

Trinity Tidings for Jan. 2019

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In Thanksgiving

As I write this it is December 17th and the season is upon us. I am beginning to feel a little anxiety. I have filled my calendar book with all the church and personal activities I must accomplish this week. From church meetings to sermon preparation to the new Mary Poppins movie opening, to when I am going to boil the eggs for my Christmas Eve deviled eggs I have every second scheduled.

Even so, Pastor Bruce and I still remembered to do our Advent devotions this morning over breakfast. But the one thing I *have* neglected to schedule is my own personal time with God. It would be great if pastors had an advanced ability to pray and relate to God, but no. So I have decided that each morning this week I will take time to sit quietly, listen to music, and pray in the silence of my church office.

I want to ask God to take care of my children, my husband, and my extended family and to give them peace and success in life. I want to pray for my church family and the future that God has planned for us. I want to pray for the world and all who live on this planet that they, too may find the gift of peace and compassion with and for one another.

And most importantly I want to thank God for God's presence in my life and the gift of God's son, Jesus Christ—the One who died for me in order to bring me into right relationship with the One who breathed life into me. It is personal and intimate.

I also want to do something that puts my gratitude into action. I can do this through my involvement in the ministries that our church family does. I also know that these ministries cannot happen without the time, abilities, and financial gifts I give to Trinity Lutheran Church.

Lately you have been hearing that Trinity is struggling to meet the demands of our growing ministries. In light of this many of you have stepped up giving by providing extra support over and above your estimated giving for the year. THANK YOU. Your gifts will help support our music ministry, Christian Education, the work of Evangelism (Mutual Ministries), Social outreach, the work of our staff, Mission Possible, our facility, and the fellowship events that promote a sense of community as the body of Christ.

With this in mind, it is time to prayerfully consider how you will give of yourself through time, talent, and monetary gifts in 2019. The Stewardship Team will kick-off this year's campaign throughout the month of January culminating in an **"Everybody Come to Church Sunday"** on February 3rd, 2019. To encourage complete attendance, there will be no Saturday evening worship on February 2nd.

So mark your calendars now—not just mark your calendars—but clear your calendars for Sunday, February 3rd! Wouldn't it be remarkable if everyone who is a member of Trinity came to church all on the same Sunday? It would give us an opportunity to see exactly how big we are, and what we look like as a church family.

On that day, **we will take a picture of our entire church family**. Saturday evening people we want you there and DO NOT worry about what kind of clothes you will wear on Sunday. Sunday morning is all about our relationship with God and each other—it is not about how we look (this is one of the most important reasons acolytes, assistants, and the pastor wear robes to lead worship). You are God's blessing, so please come!

Here's what's happening in January:

January 13—Dawn Baxter, director of the West Berks Mission District will share a message about our mission district and how our gifts support not only the ministry of Trinity but of our greater church

as well. She will share with us the ministries of the WBMD.

January 20—We will have a “Ted Talk.” **Tedd Hickernell** will share his personal story of gratitude for what God has done in his life.

January 27—The **Trinity Players** will regale us with their own take on what it means to be a faithful giver.

February 3—We will be blessed to have former pastor, **The Reverend Carl Shankweiler** as our preacher. Worship will be followed by **lunch** for everyone. (This year will NOT be potluck.)

So take some time for prayer, thanksgiving, and thought about how you might support the ongoing ministries of Trinity Lutheran Church.

Peace in this new year of ministry and mission,
Pastor Julie

Please remember in your prayers:

Members who are sick or recently hospitalized: Ryan Harman, Diane Klinger, Buzz Lockwood, Cathy Richards, Tom Schwalm, and Matthew Schwartz.

Members who are homebound or in care facilities: Ardelle Heffner, Joan Kava, Pat Sickles, Kay Weatherholtz, and Jane Wilkinson.

The Military: Bryce Dawson, Kiley Ann Gring, Natalie Ketner, Allison Rosati Martin, Justin Klinger, Eric Ochs, Nick Taatjes, and Jeffrey Troutman, Jr.

Family and Friends: Michael Barber, Wanda Barnett, Tracy Benson, Larry Brossman, Carolyn Bryant, Fred DeLong, Marge Dietrich, Peggy Guido, Glenn Helbert, Karl Himmelmann, Jessey Homan, Donald & Shirley Kerchner, Hannah Kramer, Jake Powers, Tom Reppert, Christine Rhoads, Kenneth Searfoss, Judy Steffie, Beverly Wentzel, Jerry Zachousk, and Ann Zimmerman.

