

Trinity Parish

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church • Camp Hill, Pennsylvania • December 2008 Edition
A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Christmas at Trinity

December 14 4:00 p.m.
Trinity Christmas Celebration
Chancel, Matins, Junior, Cherub Choirs;
Bell Choirs; with full orchestra
Amy Yovanovich, guest soloist
Early seating advised.
Free

December 21 4:00 p.m.
The Susquehanna Chorale presents
"A Candlelight Christmas"
Linda Tedford conducts this memorable, yearly
Trinity event highlighted with Malcolm Sargent's
"Silent Night" sung by candlelight in the round.
Tickets required:
\$20 Adults (at the door or call 214-ARTS)
\$8 Students
Trinity Concert Series patrons:
(\$10 in the church office only)

Family Choir to Sing December 14

Our newest ensemble, the *Family Choir*, will be singing again for worship on Sunday, December 14 at 11 a.m. This choir consists of children (5th grade and older), parents, grandparents, relatives, etc... The rehearsal will be held at 10:15 a.m. sharp on December 14 (before the service). Please call or email Tim Koch if interested at 737-9921 x 229 or timothy.koch@trinitycamphill.org. We had 34 singers when we last sang in August. You are invited to join us.

Tim Koch to Present Recital

Trinity's Director of Music Ministries and Organist, H. Timothy Koch will present a recital at Camp Hill Presbyterian Church on Wednesday, December 3 at 12:15 p.m. This is part of a series featuring area organists playing the church's new Shantz pipe organ. Admission is free.

Christmas Eve/Day at Trinity

Christmas Eve

- 4:00 p.m. **Family Service**
Children's Choirs, Children's Bell Choir
Vicar Cheri Korte leading
- 7:00 p.m. **Contemporary Service**
Candle lighting & Holy Communion
FaithX Band, Pastor Easton preaching
- 8:30 p.m. **Traditional Service**
Traditional Liturgy with Holy Communion
Matins Choir and Youth Bell Choir
Pastor Brock preaching
- 11:00 p.m. **Candlelight Service**
Lessons and Carols, Chancel Choir,
Adult Bell Choir, String Ensemble
Pastor Hardy preaching

Christmas Day

- 10:00 a.m. **Traditional Service**
Pastor Hardy preaching


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Emmanuel

Trinity's

Mardi Gras

New Orleans Dinner, entertainment and silent auction
to benefit HELP Ministries. For more info., including
volunteer opportunities, contact Doug Bonsall at
717.921.1957 or douglas.b@verizon.net.

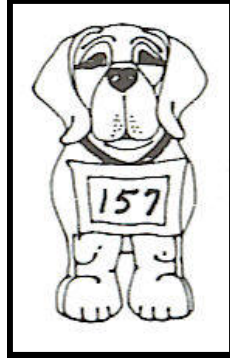
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Blood Drive

January 18, 2009

Sign-Up in
The Gathering Space
January 3 & 11, 2009

Questions: 766-3526



Weekly Prayer List

NOVEMBER 30-DECEMBER 6: Marilyn Knerr; Betsy Knarr; Dave Kless; Mary Ann Klementik; Hannah Kitner; Jack and Janet Kissinger; Kaitlyn Kishbaugh. DECEMBER 7-13: Leora and Allison Kirkpatrick; Jane Kirkpatrick; Elaine and Jacob Kintzer; Karen King; Jim, Kathy, Melissa, Jennifer, and Stephanie Kincaid; Jay, Jane, and Hannah Killian; Harry Killian; Jessie Kile. DECEMBER 14-20: Matthew, Mary, Hannah, Rachel, and Sarah Kichman; Joan Kichman; Lance, Laurie, and Andrea Kessler; Karsten Kerrick; Shirley Kerr; Diane Kerly; Debra and Matthew Kephart; William Kenyon Sr.; William Kenyon Jr. DECEMBER 21-27: Luke Kenson; Ralph and Marie Kennedy; Jeannette Kennedy; Thomas and Megan Kemp; Jennifer Kellington; William and Kathryn Kellie; Marietta Keller; Jim, Brina, Mason, and Sydney Keim. DECEMBER 28-JANUARY 3: Kim Kehler; Carol Keesee; Jean Keating; Deborah Katzman-Ximenes; Ron Katzman Sr., Ron Katzman Jr., James Katzman; Jeffrey, Mary, Nikolas, and Jacklyn Karoly.

