

Trinity Parish

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



Christmas at Trinity

Sunday, December 13, 2009 - 4:00 p.m.

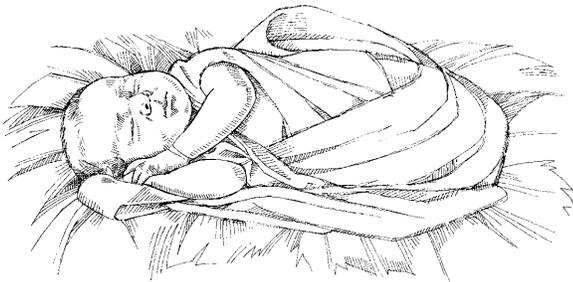
“Christmas Celebration”

Timothy Koch, Director
Chancel, Matins and Children’s Choirs,
Adult, Youth and Children’s Bell Choirs,
and FaithX with Full Orchestra.
Free Admission, but early seating is advised.
Christmas reception to follow.

Sunday, December 20, 2009 - 4:00 p.m.

“A Candlelight Christmas”

The Susquehanna Chorale
Linda Tedford, Director
Tickets Required:
Regular—\$20.⁰⁰
Seniors/Students—\$18.⁰⁰
Trinity Concert Series Patrons—\$10.⁰⁰ (Church Office)
\$20.⁰⁰ and \$18.⁰⁰ tickets available at the door
or by calling 214-ARTS.



Trinity’s Advent & Christmas Worship Opportunities

Mid-Week Advent

Theme: *Joy to the World, the Lord is Come!*

Wednesday (December 2, 9, 16)

7:00 a.m. - Chapel (with breakfast following)

Thursday (December 3, 10, 17)

6:30 p.m. - Chapel

Christmas Eve

4:00 p.m. Family Service - Nave

Children’s Choirs, Children’s Bell Choir
Vicar Tom Holdcraft leading

7:00 p.m. Contemporary Service - Fellowship Hall

Candlelighting and Holy Communion
FaithX Band
Pastor Easton preaching

8:30 p.m. Traditional Service - Nave

Traditional Liturgy with Holy Communion
Matins Choir, Youth Bell Choir,
and Youth Strings
Pastor Brock preaching

11:00 p.m. Candlelight Service - Nave

Lessons and Carols
Chancel Choir, Adult Bell Choir, and
String Ensemble
Pastor Hardy preaching

Christmas Day

10:00 a.m. Traditional Service - Nave

Pastor Hardy preaching

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!

NEWSFLASH! Are you looking for an incentive, or a special reason, before you sign up to donate blood on Sunday, January 24? Since he is a cancer survivor, Pastor Hardy was unable to be a blood donor; however he has been a staunch supporter of Trinity's Blood Bank and the visits from the Central PA Blood Bank. What better way to honor Pastor Hardy, and at the same time help Trinity's Blood Bank get off to a rip-roaring 2010, than to donate blood in honor of Pastor Hardy!



Sign Up for the January 24 drive will be held on Sunday, January 10 and 17. Remember, whether you donate at the blood bank on the 24th, or choose to donate at one of the hospitals, donor centers, or a Community Blood Drive, be sure to tell them #157 or Trinity Lutheran, Camp Hill. Let's donate a pint (of blood that is) in honor of Pastor Hardy!

Questions? Call Jeanie Bentzel, 766-3526, or the Central PA Blood Bank, 566-6161.

Jeanie Bentzel

Trinity Parish Deadline

The deadline for the January 2010 edition of *Trinity Parish* is **Thursday, December 10, 2009 – no exceptions**. If articles are e-mailed, please send to the Editor, Donna Spowls 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

There's Plenty More Where That Came From...

While Holy Scripture clearly reminds me of the never-ending goodness of God, sometimes I need an **image**, a picture in my mind, to go along with those words of faithful witnesses from long ago. What does this "grace of God" about which we always read **look** like? I understand that the gift of Jesus Christ at Bethlehem is the grace of God. I understand that the incarnation is God's "goodness-in-the-flesh." Yet how am I to make sense of God's continual and daily help to us, his graciousness abounding, when words such as "incarnation" and "Emmanuel" and "word-made-flesh" all sound so stiff and formal and ... theological? I like words, but I also need **images**.

And somehow the images are always provided.