Special Ministries: Our missionary in Tanzania-Dr. Stephen Friberg.

Please let us know when our prayers are answered so we can keep our prayer list current.



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.

Thanks to the Fellowship Committee and bakers who provided goodies for the social after the Christmas Concert on December 16th. Everything was delicious. We appreciated your generosity.

Thank you to the Boy Scouts for decorating help & getting decorations out of the attic.

Thank you to Helen Hummel and Charlotte Moyer for helping with decorations.

Thank you to Diane Klinger for her dedicated service on council for the last 6 years.

to TLC
Thank you so much
for the many calendars
that you were able
to provide to our
facility! Greatly appreciated
Wesley Pelt Roth

Wernersville State Hospital

Our Missionary Support

Your 2018 Year-to-date Covenant Gifts

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Thank you for your covenant gifts. Help us keep our global ministries strong by fulfilling your covenant by Jan. 31, 2019.

Covenant	Commitment
Stephen & Bethany Friberg MSG0141	\$1,000.00

Please note: the information on this report will not reflect gifts that have already been received or are being processed.

Our VBS Gifts



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

December 4, 2018

Trinity Lutheran Church
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Wernersville, PA 19565-1520

Thank You

Dear Trinity Lutheran Church,

What a gift you've given! Thank you for your recent gift of \$400.00 to Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) ministries through ELCA Good Gifts.

Your Good Gift is a very good gift, indeed. With resources like seedlings and seminary courses, vaccinations and vegetable gardens, Bibles and blankets, you're equipping God's people – around the world and around the corner – with what they need to live abundant lives.

Thank you for your support of the vital ministries that we do together – and for your very good gift.

In God's abundant grace,

Christina Jackson-Skelton
Executive Director, Mission Advancement

Gift date: 11/28/2018

Gifts are designated for:

Piglet	\$30.00
Chicks	\$20.00
Rooster	\$30.00
Fish farm	\$250.00
Honey bees	\$20.00
Goat	\$50.00

Total contribution:

\$400.00

Women's Daytime Bible Study Christmas Luncheon



Celebrating Charlotte Moyer's 80th birthday at Supper following the Christmas Concert



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 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 **\$15.00**. 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 still need a bulletin sponsor for 1/20. Please sign up on the appropriate chart in the narthex.**

Altar Flower Sponsors for January: 1/6-Kathy and Rick Lawry in memory of Suzanne Kreider, 1/13-Giamottis in honor of January birthdays, 1/20-Kurtzes in honor of Stephanie and Carly's birthday, 1/27-Ron & Cherie Giangiacomo in memory of Dawn Giangiacomo's birthday

Bulletin Sponsors for January: 1/6-Diane Brown in honor of family and friends, 1/13-Mary Young in honor of son's birthday, 1/20-available, 1/27-Don & Diane Harman in honor of their 49th wedding anniversary.

Helpers for January

Council Devotions and Snack: Scott Franzen

Communion Assistant: Wendell Byler

Greeters: 1/6-Bonnie & Jim Giamotti, 1/13-Marie & Joe Rosati, 1/20-Cindy Hassler-Schappell & Bob Schappell, 1/27-Laura & Frank Krick.

Lay Readers: 1/6-Bob Bashore, 1/13-Carol Koch, 1/20-Helen & Dick Hummel, 1/27-Cindy Hassler-Schappell.

Ushers: 1/6-Lawry's, 1/13-Bashore's, 1/20-Kurtzes, 1/27-Berkenstocks,

Sound System: 1/6- Patrick Berkenstock, 1/13- Stephanie Kurtz, 1/20-Wendell Byler, 1/27-Scott Franzen.

Counters: 1/6-Franzens, 1/13-Rapley/Pirl-Roth, 1/20-Jarsocrak, 1/27-Debiec/Rinehimer.

Bulletin Assemblers: 1/3-Barbara Debiec, 1/10-Beverly James, 1/17-Helen Hummel, 1/24-Eleanor Brossman, 1/31-Mary Young

Children's Sunday School Teachers: 1/13-Kathy Lawry, 1/20-Diane Brown, 1/27-Kathy Bashore

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Our sincere sympathy to Lori Shoumlisky. Her Father, Samuel Guido, entered the Church Triumphant on Wednesday December 26th. Please remember Lori and her family in your thoughts and prayers. May the Lord bring comfort to all those who mourn.