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The Trinity News

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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

This place in the newsletter is normally reserved for Pastor, who is much more qualified than I to speak and write from the heart and with thoughtful reflection about how the world we live in relates to the teachings of Jesus.

As Pastor continues to heal, we continue to pray for this healing and rehabilitation to bring him back to sharing his thoughtful reflections in whatever form is God's Will.

I try, with a special emphasis on the word "try", to follow the Covey habit of "seeking first to understand." I think of our most recent sermon from Adam Taylor to our congregation about how the more you think you know leads you to realize you have more questions and probably understand less than you thought. Thus, leading you back into introspection once again to question and learn in an effort to grow in your faith. It could very well be an ongoing pattern of growth and probably should be. And if you believe the quote "A decision is where you let your mind come to rest" means that our mind may never rest as we seek to understand what is God's direction for us and what we are supposed to be doing on this earth.

I have been given an opportunity to seek to understand many things about Trinity Lutheran Church as Council President. I am still in that phase and seeking to understand much more about how we work as a community of Christ. Here is what I do know. We have great people. We have great people that work for Trinity Lutheran (Staff) and great people that work through Trinity (volunteers/members/parishioners). What I am still wrapping my arms and head around is how great people can communicate and work together to be most effective and efficient. After having met a couple times with the staff, I realize that there are huge opportunities for us all to be better communicators. Ironically, we all hold the answers to each other's questions and it is just a fact of getting it to the people who need it.

In the upcoming weeks, you will be seeing a renewed emphasis on communication and distribution of that information. Below is a list of what we are working on:

- Staff focus on customer service, owning the problem or question until it is resolved

- Rapid response to the connection cards – the information they hold or the requests they carry

- Meeting of all teams to coordinate schedules and calendars for staff and members to use. – planning for this to be in late March

- Emphasis on knowing who is in our buildings and for what reason – requesting all who use our facility to submit an "application for facility use"

- Staff meeting and coordination of staff in planning for upcoming activities and congregational needs.

- System to identify and coordinate repair and maintenance requests in our facility

- Overall accountability to each other

This will take time and modification along the way so please be patient, but I strongly believe we will be a better, more effective congregation and Church to provide ministries and opportunities for growth to all we serve.

Working with your continued blessings, Mark Ruff



TLC PRESCHOOL NEWS

As we eagerly wait for spring, the kids are taking note each day whether it is a "lamb" day or a "lion" day. Since March did come in like a lion with a wacky week of weather, we are hoping it goes out like a lamb so we can consistently get outside and play. Next week we will meet with families for Parent/Teacher conferences. We love to speak with parents about their child's progress at school and also share any concerns we might have. Good communication between home and school is so important. Please keep our families and teachers in your



prayers as they meet throughout the week. In Chapel this week we will talk about how to be "cheerful givers". *"Each one should give, then, as he has decided, not with regret or out of a sense of duty; for God loves the one who gives gladly."* 2 Corinthians 9:7. God wants us to give to others and do so with a happy heart. We love to sing our "Magic Penny Song" which says, "Love is something if you give it away. You end up having more!" Isn't that so true? We will reinforce the notion of giving by asking the kids to donate a canned food item to share with the Emergency Clearing House. Enrollment continues for the 2017/2018 school year.

Classes are filling so if you or someone you know is looking for a wonderful preschool; please give me a call at 474-9870. I love to show families around our wonderful facility. By the next time you receive the newsletter it will officially be spring. We can't wait to see the earth blossom once again!



Nancy Harrow

Working puzzles is good exercise for our brains!



CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Our preschool class learned about Quail and the Red Sea over the last two weeks. The Israelites were led out of Egypt away from slavery by Moses and began to travel to the Promised Land. However, they had run out of food and water and began to complain. God heard their complaints and sent food for them to eat. Manna in the morning and quail in the evening. God gave the Israelites very specific rules to follow when gathering the food. Some of the Israelites did not listen to God and gathered more than they should have, when they awoke in the morning to eat it, it was filled with worms. We should always follow God's rules. The students had small quail cut out's that they blew off the end of a straw to make fly. They also enjoyed a snack of crackers and honey (what the manna is described to taste like).



