

Trinity Parish

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church · Camp Hill, Pennsylvania · November 2009 Edition
A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

TRINITY'S CELEBRATION OF THANKSGIVING



1

Communal Thanksgiving Dinner Sunday November 22nd 6:00PM

Tickets may be purchased in the Gathering Space on the following Sundays:

Nov. 1st — Nov. 15

\$7.00 for adults

\$4.00 for children

2

Shut in Meal Deliveries

Share your thanks by donating a meal for a shut in within our community. These meals will be prepared in Trinity's kitchen and will be delivered between

4:00—5:00 p.m. on Nov. 22nd.

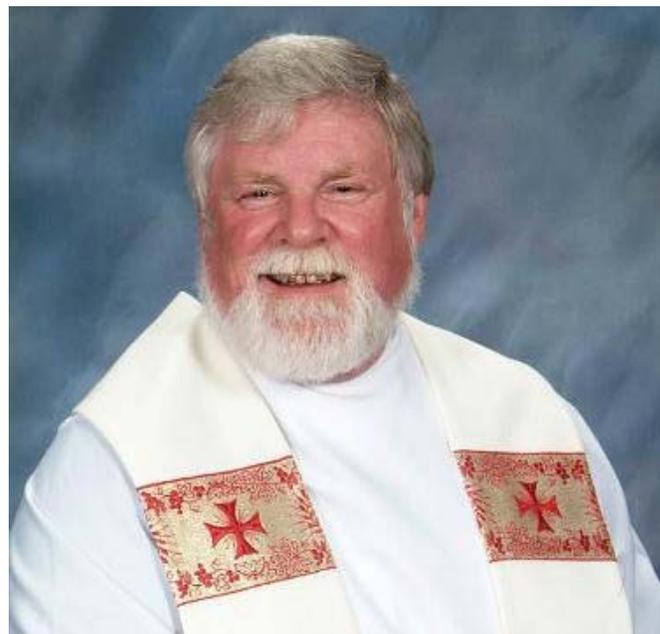
Suggested meal donation is \$5.00

Donations will be accepted when you purchase your dinner ticket. Also, please consider volunteering to help.

3

Food Offering to Feed the Hungry

Bring non-perishable items when you come to the dinner. The food will be shared with area food pantries.



The J. Stewart Hardy Tribute Concert and A Coffeehouse Reception Sunday, November 8, 2009, 4:00 p.m.

An all-church musical tribute in recognition of our retiring pastor's 21 years of service.

Guests include soloists Christyan Seay and Amy Yovanovich, harpist Ruth Hunter, Oboist Jill Marchione, violinist Carl Iba, a brass ensemble, the vocal choirs of Trinity, the Adult Bell Choir and FaithX.

Join us following the concert for **A Coffeehouse Reception** honoring Pastor Hardy in Fellowship Hall. Flavored coffees and light snacks along with good conversation!

OUR VISION

"Disciples in the making, making disciples"

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

"Called by the Holy Spirit to be Christ's Disciples, we seek to equip ourselves and others to live like Christ, and to be sent into the world proclaiming and living the Good News as daily witnesses of God's transforming love."

Blood Bank News!

Many thanks to the 22 people who were accepted as blood donors on September 20, and also to those who tried and were turned down for one reason or another! Please try again! We especially thank all the new people, including several first time donors.



When I called the Central PA Blood Bank office to get our total to the end of September, I was told 157. So—we have some work to do until the end of the year, if we are going to make the goal of 200! They assured me that they think Trinity is great, even if we don't make 200! Makes me feel so good, and so proud of everyone who "Rolls up their sleeve!"

Remember to tell them Trinity Lutheran, Camp Hill, or #157, when you donate at any of the hospitals, donor centers, or Community Blood Drives. By the way, the Holy Spirit Center is now located at 875 Poplar Church Rd., Suite 100.

Jeanie Bentzel

Trinity Parish Deadline

The deadline for the December 2009 edition of *Trinity Parish* is Tuesday, November 10, 2009 – no exceptions. If articles are e-mailed, please send to the Editor, Donna Sprowls at parish@trinitycamphill.org Articles may also be dropped off in the *Trinity Parish* box in the church office.

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STAFF NOTES

Where Wisdom May Be Found

My nightly snack ritual is a glass of milk (for the calcium), one piece of Dove dark chocolate (for the antioxidants), and one piece of Dove milk chocolate (for... well, because it just tastes good with the milk). Inside each Dove chocolate wrapper is a saying—usually something self-indulgent like "Have another chocolate" or sweet like "Tell someone you love them." Last week I was surprised to read these words in the wrapper: "A pessimist is an optimist with experience." Not only was it unusually negative for a Dove wrapper saying, but I consider it false.