Trinity Parish Deadline

The deadline for the January 2009 Edition of *Trinity Parish* is Wednesday, December 10, 2008. Please forward all articles to the Editor, Donna Sprowls at parish@trinitycamphill.org

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STAFF NOTES

Birth and Re-Birth

As we prepare our hearts, homes and worship spaces for celebrating the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ, we would do well also to remember our own birth and re-birth.

When so much attention is lavished on all those Christmas details—be it greenery, ribbons and candles, or our lengthy list of things-to-do—we can lose sight of how Jesus' incarnation was the beginning of a real birth for us. But we cannot separate the Holy Babe born in Bethlehem from our own Baptismal birth, calling and destiny as God's beloved children. We cannot separate them, because they are inextricably linked.

If you attend worship at Trinity Lutheran on Christmas Day morning, you will hear these words from St. Paul to Titus: *But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.* (Titus 3:4-7)

Paul understood that Christ's birth into humanity is linked to our birth into humanity as well as our re-birth at Baptism. Therefore, the Baptismal font is as important a symbol of the Christmas season as greenery, candles, ribbons, lights, and crèche figures. The Baptismal font must not be lost in the thick of trees or tympani, hidden behind a row of choristers, or thrust back into an available dark corner to make room for other symbols of the season.

This Christmas you will see the Baptismal font. For worship in our nave, the font will stand in the narthex, a potent reminder of our entrance into Christian life through Baptism. In Fellowship Hall the font stands front and center, near the steps leading to the platform. Throughout the Christmas season, the font will remain visible and accessible to remind us that in the person of Jesus Christ—his birth, death and resurrection—God became visible and accessible to us.

As well, the font stands as reminder of our participation in the new life offered to us in Jesus Christ. We are not mere spectators of Jesus' birth in the manger. Rather, we are invited to follow Jesus in his holy ways. Baptismal waters will inevitably take us deep into discipleship, for shallow waters they are not! But the angels told Mary, told the Shepherds, told Joseph not to be afraid. As Pastor Joe Campeau wrote in his book *Ordinary Joy*: "Jesus invites us into the depths where we discover his endless love bubbling up all around us. The deeper we go, the more profoundly we come into contact with him, the more we come to recognize him standing at the heart of all we are and all we dream, all we say and all we do, all we desire and all we live for."

In this Christmas season, may Jesus Christ be born in your hearts and minds.

The Reverend Nancy R. Easton

Mission Possible!

God's up to something at Trinity and you are again asked to be a part of it! You will even be asked to vote about it at the annual congregational meeting on January 25, 2009. So what is "it"?

Over the course of the last five years or so, many of Trinity's members have begun to discern a need for a new articulation of our purpose as a church family. A clearly stated purpose will help us define our church's future direction. It will also provide a gauge for the use of all Trinity resources, making more effective "mission possible" and ensuring maximum impact in furthering God's kingdom! As a result, a group of members was officially assembled over a year ago and has been soliciting additional ideas from as many members of Trinity as possible. The data gathered from our congregation thus far has made it possible to put into words a draft **Vision Statement**, new **Mission Statement** and **Guiding Principles**.

The **Vision Statement** is a simple statement describing what Trinity hopes to be and become. The **Mission Statement** is one sentence describing our overall purpose in the very broadest sense. The **Guiding Principles** are foundational precepts on which all our work as a congregation will be based. Following is the draft of the work as of mid-November 2008:

VISION STATEMENT: "Disciples in the making, making disciples" (based on The Great Commission Matthew 28:19-20)

MISSION STATEMENT: We seek to equip ourselves and others to share the good news in our daily living as called Disciples of Christ.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES: While remaining true to our Reformation heritage, we will use the following principles in carrying out the mission of Trinity Lutheran Church:

Passionate Spirituality – Foster Christ-centered spiritual passion

Inspiring Worship – Provide opportunities to experience God's grace through Word and Sacrament

Loving Relationships – Demonstrate our loving relationship with God and sharing it with one another in all that we do

Gift-Oriented Ministry – Provide a ministry that helps individuals identify, develop and share their spiritual gifts and talents

Holistic Small Groups – Utilize an intentional system of small groups to foster community and spiritual growth

Need-Oriented Evangelism – Identify and respond to the needs of the local and global communities through evangelism

Empowered Leadership – Develop and foster an environment that provides opportunities to grow and empower leadership while providing witness and service to God

Functional Structures – Foster effective and functional organizational structures

You will be hearing more about these statements and principles through temple talks and discussions as we draw closer to the January 25 vote. Please study them prayerfully. If you have comments or questions to share and would like to assist in this vital process, contact Bill Foos, Strategic Planning Team Co-Chair; Doug Bonsall, Strategic Planning Team Co-Chair; Bob Frymoyer, Council President; or Pastor Hardy.