Last week the preschoolers learned about the Red Sea and how Moses led his people out of Egypt through the sea. You may have seen some of our preschoolers playing with blue bags. Toothpaste was squeezed into the bags, the students spread the toothpaste all over then parted the "seas" down the middle and placed footprint stickers where the Israelites would have crossed. The students loved playing with these bags. They also enjoyed a snack of blue icing spread on graham crackers, the students added animals that were crossing through the sea.

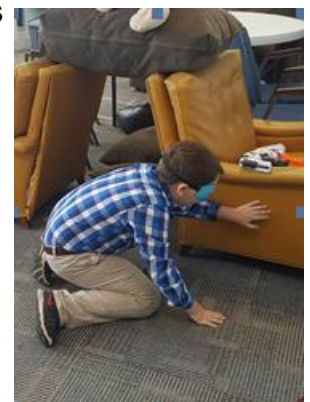


Our last two lessons for our middle class and MUGSS class were, "Lent" and "Trust in God." The middle class learned about Lent, how 40 is seen many, many times in the Bible, how pretzels relate to lent, and a reminder of what Ash Wednesday is all about. The MUGSS class discussed Fat Tuesday and Mardi Gras. Our MUGSS class, led by Marcia Ruff, wrote down things that they were willing to give **up** for Lent as well as things that they were willing to give **to**. It will be interesting to check back in after Easter and see how the students did.



For the "Trust in God" lesson our middle class blind folded one student and the other students had to lead the blind folded student through an obstacle course using just voice commands. We may not always be able to "see" God's plan for us, but we need to listen and trust in Him. Another reinforcing activity that was done, one at a time each student was blindfolded and a plate was put in front of them, based on what the other students told them, they could either have what was on the plate or not. This was all about trusting in what we could not see. This is such a wonderful and powerful lesson and the students really enjoyed it. The MUGSS class drew pictures, while the other students tried to figure out what they were drawing.

It was hard to know what the other student was drawing because you didn't know their plan, but once they were done it was easy to see. You have to trust God's plan even though at first you may not understand.





February 14, 2017

Members Present: Jim River, Jeri Hartley, Mark Ruff, Pam Buskirk, Patty Truex, Tammy Hughes, Gwen Minor, Dennis Bothel, Ryan Trapp, Doris Young, and Kim Manson.

Non Voting Members: Marisha Eveland

Team Members: Todd Ruff-Property

Staff Present: Pastor Kraus

Members Excused: Bob Perkins, Gary Montgomery, Dusty Seitz

Mark Ruff called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm

Dennis Bothel had the devotions for this meeting.

Pastor Kraus opened the meeting with prayer.

Marie Wilbanks and Kim Martin from Pickaway County Board of Developmental Disabilities gave a presentation on a grant program called Community Connections. This grant will bring together parents, schools, community agencies, businesses, and faith and values based groups together to help students from grades 5-12 reach their full potential.

Secretary's Report: Dennis Bothel provided the minutes from the January meeting. Pastor Kraus provided the change from the meeting. The change was that the Lenten service on Wednesday's evenings will start at 7:00 pm. Kim Manson made a motion to accept the minutes with the change and Patty Truex seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Marisha Eveland provided the Treasurer's report where it was shown that giving for the month of January was down about \$1800 from what the budget had projected. However, expenditures for the month are \$1,004 less than what was projected. The income for the month (giving-expenditures) was \$1663. In addition, Marisha told the council that the monies received from the Doris Cloud and the John Prince estates needed to be designated as soon as possible. Doris Young made the motion to accept the report and Kim Manson seconded. Motion passed.

Team Reports

Education: No meeting due to illness of many of the team members. However, it was reported that the Feed the Flock ministry was going well for the second semester of the school year.

Property: Todd Ruff reported that the humidifiers in the organ room and the sanctuary are working well. However, the life of the humidifier cartridges are being shorten because of the city's hard water. A possible solution could be the purchase of a water softener. Todd also reported that the preschool internet problems and the office being unable to transfer calls to the preschool are being investigated for possible solutions. In addition, he reported that the team is checking into the cost of repairing the pad of outside back stairs. The pad is across from the back parking lot.

Outreach: No meeting

Stewardship: No meeting, but it was reported that the annual statements of giving were assembled and distributed.



