

# Trinity Tidings for Feb. 2019

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## Yesssss!

Well we did it. Our worries and fears have been washed away and in its place is a sigh of relief. We finished our 2018 financial year in the black. Thank you to those who creatively considered how to use what we already had. Thank you to those of you who read our financial updates in the Sunday bulletins becoming more educated about what is needed to support the ministries and staff of Trinity Lutheran Church. Thank you to everyone who actively responded to the financial needs of mission. Thank you.

In truth, a church only needs to “break even” when it comes to finances. Our intention is never to make money and squirrel it away. Our intention is always to support the ministry in which the people of Trinity are engaged.

Sometimes it is easy to think of the church as one more place that wants your money. It is a challenge to try and meet the financial needs of so many organizations—all of which do good work in this world. But the truth is, we can't. And so it is in prayerful consideration that we discern where our time, talent, and treasures are to be used best. How many times have we gotten the heartfelt dinnertime phone call from any number of groups, agencies, or other benefit organizations? We do our best to determine who we will support—and who we will not.

As your pastor, I am overwhelmed with the honor and joy of being a part of the wonderful ministry of not only Trinity, but of the larger church. There are so many different ministries in which our church is involved. I know that my financial gifts support all of them. (I encourage you to go to [westberksmissiondistrict.org](http://westberksmissiondistrict.org), [nepasynod.org](http://nepasynod.org), and [elca.org](http://elca.org) to look over the many areas of mission in which our church is involved.)

We support all of the church with our Mission Support dollars. For me, it's like “one-stop shopping.” When it comes to the financial support of Disaster Response, Immigration and Refugee resettlement, malaria support, hunger and poverty alleviation, providing clean drinking water, creation care—okay the list goes on and on . . . I know that I am really making a difference in the world with my financial support of my church.

In this way we are a part of the Body of Christ. We are hands, feet, noses, and toes and we are each integral to the work of the whole body. Each and every person of the Body of Christ is equipped with special gifts—talents and abilities—that can and do change the world.

Thank you for being that change in your community, your workplace, your school, your home, and your church whether it's been with your time and talents or with your treasures.

But wait. There's more. Because of such faithful giving to our debt reduction as well, we are very, very soon going to pay off our debt. It is our hope that you will continue this same giving in support of the greater ministry of Trinity Lutheran Church. Martin Luther tells us we do this work not because God needs us to, but because our neighbor needs us to. And it is in this work that the ministry of Trinity is not only supported, but can grow as well. It is how we share God's love.

Again, thank you and let us continue to strengthen and grow as faithful givers in all ways.

Peace and grace,  
Pr. Julie

**Sunday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>**



**Everybody Come to Church!**

**The Rev. Carl Shankweiler, Preaching**

**Bring Your Completed  
Estimated Giving Card for 2019  
for**

**Faithful Giving Sunday  
Group Picture after Worship**

**followed by**

**Souper Bowl Lunch**

**in the Social Hall**

**Bring a Can of Soup for the CW Food Pantry**



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.



Food Pantry  
Donations Needed

*Food Pantry Sunday*  
*February 10<sup>th</sup>*

(note we are only doing 1 Sunday this month since we collected soup for the pantry on 2/3)

We'll be collecting for the Conrad Weiser Food Pantry  
Pantry items needed are as follows:

Cereal – hot and cold  
Spaghetti/Pasta  
Meat – tuna, chicken, spam  
Beans  
Juice

Jelly  
Spaghetti Sauce  
Canned Vegetables  
Soups and Stews  
Crackers

Peanut Butter  
Rice  
Canned Fruits  
Jello or Pudding

Pantry clients also greatly appreciate receiving personal care and household items: soap, shampoo, toothbrushes and toothpaste, laundry detergent, toilet paper, tissues, etc.



***A reminder to all Committee Chairs that the deadline for all reports for the Congregational Meeting is Tuesday, February 24<sup>th</sup>. They can be e-mailed (preferred method) to the office @ [tlcworship@aol.com](mailto:tlcworship@aol.com). Otherwise, a hard copy should be in Carol Koch's mailbox by the above date.***

**The Annual Congregational Meeting** for reception of reports and adoption of endowment and rental management budgets will be held following worship on Sunday 3/10.



**Mystery Dinner following Saturday Night Worship on 2/23 (or about 6:15 PM). Please sign up in the narthex to attend this fun event sponsored by the Fellowship Committee.**



If you like to bowl, sign up for the WBMD Bowl-a-Thon Sunday 3/3 in the afternoon. See info in the narthex.

**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, 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, 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.**

**Happy Birthday**

*Birthday Milestones in February*

Elaine Binkley will be 82 and James Weinhold will be 80. Happy Birthday Elaine and Jim.

*Epiphany Worship, 1/6/19*



*Our Three Kings-Jerry Jarsocrak, Scott Franzen, and Dick Hummel*



*Mary and Joseph, Michael and Morgan Enck*



### **Church Council Members**

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Our sincere sympathy to Leslie Pirl-Roth. Her Father-in Law, Chubby Roth, entered the Church Triumphant on Wednesday, January 16<sup>th</sup>. Please remember Leslie and her family in your thoughts and prayers. May the Lord bring comfort to all those who mourn.

### **Church Council Highlights for January**

- Elected officers for 2019.
- Set 3/10 as the date for the congregational meeting.
- Set 3/23 as the date for a council retreat.
- Assigned new committee responsibilities.

### **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 **\$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 need bulletin sponsors for 2/3 & 2/17. We need altar flower sponsors for 2/3 & 2/24. Please sign up on the appropriate chart in the narthex.**

**Altar Flower Sponsors for February:** 2/3-Available, 2/10-Barbara & Richard Debiec in honor Fern Ervin's birthday and in memory of James Ervin, 2/17-Laura Miller in memory of her brother, 2/24-Available.

**Bulletin Sponsors for February:** 2/3-Available, 2/10-Barbara & Richard Debiec in honor Fern Ervin's birthday and in memory of James Ervin, 2/17-Available, 2/24-Connie and Terry Fritz in honor of their great grandson.

### **Helpers for February**

**Council Devotions and Snack:** Kay Stout

**Communion Assistant:** Pastor Carl Shankweiler

**Greeters:** 2/3-Kurtz Family, 2/10-Scouts or Mary & Dan Nace, 2/17-Kathy & Rick Lawry, 2/24-Diane Brown.

**Lay Readers:** 2/3-Elaine Briner, 2/10-Scouts or Joe Perrone, 2/17- Laura Miller, 2/24-Charlotte Moyer.

**Ushers:** 2/3-Lawry's, 2/10-Scouts or Bashore's, 2/17-Kurtzes, 2/24-Berkenstocks,

**Sound System:** 2/3- Patrick Berkenstock, 2/10- Stephanie Kurtz, 2/17-Wendell Byler, 2/24-Scott Franzen.

**Counters:** 2/3-Hummels, 2/10-Franzens, 2/17-Rapley/Pirl-Roth, 2/24-Jarsocrak.

**Bulletin Assemblers:** 1/31-Mary Young, 2/7-Mary Jane Evans, 2/14-Carolyn Kurtz, 2/21-June Rapley, 2/28-Diane Brown

**Children's Sunday School Teachers:** 2/3-Harmony Wentzel, 2/10-Kathy Lawry, 2/17-Lori Shoumlisky, 2/24-Diane Brown.