



The Trinity News

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PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

Saying goodbye and God's speed

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Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.
Ephesians 5:1-2

We've moved! Yes, I know: 'What? They've moved again'. Well, we've finally found the home that has everything we've been looking for: enough room, plenty of land for the dogs to run and in a quite spot out in the country. What that means is that we finally get to unpack stuff, some of which Linda and I haven't seen for a couple of years. I've joked about this moment - of opening up what has been boxed for years - being like Christmas. To be honest, it's been more like playing "Let's Make Deal". You get the choice between Box # 1 and Box # 2. If you pick Box #1 you get a donkey. (Do the people from New York City have to take the donkey home?) Or if you pick Box #2 you get a new car!!! But, a small one, because it's in the box.

Some of what I'm finding, leads to many a question: "What IS this? And, WHY do we even HAVE it? Let alone pack it and drag it around." These items get quickly placed in the trash (although one of us tends to do the trash thing faster than the other.) Or set aside for the next 'Give Away Day'. However, there are those treasures truly missed, not necessarily forgotten, but a joy to be reunited. You know for yourselves these aren't the most expensive items. The joy comes from the great memories they bring, of times shared with family. Or, maybe it's the one item that you've truly missed on your desk or the workshop.

You probably figured out where this is all headed and you would be correct - it's about opening the best Christmas gift of all - Jesus Christ. However, it is also a reminder that not everything we receive at Christmas is the true blessing of God. (In fact this can be said about each and every day of our life). And not all we take in, comes from God.

Don't look too hard or try figuring out the difference, just know the real gift of Christmas comes to find us. God comes down from heaven for us. God takes on our human nature in every way but sin, for us. Our Lord and Savior is born to be known as Emmanuel, "God is with us."

The best gifts are the ones we never knew we wanted or needed. Which turn out to be the gift of true joy, peace, hope and love

Merry Christmas!

Tlc Preschool news



The Christmas season is upon us! It is such a blessing to be in a Christian school where we are able to share the amazing story of Jesus' birth. Through stories, songs, Chapel Time and our service projects we try to emphasize the true meaning of Christmas. Check out our hallway displays of "Who else was a baby like Jesus?" The children (and staff) have their baby pictures displayed and it is so cute. Our Christmas Programs will be Thursday, December 17 and Friday, December 18 in the Sanctuary at 6:30 pm with refreshments following the programs in Noecker Hall. It is always fun (and a relief) to see it all come together after weeks of practice. It is amazing what 3, 4 and 5 year olds can do! Even if they don't get every word correct or they sing off key, the kids are such a blessing and so much fun to watch. If you have never had the pleasure of seeing one of our Christmas programs, I invite you to come and be delighted! We are so happy to share the good news that Jesus is born! I hope that you are touched by that good news in many ways this holiday season. The preschool will be closed December 21 through January 1. Christmas Blessings to you and yours during this holiday season! —Nancy Harrow



Please make every effort to get your child to Sunday School over the next few weeks so we can be well prepared for the Christmas Program.

UPCOMING EVENTS/LESSONS

- Dec 6—Jesus Heals
- Dec 13— Christmas Lesson
- Dec 20— Christmas Lesson
- Dec 20—Program –7p
- Dec 27— No Sunday School
- Jan 3—No Sunday School

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

9:30a –10:30a

Dec 6 — Costume Fitting



Trinity Lutheran Church
Council Minutes
November 10, 2015

Members Present: Jim R, Bob P, Judy M, Dan R, Mark R, , Ryan T, Patty T, Pam B, Dennis B, Mike W, Gary M.

Staff Present: Pastor K

Members Excused: Jeri H, Dusty S, Doris Y, Kim F, Mike F

Pastor K opened the meeting with a devotion dealing with the sacrifices of the Old Testament (blood of animals) and the New Testament (blood of Christ)

Secretary's Report: Mark R motioned and Judy M. seconded to accept the report from the October meeting. Motion passed.
Treasurer Report: Patty T. provided the treasurer's report. Gary M. motioned and Pam B. seconded. Motion passed.

Team Reports:

Administration Team:

Mark R. motioned to accept Brenda Palm's resignation from the Scharenberg Committee. Dan R. seconded and the resignation was accepted. Jim R. motioned to appoint Todd Ruff to fill the position. Pam B seconded and motion passed.