Congregational Life: Jim River presented an outline of past and upcoming events from the team. Up coming events include 12:15 traditional services on March 5, April 2 and May 7. Joint service on April 30. Prayer Vigil on April 14, Easter Egg Hunt on April 15 and Easter Breakfast on April 16. Mothers Day celebration on May 14 and Confirmation on May 21.

Worship: Doris Young reported that there will be a dinner starting at 5:30 pm before each of the Wednesday evening Lenten services. She also reported that the teams will be responsible for serving the meals. March 1-Worship, March 8-Education, March 15-Outreach, March 22-Congregational Life, March 29-Property and April 5-Stewardship.

Gwen Minor brought forth requests for three purchases.

One was to replace the piano used by the Praise team during the contemporary service. The quote to replace the piano was \$2599. Ryan Trapp made the motion to purchase the piano using 1262.48 from the Music memorial account, 98.20 from the General fund music account and 1238.32 from the Doris Cloud Estate. Kim Manson seconded the motion and the Motion passed.

Second was to replace the left hand side projector in the sanctuary. The cost of the projector is \$4598. Kim Manson made the motion to purchase the projector from the monies from the Doris Cloud Estate. Jeri Hartley seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Third, was the replacements of the wireless microphones, cable, transmitter and two condensers. Total cost 2081.58. Kim Manson made the motion to use the remaining monies available from the Doris Cloud Estate (around \$1300 dollars) with the remaining amount to be paid from an anonymous donor to purchase the microphones and related hardware. Ryan Trapp seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Pastor's Report: Pastor said thank you to the visiting pastors and those who stepped up during the past couple of months. He also said thank you for the evaluation and feedback he has received. He also talked about the fund for the Sandy family to help with Mark's extended hospital stay as well as that Ash Wednesday was March 1st. Also, he reported that his Sunday morning Sunday class and the Mid week Lent Services will be looking at Luther's Small Catechism. He also reminded the council that holy week activities would start on Palm Sunday/Sunday of the Passion on April 9 and conclude with Easter services on April 16th.

Old Business: None

New Business: The issue on paying off the mortgage on the house which was torn down on Pickaway street was discussed. No course of action was determined and further discussion is needed. Kim Manson made the motion that Trinity becomes involved as a faith based partner for the Community Connections grant. Patty Truex seconded and the Motion Passed.

Meeting was closed with Lord's Prayer.

Ryan Trapp made a motion to adjourn. Jeri Hartley seconded. Motion passed.
Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Dennis R. Bothel, Secretary



**BOY SCOUTS
TROOP 170
WATER SOFTENER SALE**

ORDER FORMS ARE LOCATED ON SCOUTS BULLETIN BOARD



DEADLINE TO ORDER MARCH 27, 2017

TWO WEEK CALENDAR:

Wed. 15th	10:00-4:00PM	Red Cross
	11:00AM	Mid-Week Lenten Service
	5:30PM	Soup & Sandwich
	7:00PM	Mid-Week Service
	8:00PM	Praise Team
Thurs. 16th	6:30/7:30PM	Handbell/Choir
Fri. 17th	6:30AM	Men's Bible Adventure
	8:00AM	PICCA "Poverty Simulation"
	7:30PM	AA Meeting - N.H.
Sun. 19th	8:15AM	Traditional Worship
	9:25AM	Christian Education For All Ages
	10:30AM	Contemporary Worship
	5:00PM	SNA
	6:00PM	Couple's Club
Mon. 20th	5:00PM	Preschool Parent/Teacher Conf.
	6:30PM	Scout Troop 170
Tues. 21st	3:45PM	Feed The Flock
	5:00PM	Preschool Parent/Teacher Conf.
	5:30PM	PCBDD
	6:30PM	Outreach Meeting
Wed. 22nd	11:00AM	Mid-Week Lenten Service
	5:00PM	Preschool Parent/Teacher Conf.
	5:30PM	Soup & Sandwich
	7:00PM	Mid-Week Service
	8:00PM	Praise Team
Thur 23rd	9:00AM	Dorcas Circle
	6:30/7:30PM	Handbell/Choir
	7:00PM	Congregational Life
Fri 24th	6:30AM	Men's Bible Adventure
	7:30PM	AA
Sat. 25th	Noon	Free To Be & Do
	4:00-7:00PM	Boy Scouts Spaghetti Dinner
Sun 26th	8:30AM	Traditional Worship
	9:25AM	Christian Education For All Ages
	10:30AM	Contemporary Worship
	27th 6:30PM	Preschool Board Meeting
	6:30PM	Scout Troop 170
	6:30PM	Preschool Board Meeting
Tues. 28th	10:30AM	Newsletter Folders
	3:45PM	Feed The Flock
	5:30PM	PCBDD
	6:00PM	Education Team

