

December Newsletter



**Handbell Choirs of Trinity annual Christmas Concert
Sunday, December 14th @ 3:00 PM
Refreshments immediately following in Fellowship Hall**



**Christmas Eve with Holy Communion @ 3:30 & 7:30 PM
Special Music by the Bell Choir and Senior Choir and Organ
begins @ 7:10 PM**



**Service of Lessons and Carols with the Sunday School
Orchestra
Sunday, December 28 @ 10:30 AM**

Details and more Following

December 13



We need helpers

SATURDAY MORNING, 12/13 @ 9 AM to take the trees from the porch, place them in the stands and put the Christmas lights on the trees.



Photo courtesy of Searfoss Studios

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Sacred and Secular Music**

Introducing our newest ringers-The Sunday School Ringers

Sunday, December 14th @ 3:00 PM

Refreshments immediately following in Fellowship Hall

The Fellowship Committee is requesting cookies for the Bell Choir supper after the concert on December 14th. Please sign up on the sheet located in the narthex. We thank you in advance.

Mary Young

**December 24
Christmas Eve**



**Candlelight
Service**

3:30 PM (A service especially designed for both children and older folks who may want to hang their stockings and get to bed early on Christmas Eve).

7:30 PM (A Service that features the music of our Senior Choir and Bell Choir)

Christmas Message

Candlelight as we close worship

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

As we welcome the Christ Child.

No matter which service you attend, please make sure that you fill out A COMMUNION CARD and place it in the OFFERING PLATE. (Sometimes they fall out of the bulletin so if you don't have one, check with an usher.)

December 28th




Sing more carols

Enjoy the Sunday School Orchestra leading us in those carols
Sunday, December 28th
10:30 AM

**Other Happenings at Trinity and in the Community during
December**

**Community
Christmas
Caroling**
Sat. 12/6/14
The Railroad
Station
Wernersville, PA



7 pm, Light Refreshments

Community Christmas Caroling
The Railroad Station
Penn Avenue and Werner street
www.uz001.org St. John's (RSM) United Church of Christ



The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held December 7th @ 11:15 AM in the sanctuary. The purpose of this meeting is to:

1. Elect Church Council Members
2. Adopt a budget.

A time of fellowship will follow.

Copies of the 2015 budget are available in the narthex.



On December 13th & 14th, The Wernersville Lions club will be conducting a fruit sale on the South side of #422 past Barry Kochs service station The cost is \$16.00 for the Grapefruits and \$17 for the Navel Oranges or Juice Oranges The profits from this sale are used in the providing of various events for the community. Please support the Lions Club



The Annie M. Gaul Concert Series
of
**St. John's (Hain's)
United Church of Christ**
presents
the Christmas Cantata:
The Word Made Flesh
by Stephen Walters

Featuring the vocal, handbell choirs, and world percussion ensemble of St. John's (Hain's) United Church of Christ
Under the direction of Dr. Jane Hagness
Also featuring guest organist, Rev. Dr. Michael Baal

**Sunday, December 14, 2014
7:00 p.m.**

In the beautifully decorated, historic sanctuary of
St. John's (Hain's) United Church of Christ
591 North Church Road
Wernersville, PA 19565
610-678-2133

Handicapped accessible
Free-will offering

Reception following in chapel



13th Annual

Christmas
**VESPER
SERVICE**

St. Daniel's Lutheran Church

Featuring

Reading Pops Orchestra

Sunday, Dec. 21st • 4:00 pm

And

**6 Choral Works
by the Church Choir**

PreService Music by
Hand Bell Choir at 3:40PM
Conrad Weiser
High School Auditorium

Free Will Offering
Information: 610-693-5145
www.stdaniels.com

**St. Daniel's
Lutheran Church**



Melissa Small



Gretchen Platt



Tyler Ravert

"We'd like to welcome Pastor Susan Fox back to Trinity as our Interim Pastor and look forward to her presence and guidance during our search for a full time Pastor. She will be officiating at all our services with communion and all but one Sunday per month. She will also be available when needed and notified of illnesses. We appreciate her assistance to Trinity during our transition and look forward to continuing to build our pastoral relationship."

Jerry Jarsocrak, Council President

Note the newsletter deadline for January is Thursday, December 18th @ 10:30 AM and assembly will be Tuesday , December 30th @ 10:30 AM.