Stewardship: End of year reports are being stuffed to be handed out in January. Planning has started for Consecration Sunday which will happen in September. Recycle efforts were discussed to help the church become more green.

Outreach: No Report

Education: Christmas program will be on December 20th at 7pm. New slide was installed for the playground. Team discussed creating a list of back up to help lock up the playground. Classes taught by the pastor going extremely well, as well, as the high turnout for Sunday School, The Sunday school class for 4 through 6 graders called MUGS as been well received. Sunday School staff and pupils are creating bags to go along with the Turkey Dash food bags.

Worship: The 4:00 pm Sunday service will be moving to 12:15 pm starting in January. The service will be held once a month. Liz Young is stepping down from her position as choir accompanist.

Congregation Life: No meeting. Council was reminded about Turkey Dash (November 22) and Church cleaning (November 28).

Property: Boy Scouts can no longer use the 15 passenger van ,do we sell both, keep both, or sell one and keep one. No decision was made but more discussion will follow.

Pastor's Report: Billie Norris, new administrative assistant, started full time on November 2. Goal for Special Christmas offering is \$5,000. Hosting Berger Hospice "Light Up A Life Ceremony" on Sunday December 6 at 7:00 pm. Church Christmas caroling will be on December 13. Review of Church Mutual insurance policy is on going.

On Going Business:

Gary M. told the council that eight people helped out the Wood Pantry on Oct 31st.

Patty T. reminded the council of three goals which came out of the retreat. These were: contact missing members, supporting the preschool, and creating a young adult ministry position.

Updates of three goals:

-Contacting missing members will be handled through the new congregational care ministry which will be put under the congregational life team supervision.

-Special offering for the preschool which will be held in December is to show support from the congregation.

-Pastor will contact a person at the Synod who is responsible for the Young Adult Ministries and invite him to the next council meeting to discuss this position.

Next Council meeting will be on December 15 at 6 pm

Patty T. dismissed meeting at 7:30 pm.

Submitted,
Dennis Bothel
Secretary

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH ENDOWED BENEVOLENT FUND

Appeal to the Congregation from the Disbursement Committee

Projects for 2016 Ballot

It will soon be time for the congregation to vote for disbursement of the Endowed Benevolent Fund. The Disbursement Committee is seeking projects to be considered for the January 2016 ballot. If you wish a project, organization, fund, etc. to be considered by the Disbursement Committee for the ballot, please fill in the information on the form below and return to the church office by **Sunday, December 20, 2015.** Voting will take place **Sunday, January 24, 2016.**

The purposes of the Endowed Benevolent Fund are four-fold: **1.** To confess and proclaim Jesus Christ as the Head of the Church – God’s people called into being by the Holy Spirit, **2.** To gather into fellowship those who respond in faith to the call of the Gospel, **3.** To educate and instruct members of the Church on what it means to belong to the kingdom of God, and **4.** To serve the needs of fellow believers in Jesus Christ through alleviation of suffering, whether in mind, body, or spirit. We may give to those outside the Body of Believers if such a gift can effectively witness to God’s message of salvation through faith in Jesus Christ.

Previously funded projects will be re-evaluated for the 2016 ballot based on last year’s voting and all suggestions from the congregation will be considered. The projects that follow were funded in 2015.

Emergency Clearinghouse Association
Trinity’s Good Samaritan Fund
Pickaway County Hands for the Disabled
Trinity Lutheran Preschool
Ruth Neff D.A.R.E Fund
Circle of Caring – Faith in Action (COC-FIA)
Berger Hospice Care
Maintain Trinity
Boy Scout Troop 170
Uganda H2O (Help 2 Others)
H2O Church at the Ohio State University
Wernle Youth & Family Treatment Center



Request to Consider a Project for Inclusion on the TLCEBF 2016 Ballot

From: _____ Telephone No: _____

Project for Consideration:

Project Contact Person: _____

Address or Phone No. _____

Please give the Disbursement Committee as much information as possible so that we may contact the person/group to find out about their needs. Please return form or e-mail information to the church office by Sunday, December 20, 2015

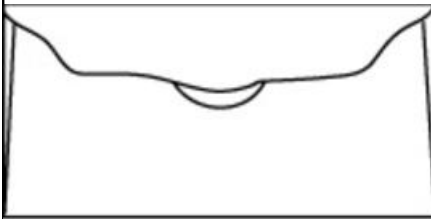


We would like to thank Trinity Lutheran Church for all the food items brought to our family home on November 22nd. We really appreciate your kindness.
May God Bless, Love Always, Norma & Theodore Morgan

Thank you for the many prayers and cards during my recovery from the fall, also thanks to the Dorcas Circle for the beautiful lap quilt. I shall get much warmth from this gift. I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
Yours truly, Maynard Burns

On behalf of the Clothing Center, I would like to thank you for the generous donation to the blanket program. Last year we gave out over 1,000 blankets to needy families in the community.