Every autumn, my mother-in-law invites our family of five down to my in-laws' home in York for a supper of chicken potpie. Having lived in south-central Pennsylvania, lo, these many years, I know that potpie does not have piecrust atop it. My mother-in-law's chicken potpie is one of her specialties. We look forward to that Saturday evening in autumn when we can enjoy the delicious repast she offers.

A few weeks ago we traveled to York. Upon entering my in-laws' home, I noticed several more place settings than could be accounted for with our family alone. Turns out my one sister-in-law would be there, too. And my other sister-in-law, along with two of her children. It was "kind-of a last minute thing," said my mother-in-law.

Okay, so I admit I wondered if there would be enough potpie at this "last minute." After all, my nephew is 14! Just imagine how much potpie he can eat! Certainly he and my 15-year-old son could polish off a huge bowl of potpie between the two of them! My mother-in-law simply said, "Oh, there will be enough. I just added a little more flour ..."

Now, I'm not saying there was some miracle like the loaves and the fish. (Though we did indeed have potpie leftover.) What I'm saying is that God is a lot like my mother-in-law. God is not at all worried about whether there is enough to go around. God just adds a little more flour when it's needed. **That's** a way to understand the unlimited grace of God poured into our lives every day.

So that is the image I will hold in my mind this Advent season. As we prepare our hearts and homes and church building to greet the King who came and will come again, consider the image of a steaming bowl of chicken potpie at the center of a large table. And know that when we wonder if there is enough love to go around in this needy world of ours, enough power to effect change in our troubled lives, enough mercy to cover our sins, and enough energy and resources of our own to share with others, we should think that God is probably saying, "Here—have some of my grace. And there's plenty more where that came from!"

The Reverend Nancy R. Easton

Artists of the Month

Mechanicsburg Art Center Youth Art Exhibition

Youth students of the Mechanicsburg Art Center will show off their latest creations during the month of December. Exhibitors range in age from two to 13. Youth instructors are Christy Saliaris and Michele White, Patricia Koscienski and Barbara Pillette Buchanan. Works included in the exhibition were created by students in Pre-School Art, Elementary Drawing, After School Museum Workshops, Early Explorers, Intermediate Explorers and Private Lessons.

In Pre-School Art, students explored color, shapes and their imaginations through the use of watercolor, pastels and other fine art materials. Elementary Drawing focused on providing a direct link to reading, writing and mathematics. Picasso and other historical artists served as inspiration for students in After School Museum Workshops. Early Explorers and Intermediate Explorers worked on drawing skills and composition by understanding proportion, volume and scale. Students in Private Lessons received personalized one-on-one training in a specific area of interest such as drawing or painting.

Mechanicsburg Art Center is a non-profit organization offering art classes since 1954 for all ages and skill levels. For more information, visit the center's web site at www.mechanicsburgartcenter.com. The art center is located in a large red barn just two miles west of Mechanicsburg off West Trindle Road. It is funded in part through Pennsylvania Council on the Arts.

Letter to Trinity

To my Christian Family at Trinity,

I would like to thank you so very much for the delivered flowers, the many prayers for recovery, and the prayer shawl given to my husband Frank while in Health South recovering from a stroke.

He is now at home continuing with physical and occupational therapy three times a week.

May God Bless each and everyone with all His Blessings. Again thank you.

Sincerely,

Sara Feichtel

The Giving Tree

Please pick a tag of your choice from the **Giving Tree**. The tree is decorated with tags to support four groups:

- Angels:** Gifts for the Prison Ministry.
- Trees:** Gifts for New Visions (previously Frank's Place) in Camden, N.J.
- Churches:** Gifts for Trinity members in need.
- Red Houses:** Gifts for women and children at Delta Community.

Purchase the gift requested and bring the gift and tag ornament (to the tree on Sundays or the church office any other day) no later than December 10.

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

*It is enough to know the Lord is pleased
as we reach out to give to another in need.
May the blessing of giving reside in our hearts, in secret.
Matthew 6:3-4*

Winter Homeless Shelter

Over the past few years Trinity members have helped staff the Winter Homeless Shelter during its turn at Zion Lutheran Church in Harrisburg. This year the shelter will be housed at Susquehanna Harbor Safe Haven, located at 1805 North 12th Street. In addition to having someone on duty 24 hours daily, this new facility also has a part time staff person who will do the intake process each evening. Christian Churches United works with this shelter, as it did with the winter shelter program that rotated through the various Harrisburg churches in the past.