As a pastor, I have been privileged to listen to the faith stories of many parishioners over the years. In addition, I regularly read the inspiring words of other Christians who have committed themselves to lives of discipleship. What I have found is that their stories consistently contradict the sentiment expressed on that Dove wrapper. For I have learned that even when dealing with the difficult challenges of life, these Christians still possess a strong hope in their hearts and exhibit a deep trust in God's daily goodness and power. In fact, even when experiencing things one might describe as "bad," those who walked with Christ routinely discovered that such hope and trust in God actually increased in the midst of those experiences. Not that doubt or anxiety didn't ever pervade their thoughts, but ultimately what prevailed was a growing faith.

Perhaps their experience was what St. Paul describes in his letter to the Romans when he writes that we know "...that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us." (Romans 5:3b-5) These are mysterious words, surely, but they bear themselves out as true as we listen to the witness of those who have walked the path of faith before us.

We celebrate November 1 as All Saints Sunday. At Trinity on that day, we name and remember those sisters and brothers in our congregation who have died since last All Saints Sunday. Some of us have been privileged to know them well, and we have also known the challenges they faced with dignity and abiding faith. Their stories are good for us to hear and share with one another. Each of us is strengthened and given hope for our own journey as we reflect on theirs.

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Advent Wreathmaking on November 22 an Invitation for the whole Trinity Family

What is a family? It's one, two, more, many, few, adults, children, pets, exchange students, people we wish we could exchange but can't 'cause, see, that's the nature of being family.

Our Trinity Family is invited to come together at 9:30 on Sunday morning, November 22—which is Christ the King Sunday—to make Advent Wreaths for the home. The following Sunday is the first Sunday in Advent, so the timing is just right.

The lighting of Advent Wreaths on the four Sundays leading up to Christmas is an old tradition of the church. Each Sunday of Advent, the family (of one, two, more—you know) gathers around the wreath to share scripture and say prayers. One candle is lit the first Sunday, and then that candle plus another are lit the second Sunday, and so on. It is a peaceful, joyous way to prepare for the celebration to come—Christmas, the birth of Christ.

Our Advent Wreathmaking will take place in the rotation classroom area of the church. This is where the classrooms are for children in kindergarten through fifth grade on Sunday morning (specifically, Rooms 121 through 126).

So there's plenty of room, and all the materials will be provided—devotionals to use at home during Advent, too. There's no cost, and no pre-registration is required.

This Advent Wreathmaking is a gift to the church from the Educational Ministry Committee and the rotation classes of our Sunday Church School. On behalf of the committee and the classes, I hope you'll come celebrate this gift with us.

Christopher Couch,
Director of Learning Ministries

Late Breaking News from the October 12 Council Meeting

Met the Reverend Glenn E. Ludwig, originally of Lancaster and currently residing in Delaware, and later affirmed his appointment by the Lower Susquehanna Synod as Trinity's Interim Senior Pastor beginning in January 2010. Look for an article/picture introducing Rev. Ludwig in the next issue of *Trinity Parish*.

"The Lutheran" Adult Forum - Sunday, November 29 , 2009 Please join us at 9:30 a.m. in Room 232-234 for a discussion on **"Forgiveness.... Not Optional"** from pages 22-28 of the October 2009 issue of *The Lutheran* magazine. Forgiveness figures centrally in our relationship with God. Like all of God's gifts, forgiveness is meant to transform us, turn us from worldly ways and make us vessels of God's forgiveness. We'll discuss the concept that "True forgiveness is a personal relation with another person". If you do not have access to the articles, please contact class coordinators Craig Staller or Doug Bonsall (921-1957) for a paper copy.

CAN YOU HELP? The Arts Committee and Fellowship Team are cooperating to produce a reception following the J. Stewart Hardy Tribute Concert on November 8th in the form of a Coffee House to recognize Pastor's Hardy dream for the potential of such an on-going ministry at Trinity. We are asking the congregation to donate desserts that would complement the various flavored coffees and other beverages that will be served in Fellowship Hall immediately following the concert. The desserts may be homemade or purchased but should be type that can be served as "finger-food" (not requiring the use of individual utensils). Please sign up at the reception desk in the Gathering Space no later than Sunday, November 1st if you are willing to contribute some tasty and delicious sweets. All contributions must be delivered to the church kitchen no later than 3 p.m. on Nov. 8th so serving preparations can be completed prior to the concert. Contact Doug Bonsall (921-1957) if you have any questions.

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Go ahead—eat some chocolate. I know I will. But be assured that no Dove wrapper can contain the depth of wisdom found in Paul's theologically-rich words. No Dove wrapper will ever lead us to contemplate the mystery of how life lived in God's presence will find itself sustained by hope through all things. Instead, seek the words of those disciples we have met along the way. Then give thanks for the gracious witness of these fellow followers of our

Lord Jesus Christ.