Your continued support is greatly appreciated and much needed.
Sincerely Madeleine Hosterman



2016 GIVING ENVELOPES are available in the Narthex. Please wait until January to begin using these envelopes.

Also for IRS purposes all contributions must be in by December 31, 2015.

TWO WEEK CALENDAR:

Wed. 9th	9:30AM	Martha Circle
	4:00PM	Feed The Flock
	7:00PM	Praise Team
Thurs. 10th	9:30AM	Dorcas Circle
	6:30/7:30PM	Bell Choir/Choir
Fri. 11th	6:30AM	Men's Bible Adventure
	7:30PM	AA Meeting - N.H.
Sat. 12th	6:00PM	Free To Be & Do Christmas Dinner
Sun. 13th	Noon	All Church Caroling
	2:00PM	Couple's Club Christmas Caroling
	5:00Pm	SNA
	10:30AM	Bible Study/Lunch Bunch
Mon. 14th	6:30PM	Scout Troop 170
	9:30AM & 1:00PM	Preschool Chapel
	6:00PM	Council Meeting
Tues. 15th	6:30PM	Outreach Meeting
	9:30AM	Preschool Chapel
	10:00- 4:00	Red Cross
Wed. 16th	7:00PM	Praise Team
	6:30-8:00PM	Preschool Christmas Program
	6:30AM	Men's Bible Adventure
Thur 17th	7:00PM	Children's Christmas Program
Fri 18th	6:00-8:00PM	Preschool Christmas Program
Sun 20th	10:30AM	Bible Study/Lunch Bunch
Mon. 21st	6:30PM	Scout Troop 170
Tues. 22nd	11:00AM	Newsletter Folders

The prayer of the
righteous is powerful
and effective. James 5:16



Mark Sandy
Pastor Mittermaier
Pat Meyer
Janice Kerns-Bothel
Paulette Evans
Eugene Young
Luther Ruff
Doris Young
Marilyn Jeffers
Ernest Martin
Dorothy Cook
Bob & Pat Pontius
Dudley Morris
Joyce Kleingartner
Leah Kirk
Beulah Temple
Jim Davis

Please remember our featured shut-ins for November in your prayers and possibly send them a 'thinking of you' card:

Ann Adkins
1083 Pontius Road
Circleville, Ohio 43113

Pat Beck
c/o Pickaway Manor
391 Clark Drive
Circleville, Ohio 43113

Marjorie Bower
c/o Brown Memorial
158 East Mound Street
Circleville, Ohio 43113

PRAYER REQUESTS, please call 474-3151. You may also submit prayer requests through the website at www.trinitylutherancville.org. Please be sure to let us know if we have permission to share the prayer request, we value your privacy.

PLEASE KEEP US INFORMED OF THE HOSPITALIZED.

Call the church office to report a hospitalization so that our pastor has the opportunity to minister to the sick of our parish. Please don't assume that we already know because we may not! Thank you for your assistance.

Announcements

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13TH

**Sunday Night
Alive!**

- 5:00PM - **EXTREME FAITH** (6th-8th graders)
- 6:00PM - **CATECHISM** (7th and 8th grade students)
- 7:15PM - **GADA C** (high school youth)

DECEMBER 13th



All-Church Caroling will begin at noon from the church. Congregational Life will provide a soup and sandwich meal prior to going out. All are welcome and encouraged to join in!

COUPLE'S CLUB CHRISTMAS CAROLING AT 2:00pm



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM - December 20th at 7:00PM

**PROGRAM REHEARSAL WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY,
DECEMBER 13TH AND SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20TH
BETWEEN AND AFTER SERVICES.**

FREE TO BE AND DO!



FREE TO BE AND DO! Christmas Dinner will be Saturday, December 12th at 6:00pm at the Circleville Country Club.