Church Council Highlights for November

- Welcomed Pastor Fox.
- Selected Pamela Moyer as candidate for Church Council to replace Bob Bashore, whose term is expiring. Mary Nace & Kevin Kurtz have agreed to serve a second term.
- Christmas Eve services will be at 3:30 & 7:30 PM this year.
- Received a bequest of \$5000.00 from the Mae Degler Estate which was given to the Endowment/Memorial Committee per our Bylaws.
- Money from special Advent envelope will go to Ebola through Lutheran World Disaster Relief.

Happy Birthday

Birthday Milestones in December

Ruth Bachman will be 89. Happy Birthday Ruth.



What's Happening in Sunday School in December?

For the younger set (ages 3 through 4th grade)

The theme this month is Jesus is Born.

Schedule is:

Art with Kelly Thompson on 12/7

Cooking with Kim Scheider on 12/14

Games with Kathy Lawry on 12/21.

There is no Sunday School on 12/28.

Children's Sermon Schedule for December

12/14-Diane Brown

12/21-Mary Nace

Youth Class 9:15 in the Youth room

12/7-Jerry Jarsocrak

12/14-Kevin Kurtz

12/21-Stephanie Kurtz

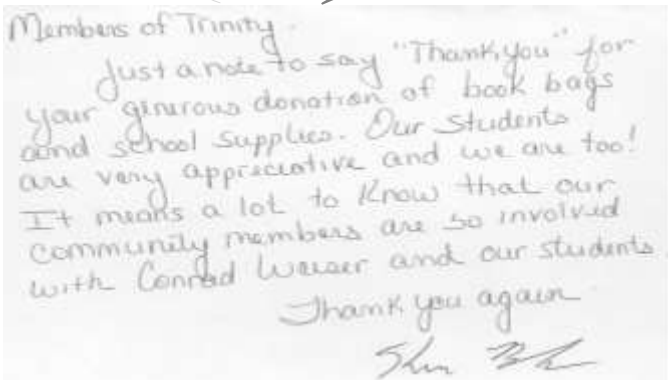
12/28-No Sunday School

Adult Class 9:15 AM every Sunday in the Library.

Due to Pastor Diefenderfer's recent departure, a vacancy has been created on the Pre-school Board Committee. We are seeking to fill this position as soon as possible. The pre-school board member's responsibility includes attending monthly meetings, participating and overseeing with the general operation and functionality of the Trinity Lutheran pre-school. Making reasonable and responsible decisions with regards to the church, students and teachers, keeping their best interest in mind. Anyone interested in serving on this committee is encouraged to contact Kelly Thompson at 610-468-8920 or Carol Koch at 610-678-1782.



Thank You



Members of Trinity -
Just a note to say "Thank you" for
your generous donation of book bags
and school supplies. Our students
are very appreciative and we are too!
It means a lot to know that our
community members are so involved
with Conrad Weiser and our students.
Thank you again
Shirley

Conrad Weiser Middle School



NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA SYNOD
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

The Rev. SAMUEL R. ZEISER, Ph.D.
Bishop

October 27, 2014

Mr. Gerald W. Jarsocrak, Council President
Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
130 South Walnut Street
Wernersville, PA 19565-1520

Dear Mr. Jarsocrak:

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

A check payable to this synod in the amount of \$5,100 arrived last week at the Lutheran Center in Northeastern Pennsylvania. Your accompanying letter explained that the amount of the check represents a gift from Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Wernersville, in honor of the Rev. Lee Diefenderfer. You also shared that members of Trinity would like the amount to be used to assist seminarians sponsored by the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod, as a tribute to the dedication, service, and compassion of Pastor Diefenderfer.

What a wonderful expression of thanksgiving by the members of Trinity for the long and dedicated ministry of your former pastor, the Rev. Lee Diefenderfer! I heartily commend this action of the congregation. Be assured that the funds will be used as requested, to provide financial assistance to seminarians who are part of the candidacy process of this synod.

Please accept my sincere gratitude for the generosity you have hereby shown to the larger work of the Gospel. You have entrusted the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod with a significant gift for the sake of continued pastoral leadership into the future. On behalf of congregations and other ministry expressions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, I extend heartfelt appreciation for your commitment to strong leadership.

May our Lord Jesus Christ continue to bless Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Wernersville, with visionary leadership from among the members of the congregation, as well as with faithful pastoral leadership as the Holy Spirit calls the congregation into God's life-giving future. I am honored to be your partner in ministry.