Zion Lutheran has been assigned the task of finding two volunteers per evening for the month of January and they have asked Trinity to provide volunteers for one of those weeks. Volunteers would carpool over, arriving about 8:00 p.m. and spend the night, leaving about 7:00 a.m. the following morning. At this time I do not know which week we will have, but if this sounds like a ministry that you would like to take part in, please speak with Becky Enney (737-4115 or georgebeckyenney@yahoo.com).

Becky Enney



YG News

Greetings to all in the name of the Lord. The YG (youth group) season is definitely back in full swing for 2009. The 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 Jr. 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 for you to take part in.

The month of October continued this great YG season. We kicked off the month on Sunday, September 4 with JR. HIGH GAMENITE. About 30 Jr. High and advisors came out for this nite of total fun and fellowship. We played games galore all night long! Well, we did stop for some pizza, but other than that it was games, games and more games. Everyone who showed up definitely had a blast. On the very next

Sunday we had our first real YG NITE of the season. The overall theme this year is to "be the change". We will focus the youth to "be the change" for others by giving them the faith foundations to equip them to be better disciples. The topic for YG NITE was TEEN IMAGE and it concentrated on teaching the youth to observe the way society views them both positively and negatively. Around 60 YG and advisors came out for this nite of faith, fun and fellowship. The large group discussions were awesome! The small group learning time was great! All and all, it was a very powerful YG NITE and a great way to begin the season. Sunday, October 18 was SR. HIGH BOWLING NITE. Around 25 Sr. High and advisors came out for this nite of total fun and fellowship. It was a fun night of bowling bliss. We closed down the month with YG PASTA NITE for the congregation. Around 40 youth and advisors came out for this nite of service to our church community. With the congregation's help we were able to raise over \$800 to go toward our Sr. High Service Project this upcoming summer. This dinner was awesome! We received so many positive comments about the whole night. We definitely have started another great YG tradition with this meal along with the YG FIESTA NITE in the spring. Well there you have it, and that was October for you, and it surely continued the good start for what promises to be a great YG year!

This summer we are planning a servant trip with LutheranHands for our Sr. High YG. LutheranHands coordinates service opportunities for groups and churches from this area to do service trips all over the U.S. Some details are starting to come in. What we know now is, 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 estimated cost will be around \$500 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

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 November 9 meeting:

- Studied “*Forgiveness is Not Optional*” from the October 2009 issue of *The Lutheran* magazine
- Received a thank you for Trinity’s contribution to the building of the Willow Park plaza and nearby labyrinth
- Reviewed written reports from staff and standing committees
- Approved the appointment of Jeff Weaver as Chairperson of the Senior Pastor Call Committee. The appointment of the remaining eight members of the Call Committee is expected to be approved in January
- Elected Craig Erdman as Council President and Lorraine Graybill as Council Vice President for 2010
- Approved the appointment of Bob Scaer as chair of the Master Planning Task Force and of Margaret Bishop Parker as chair of the “Going Green” Task Force
- Moved to file a small claims suit against the former tenants at 1915 Market Street for unpaid rental due Trinity
- Referred the research and implementation of additional leadership development training to the Strategic Planning Committee
- Confirmed that voting by proxy or in absentia at Congregation Council meeting may not be permitted
- Approved revised Policy Manual pages for various staff job descriptions and the Social Ministry Committee
- Granted permission for the refurbishment of the Senior Pastor’s office during the month of December in preparation for the arrival of the Interim Pastor in January.
- Approved additional budget funds to meet the increased cost for staff fringe benefits
- Gave standing permission for the Church Affiliated Child Care Center (CACCC) to sell Bon-Ton coupons and Advent calendars in the Gathering Space each fall as fund raisers for their student scholarship fund

The next meeting of the Congregational Council will be held on Monday, December 14, 2009.

Doug Bonsall
Council President



Joy to the Word, the Lord is Come!
Midweek Advent Services

During this holy season of preparation, join us for worship at our Midweek Advent services. This year’s theme is based on the familiar carol, *Joy to the World*. Usually sung on Christmas Eve, *Joy to the World* is also an Advent hymn. Its words remind us to prepare our hearts for the One who is to come—Jesus Christ. His coming into our world brings his rule of love, justice, and forgiveness, and so we worship in hope-filled anticipation.