11th ANNUAL MOUND STREET CHURCHES' FOOD DRIVE

On Saturday, December 19, 2015 please consider participating in the Tenth Annual Food Drive to benefit the Pickaway County Emergency Clearinghouse Food Pantry. Please drive up and drop off non-perishable items or make a monetary donation at any of the four churches on Mound Street, in Circleville, from 9:00AM to 1:00PM.



PROPERTY TEAM CHAIR NEEDED - As of January 1st, Mike Faler will be stepping down as the Property Chair. Mike has been a part of the property team, as either a committee member, or as the Chair Person for nearly 8 years now. He has asked that we find a replacement as he intends to step down from this position on or before Jan 1st. If you, or someone you know, would like to serve in this important position for Trinity, please contact Pastor Kraus, Patty Truex or Mike Faler. Mike would also like to meet with the "new" property chair to go over important aspects of the building maintenance and to acclimate the new chair with his/her duties before stepping down. Thank you!

NEEDED: We are looking for someone to serve as an accompanist on Sunday morning during the months of September through May. Practices are on Thursday evening. If you are interested please see Pastor Kraus.



A Special Christmas Offering for the Preschool

The Goal of this Special Christmas Offering is to raise \$ 5,000.

Will you begin praying now for what God would have you give – over and above your regular offering – to this Special Offering?

Allow God to stretch your faith!

Dear Trinity Family

I am excited to share with you information regarding the **Special Christmas Offering** celebrating the ministry of our Preschool. This Special Offering begins now and continues until January 31, 2016.

For over 25 years Trinity Lutheran Christian Preschool has been sharing the love of Jesus to 3,4 and 5 year olds in the Circleville area. Just think of the number of children that have been touched by the love of Jesus over all those years.

It's not just Christian love being shared, each child learns through a hands on learning approach to education.

The children who have attended the Preschool are more prepared for kindergarten and elementary school because they learn in an atmosphere of mutual respect which fosters a positive self-concept. Emphasis in the curriculum is on cooperation, listening, following directions, problem solving, and decision making – all which are necessary in a child's preparation for school and living in society. We offer a balance of social and academic experiences.



POINSETTIA OR MEMORIAL RESERVATION FORM

Please use this form if you wish to provide a burgundy &/or white poinsettia to decorate the chancel on Christmas Eve, or if you wish to give a Christmas memorial gift.

POINSETTIAS: (\$10.00)

Please order _____ burgundy poinsettia(s)

&/or _____ white poinsettia(s)
_____ in honor of or _____ in
memory of the following person(s):

Given by: _____

MEMORIALS:

Please accept my Christmas memorial gift of \$ _____ in
memory of the following person(s):

Given by: _____

PLEASE ATTACH YOUR CHECK, made payable to Trinity

Lutheran Church, or cash, to this reservation form, and return

it to our church office **no later than Sunday, December 13.**

****If you are providing poinsettias and a memorial gift, please write separate checks to simplify our records.*

You may pick up your poinsettias following the 10:00PM

Christmas Eve Service. Donors of poinsettias and memorials will be published in the January 12th newsletter.



The updated Pastor's plaque has been hung in the narthex under the clock? The plaque lists the pastors of Trinity and the dates of service. Check it out! Thanks to Dick Fisher for updating the plaque and to Mitch for hanging it.

Upcoming EVENTS

SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS - Join us on Sunday, December 27th.

EVERYTHING YOU'VE WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT LUTHERANISM AND MORE". This is the title of the a new 4 week class beginning on Sunday, January 3rd. O.K. the title may be impossible to achieve however, it will provide some practical information. I've found that even us life-long Lutherans don't know all there is about our faith or the explanations of why we do things in certain ways. Let me know if you are interested. Or just come to class on Sunday, January 3rd at 9:30 am meeting in my office.

NEW MEMBERS RECEPTION: We will be receiving new members during our Combined Services on January 31, 2016. If you are interested in becoming a member of Trinity please contact Pastor Kraus.

NEW WORSHIP OPPORTUNITY: 12:15 Traditional worship service, the first Sunday of the month. Thanks to comments made by several people, this worship time drew great interest. This service will take the place of the 4pm Traditional service we've held in the past. And it will be a wonderful option for those who have asked for a Traditional service later in the morning. All are welcome to join in on January 3rd at 12:15.

ANNUAL REPORT - It is time again to begin the process of preparing the Annual Report for 2015. Letters have been sent to chairpersons of committees. If you should have received a letter and did not get one please contact Billie in the Church office as soon as possible. The deadline for submitting your reports is January 4, 2016. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.