"The Lutheran" Adult Forum

Please join us on Sunday, December 28 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 232-234 for our next discussion on "Dying and Rising", You'll find several articles and a study guide in the November 2008 issue of *The Lutheran* magazine on the subject of baptism signifying death and resurrection. We'll explore the question why Lutherans are often squeamish about death-and-renewal cycles playing out in their lives, their congregations and the Christian church. If you do not have access to the articles (either on-line or in the magazine), please contact class coordinators Craig Staller or Doug Bonsall (921-1957).

The Book Discussion Group Invites You!

Join us the third Sunday of every month in Room 232-234 from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

December 14:

The Life and Times of the Thunderbolt Kid: A Memoir
by Bill Bryson

Gift Fruit Boxes

Again, this holiday season, you can purchase a gift box full of fruit and help support the ministry to migrant workers in Adams County. Please look for Arnie Greenlund and his group of volunteers in the Gathering Space each Sunday through December 7. If you would like to be an order-taker, a volunteer sign-up sheet will be attached to the poster in the lobby.



YG News

Greetings to all in the name of the Lord. The YG (youth group) season is back in full swing for 2008. With a new YG season here, there is so much to do. The YG calendar is the most jam-packed that it has ever been. New YG Nites, new retreats, new events, and new friendships all await our YG participants. A lot of hard work has gone into this year to make a success. Hopefully it will all pay off. There is truly something on almost every weekend. It will be all good!

The month of October was awesome in every way. It proved to be great in every way. We started the month off with our first "official" YG NITE on the 5th. Around 60 YG and advisors came out for the night of faith, fun and fellowship. This YG NITE marked the official start of the YG season. The first two meetings in September were geared toward getting the kids to know "what YG means" and "getting them closer to one another". Since the group is so young and we see new faces all of the time, the two YG NITES in September are that much more important. October begins the "good stuff" though! At this meeting we began to talk about our theme for the year which is J.O.Y. This stands for Jesus, Others, and You. This theme is geared toward teaching kids to organize their life in that order; Jesus first, others second, and themselves third. I have found through the years that most kids (and adults) do this in reverse order, so this whole year is themed around teaching them the right order to think about things. With this YG NITE we broke down the various parts of the J.O.Y. concept and talked about it. The kids enjoyed large and small group discussion and activity around this theme. They are excited about the theme and excited to learn, so it will be a good year!

The second event that we had was SR. HIGH BOWLING NITE on the 19th. Around 20 Sr. High YG and advisors came out for this night of total fun and fellowship. Everyone had a blast from start to finish. It was awesome fun!

The following Sunday was our first big fundraiser for the year. It was our first ever YG PASTA NITE. Around 35 youth and advisors came out to serve the congregation on this night. We sold and served somewhere around 170 people on that night. We were able to raise over \$1,000 as well to go toward the ELCA National Gathering in New Orleans next summer. This event was a lot of work for us, but it all went pretty well. People seemed to enjoy the food and the fellowship. We received many positive compliments which goes a long way. This event was well attended by a lot of the congregation. There were a lot of families there as well which was awesome to see! Thanks to President Frymoyer and all of you who came out to support the YG on this night. To those who couldn't come out this time, please try to come to our next YG fundraiser, we need your support. As you know, we need to raise a lot of money to make the National Youth Gathering trip happen. Support is always needed. Since we need as much money as possible to make this event happen, we are always looking for donations toward this trip. If you would like to give money in support of our youth and

this trip; please make your checks out to "TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH" and put "NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING" in the memo line. You can drop the checks off in my box in the church office. If you mail your contribution, please make sure to put "Attention: Peter Fox" on the envelope to make sure that it gets to me. Anything you could give would go a long way to help us. Thank you for all of your support! Well, there you have it, the month of October. It was a busy one. Somewhere in the middle of it all I also found time to get married and go on a honeymoon :) It was a perfect month in many ways! With that said, I am looking forward to November and all of the good YG times that await...

Yours in Christ,

Peter A. Fox

Youth Ministry Director



YO! CHECK OUT THE BRAND
NEW YG WEBSITE
CAUSE IT IS RAD!!! YEAH...

