **CHECK IT OUT!!!!!!**

Eighty-eight people ate at the firehouse. The following week, \$132,704.00 was estimated to be given to Trinity. With absentee commitments that have arrived our estimated giving for 2012 is \$150,200.00. That is 66% of our budget.



Remember the “good old days” when we used to give something up for Lent? You don’t necessarily have to do that but it might be fun to see what you and each of your family members could give up each week that would normally cost you each about \$1.00. We are asking our Sunday School children from preschool age through 5th grade to bring a dollar (or more) each week and put it in the chicken. Parents and other adults are invited to feed the chicken as well. A dollar is all it takes to provide a family living in poverty with a little chick. Soon enough, the chick begins producing eggs. Its eggs make nutritious, protein-rich meals, and can be sold at the marketplace for income-helping a family escape hunger for good. We will ask each person who donates to color and decorate a larger version of the chick which appears above. We will then hang our colorful chicks in the sanctuary or narthex.

Our Sunday School Children in grades 1 through 5 are starting a new module for Lent, entitled Palm Sunday to Easter. We began on 2/26 with an Art workshop taught by Karen Houck in which the kids created a rocking painting. The focus of that workshop was Jesus “rocks” as we roll along in life. Next Sunday, March 4-Charlotte Moyer will lead the Science Workshop on “Make a Joyful Noise” which focuses on Celebrating Jesus Arrival. This will be followed on 3/11 with the Games Workshop “Remembrance of Me” and “Do You Remember” which focuses on Remembering Jesus and Holy Week in Communion, 3/18-Creative Drama Workshop taught by Betty Lou Franzen will focus on God doing amazing things by kids piecing together the story with a puzzle , 3/25-Cooking Workshop led by Kathy Lawry will have the kids making king cakes to celebrate King Jesus. The focus of this workshop is Jesus is our king. The final workshop of this module will be the video on 4/1 where the kids watch a video clip about royal characters. The focus of this workshop is Jesus, our king, leads us to joy. We have something special planned for Easter



Keep your eyes peeled for the Easter flower sign up in the narthex when we will take your orders for those magnificent flowers that help us proclaim "Christ is risen"!

Mark Two Dates!

Saturday and Sunday
March 31st and April 1st
5:30 PM, 8 and 10:30 AM
Palm Sunday
April 7 and April 8th
5:30 PM, 8 AM, & 10:30 AM
Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday

Council Highlights-February, 2012

1. Giving in 2011 increased 2% over 2010.
2. Committee reports will be e-mailed to council members prior to council meeting,
3. We are still searching for a new youth director.
4. There will be a tuition increase for preschool for 2012-2013 academic year.
5. Work continues on organizing a men's group.

Children? Youth? Want to go to Bear Creek Camp?

If you want to try Sunday through Wednesday? Or Wednesday through Saturday?

\$294.00

First time? For a whole week? \$416.00

Yes, that's right-you get a discount for being a rookie!

Been there? Want a week \$457.00

Talk to Pamela Moyer or Bob Bashore about large scholarships to help.

2012 WOMEN'S RETREAT OPENS FOR REGISTRATION
Created by God – Designed for Grace

We can envision our lives as sacred space in which God's Spirit dwells and that indwelling transforms us.

"We have received from God the power and grace necessary for embracing a life that reflects God's presence in the world." (Inez Torres Davis)

How we care for ourselves is of utmost importance to living faithfully for and with God for the sake of the world, our communities, and our families. In this contemplative retreat, we will encounter spiritual practices that will help us focus on the presence and guidance of the Holy Spirit in our lives, explore simple ways to create sacred spaces, and encourage one another to go deeper into our commitment to be a reflection of God's merciful love and healing grace for the world.

Led by the Rev. Donna M. House, the retreat will be held April 27-29, at Mariawald Renewal Center, Shillington. Cost for the retreat, lodging, and all meals is \$160. Deadline for registration is April 4.

For more information or registration materials, contact Diakon Family Life Services at fls@diakon.org, 610-

682-1337, 1-888-499-2699 (toll free), or visit the Events section of our website at <http://www.diakon.org/fls/NPEvents.asp>.





The following article, *Wellspring of Faith* written by Bruce Posten appeared in the Reading Eagle on January 28th and we have permission to reprint it in our church newsletter.

Members of Trinity Lutheran Church reach a deeper understanding of life on a trip to dig a well for an El Salvadoran village.



Reading Eagle: Harold Hoch

Dawn Hickernell of Millcreek Township, Lebanon County, was part of the mission undertaken by Trinity Lutheran Church, Wernersville, in El Salvador.