Mark Your Calendars

Wednesday, December 16th the
Red Cross Blood Mobile will be

SERVING the Remainder of DECEMBER

SERVING: TRADITIONAL SERVICE 8:15am

DATE	GREETERS	USHERS serve all month	LECTOR	ASSISTING MINISTER	CRUCIFER	ACOLYTE	COMMUNION ASSISTANT
12/13	D & J Manes	Madeline Sanders	Annie Williams	Lynne Svetek	Erin Debo	Wyatt Thatcher	serve all month Helen Burns
12/20	J & J Minor	Michael Geron	Doris Young	Justin Trapp	Kenton Dresbach	Blayton Reid	Theresa Kerns
12/27	G/S Montgomery	Tom Egbert	Pat Beathard	Patty Truex	Grant Hill	Maraya Neff	Judy Manes

ALSO SERVING

DATE	COMMUNION PREPARER	REFRESHMENTS	NURSERY 8:15am	NURSERY 9:25am	NURSERY 10:30am	ALTAR GUILD	BLOOD PRESSURE
12/13	serve all month	Tina Holtz	Patty Truex	Kim Manson	Shelli Speakman	serve all month	No Screening
12/20	Becky Roush	??	Nedra Betts	??	Tim & Linda Stevenson	Cindy Ferguson	In December
12/27		Lou Ann Smith & Judy Taggart	D & J Bothel	Barbara Crist	Melinda Thatcher	D. Woodward	

SERVING: CONTEMPORARY SERVICE 10:30AM

DATE	GREETERS	USHERS	LECTOR	ASSISTING MINISTER	EASY WORSHIP OPERATE	COMMUNION ASSISTANT
12/13	Pam Buskirk	Mark & Marcie Ruff	Pat Ruff	Larry Stout	Marci Wippel	Serve all month
12/20	Bruce & Vicky Cook	Joe & Helen Ruff	Carolyn Seitz	Dick Walters		Karen Brown
12/27	Kim Fausnaugh	B & D Thompson	Sam Shapiro	Jay Wippel		Cindy Ferguson

SERVING: CHRISTMAS EVE

TIME	GREETERS	USHERS	LECTOR	ASSISTING MINISTER	CRUCIFER	ACOLYTE	COMMUNION ASSISTANTS
5:00PM	??	??	??	??	??	??	??
7:00PM	P & M Young M & G Minor	??	Karen Bullock	Chris Spring	Miles Dresbach	Riley Minor	??
10:00PM	J & K Ewing Kim, Olivia & Madalyn Fausnaugh	Gary Montgomery	Jim River	Jim River	Olivia Fausnaugh	M. Fausnaugh	Bruce & Vicky Cook

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

SUNDAY SCHEDULE:

Traditional Worship: 8:15AM
Education Hour: 9:25-10:15AM
Contemporary Worship: 10:30AM



Senior Pastor: The Rev. Dr. Gerhard W. Kraus
cell: 513 293-4841 prgerhard@earthlink.net
Pastor Emeritus: The Reverend John Mittermaier
Preschool Director: Nancy Harrow
Children & Family Director: Marisha Eveland
Youth & Family Director: Tim Stevenson
Contemporary Worship Director: Liz Young
Organ/Keyboard: Diane Smith and Liz Young
Choir and Hand Bells Director: Larry Jeffers Jr.
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ATTENDANCE STATISTICS

SUNDAY, November 29th

Worship: (8:15) 101 (10:30) 99 = Total 200

SUNDAY, December 6

Worship: (8:15) 89 (10:30) 100 = Total 205
(4:00PM) 16

WITH OUR SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS:

The staff and congregation of Trinity Lutheran wishes to express our heartfelt sympathy in the passing of Fred Davis.

(Our thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends. May the constant love of caring friends soften your sadness and may God give you comfort and peace.

**"Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted." Matthew 5:4**



5:00PM - Join us for a Family Service in the Upper Room. This service includes Holy Communion.

7:00PM & 10:00PM - Come for worship at one of Trinity's two Traditional Christmas Eve Services in the Sanctuary, each preceded by a half hour of the music of Christmas (6:30PM & 9:30PM respectively). Holy Communion and individual candle lighting will take place at both services.

In Loving Memory

MEMORIALS
FRED DAVIS:

Lois Melvin
Shirley Thompson
Jean Fissell