Peep it for the latest info, pics, calendar,
permission slips, and so much more...

<http://www.trinitycamphill.org/TG/index.htm>

Letter to Trinity

The energy and hard work of volunteers continues... (and) we want to take this opportunity to say thank you for your time, talent and service. In addition to ongoing programs and shipments, we have responded to the hurricane victims of Gustav and Ike. More than 1,089 tons of materials were shipped from New Windsor during August and September in response to the requests received. Thank you for packing (October 6) the Lutheran kits. You packed 216 cartons of school, hygiene, sewing and layette kits. Great job! Look forward to working with you again.

Sincerely,

Loretta Wolf

Director of Service Ministries
(LWR, New Windsor, MD)

Family Fun Night at Friendly's

On December 2, 2008, Trinity Preschool Playgroup is sponsoring a Family Fun Night at Friendly's Restaurant in Camp Hill from 5-8 p.m. The preschool will receive a 20% donation from all the customers who dine at this location during the specified time. We would appreciate your help by enjoying a night out with your family and friends. The preschool is going to use the proceeds for playground equipment, learning toys, and much more.

Thank you from your friends at Trinity Preschool!

Adventures in Bibleland

Adventures in Bibleland, the Sunday school program for Kindergarten through 5th graders, continued their exploration of the Bible with more stories of Moses and the Ten Commandments. In a cooking workshop, the children participated in a Jewish Passover Seder and tasted different types of foods that are traditionally eaten at this meal. They discussed how this ritual relates to Holy Communion. The children also learned about the story of God's almighty power that was shown with the crossing of the Red Sea. During their science workshop, they performed experiments in making clouds, parting the "Red Sea" and setting up circuits to "light the way". In the drama workshop, children learned about God's power with the 10 plagues by participating in an interactive play.



This year our Sunday school Mission Project is Bountiful Blessings, which serves need-based families in the area. The goal of the organization is to provide non-consumable goods to families during temporary times of financial hardship. During the month of October the children collected over 100 paper products! Families have been very generous in donating to this mission and we have been surpassing our collection goals each month. In December, we are collecting new or gently used stuffed animals for Bountiful Blessings' Christmas/holiday program.

Adventures in Bibleland meets from 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. in the Sunday school wing on the first floor. All children grades Kindergarten through 5th grade are welcome to join the fun at any time. For more information contact Christopher Couch in the church office at 737-8635.

Mark Your Calendar

Women's Wednesday Morning Bible Study

Beth Moore Bible Study

To Live Is Christ:

The Life and Ministry of Paul

Wednesdays at 9:30-11:30 a.m.

**11 Sessions lasting from
January 14 to March 25, 2009**

*The series will be held at
Trinity Lutheran Church
2000 Chestnut St., Camp Hill*

Babysitting will be available.

*For questions or registration
Call **Judy Trissler** at 774-6036
or **Bert Weaver** at 697-3259*

Women of Trinity News

The Women of Trinity Christmas Luncheon and General Meeting Saturday, December 6 in Fellowship Hall

The luncheon will begin at noon with the program to follow, but you are invited to come at 11:00 a.m. to pack cookies for our at-home members. If you wish to donate cookies for this event, please drop them off in the church kitchen anytime during the week prior to packaging. Label them "WOT Christmas Cookies". Please bring "soft" cookies only that do not include nuts.

The guest speaker will be Judy Smitley presenting "a Christmas Cup of Tea" and as an extra special treat, Mark, Amy, Briana and Kierra Heinly will perform.

To help defer the expense of the luncheon, a \$7.00 donation is requested. Please sign up in the Gathering Space by December 3 or contact Pat Eby 761-1338. Please attend.

The Women of Trinity would like to thank the congregation for their generous donations of school supplies. Children in other countries often are not allowed to attend school without bringing their own supplies. We were proud to take to the Lutheran World Relief Distribution Center in New Windsor, MD, 167 school kits that were assembled from the supplies and monies that you donated. Gloria Zerbe and Fran Jacobs, co-chairs of the School Kit Committee reported that this was 61 more than last year. Without your help, this project would not have been successful.

Pat Eby, President of Women of Trinity

Women of Trinity are still collecting Labels for Education and Box Tops symbols. These are in turn donated to the Neighborhood Center in Harrisburg to help them in achieving the purchase of a new van. In the past year we have donated 6,441 Labels for Education points and 39 ten-cent Box Tops for Education symbols.