The Reverend Nancy R. Easton

YG News

Greetings to all in the name of the Lord. The YG (youth group) season is definitely back for 2009. The YG calendar is jam-packed with so much stuff; new meetings, new retreats, new events, and new friendships all await our YG kids this season. There are Junior High events and Sr. High events, all age events and everything in between. So make sure to get on out to YG if you're in grades 6-12 and give it a try. There is truly something on almost every weekend and it will "all be good!"

The month of September served as a great introduction to this YG season. We kicked off the YG season on Sunday, September 13 with our first YG Nite of the year. Around 75 people, advisors and YG, were in attendance on this night. There were a lot of new faces and some old ones too. The advisors and I were really stoked at the turnout, especially from younger YG. The YG Nite ran really well. This YG Nite is always a laid back one that introduces kids to YG and all of our various traditions. Much faith, fun and fellowship was had by all in attendance. One week later, on the weekend of September 18 through 20, we attended the synod-wide JR. HIGH EVENT called ALIVE, ALIVE at Camp Nawakwa. Eleven of our Jr. High youth and two advisors attended this awesome weekend. It was a blast from start to finish! Around 300 youth from our synod gather for this event every year. There is large group, small groups, music, speakers, and tons of faith and fun. Plus, it gives me a chance to really get to know our younger YG. Fifty percent of our YG who attended ALIVE, ALIVE this year were brand new to this event, so it proved to be a great bonding weekend. We had a blast! Our second YG Nite was the very next weekend on September 27. Around 75 people, advisors and YG, gathered for a "getting to know you" type meeting. With the group being so big, it's important to get to know people as well as we can, so that's what we did. We accomplished this through games, fellowship, large group, and small groups bonding time. We had our first small group sessions of the year at this meeting. This is a favorite part of most YG kids and it served as a good introduction to some of our newer advisors. Everyone had a great time at this YG Nite and they learned a lot about each other in the process. Well, that was September for you, and it was a great start for what promises to be an awesome year!

This coming summer, we are planning to attend a servant trip with LutheranHands. One of my good friends runs a servant ministry called LutheranHands, and he plans and coordinates service opportunities for youth groups and churches from this area to do service trips all over the U.S. I've been working with him to involve our Sr. High YG in a servant trip for awhile, and this summer it will happen. Some details are starting to come in, but nothing definite, as he is still working with others to determine the greatest need for our service, prices, cost, etc. So what we know at this point, it will probably be in the New Orleans, St. Bernards Parish area. This is where our Sr. High helped out while at the National Youth Gathering this past summer. There is still so much to do down there, especially in that area, which was one of the hardest hit during Katrina. The only other possible option for service with LutheranHands might be mid-west Iowa, helping rebuild from flooding there. Though at this point, New Orleans seems like the most viable option (all factors considered). Regardless, my friend will let me know everything as he finds and figures it out. The estimated cost will be around \$800 for each youth to attend. We plan on getting this money through our church budget mainly, as well as through a few YG fundraisers. Since it is a service trip, I'd like to keep the cost minimal (or next to nothing) for the actual Sr. High participants to go. Bottom line, we will need your help and support to make this trip happen. So please support our youth in making this endeavor a successful reality. With that said, I must get back to work. I have a lot to do I am looking forward to the rest of this YG year. It will be a definite busy one, but a good one all the same. The year will ROCK! I can't wait!!!

Yours in Christ,

Peter A. Fox
Youth Ministry Director

Alzheimer's Support Group

Will meet Wednesday, November 18, 2009, from 7-9 p.m. in the library.

For more information, contact Donna Sprowls at 766-8075 or SPROWLSD@aol.com



**The Collins' present
"The Gift of Hope Around the World"
at WOT December Luncheon**

Judy and Ken Collins will share their personal faith experiences while teaching English in Russia, China and the Czech Republic during the Women of Trinity's December Luncheon on Saturday, December 5 at noon in Fellowship Hall.

The Collins' presentation, "The Gift of Hope Around the World," will be an in-depth sight and sound presentation showing why they believe "sharing God's love can be as simple as holding a hymnal with a Russian farmer, signing 'Jesus Loves Me' to a group of Chinese women or praying with a Czech school teacher."

Judy is Trinity's Spiritual Gifts Coordinator and an Associate in Ministry of the ELCA. Ken, a master of Power Point presentations and photography, is retired but is an adjunct professor at Elizabethtown College and teaches Bible study at Christ United Church of Christ, Elizabethtown.

A Christmas carol sing-a-long will follow the program culminating with "Let There Be Peace on Earth" sung by Marianne Brock.

Lunch is \$6 and will be prepared by the Trinity kitchen crew, known for their fabulous meals.

Cookies for the Visitation Ministry will be packed prior to the luncheon so those donating cookies (with no nuts) should bring them by 9 a.m. December 5.

