



*Newsletter of Trinity Lutheran
Church, Wernersville, PA*

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From the Pastor

.....God is Love.

1 John 4:8

Grounded in the Love of God

Many thoughts swirl through my head as I contemplate this newsletter article.

-Fathers' Day approaches and I think of the ways David and I were blessed by having the fathers we did. We respected and enjoyed them through our lives and shared a special bond in caring for them as they grew old.

-I'm burdened by concern for a relative that just can't seem to find his way. Where can I find answers, what can we do to help?

-I'm deeply grieved by the recent violence against people of God at Emanuel AME Church in Charleston and the continual signs of racism that are tearing at the fabric of our nation.

-We are gearing ourselves up for a fun and exhausting week with the five youngest grandchildren while they attend VBS at our former church.

-And, always, I think of you, the people of God at Trinity, Wernersville.

But one central thought keeps weaving in and out among the others:

"Grounded in the love of God."

The best of fathers are grounded in the love of God, as David and mine were. Neither of them were perfect by any means, but there was no doubt that they had a faith to fall back on, to guide their decisions and soften their hearts.

When troubled by the demons that plague our friends and family it

helps to stay grounded in the love of God. What can we do? Where do we go for help? As the psalmist says, “my help comes from the Lord...He will not let your foot slip.” So grounded I have the assurance that what I say or do will be the “right” thing even if I don't realize it at the time.

As much as we grieve with the members of Emanuel AME we are at the same time inspired by their testimony of faith, faith greater than fear, faith that is strong enough to forgive, faith that is clearly grounded in the love of God.

Reminding myself that I am grounded in the love of God will give me the patience, energy and cheer that I need to enjoy the grandchildren.

It's clear that many of you here at Trinity are grounded in the love of God. From that grounding springs your love for one another, your ministries to those in need, your service to the worship and educational life of the church, and your own daily loving interactions with people in your home, school, place of employment and neighborhoods.

In every decision we make, activity we undertake, conversation we enter, prayer we utter know that you stand on solid ground when **Grounded in the Love of God**.

God's Peace,



Sunday School in July, and August

So far our plan of having the children participate with us in the opening of worship and then going on to Sunday School has gone well. We have had anywhere from 2 to 6 children present every Sunday. We continue to encourage our families with younger children to attend worship, as they are able, throughout the summer knowing that there will be activities for their children as well. The list of teachers for July is on the back of the calendar. Worship services are remaining at 10:30 throughout the summer.



Have a garden?

If God blesses you with an abundance

bring your “overage” to the basket on the back windowsill.

If you don’t have a garden or are not growing what’s in the basket
take what you would like, leave a donation.

All donations will be given to **World Hunger.**



Church Council Highlights for June

1. Pastor Sue will be scheduled for 20 hours a week.
2. Welcomed new Girl Scout troop co-led by Stephanie Kaiser on 2nd & 4th Monday; they will meet prior to the AA meeting.
3. Discussed Bishop’s letter regarding same sex marriage.
4. Given the recent discussion at Synod Assembly and resolution that passed, we will find a vehicle to have further discussion at Trinity on same sex marriages.

If you would like a copy of your giving statement through the end of June, 2015, please see Barbara Debiec or call her at 610-670-2841.

Just a reminder to save the date of December 13th @ 3 PM for the Christmas Concert. The Senior Choir will be joining the Bell and Chime Choirs this year so this will be a really special event.



Calling all musicians!

Share your talents during the summer.

Sing or play at the time the choir normally sings their anthem.

A sign-up sheet is posted in the Narthex

Five Sundays are still available-July 19th and 26th, and August 9th, 23rd
and 30th.

Please call Carol the Monday before you will be using your talents so
that your selection can be placed in the bulletin.

**Anyone that needs assistance with household work, odd jobs, and
outside work-John Kurtz is the man to see, reasonable rates. You
can contact him at 610-693-5233.**

All profits from the Strawberry Festival go to the Community Response
Fund. For the year 2014-2015 we made 6 donations. Donations were given
to: Rodney Weiss, Jr. (2 times), Nick Moore (2 times), Sue Holder, and
Amy Hatlee.