Midweek services are held on Wednesday mornings (7:00 a.m.) and Thursday evenings (6:30 p.m.) in our chapel. A breakfast in Fellowship Hall follows each Wednesday morning service.

Dates and themes are as follows: December 2/3 (*Coming to Renew Love*), December 9/ 10 (*Coming to Execute Justice*), and December 16/17 (*Coming to Forgive Sins*).

Who are we, and what do we believe?
For guys only!
Men’s Third Saturday on
Saturday Morning, January 16, 2010.

Our meetings of October and November are behind us. They were really good, right? Thanks to our leaders Craig Staller and Bill Stotler. Now we take a Christmas break for December.

We start again on January 16, 2010 with “The Naked Truth about Mark. Not the book of Mark but the person Mark. Writer of the Second Gospel? 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. A light breakfast will be provided. We will meet in the church library at 8:30, enjoy breakfast, and start the gathering at 9:00 a.m.

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

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

**Honor Pastor Hardy through the
“Leading the Way”
Capital Campaign or the Hardy Gettysburg
Seminary Scholarship Fund**

As he retires, Pastor Hardy remains steadfast on carrying out Christ’s ministries to us, our community and the world. Pastor’s preference is to expand the resources available to grow Trinity’s mission and ministry. Of importance to achieve that expansion is the reduction of debt that restrains us, currently costing us approximately \$140,000 annually with a remaining balance of \$1.1 million. We are excited the Capital Campaign, *Leading the Way to New Ministries*, is dedicated to the honor of Pastor J. Stewart Hardy in recognition of his 20 plus years of providing spiritual leadership to us and our neighbors.

Also of importance to Pastor Hardy is assuring that Christ’s mission through the ongoing church can move forward into the future. The J. Stewart Hardy Scholarship Fund at Gettysburg Seminary creates opportunities for pastors in the making to have resources necessary for them to continue to prepare as ordained clergy in Christ’s name.

In the broadest scope, we have the opportunity to honor this man of God who has led us through expanded forms of worship, overseen facility expansion and renovation, involved us in ecumenical ministries and cared for us in Christ’s name throughout our community and the world. This is our time to magnanimously thank Pastor Hardy, according to his wishes, for his leadership and service. Please prayerfully consider your part at this time of opportunity to grow our witness in Christ’s and brother Hardy’s name. Your contributions to either reducing our debt or growing the Hardy Scholarship Fund can greatly benefit the church’s ministries.

New Members Received

The Fall *Affirmation of Faith* Class of 2009 was recently received into membership. Please welcome: Camp Hill: Scott Lux, Sharon Minnich. Carlisle: Tammy Gross and Alyssa and Troy Dry. Harrisburg: Joseph Parisi, Jessica Greenawalt. Lemoyne: Brian and Jill Healey. Mechanicsburg: Dorine Bollinger, Kathleen Long, Reed and Kelly MacConnell, Nanci and Nicole Searfoss. New Cumberland: William (*Joe*) and Lisa Hicks.

Missions Trip

Last December, eight members of Trinity’s **Missions Committee** went to Frank’s Place in Camden, N.J. for a day of volunteering, interacting with the patrons and to deliver the men’s underwear that we received from the Giving Tree. Trinity has been supporting this mission for over 25 years, but it was the first time our group delivered the gifts.

It was quite a surprise to see all that goes on during a normal day at this homeless day shelter for men, women and children (we didn’t know that women and children were among the patrons). Our time was spent sorting clothes according to size, cleaning and arranging toys for the Christmas Closet and serving a hot lunch. What joy that was! I never heard so many thank-yous at one time.

The shelter serves 125-200 patrons per day, Monday-Friday, providing breakfast and lunch, access to showers and laundry facilities, a food pantry, a clothing closet, mail services and assistance in finding jobs. Every inch of this three story former Lutheran Church is used.

In January 2009 Lutheran Social Services of N.J. started managing Frank’s Place and renamed it New Visions. We are returning to New Visions with a better idea of what they need from us. Along with the men’s underwear and new toys on the Giving Tree, donations of gently used toys and clothing for the children are needed. Trinity has always generously supported our Mission Partners and we are grateful.