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



**Mark & Tracey Sandy
Pastor Kraus
Cal Kleingartner
Tammy Bowers
Braelynn Lee
Tim Daniels
Pat Keason**

**Bill & George Ann Puffinbarger
Terri McKnown
Kathleen Hall
Pat Morris
Carol Wasson
Linda Dunkle
Donna Fultz
Larry Roush
Curtis & Janet Fleisher
Marilyn Jeffers
Beulah Temple**

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

**Betty Quincel
239 Westwood Drive
Circleville, Ohio 43113**

**Eleanor Robinson
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 Night
Alive!

SUNDAY, MARCH 19TH

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



Couples Club will meet March 19th at 6:00PM in Noecker Hall for Game Night! Everyone is welcome and bring a friend!



FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES for All 3rd Graders & Older

Classes begin Sunday, March 19th at 6:00PM in the Conference Room and continue each Sunday through April 9th. **Parents and students will meet with Jim River on the first Sunday, March 19th for an informational class on "How to answer questions about Holy Communion" in the Conference Room** Students will partake of their first communion on Maundy Thursday, April 13th. Any questions please contact Jim River.

FREE TO BE & DO

The Free To Be & Do will be meeting here at the Church at Noon on March 25th and going to the Central Ohio Fire Museum for a tour. The tour of the museum is \$4.00, following the tour they will go to Schmidt's. The cost of the meal at Schmidt's will be \$18.35 per person, which includes tax and tip. Payment for the meal at Schmidt's should be given to Sally Hafey since they are requesting that the meal be paid in just one check. They should arrive at Schmidt's at 3:00PM. Flyers and the sign up sheets are located in the Involvement Center. PLEASE NOTE: Sally Hafey will be collecting the money for Schmidt's only. All are welcome! Any questions please contact Sally Hafey at 740-983-2085.



EASTER EGG HUNT - APRIL 15TH - 11:00AM TO 2:00PM

Join us for a fun filled day of games, egg coloring, Easter egg hunt and fellowship! We are asking each family to bring 1 dozen plastic eggs filled with chocolate. Congregational Life will supply the hard boiled eggs and coloring! All are welcome!!!

**EASTER FLOWER OR MEMORIAL
RESERVATION FORM**

Please use this form if you wish to provide flowers to decorate the worship area on Easter Sunday, or if you wish to give an Easter memorial gift. **Please help us fill the sanctuary with flowers to celebrate our Risen Lord!**

LILIES, Yellow Reiger Begonias or Pink Reiger Begonias: (\$10.00 each)

Please order: _____ lily(s) _____ yellow Begonia(s) _____ pink Begonia(s)

_____ in honor of or _____ in memory of the following person(s):

Given by: _____

MEMORIALS:

Please accept my Easter 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. We need to provide a preliminary count by March 31st and final count by April 10th (Please note, if you are sending in a memorial & ordering flowers it is beneficial for our records to have 2 separate checks.)

Donors of flowers and memorials will be published in the April 25th newsletter.

You may pick up your flower(s) following the 10:30 service on Easter Sunday.



**Maundy
Thursday**

MAUNDY THURSDAY, MARCH 24TH- This special evening service, based on the Last Supper will also include the first communion for students of the First Communion Class. The 11:00AM service will be in the parlor and the 7:15PM service will be held in the sanctuary.

GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 25TH - This poignant traditional Tenebrae Service, held at 7:30PM (*time change), allows us to more fully experience and appreciate Christ's sacrifice for us. A regular 11:00AM service will be held in the parlor.



EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 27TH



•The Sunrise Communion Service will be held at Hargus Lake, at the shelter house, at 6:30AM. Coffee and doughnuts will be served following the service. The Kerns family will provide the music.