Thank you to everyone who donated stuffed animals for our games
at the Strawberry Festival. To see the smiles on the children's faces
is priceless.

Barbara Debiec

Thank you to everyone who donated books, puzzles, CD's, DVD's,
and VCR tapes. The puzzles were a "big hit". A special thank you to
Kathy Bashore, Izannah Bashore, and Mary Young who sorted our
donations prior to the big day. They also come back to sort through
the remains and determine what would be retained for next year
and what will go to Book Bonanza. Thank you to Rich Debiec for

offering to take the bools to Book Bonanza. Thank you to Mary Nace, Carolyn Kurtz, and Leslie Pirl/Roth for helping me at the table the day of the festival. All of you are a big help in making this a successful part of the Strawberry Festival.

Carol Koch

I would like to thank everyone who donated to the raffle. Also I want to thank everyone who helped the day of the Strawberry Festival. It's because of everyone like you that made it a success. Thanks again.

Connie Fritz


Another year and another heartfelt thank you to all who signed up or said "yes" to our calls and pleas for help at the Strawberry Festival. It is our pleasure to speak with you each year. Your willingness to help us in so many different ways is greatly appreciated, and it is a big factor in the success of the festival.

Anne Marie Rinehimer & Mary Young

Our Lenten Self Denial Envelopes at Work



Dear Trinity Lutheran Church,

For all you do... 

THANK YOU.

Thank you so much for
the very generous donation
to Berks Encore meals on
wheels. Very much appreciated and
so thoughtful!
Rachel Kline
+ Berks Encore
friends

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June 1, 2015

Trinity Lutheran Church
Mr. Gerald W. Jarsocrak, Council President
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Dear Mr. Jarsocrak,

Thanks to your generous donation, Meals on Wheels participant Mary is eating healthy and overcoming health issues related to malnourishment. "Mary looks great!" shares her healthcare provider. "She's giggling again and her face has filled out. Your organization and the Meals on Wheels program have done a great job with helping her become healthy. Just having the meals each day has done amazing things. Please thank your staff and volunteers for all they do!"

Berks Encore's mission is to engage the community to enable older adults to achieve a better quality of life by providing services, referrals, education and advocacy. Your support will allow us to continue providing these critical programs and services throughout Berks County. There has been an increase in the need for our programs and services, and at the same time, we know that it has become more difficult for some to continue donating because of changes in their own economic status. So now more than ever, we appreciate your \$430.00 gift that was received on 5/20/2015 in support of the Meals On Wheels program.

For 50 years, Berks Encore has promoted the needs and interests of Berks seniors. Each year we serve more than 174,000 meals to homebound seniors, and we meet individually with 2,777 seniors to help them better understand and select insurance and health care plans. We also provide social and educational outlets to keep older adults physically active and mentally alert. All of this would not be possible without the 1,450 volunteers (many seniors themselves) who donate their time to help those who are at the most vulnerable times of their lives.

We invite you to take a tour of our centers and meet the staff and consumers who benefit from donations such as yours. I am always available to set up a tour for you or to answer any questions you may have. Please don't hesitate to call me at (610) 374-3195, x222. In the meantime, we invite you to follow our program updates via our monthly newsletter – *Berks Encore News* – or on our Facebook page. Again, thank you for your support and all that you do for Berks Encore.

Sincerely,

LuAnn Catman
CEO/President

*Thank you
so very much!*

No goods or services have been provided in return for this gift. All contributions are tax-deductible as allowable by law.

The official registration and financial information of Berks County Senior Citizens Council, Inc. may be obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of State by calling toll free, within Pennsylvania: 1 (800) 732-6999. Registration does not imply endorsement.

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MISSION POSSIBLE



Thank you to all who contributed to our mission trip **\$634.00** was raised in the congregation to fund the school kits we assembled and took to New Windsor, Brethren Service Center.