Letters to Trinity

Dear Trinity Friends:

Sally and I want to thank everyone who phoned or sent me cards and letters since I was diagnosed with a very rare and aggressive cancer, six months ago. Your kind and encouraging words and prayers comforted and sustained us through my 20 hours of chemo-therapy and 30 radiation treatments, a most difficult and debilitating time for us both.

Thanks to God's grace and all your prayers, we learned yesterday (10/7) from my oncologist, that my cancer is now in remission, most welcome news that we are happy to share with our caring Trinity family, with our thanks and heartfelt appreciation.

Sincerely,

John and Sally Smither

Dear Trinity,

A special thank you to Vicar Tom Holdcraft for visiting me while I was in the hospital and also for the prayer he offered. Also I want to thank everyone for all your prayers and help. It was greatly appreciated.

It's also great to belong to a church family like this. I enjoy coming to church here.

Pearl H. Weaver

Support Trinity CACCC Mission

Chocolate-filled **Advent Calendars** from Germany will be available for sale again this year in the Gathering Space after all services in November. The calendars are \$5 each. The profit from these sales goes directly into the scholarship fund of CACCC – Churches Affiliated Child Care Centers. Trinity is a founding church of six local churches that sponsor affordable, church-supported, subsidized day care for local needy families. We need your support of this activity and the calendars make wonderful gifts not only for children and grandchildren, but also for those at-home and neighbors and friends. It is a great way to start the holiday season of giving!

CACCC **Community Day Coupon Books** will also be available in the Gathering Space. Community Day at Bon-Ton is November 14.

Knitwear Collected for Needy Children

Women of Trinity are again collecting knit hats, gloves, mittens and scarves to be given to elementary-age homeless children in the Harrisburg School District.

The knitwear is distributed during a special Christmas party and the remainder of the items is distributed to other needy children in the district. Mel Robertson, co-chair of this project, said "you could see the joy on the children's faces as they selected the items they needed. We received a lovely letter from the superintendent of community support services for the school district who said everyone was so impressed with the beautiful knit items and the amount of work that went into this worthy event. Many of the Trinity knitters hand made many of the items donated."

Last year, Trinity donated nearly 250 items for the project.

A collection box for the knitwear will be in the Gathering Space and all knit items should be brought to Trinity by November 29. Store bought items may be donated as well.

Any questions may be directed to Mel Robertson at 545-2914 or Shirley Zellner at 766-2290.

Trinity's Celebration of Thanksgiving

We will start with a cider fellowship in the Gathering Space at 5:30 p.m. and a traditional "turkey and all the trimmings" meal will follow in Fellowship Hall at 6:00 p.m. Again this year there will be three components to the dinner – delivering meals to area shut-ins, bringing non-perishable food items for a local food pantry and enjoying a festive meal with our church family.

On Sundays Nov. 1, 8, and 15 you will be able to sign up in the Gathering Space for this event. We'll need dozens of volunteers to help with a variety of tasks prior to the event and on the actual day of the dinner. You will also be able to purchase tickets for the meal and/or to make a monetary contribution to provide the shut-in dinners at the sign-up tables.

A new twist this year and one that is designed to save money for everyone attending the dinner is a call for any "turkey coupons" from local supermarkets. If you have earned enough points to qualify for a free turkey and will not be redeeming it for your personal use, please give it to the church to help provide the 300+ pounds of turkey we will need for this event. Coupons must be received by Nov. 8 so we can order any additional turkeys that may be needed. Because we know we can count on the generosity of Trinity's congregation to respond to this appeal, the cost of tickets for the meal have been reduced to \$7 per adult.

Flu Prevention

The best way to prevent flu is get a flu shot! **If you haven't gotten your shot yet, there is still time. Do it now!** There is no cure for the flu. This fall there will be two "vaccines" for the flu, one for the seasonal flu and one for swine flu (H1N1 flu). The seasonal flu vaccination will not protect against swine flu. Different about swine flu from seasonal flu is adults older than 64 do not appear to be at increased risk of swine flu complications. Thus far studies show that children and few adults younger than 60 have existing antibodies to the 2009 swine flu virus.

Flu is usually spread from one person to the next by coughs and sneezes. Other ways to spread the flu are by shaking hands or touching or handling items that somebody who is infected has touched, such as phones, tables, chairs, doors, etc.

Hand washing during flu season can reduce your risk of catching or spreading the flu. During flu season, especially after coughing, sneezing or blowing your nose, wash with soap and hot water, vigorously rubbing your hands together for at least 20 seconds, don't forget the back of your hands, between your fingers and under your nails. Rinse and dry thoroughly. If soap and water are not available, use gel hand sanitizers or alcohol-based hand wipes. You will find hand sanitizers in the Narthex and Gathering Space and placed around the church for your convenience.