For members of a small Wernersville church of about 150 families, the act of simply digging a well in a foreign country was an undertaking that led to a deeper understanding of humanity's basic needs and an appreciation of life's greatest blessings.

"For me, it was life changing," said Kevin Kurtz, 55, of South Heidelberg Township, a manager of Furnace Creek Manor senior living apartment complex in Robesonia who joined a 12-member team from Trinity Lutheran Church, Wernersville in spending a mid-November week in the western El Salvadoran village of Guayapa Abajo digging a well that will serve nearly 1,000 people.

Dubbed the inspirational leader for the project by other church members, real estate agent and Trinity member Dawn Hickernell, 45, of Millcreek Township, Lebanon County, made a presentation to the church last spring about her experiences with Living Water International of Houston, which serves as a conduit to organize such international humanitarian hygiene and well-drilling projects.

"The Salvadorans are a people who have truly touched my heart," Hickernell said. "Currently 12,000 children die annually from drinking contaminated water usually obtained from shallow wells or from rivers."

While it has the third-largest economy in Central America, El

Salvador, with a population of 6.1 million, has been hit with natural disasters and a 12-year civil war that has left the country with four out of every 10 living in poverty, according to statistics compiled by United Nations agencies.

Rural areas are especially poverty stricken. These areas have no access to adequate water and sanitation facilities; nor do the people have tools or equipment to improve their lot, Hickernell said

"Every morning we get up and use the bathroom, brush our teeth, make coffee and never give a thought to the water we are using or how miserable we would be without the ability to easily do those things," Hickernell said. "Imagine having to walk miles to get water every day and the water is contaminated and makes your family sick.

It costs about \$5,000 to drill a well, but Trinity Lutheran, the recipient of an outpouring of support from members, schoolchildren, other churches and local and regional groups, raised about \$27,000 for its El Salvador project not only for the well, but also to cover trip expenses and educational, food and hygiene supplies for the villagers.

"By doing what we did I believe we actually helped to save lives, and that is very rewarding," said Kurtz, who was drawn to the project because it extended beyond what he called his comfort zone.

"These people have basic housing, food and water needs with absolutely no support system or government safety net," he said. "It's not like here in the United States."

Another team member, Kerri Searfoss, 53, of South Heidelberg Township, a photographer and registered nurse serving as one of four hygiene instructors on the trip, described the Salvadorans as proud, but receptive to United States missionary aid that ultimately could lead to improving their daily lives.

"For us, it was a way to make a difference and have a direct impact," Searfoss said. "Often our country makes it difficult to give in that way here (in the United States) because of malpractice insurance issues or, in many cases, the needs just aren't as basic." Searfoss also said the act of giving to others is uplifting and ultimately benefits those who give.

"We in our church bonded wonderfully as a group in fellowship," she said. "We learned about each other and actually looked forward to sitting down in the evenings to talk and learn

from one another. There were no televisions or other distractions." Searfoss believes the religious and social fabric within her own church has been strengthened by meaningful work that aids and uplifts others. Those that gave of themselves got more than what they needed in return.

Kurtz agreed. "This is something I want my children to experience, to see how other cultures live and what is really important in life," he said. "When we were down in El Salvador, I don't think I saw the children have a toy or a game or a video or anything. They were lucky to have a soccer ball."

Kurtz also witnessed a horrific car accident, with children injured. There was no 9-1-1 or police or ambulance or hospital to call. People nearby rushed out to help, to comfort the hurt or grieving. No one drove away without lifting a hand. Individuals, often intertwined and interdependent in a social community, bonded and stepped up to act, because that was all there was to do.

Those at Trinity Lutheran witnessed firsthand communal outreach. They also experienced it in simple hygiene classes designed to prevent food contamination or disease. They experienced it by digging a 190-foot-deep well that pumps fresh, clean, life-enhancing water, 60 gallons a minute.



Dear Members of Trinity,

Thank you for the most appreciated notes and prayers during Frank's illness and for your cards of sympathy. It helps to know others care and are keeping you in their prayers.

Sincerely,

Ann Sentz & family

Dear Friends at Trinity,
Thank you to all who
sent me a card for my
birthday.

Sincerely
Jim



January 23, 2012

Kay Stout
Trinity Lutheran Church
130 Walnut St.
Wernersville, PA 19565

Dear Kay Stout,

On behalf of the Reading CROP Walk Committee, we would like to thank you and all of the walkers from your church for participating in the 30th Annual Reading CROP Walk held on October 9, 2011 at Gring's Mill Park.

The \$728 raised by your walkers will help those struggling with hunger in Berks County as well as throughout the world. Twenty-five percent of the proceeds benefited the Greater Berks Food Bank and seventy-five percent benefited the international efforts led by Church World Services. In total, almost \$26,000 was raised at last year's Walk!