Some of the numbers

20 member of Trinity traveled to New Windsor

100 school kits delivered from Trinity as well as several boxes of supplies from Zion Lutheran Church in Womelsdorf

Countless kits inspected for shipment

Uncounted quilts folded and packaged

13,234 actual pound weight of kits boxed for shipment in

287 boxes for shipment

120 man hours worked at New Windsor

8,875 estimate of kits of various types packaged

8,875 people minimally who we touched

3 bales of cardboard recycled 5 X5 X 5

The numbers broken down

Counts are estimates pounds are actual packaged amounts

Personal care kits 6,020 at 7,678 lbs.

School kits 1,225 at 2,463 lbs.

Baby kits 1580 at 3,037 lbs.

Fabric kits 50 at 56 lbs.

Thank you to all of you who made this trip possible
Your mission team



June 10, 2015

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Dear Trinity Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your generous donation of Quilts and Kits for LWR's distribution overseas. These gifts of your hearts and hands are beautiful expressions of God's grace and love to people all around the world. Your care and compassion makes it possible for families and communities to keep themselves healthy, warm, educated, and employed.

Since the beginning of the Syrian Civil War in March 2011, many Syrian refugees have fled to Lebanon, Jordan, and Iraq. Since 2011 LWR has been responding to the Syrian refugee crisis and thousands of families have been given access to items that fulfill their basic needs. Thanks to your generosity, in addition to meeting immediate needs through shelter repair kits, cash-for-work and water filtration projects, LWR will also be distributing Quilts, Personal Care Kits, Baby Care Kits and School Kits to Syrian families to help them as they rebuild their lives.

On behalf of our neighbors in Lebanon, Jordan, Iraq and countless others in villages, schools, hospitals and refugee camps around the world, I extend deepest thanks for your contribution, and pray God's richest blessings on all of your ministries!

In Christ

Melanie W. Gibbons
Quilt & Kit Ministry Manager

DONATION RECEIPT

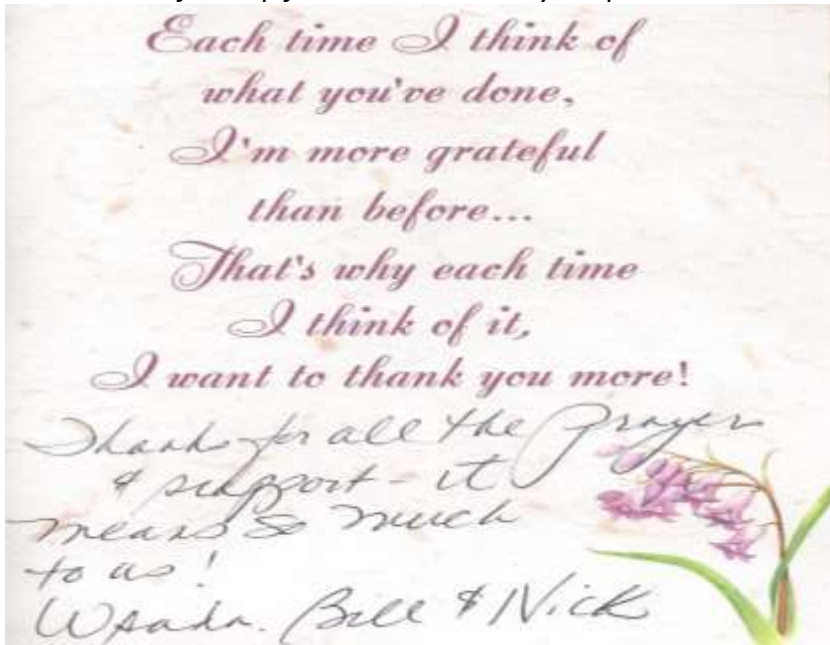
	Mission Quilts		Baby Care Kits
	Blankets		Fabric Kits
	Personal Care Kits		Soap
100	School Kits		

Thank you from all the clients and staff at Opportunity House for volunteering in our kitchen last night! (June 4)

Please share our thanks and deep gratitude with all the members of your Trinity Lutheran cooking team.