And if you don't feel well, stay home!

Parish Ministry Committee

On Eagle's Wings Sunday School Forum November 15, 2009

9:30 a.m.

AnnE Zimmerman, Executive Director of On Eagle's Wings will bring us up to date on their activities and challenges and answer questions about the ministry and the North.



Weekly Prayer List

November 1-7: Daniel, Jill, John, and Benjamin Drury; Scott, Sandra, and Michael Drummond; Larry, Joyce, and Clark Dromgold; Nicole Driscoll; William Dressler; William, Lori, Joanne, and Douglas Drawbaugh; James, Kathryn, and Jonathan Drawbaugh; Daniel and Margaret Drawbaugh. **November 8-14:** Sue Dour; Dee and Dana Dorsheimer; Stephanie Donald; Edward and Carmella Donald; Dallas and Connie Dollase; Mark and Val Doeing; Joseph, Zach, and John Dixon; Jody Dixon. **November 15-21:** Sheila Dimon; Don and Ruth Dietz; Mertie Dieterick; Sydney and Kelsey Dieter; Kerry and Grace Dickensheets; Maggie Devorick; Walt and Joyce DeVerter. **November 22-28:** Charles Detweiler; Betsy DeStefano; Mike, Lynn, Chris, Steve, and JD DeSantis; Wynter Derr; Gregory, Karen, Brandon, and Ashley Derr; Peg Deraclea; Lila Depew; Terri Denison; Barbara Denison. **November 29-December 5:** Abraham Deng; Joanne Demartino; Sharon Dell-Gallagher; Norman and Jean Deissler; Susie Deeter; Nicole, Sierra, and Sage Davis; Marshall, Diane, John, and Michael Davis; Laura Davis; Jamee Davis.

Birthdays

Homebound

- November 2 **Molly Nelson**
810 Riverview Road
Lemoyne, PA 17043
- November 4 **Elsie Corlett**
600 Freemason Drive, BF 3 Room 3874
Elizabethtown, PA 17022
- Peg Deraclea**
4905 East Trindle Road, Room 1040
Mechanicsburg, PA 17050
- November 18 **Shirley Coombe**
222 Messiah Circle, Room 48-W
Mechanicsburg, PA 17055
- Mitzi Fortenbaugh**
110 Constance Court
China Gove, NC 29023

Staff

- November 5 **Stacey Martin**
- November 26 **Pastor Hardy**

Prison Action Committee of Christian Churches United

Invites You to Attend
 Community Connections Breakfast with
 Inmates of Work Release, Transitional
 and Pre-release Programs
 Men and Women!
 Join us on November 7 at
 Full Gospel,
 100 Cameron Street, Harrisburg.
 Breakfast, Prayers, Inspiration and Information
 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
 Participants will be picked up at 8:30 a.m.,
 and back before 11:00 a.m.

There is no cost!
 Contact Roberta Smith at 761-0519 or e-mail at
 rosethorn3737@comcast.net

Book Discussion Group

The Book Discussion Group invites you the third Sunday of every month in Room 232-234 from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Books chosen through December 2009 are:

November 15: **The Woman Behind the New Deal**, by Kirstin Downey
 December 13: **“The Zookeeper’s Wife”**, by Diane Ackerman

Trinity Member Business Directory

Trinity Member Business Directory is on the web at www.trinitycamphill.org. It can be accessed from News & Events, About Trinity or Quick Links. We hope this valuable consumer and business networking tool will be beneficial to you. While this is not an endorsement of any of the individuals or companies presented, we thank you for your patronage and support. Additions or corrections may be submitted by the 15th of each month by contacting ksadesigns@comcast.net. If you do not have access to a computer and would like a directory, please request a copy from our office receptionist, Joann Fetrow.

**Who are we, and what do we believe?
“Men’s Third Saturday” on
Saturday Morning, November 21, 2009.**

A light breakfast will be provided. We will meet in the church library at 8:30 a.m., enjoy breakfast, and start the gathering at 9:00 a.m.

Our meeting will be titled “The DaVinci Code/Angels & Demons; truth or fiction?” Bill Stotler, a Trinity member and former ELCA pastor will lead the group with an in-depth look at these two novels/movies. Dan Brown’s novels have caused a lot of controversy within the church community; Bill will help clear the air. Come and enjoy an interesting “look” within these two books.

We will then take a holiday break and start again on January 16, 2010 with “The Naked Truth about Mark”. Not the book of Mark, but the person Mark! Who was he and how did he help find and shape the early Christian church. Our leader will be Trinity member and Education Ministry Chair, Jack Bush.

Our next dates are February 20, March 20 and April 17, 2010.