•A full Easter breakfast will be served in Noecker Hall from 8:30-10:30AM. Special thanks to the catechism students and parents for making this possible. **Sunday school classes are cancelled so that families may enjoy the breakfast together.**



- Our Easter Festival services will be held at 8:15AM (Traditional) and 10:30AM (Contemporary)

SERVING the Remainder of MARCH

SERVING: TRADITIONAL SERVICE 8:15am

DATE	GREETERS	USHERS serve all month	LECTOR	ASSISTING MINISTER	CRUCIFER	ACOLYTE	COMMUNION ASSISTANT
3/19	Dan & Judy Manes	Madeline Sanders Tom Egbert Mike Geron	Doris Young	Annie Williams	Miles Dresbach	Blayton Reid	serve all month Jeff Marks Pat Meyer
3/26	Gary & Sandy Montgomery		Pat Beathard	Tom Egbert	Jared Minor	Darby Minor	

ALSO SERVING

DATE	COMMUNION PREPARER	REFRESHMENTS	NURSERY 8:15am	NURSERY 9:25am	NURSERY 10:30am	ALTAR GUILD	BLOOD PRESSURE
3/19	serve all month	?? ??	Patty Truex	Tina Holtz	Valeria Trapp	serve all month	March 26th
3/26	Tony & Valerie Crist	Sally Hafey	Nedra Betts	Tammy Hughes	Misty Brooks	Pat Beathard Sandy Montgomery	Mike Geron Tina Holtz

SERVING: CONTEMPORARY SERVICE 10:30AM

DATE	GREETERS	USHERS	LECTOR	ASSISTING MINISTER	EASY WORSHIP OPERATE	COMMUNION ASSISTANT
3/19	Bruce & Vicky Cook	Bruce & Vicky Cook	Diane Smith	Jim River	Marci Wippel	Serve all month Tony & Valerie Crist
3/26	Kim Fausnaugh	Paul & Betty Atwood	Shelli Speakman	Mark Ruff		

SERVING MID WEEK LENTEN SERVICES

DATE	PIANIST 11:00AM	USHERS 7:00PM	LECTOR 7:00PM	ASSISTING MINISTER	COMMUNION ASSISTANT	CRUCIFERS/ ACOLYTE 7:15PM	MEAL PREP & SERVING
3/15	Joyce Dresbach	Jim River's Team	Annie Williams	Doris Young	Sam Shapiro	Kenton Dresbach Madalyn Fausnaugh	Outreach Team
3/22	Joyce Dresbach	Cockrun's Team	Ted Wyant	Londa Wright	Cindy Ferguson	Jessica Miller Benton Reid	Congregational Life
3/29	Pat Beathard	Jim River's Team	Dennis Bothel	Dick Walters	Bruce Cook	Olivia Fausnaugh Riley Minor	Property Committee
4/5	Pat Beathard	Madeline Sander's Team	Liz Young	Chris Spring	Sam Shapiro	Paige Kirby Madalyn Fausnaugh	Stewardship Committee
Maundy Thurs. 4/13	Pat Beathard	G Montgomery Team	Jan Hatfield	Jim River	Helen Burns, Theresa Kerns, Judy Manes	Makinley Trapp Blayton Reid	n/a
Good Friday	Joyce Dresbach	Brad Thompson Team	Lector A.M. ?? Dick Fisher	n/a	n/a		



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

SUNDAY SCHEDULE:

Traditional Worship: 8:15am
Education Hour: 9:25-10:15am
Contemporary Worship: 10:30am
1st Sunday of the month Traditional 12:15pm

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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*Save
the
Date*

GIRL'S DAY LUNCHEON

MAY 13TH

11:00AM - 2:00PM



**American
Red Cross**

Mark Your Calendars
Wednesday, March 15th
the Red Cross Blood Mobile will be here
from 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

ATTENDANCE STATISTICS

MID-WEEK SERVICE MARCH 1ST

11:00AM (22) 7:00PM (61) TOTAL (83)

SUNDAY, MARCH 5TH

8:15AM (90) 10:30AM (129)
12:15PM (9) TOTAL: 228

MID-WEEK SERVICE MARCH 8TH

11:00AM (12) 7:00PM (38) TOTAL: 50

SUNDAY, MARCH 12TH

8:15AM (76) 10:30AM (107) TOTAL: 183

MAY YOUR troubles
BE LESS &
YOUR blessings
BE MORE
and
NOTHING BUT
happiness
COME
THROUGH YOUR DOOR.
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