Our trip is planned for Tuesday, December 15, leaving Trinity parking lot at 9:00 a.m., returning at 4:00 p.m. You are needed! You will make a difference! Join us! Contact Bert Weaver at 697-3259 or Ruth Bertovich at 728-3073 for more information.

**Trinity places third in the
Thrivent’s Bible Trivia Pursuit**

The Thrivent Bible Trivia Pursuit was held at Trindle Springs Lutheran Church on Sunday afternoon, October 25. Miriam, Benjamin and Reuben Balasundra, Abby Addams and Lois Tress participated in the fun and won \$150.00. Way to go team! The money was given to the Trinity Youth to help fund their projects. Abby Addams placed third in the Junior Division of the essay contest and Jamey Pfaff won first place. Ask them about their ideas to help Trinity go green.

Christmas Around Trinity

After a successful collaboration that resulted in the Coffee House reception after the J. Stewart Hardy Tribute Concert in November, the Arts Committee and Fellowship Team are again joining forces to sponsor a gala holiday reception following the "Christmas at Trinity" concert on Sunday, December 13 that begins at 4:00 p.m. The format for this event will be a bit different than Christmas receptions in the past so our faithful kitchen volunteers also get the opportunity to enjoy this holiday celebration. We are asking individuals and/or families to prepare, share and serve the traditional foods and decorations from their celebration of Christmas.

We are looking for at least 20 volunteers (individuals, families, or groups of friends) who will take responsibility to decorate and supply holiday appetizers and desserts for one-half of a table. Each space will be 30" wide and 48" long. (It is not expected that you will serve beverages as these will be supplied at separate serving stations. Plates, cups, napkins and utensils will also be provided at the entrances to Fellowship Hall as we expect visitors will circulate among the many tables.) Please sign up at the Information Desk in the Gathering Space no later than Sunday, December 6 if you are willing to share some of your Christmas traditions with your Trinity family. Tables will be set up in Fellowship Hall by 2:00 p.m. on December 13 ready for volunteers to decorate and fill with their tasty goodies. Contact Doug Bonsall (921-1957) if you want more information or have any questions.

Christmas at Fort Hunter

The Trinity Senior luncheon on December 16 will be held at Harrisburg's Fort Hunter. Lunch will be provided by our own Kitchen Crew and will be followed by a tour of the mansion. The grounds will be open for you to explore on your own. Fort Hunter Park commands a magnificent view of the Susquehanna River and Blue Mountains. It was originally settled in 1725 by Benjamin Chambers who later founded Chambersburg. The Fort Hunter Mansion was built in 1814 by Captain Archibald McAlister. The cost for this event is \$12.00 per person which includes the mansion tour fee. Car pooling will be available from the church parking lot; leaving at 11:30 a.m. Lunch will be served at noon. Registration forms (green) are available at the information desk in the Gathering Space. Deadline for reservations is December 9. All members of Trinity and their friends are welcome to attend this event.

Trinity Prayer Concerns

Prepare

Buy the presents and the wrapping paper.
Don't forget to put up the lights.
Buy the tree and mail the cards.
Soon it's Christmas night.
Prepare.

Buy the dress. Match the shoes.
Pick out the perfect bouquet.
He's in a tux. You're the bride.
Nothing can spoil this day.
Prepare.

Take the exam. Pass the courses.
Follow up with the SATs.
Graduate high school. Become an adult.
Worry how college will be.
Prepare.

Prepare for many of life's events.
Prepare for the unexpected and the known.
Prepare for holidays and travel.
Prepare the Lord's own.

Prepare for many of the world's expectations.
Prepare for family life.
Prepare for the Lord to come again.
Prepare the bridegroom for the bride.

December 6, 2008
- Preparing for Christmas

Mark Your Calendar

Women's Wednesday Morning Bible Study

Beth Moore Bible Study

Esther: It's Tough Being a Woman

Wednesdays at 9:30-11:30 a.m.
11 Sessions lasting from
January 13 to March 24, 2010

Babysitting will be available.

For questions or registration please call:
Judy Trissler at 774-6036
or Bert Weaver at 697-3259

New Hope Ministries is On The Move

New Hope's Mission Statement: New Hope Ministries is a Christian social service agency that shows the love and hope of Christ by serving our neighbors in times of need and supporting their efforts toward stability.