Sincerely,

Peg Bianca
Executive Director
Greater Berks Food Bank

Michael Kaucher
Executive Director
Reading Berks Conference of Churches

Congratulations to Joe and Marie Rosati who became proud grandparents again on February 27th as they welcomed their third grandson, Graham Alexander Martin. Graham was born to Allison Rosati Martin and Greg Martin in San Diego.

**A series for Your Lenten Devotion
OVERHEARD**

Conversations by the Cross

March 28

The Two Thieves

April 4

Mary and John

Our Mutual Ministry Committee developed their staff assignments at their February 7th meeting:

Nancy Moyer/Marie Rosati

Carol Koch/Bonnie Giamotti

Frank and Laura Krick/Rick Lawry

Youth Director/Diane Brown

Pastor Diefenderfer/Jerry Jarsocrak & Kevin Kurtz



Palm Sunday

April 1, 2012

Distribution of Palms

Reading of the Passion of our Lord

(We will hold the whole service inside/no walking around the block)

Monday in Holy Week

April 2

7-7:30 PM

Tuesday in Holy Week

April 3

7-7:30 PM

Midweek Lenten Service

April 4

Mary and John

7-7:30 PM

Maundy Thursday

April 5

Communion/Footwashing/Stripping of the Altar

7:30-8:30 PM

Good Friday

April 6

Hal Hopson's Tenebrae

7:30-8:15 PM

Easter Vigil

April 7

5:30-6:15 PM

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Easter Sunday

April 8

8 & 10:30 AM

Since we last published a newsletter, Trinity lost a ninety five year old member, Helen Krott. She passed away with her son, Fred, by her side on January 31, 2012. We committed her to the Church Triumphant on Saturday, February 4, 2012.

Since Nevin Youse had joined Trinity eighteen years ago, he and his wife, Ellen, attended worship every Sunday and sang in the choir as long as they possibly were able. Health began to take a toll and they could not attend. Nevin passed away February 18th with his son, Keith by his side. Nevin always wished to be buried from Dinkey Memorial Lutheran Church, Ashfield, where he grew

up. He was and his nephew, The Reverend Gerald Arndt (Good Shepherd, Tuckerton) preached his eulogy, all on Thursday, February 23. May the Lord comfort all who mourn. Our sincere sympathy to the family and friends of Helen Krott and Nevin Youse.

Flower Sponsors for March: 3/4-Pamela Moyer in memory of her mother, 3/11-Russ Berkenstock in honor of Star's birthday, 3/18-Scott & Betty Lou Franzen in memory of Lydia Beth, 3/25-Pamela Moyer in memory of her mother and Annie McKinney.

Bulletin Sponsors for March: 3/4-Roth's in honor of Rick's 16th birthday, 3/11-Clint Garrison in honor of granddaughter Morgan's 19th birthday, 3/18-Al & Cindi Roke in honor of new grandson, Thomas Nello Roke, 3/25-available.

Helpers for March

Acolytes: 3/4-(8 AM) Richard Roth, (10:30 AM) Patrick Berkenstock, 3/11-Madison Moore, 3/18-John Kurtz, 3/25-Brendan Thompson.

Greeters. 3/4-Helen & Dick Hummel, 3/11-Mary Young, 3/18-Scott & Betty Lou Franzen, 3/25-Jerry Jarsocrak

Lay Readers: 3/4-Elaine Briner, 3/11-Bonnie Giamotti, 3/18-Mary Nace, 3/25-Diane Klinger

Communion Assistant: Jerry Jarsocrak

Altar Guild-Betty Lou Franzen

Nursery: 3/4-Kristin Lawry, 3/11-Tammy Flynn, 3/18-Kay Weatherholtz, 3/25-Morgan Enck.

Counters: 3/4-Franzens, 3/7-Jarsocrak/Sickler, 3/11-Debiec/Rinehimer, 3/14-Coldrens, 3/18-Rapley/Pirl-Roth, 3/21-Franzens, 3/25-Jarsocrak/Sickler, 3/28-Debiec/Rinehimer.

Sound Technician: 3/4 & 3/11-Mike Jarsocrak, 3/18-Wendell Byler, 3/25-Scott Franzen

Bulletin Assemblers: 3/1-Mary Young. 3/8-Mary Jane Evans, 3/15-Carolyn Kurtz, 3/22-Anna Shull, 3/29-June Rapley

Prayer List

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Birthday Milestones in March

Earl Heffner will be 83 on 3/11, June Page will be 88 on 3/23, Katherine Neider will be 85 on 3/28 and Raymond Harp will be 92 on 3/29.