No need to sign up, but if you have questions contact George Enney at: georgebeckyenney@yahoo.com

No Small Change in Offering Envelopes

In past Novembers your offering envelopes were placed in the Narthex for pick up, and by January, the one-third remaining were sent via ground mail to those who did not pick up their packets.

Please note the change, in 2010 your fifty-two weekly offering envelopes will be sent to you -- bi-monthly!

Why the change? For those members who give regularly and generously, *there will be no change*, for the church or for them as individual giving units, *except that their envelopes will arrive by mail*. Sounds like a plan for those of us who have part or most of our Stewardship act together.

But what about our five hundred members who give \$0? How can we help them remember God’s love and generosity? How can we aide those whose yearly supply of envelopes gets *lost among the socks*? What can we do to help those who have misplaced their packet *somewhere in their desk*? For those who dwell in those seasons of their lives, we have elected to provide six, gentle but firm, bi-monthly reminders (eight or nine envelopes) to “...give unto God the things that are God’s.”

Other benefits include unburdening our staff from shuffling boxes while at the same time increasing our efficiency with addresses of new members. The most common phrase from a four-church-survey currently using the system was that, “They loved it.” I think Trinity will too.

*Joe Fidler, Chair
Stewardship Team*

Trinity Prayer Concerns

Dear Heavenly Father,

Thank you for the many blessings that you have bestowed upon us. May we always remember to thank you not just at holidays but everyday for the many things you have given us – family, friends, jobs, homes, and most of all your Son, Jesus Christ. Thank you for being our Creator.

We pray for the many men and women who have served and are serving in the Armed Forces. May their courage remind us that freedom comes with a cost. Just as Jesus gave His life for our sins, these men and women gave their lives for our freedom. Please be with the families who have lost loved ones while protecting our freedom. Just as your Son did not die in vain, may the families know that their loved ones did not die in vain either. May we remember to always thank a veteran or a current soldier for their bravery. Thank you for always being our Protector.

Thank you for our pastors, vicar, and staff at Trinity. Thank you for the preschool group that meets here every week. Thank you for the many support groups that meet here every week. Thank you that our church can be a place where people can come to seek help for their problems. Thank you for always being our Guide.

We pray for the sick and the homeless. May you bring healing and wholeness to those in hospitals, at home recuperating, or in therapy. May the homeless find shelter in the cold months ahead. May your love and protection be with them always. Thank you for always being our Healer.

We also pray for the families who have lost loved ones. It is especially hard to lose a loved one around the holidays. But, with your loving arms to hold us and comfort us, we will get through our time of sorrow. Thank you for always being our Comforter.

May our actions and words be in the love of Christ so that others may come to you through us. May your peace, love, and blessings be with us always. Amen.

Council Update – Each month this column highlights actions and significant items of interest from the most recent meeting(s) of Trinity’s Congregation Council.

From the Sept. 14th meeting:

- Studied “*Lutherans and Other Religions – Tending our Interreligious Relations*” from pages 18-24 of the August 2009 issue of *The Lutheran* magazine.
- Received a thank you from Gettysburg Seminary for Trinity’s recent gift and a copy of Pastor’s Hardy official retirement notice sent to Bishop Hoover of the Lower Susquehanna Synod.
- Reviewed written reports from staff and standing committees, all indicating a continued high level of activity in most aspects of our congregation’s mission and ministry.
- Heard an update on the appointment of an Interim Senior Pastor by the Synod. Trinity’s Transition Team participated in interviews for this position and Council is expected to meet the appointee at its October meeting.
- Received a report from Bishop Edmiston about on-going work with Trinity Lutheran Church, South Harrisburg. Trinity, Camp Hill, is contracted to provide pastoral services at Trinity, South Harrisburg, for one year while this small congregation discerns its future.
- Held preliminary discussion on the report of the Call Process Task Force; adoption and the start of implementation of the report’s provisions is expected in October.
- Learned from the Finance Committee all Trinity endowment funds are now invested in the ELCA Endowment Fund and that income and expenses for the year are on target as a result of generous giving and careful management of expenditures.
- Heard an inspiring report from Pastor Brock and Judy Collins on the large congregation “Let the River Flow Conference” they attended during June in Minnesota along with Debbie Wilson.
- Approved a large number of updates and revisions to the Policy Manual in the areas of Worship, Executive Committee, Congregation Council, Finance, Vocation Support/Church Vocation Loan Fund, Administration & Personnel, Parish Ministry and staff job descriptions.
- Moved to establish a “Going Green” task force to study and provide recommendations on how the church can implement strategies in our activities to minimize our environmental impact on the earth.