Brothers and sisters in Christ; New Hope Ministries is rapidly becoming the prominent, faith-based organization on the West Shore that helps individuals and families in *IMMEDIATE CRISIS!* They are, whenever necessary, in partnership/coordination with governmental agencies and other groups that provide a necessary umbrella of critical services such as: food distribution; counseling; help with utility bills; legal services; medical services; home repairs; youth group activities; etc.

New Hope has been hampered by inadequate space concerns for many years; but all that is beginning to change. Recently, through a generous benefactor and through tremendous public support, they were able to purchase the old Bedroom Factory building, located on East Trindle Road in Mechanicsburg, and have begun to renovate the property. A Valentine's Day grand opening is being planned; subject to any possible delays that might arise with funding and/or construction concerns.

Trinity Lutheran Church has been a generous financial contributor to New Hope for years. Their director, Eric Saunders, has thanked us for our continued support, and has included an appeal for additional volunteers. The Social Ministry Committee at Trinity is hoping and praying that our members will take the time to investigate this most worthwhile opportunity to serve both Christ and our neighbors.

We would ask our members to seek the advice and counsel of the Holy Spirit. If you feel called to this ministry and would like additional information, you may contact any of the following:

Tom Hoffert
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(c)580-8551
twhoffert@verizon.net

Eric Saunders
Executive Director
(717)432-2087
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Mechanicsburg W/S Center
15 State Road
(717)766-7333
mechanicsburg@nhm-pa.net

We at Trinity have been blessed with members who do not hesitate to volunteer when presented with opportunities to serve our neighbors in times of crisis. I am confident that New Hope Ministries will be able to count on us to rise to the challenge! May God continue to bless us with loving, caring hearts, and hands willing to serve.

In Christ,

Tom Hoffert

The Lutheran Adult Forum Sunday, December 27, 2009

Please join us at 9:30 a.m. in Room 232-234 for a discussion on "**Stamped by Patriarchy**" from pages 22-28 of the November 2009 issue of *The Lutheran* magazine. For all of human history, men have been the dominant force in the important spheres of influence – *families, government, society and religion*. As a result we have unconsciously inherited centuries-old attitudes and assumptions that men are the more capable, authoritative, competent, less emotional and more rational of the sexes. But now many are challenging those assumptions to bring an understanding of men and women as equally capable in leadership and intelligence and equally emotional in family and social relationships. If you do not have access to the articles, please contact class coordinators Craig Staller or Doug Bonsall (921-1957) for a paper copy.

The poinsettia is the traditional Christmas flower. It was named after Dr. Joel Poinsett, the first U. S ambassador to Mexico. He brought the flower from Mexico to the United States.



A Yule log, a large piece of firewood, is burned on Christmas Eve to bring light and warmth, hope and good fortune into a house.

An Interview with Glenn Ludwig *By Donna Sprowls*

The Rev. Glenn E. Ludwig, Trinity's Interim Pastor will bring his gifts, talents and passions of ministry to the office of senior pastor. He is looking forward to giving leadership during this time of transition.

I posed two questions to Pastor Ludwig:

Sprowls: What are your ideas for ministry at Trinity?

Ludwig: "As senior pastor, I am to fulfill, to the best of my abilities and experience, the job description of the senior pastor. The emphasis will be on preaching, teaching, administration of the parish, staff support and supervision, and serving as advisor to the Congregation Council and committees". Pastor Ludwig said he is here to "help the congregation through its staff and committees to live into the new Vision and Mission Statements recently articulated. Every congregation that is vacant after a long pastorate goes through developmental stages. Part of my job is to help the congregation through those stages by serving as the one who holds up the mirror and helps the leadership see from the perspective of an experienced pastor. I will honor and respect the traditions and practices of the parish."



Sprowls: What enthuses you about serving among us at this time?

Ludwig: "We enjoy an excellent staff. I have been involved in staff ministries for almost my whole ministerial career. I enjoy the give-and-take, the collegiality, and the diversity of gifts that a large staff brings to ministry. Trinity is a healthy congregation that has enjoyed excellent leadership over the years. Your senior pastor has served you faithfully and well. Trinity is an opportunity for me to use my experience both as a senior pastor of a large congregation for 23 years (First Lutheran Church, Ellicott City, MD) and my experience as an interim pastor over this past year in a dynamic congregation (Reformation Lutheran Church, Milford, DE)."