Yours in Christ Jesus,



The Rev. Samuel R. Zeiser
Bishop

Cc: The Rev. Lee Diefenderfer

Again this year we will provide items for Opportunity House for our giving tree. Below is a list of needs. Please leave your donations in the narthex and Ed and Mary Jane will deliver to O.H. on 12/22. Thanks for your generosity.

ALL AGES/PERSONAL ITEMS

- Personal hygiene products
- Deodorant
- Feminine products
- Razors and shaving cream – both men's and women's
- Toothpaste and brushes
- Combs

INFANTS

- Diapers (all sizes) and baby wipes
- Lotion
- Soap
- Shampoo

CLOTHING – ADULTS/CHILDREN

- Socks
- Underwear

HOUSEHOLD ITEMS (NEW OR GENTLY USED)

- Utensils
- Dishes
- Pots and Pans
- Pillows, sheets and pillow cases
- Towels and wash cloths
- Small appliances (alarm clocks, hair dryers, etc.)
- Paper and cleaning products

SECOND STREET LEARNING AND TECHNOLOGY CENTER

- Baby food, cereal and juice
- Sippy cups and feeding spoons
- Diapers and wipes
- Books for all age groups
- Board games for all age groups
- Arts & Craft items
- Outdoor equipment including blowing bubbles

CHILDREN'S ALLIANCE CENTER

- Children themed DVD's and new stuffed animals
- Snacks (individually wrapped) and juice boxes

Also Toilet Paper and Paper Towels

Advent Devotional Booklets compiled by Lutheran Indian Ministries, a Ministry of Lutheran Association of Missionaries and Pilots U.S., are available in the narthex.

Our Advent Envelopes

Are designated for Ebola Help through Lutheran World Disaster Relief Fund

We will leave the books for 2013 open through Sunday, January 4, 2015.

Please date your check 2014 if you want it included in that year.

Calling All Acolytes!

If you would be willing to help at either the 3:30 or 7:30 PM service on Christmas Eve, please contact the church office.

Matthew at the Birthday Party for our 90+ year old members



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 \$10.00. **Please note that beginning in January the cost of sponsoring the bulletin will go up to \$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.

Altar Flower Sponsors for December: 12/7-Joe & Marie Rosati in honor of their wedding anniversary, 12/14-Scott Franzen family in memory of Anne & Frank Franzen, 12/21-Anne Marie Rinehimer in memory of parents, Mae & George Oxenreider, 12/24-Donna & Bob Youtz in honor of grandsons, 12/28-Sue & Joe Sickler in honor of their wedding anniversary.

Bulletin Sponsors for December 12/7-Mary Young in memory of Barry's birthday, 12/14-Coldren Family in honor of Julie's birthday, 12/21-Joe & Sue Sickler in memory of Sue's dad. Jerry Rupp, 12/24-Janice & Forrest Lamm, Jr. in honor of the birth of Jesus, 12/28-Joe & Sue Sickler in honor of Chris's birthday.

Helpers for December

Communion Assistant-Nick Eshbach

Altar Guild-Anne Marie Rinehimer

Greeters: 12/7-Karen & Patrick Berkenstock, 12/14-Al Roke, 12/21-Marlene Ochs, 12/24 (7:30 PM), Eric & Suzanne Eshbach, 12/28-Helen Hummel & Charlotte Moyer.

Acolytes: 12/7-Connor McFadden, 12/14-Kevin Gemmell, 12/21-Nate Scheider, 12/28-John Kurtz.

Lay Readers: 12/7-Julie Coldren, 12/14-Diane Klinger, 12/21-Izannah Bashore, 12/24 (7:30 PM)-Bob Bashore, 12/28-Bob Bashore.

Ushers: 12/7- Rick & Kathy Lawry, 12/14-Coldrens, 12/21-Kurtzes, 12/28- Karen & Patrick Berkenstock.

Counters: 12/7Franzens, 12/14-Rapley/Pirl-Roth, 12/21-Jarsocrak/Sickler, 12/24-Jennifer & Julie Coldren, 12/28-Diebec/Rinehimer.

Sound Technician: 12/7 & 12/14-Donald Oxenreider, 12/21-Wendell Byler, 12/28-Scott Franzen.

Bulletin Assemblers: 12/4-Eleanor Brossman, 12/11-Mary Nace, 12/18-Sandra Miller & Pat Sickles, 12/23-Mary Jane Evans & Mary Young, 12/30-Carolyn Kurtz.

Prayer List

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Kevin Kurtz 610-693-5233

Donald Oxenreider 610-678-4866