From the Oct. 12th meeting:

- Heard a devotional “A Good Conscience” led by Pastor Hardy related to the September 2009 issue of *The Lutheran* magazine highlighting actions taken at the recent ELCA Churchwide Assembly
- Met the Rev. Glenn E. Ludwig, originally of Lancaster and currently residing in Delaware, and later affirmed his appointment by the Lower Susquehanna Synod as Trinity’s Interim Senior Pastor beginning in January, 2010 (*look for an article/picture introducing Rev. Ludwig in the next issue of this newsletter*)
- Elected Lorraine Graybill as a member of the Congregation Council Executive Committee to serve through January, 2010
- Adopted the report of the Call Process Task Force which sets forth procedural details for the formation of a Senior Pastor Call Committee
- Approved requests from the Women of Trinity and from Cub Scout Pack 51 for fund raising events to be promoted at Trinity
- Approved updates and revisions to the Policy Manual including job descriptions for selected staff, guidelines for standing committee membership and an appendix form for the Social Ministry benevolence funding
- Welcomed the fall class of new members into the official membership of Trinity Church
- Moved two recommendations from the Strategic Planning Committee for study during 2010 - the first forming a Master Planning Task Force to develop a master plan for the long term use/development of church property and the second to move toward the implementation of a second contemporary worship service on Sunday mornings

“SHEKINAH” A painting Memorial

“Shekinah” (His Glory) a painting presented to Trinity by Gil Mitchell is a memorial to his wife, Joyce Squires Mitchell. Joyce passed into the loving arms of Jesus on February 3, 2007. Gil tells us the following story about his inspiration for this painting, to recognize the life he and Joyce shared to “His Glory”.

“I first met Joyce when she joined the choir of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Falls Church, Virginia; I was Choirmaster. We were married five years later.

My profession was music; performer, conductor and teacher, and music for worship played a large part in our lives. In deciding on a memorial for Joyce, I remembered my impression of the 150th Psalm wall in the Israel Lounge in the J.F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C. That, along with my own experience with instrumental music, both ancient and contemporary, led me to commissioning this painting. I met with the pastor, Congregation President and chair of the Arts Committee and my project was approved.

I phoned Beverly Macy, an artist in Homer, Alaska, who was Joyce’s cousin. After explaining what I wanted, I sent her many pages of research material on old instruments, etc. .. much of which friend Rabbi Daniel Weiner sent to me. After many consulting phone calls, Beverly fully understood my goal and created this marvelous tribute to her cousin.

My second inspiration for choosing this medium was recognizing the importance that music plays in the life of this congregation; and old timers tell me it has always been so. So it is with great joy for me to have this painting given to the people of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Camp Hill, Pennsylvania.”

The painting is located in the Gathering Space on the wall to the left of the entrance to the Narthex. Copies of this information and the description of the sections of the painting can be found on the bench below the painting.



WOT Circle Study for November

The Women of Trinity will continue the Circle Bible studies in November. The groups will study Chapter 2: A Life of Love, I Peter 1:22-2:10 of the book *Stand Strong*, authored by Pastor Bill Hybels.

We are excited a new Circle Group is being offered on the second Sunday of each month during the Sunday Church School hour. All women are invited to join a Circle Group that meets their schedules.

<u>Circle</u>	<u>Meets</u>	<u>Place</u>
Esther	Monday, Nov. 2 at 7 p.m.	Library
Deborah	Tuesday, Nov. 3 at 9:30 a.m.	Library
Ruth	Tuesday, Nov. 3 at 9:30 a.m.	Room 237
Elizabeth	Tuesday, Nov. 3 at 1:30 p.m.	Library
New	Sunday, Nov. 8 at 9:30 a.m.	Room 239

A Disciple

She leads her life as a disciple; an obedient follower of Christ. Along with many others, I have always admired Jo-an Eckert. She has been my mentor, conveying wisdom and skills in the so many areas we both care about. So I invited some of the others to join me in sharing their thoughts about her devotion to God and her church. **Donna Sprowls**

In the early 1990's when the Parish Ministry Committee was established, Jo-an answered the call to provide ministry to our members as a professional nurse providing CPR and First Aid training as well as regular blood pressure screening. Dedicated to the task of providing appropriate training she remained up to date by regularly taking required courses to be a certified instructor. When technology progressed to allow the use of an AED by lay persons, she was instrumental in the acquisition of an AED by Trinity. In the absence of a parish nurse on our staff at Trinity, she also was instrumental in providing information and training in self-examination for breast and testicular cancer. In her quiet and unassuming way, Jo-an has assisted many persons for many years in issues of health. Thank you, Jo-an. **Judy Hunter**

Trinity has been blessed to have Jo-an, a competent, responsible and compassionate registered nurse, provide many years of blood pressure screening, CPR training and AED classes. I have been fortunate to know Jo-an as a nursing instructor, a faithful volunteer, my friend and yes, even as my "guardian angel" when I was hospitalized. **Charlotte Lazarchik**