Stay well!
John

Thanks for help from the Community Response Fund



Dear Trinity Lutheran church,
Thank you for supporting me to go to the Dominican Republic in January of 2015. I learned a lot about a small country in a short time and I hope I was able to show you some of what I experienced in the DR in my slide presentation back in March. It was a very interesting mission trip and I believe we made a positive impact. Thank you!
Julie Seoford



6-3-15

Dear Trinity Mission Group,
Thank you so much for taking
our 8 boxes of quilts, school kits,
and health kits along to Church
World Services in Maryland.
We are so happy we found a
way to get them down. We are
thankful that Kevin came to
our Church and loaded them
in his truck for us.

We've enclosed a check for
\$50.00 to use for your gas
and Mission Trip expenses.

We used to take them in to
Reading to St. Luke's Church
but since their Pastor's also
left to go elsewhere they no
longer are able to deliver
things either.

I hope you had an enjoyable
trip.

Sincerely,

Henry Kramer, Mission Chair at
Trinity Lutheran

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**. 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 bulletin sponsors for all the Sundays in July.**

Altar Flower Sponsors for July: 7/5-Suzanne Kreider in honor of Brad & Carrie's anniversary, 7/12-Kurtzes in honor of John's 18th birthday, 7/19-Betty Lou & Scott Franzen in memory of Sylvan & Pauline Colove, 7/26-Pamela Moyer in memory of Annie McKinney.

Helpers for July

Communion Assistant-Diane Klinger

Altar Guild-Suzanne Krieder

Greeters: 7/5-Pete Schmehl, 7/12-Marlene Ochs, 7/19-Phyllis and Frances Luft, 7/26-April & Matthew Schwartz.

Acolytes: 7/5-Nate Schwartz, 7/12-open, 7/19-Carly Kurtz, 7/26-Kevin Gemmell

Lay Readers: 7/5-Charlotte Moyer, 7/12-Helen & Dick Hummel, 7/19-Jerry Jarsocrak, 7/26-Anne Marie Rinehimer.

Ushers: 7/5-Lawry's, 7/12-Coldrens, 7/19-Kurtzes, 7/26-Berkenstocks.

Counters: 7/5-Jarsocrak/Brophy, 7/12-Hummels, 7/19-Franzens, 7/26- Jarsocrak/Brophy.

Sound Technician: 7/5 & 7/12-Donald Oxenreider, 7/19-Wendell

Byler, 7/26-Scott Franzen.

Bulletin Assemblers: 7/2-June Rapley, 7/8-Diane Brown, 7/16-Connie Fritz, 7/23-Darlene Lundy, 7/30-Linda Weiss.

Children's Summer Sunday School Teacher: 7/5-Beth Byler, 7/12-Suzanne Kreider, 7/19-Helen Hummel, 7/26-Charlotte Moyer.

Prayer List

FERN BAGENSTOSE, Wanda Barnett, Marge Dietrich, Maddy Folmar, Sharon & Larry Hamilton, Amy Hatlee, SUE HOLDER, Hannah Kramer, Holly Shaffer, Ann Zimmerman, Jerry Brossman, Larry Brossman, RON HARMAN, RAYMOND HARP, Kevin Hartman, Scott Hickernell, Nicholas Hydock, Leslie Jarsocrak, BUZZ LOCKWOOD, Gary Ochs, Jake Powers, Ryan Manbeck, Nick Moore, PHILIP SCHAFFER, Talan and his grandfather, Rodney Weiss, Jr., and Jerry Zachouski. Armed Services: Eric Alderman, Marie Rosati Clark, Allison Rosati Martin, Justin Klinger, Brent Naveiro, Eric Ochs, SCOTT SCHAFFER, and Jeffrey Troutman, Jr., Please help us with this prayer ministry if there is someone you want to include. (Capital letters designates members of Trinity).

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Happy Birthday

Birthday Milestones in July

Jeanne Fiant will be 85, Clint Garrison will be 85, Patricia Paine will be 82 and Janet Dissinger will be 80. Happy Birthday to Jeanne, Clint, Patricia, and Janet.