To participate, simply clip and save UPCS and caps from participating Labels for Education brands and also the Box Tops for Education symbols on specially marked products. Place in the designated collection box on the desk in the Gathering Space.

supper club

Do you enjoy cooking? Do you enjoy eating? Do you like to try new dishes or variations of tried and true recipes? Then join the Winter Supper Club session! The Winter session will be held February-April 2009 with a potluck for all participants and Trinity members in May.

Once the groups are assigned, each group decides how often to meet (usually once a month) and which participants will host each dinner. Then, the hosting party provides the main meal and drinks and the other group participants bring an appetizer, sides, and dessert. Some groups have held themed dinners, while others are more casual. And most important of all, the participants get to know other Trinity members in a smaller setting. Not only do you get to enjoy a wonderful meal, you also get to share fellowship with other Trinity members!

To sign-up please complete a sign-up form found at the Receptionist Desk in the Gathering Space and drop it in the box also located there. If you have questions or would like more information about the Supper Clubs, please contact Kellie Argot through the Church Office.

Alzheimer Support Group

will meet Wednesday, December 17, from 7-9 p.m. in the Library
For more information, contact Donna Sprowls 766-8075 or sprowlsd@aol.com

Women of Trinity

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Since this ministry started in 2004, 233 prayer shawls have been made.

Trinity Prayer Concerns

For unto us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be upon his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Isaiah 9:6.

Praise be unto You, O God; all love, honor, and glory be Yours now and forever! Let us come together to give thanks to our God for loving us *so much* that He would send His only Son into this fallen and sinful world; to redeem us, and give us renewed hope for eternal life. As we gather around festive tables of plenty, as we raise our voices in Christmas songs to honor our newborn Savior; and as we open up presents with joyful hearts...let us remember that we are Christians, we are Lutherans, and we are brothers and sisters. Help us to see more clearly Your Will and Purpose for our lives; give us true direction through the gift of Your Holy Spirit; and set our feet firmly on the righteous path!

- Let us take time this season to reflect on our faith, our relationship with You, O God...give us the *wisdom* to seek out those in need, give us the *strength* to persevere in service, and give us the *hope* that we might be pleasing in Your Sight!
- We pray for our beloved church, our pastors, our teachers, and all those who bring Thy Word to our hearts. We pray for our families; and especially our children...that they might come to know and understand the blessed meaning of Advent and the Christmas Story.
- We pray for the many ministries here at Trinity, we pray for all the volunteers who give of their time and talents, and we pray that our entire church family will embrace discipleship and service. Let our Savior's own words become our banner: "What you do for the least of these, you do for me!" Help us, Holy Father, to open our hearts to feel, and to open our eyes to see! *O, Come All Ye Faithful, Silent Night, Holy Night, O, Little Town of Bethlehem, and Joy to the World!*

In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen.

Advent and Christmas Worship Opportunities

WEDNESDAYS

December 3, 10, 17

Communion Service - 7:00 a.m. - Chapel
Breakfast following service - Fellowship Hall

THURSDAYS

December 4, 11, 18

Communion Service - 6:30 p.m. - Chapel

SATURDAYS

November 29; December 6, 13, 20
5:30 p.m. - Communion Service - Fellowship Hall

SUNDAYS

November 30; December 7, 14, 21

Traditional Worship - 8:15 and 11:00 a.m. - Nave
Contemporary Worship - 10:45 a.m. - Fellowship Hall
Holy Communion and Service of Healing - 3:30 p.m. - Chapel
December 21

Parish Ministry Health Tip

If you had chicken pox the virus is still in your body. It can resurface. Ask your doctor about the new vaccine.



Missions Committee News

Trinity Epiphany Dinner Focuses on World Hunger

The Missions Committee invites you and your family to rush the celebration of the Epiphany – usually January 6, to commemorate the arrival of the Wise Men at the manger in Bethlehem – a few days early in 2009.

The reason for rushing the Epiphany season?

Because Pastor Roger Prois with the ELCA World Hunger Appeal will join us for January 3 and 4 to:

- Preach at all four weekend worship services.
- Talk about alleviating hunger in our nation and around the globe with our Sunday church school children and teens.
- Talk about hunger relief efforts with families at a soup-and-sandwich luncheon following the late services.

To help the cooks in the kitchen, please register for the luncheon on sign-up sheets that will be available beginning December 14 at the Information Desk in the Gathering Space. We ask that you also bring a dessert to share.

Help us give Pastor Prois a warm welcome and learn about the work of the ELCA World Hunger Appeal on January 3 and 4!