Jo-an is one of the first persons I met when I came to work at Trinity. I have always enjoyed talking with her. She is of course conversant with my health condition – enough to tell me not to take CPR training because it would be too strenuous on my heart. Sometimes it's hard to find someone who can talk easily about precarious diseases and such. And Jo-an can talk with me constructively and positively. She was right on top of the new procedures for CPR. Through this and other ways, Jo-an impresses me with her current, relevant awareness of medical issues and procedures. And she impresses me with the enthusiasm and care she exudes. **Christopher Couch**

Nearly 23 years ago, Kristi and I moved to Camp Hill to start my business as a dentist. Some of the first patients we met were Jo-an and her husband Dick. The closest family we had was 848 miles away. Jo-an and Dick took us under their wings and helped us get acclimated to life in PA. They always had wise advice when asked and a smile or a good story to share. Over the years, I have been certified for CPR more times than I can count, all by Jo-an with Dick by her side. We have been blessed by having special friends over the years. Jo-an and Dick are at the top of that list. **Brice Arndt**

It has been my pleasure to work with Jo-an for many years at funeral meals and occasionally help with blood pressures. She has been a model for the rest of us to follow when talking to bereaved families. She knew who to contact and worked hard to secure the money for an AED for the church and would demonstrate to anyone who was interested in learning how to use it- a most important item in any church or business. I have enjoyed working with her and my God bless her. **Marie Olson**

I have helped Jo-an with blood pressure screening and took her CPR and first Aid courses. She is an excellent teacher and devoted to sharing her skills and knowledge to help others. **Jean Schelhas**

I have taken blood pressures with Jo-an, work with her preparing and serving funeral luncheons and took a CPR class. No matter when or where I see her, she has a warm smile and a big hug for me. She is truly a caring and giving person who spreads love and compassion wherever she goes. It is astounding how many hours she gives to others, not just here in the walls of Trinity but in the community. She volunteers in the cardiac waiting room at Harrisburg Hospital, giving comfort and support to nervous families and friends as they wait for their loved one to return from a procedure. It will take many volunteers to fill the shoes of Jo-an and accomplish all that she does through her many hours of volunteerism. It is a great joy and blessing to know Jo-an. **Kelly George**

Until I took over Meal Ministry, I knew Jo-an as the person who periodically took my blood pressure between services. I figured she was a retired nurse who provided a needed service to members of Trinity. Wow, was that an under thought on my part.

Within the Meal Ministry, Jo-an is my lifeline. I was the "newbie". She took me under her wing and showed me what the volunteers do and how they do it. After my first "tour of duty," she deferred to me at every turn. Little does she know how much I still look to her for guidance and reassurance that I'm not stepping on someone's toes. She knows these people inside and out, and knows who the willing workers are. She has an understanding of people's strengths and weaknesses, and will never speak badly of anyone. Her job is the most difficult of anyone. There have been times I know she spent the better part of an afternoon until she got commitments from enough people to help, plugging away until she feels comfortable with the number of people who will help.

So many people know Jo-an and respect what she quietly does behind the scenes. Every church needs so many "Jo-ans" and we are so blessed to have her. **Karen Appel**



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Retirement Celebration Invitation

Included in this edition of *Trinity Parish* is an invitation to all congregation members to Pastor Hardy's Retirement Celebration. We are really excited about this event and are expecting to share a lot of reflections, fun, (and tears). Please join us. Sign up in the Gathering Space. For more information, please contact Barbara Kriebel (697-3928) or Bob Frymoyer (774-3843).

The Giving Tree

The **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 four organizations to choose from: Frank's Place, Camden N.J (*Missions*), Trinity members in need (*Parish Ministry*), Delta Housing and Prison Re-entry (*Social Ministry*). **Help undecorate the tree** by taking a tag of your choice. *More information to follow in Trinity Today.*

Those who receive your gifts are most grateful for your sharing of God's grace and goodness. Thank you.

*The Harrisburg Chapter of the
American Guild of Organists presents
"Strategies for Lifelong Singing"
Dr. Brenda Smith*

**Saturday, November 14, 2009
9:30-11:30 a.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church**

Dr. Smith teaches studio voice, singer's diction and vocal pedagogy at the University of Florida. Recognized for her contributions to the concept of lifelong singing through proper voice care, she works regularly as a consultant, clinician and conductor with amateur and professional choirs throughout the world and regularly appears in presentations for the American Choral Directors Association, the National Association of Teachers of Singing and the American Guild of Organists. The workshop will cover topics such as vocal hygiene, vocal warm ups and cool downs, and healthy rehearsal techniques, basic tops which apply to singers of **all** ages. Dr. Smith will present materials which focus on the subject of the aging singer.

This workshop is **free** and open to all members of the AGO, as well as area choir directors and members of their choirs, vocal groups, voice teachers, and students and singers of **all ages**.