Make Your Gifts Unique This Christmas

Looking for a one-of-a-kind Christmas gift? Tired of giving the same old tie or scarf or shirt? Gift certificates aren't cutting it? Want your gift to make a difference?

Try giving the gift of a donation to the ELCA World Hunger Appeal, Lutheran World Relief, or the Heifer Project!

For World Hunger, go to the ELCA website, www.elca.org, and follow the links for *Love Is A Gift*. Your contributions make it fun and easy to give meaningful gifts.

For Lutheran World Relief, check out the LWR catalog of fair trade items on the Missions Committee bulletin board.

For the Heifer Project, go to the website at www.heifer.org and follow the *GIVE* link. You can fund an economic development project or purchase livestock that will provide a family and community with life and health.

Give a gift and change the world!

Self-Testing Resources in Library

In our church library we have two videos on self-testing for testicular and breast cancer. Testicular cancer afflicts young men in particular, though any man of any age might contract the disease. And, as we know, breast cancer can affect women of any age.

Perhaps because cancer killed both my parents, I feel especially close to this issue. But who hasn't somehow – through the life of someone close or one's own life – been affected by cancer?

The videos are in videotape (VHS) format and offer clear instruction on self-examination, something which should become a regular habit for us all. Any questions regarding these tapes or other resources may be directed to Christopher Couch or Jo-an Eckert through the church office.

It's holiday season. In the rush to provide things for others, maybe one thing we can do, too, is to take a little time to be good and careful with ourselves.

*Christopher Couch,
Director of Learning Ministries*

The Giving Tree

“Christmas is for giving and for showing that we care, for honoring the Christ child with the gifts we share.”

Our **Giving Tree** will be in the Gathering Space again this year. This is your opportunity to participate in our giving to others at Christmastime.

There are six organizations to choose from. Please take a tag of your choice; purchase the gift requested, and bring the gift unwrapped, unless specified otherwise, with the tag ornament attached to the church office no later than December 10.

Angels – Gifts for the Prison Ministry children

Trees – Gifts for the men who are cared for at Frank's Place, Camden, N.J.

Teddy Bears – Gifts for our own members in need at Trinity.

Mittens – Gifts for women and children at Delta Community

Apples – Gifts for Sudanese (Lost Boys of the Sudan) Education Fund

Whether it is large or small, each gift will share in part the message of true Christmas joy if given from the heart.

Your gifts will help make a blessed Christmas for your brothers and sisters in Christ.



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Double Feature Event Coming to Trinity

Be sure to mark your calendars for Friday, January 16, 2009. The Lutheran Men In Mission is planning a wonderful evening for the Trinity Lutheran family.

The evening will begin with a buffet dinner at 6:30 p.m. The dinner will include succulent pork roast with mashed potatoes, sauerkraut, German style pumpnickel bread, apple pie and beverages. Green beans will be served to the non-Pennsylvania Dutchmen.

Now for the second feature of the evening. Our beloved Pastor J. Steward Hardy will be our speaker. As most of you are already aware, he will retire at the end of January 2010. The subject of Pastor Hardy's message will be "My Reflections of the Past, Present and the Future during my years at Trinity".

The cost of this very special evening is \$6.00 for adults, \$3.00 for those 12 years and under and no cost for children under five years of age.

Unfortunately, our Fellowship Hall can only accommodate 300 for this affair. Therefore, tickets will be sold on a first come basis. Tickets will go on sale in the Gathering Space after worship services on December 28, January 4, and January 11.

Any proceeds, after expenses, will be designated to the Reverend Dr. J. Steward Hardy Gettysburg Lutheran Seminary Scholarship Fund. We will have offering baskets available for additional contributions designated to this fund.

This promises to be an evening to remember for years to come. You will want to be a part of this event.

Jack Bush

2008 Offerings or Special Gifts

2008 offerings or special gifts must be received in the church office by Tuesday, December 30 in order to be credited to 2008 contribution statements.

Senior Christmas Luncheon

The annual Christmas Luncheon for Trinity Seniors and friends will be Friday, December 12, 2008 at 11:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. All are invited to join us for this special holiday celebration, bring a guest or two. The meal will be prepared by our own Kitchen Crew so we will enjoy fellowship, good food and music of the season. **NOTE CHANGE OF VENUE FOR THIS YEAR!**

Please sign up on the clipboard that you will find on the desk in the Gathering Space. Hope to see you there! Call Joan Conrad at 774-3331 with any questions.