Pastor Ludwig also serves on the Board of Directors of the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg (LTSG), and is the current Chair of the Board for the Seminary. Pastor Ludwig feels that by Trinity supporting his position as Chair, LTSG would become part of the congregation's broader mission and support of the church at large.

Pastor Ludwig graduated from Susquehanna University, LTSG, and Lancaster Theological Seminary with an M. Div. (Magna Cum Laude) and was ordained in the Central Pennsylvania Synod, Lutheran Church in America. He says he and his wife Stella are happy to be coming back home to Pennsylvania.

He also served as pastor at Washingtonville Lutheran Parish, Washingtonville, associate pastor at St. Paul, Hanover, and as chaplain to Susquehanna University, all in Pennsylvania. Stella, originally from Hershey, graduated from Messiah College and was Director of Camp Nawakwa for eight years. "The Lower Susquehanna is my home synod and this feels very much like coming home to us," he said.

Pastor Ludwig has two adult children and four grandchildren. The Ludwig's are renting an apartment in Mechanicsburg, and right now want to focus on making the apartment "feel like home and be ready for Christmas in our new home." They expect to move about December 15 but will keep their present home in Camden, DE.

Weekly Prayer List

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. **December 6-12:** Margaret Davies; Samuel, Eleanor, Elizabeth, and Samuel Daugherty; Jeff, Jodie, and Devin Daubert; Ardella Darlington; John, Patricia, and Aaron Dapp; Jens, Donna, Michael, and Hannah Damgaard; Ed and Tammie Dailey; Janet D'Agostino. **December 13-19:** Amy, Corey, and Loudon Czyzyk; Debra, Maxwell, and Kelly Cuthbert; Miriam Culton; Jessica Crumpler; Edward and Joyce Crossley; Christine Crist; Rudy and Doris Crider; Christina Coyle, and Matthew, Timothy, and David Neri. **December 20-26:** Jeffrey Cox; Arlene Corso; Ronald, Barbara, Matthew, Christian, and Miranda Corpora; Elsie Corlett; Sharon Cope; Matt Cope; Alison Cope; Clark and Jayne Coover. **December 27-January 2:** Kay Cooper; Daniel, Jan, Andrew, and Samantha Coons; Bill and Shirley Coombe; Ray and Jennifer Cook; Emily Cook; Joan Conrad; William and Adele Confair; Laura Comitz.

Happy Birthday!

Staff

December 2 **The Reverend Nancy R. Easton**

Attention all Trinity Campers

The Spring Camping Trip will be June 4, 5 and 6 at Knoebels Amusement Park Campground. Reservations will be made in late February. Please mark this date on your calendar. More details to come in January. If you have any questions please e-mail Tom or Pam Easley at thomasmech@aol.com.

Alzheimer's Support Group

Will meet Wednesday, December 16, from 7-9 p.m. in the library. For more information, contact Donna Sprowls at 766-8075 or sprowlsd@aol.com.

A New Contemporary Worship Service

At the November Congregation Council meeting the following motion was passed: "Move that the church implement a second contemporary worship to be offered on Sunday mornings and held in the Fellowship Hall to begin no later than September 2010." A Task Force has been established and has already started to consider the timing and format of this exciting new opportunity to worship at Trinity on Sunday mornings.

The impetus for establishing this new service is to alleviate the occasional crowding at the 10:45 service. It is expected that some regular worshippers from 10:45 may choose to attend an earlier service, thus allowing room for the 10:45 service to continue to grow. The 10:45 worship opportunity continues to attract new members to our congregation, as do all our worship services at Trinity. With limited space in Fellowship Hall, the logical option there is to offer a second contemporary worship experience.

While we have many details to work through, our initial ideas for this service would be to develop a somewhat quieter worship lasting less than one hour that still allows for attendance at Sunday school. Other factors in establishing the timing of this service include availability of the staff to continue to lead Affirmation of Baptism classes (*Confirmation*) and Affirmation of Faith classes (*New Members*). We also need to consider the time needed for Altar Care, sound board setup and FaithX warm up and rehearsal between the two services.

If you would like to offer your ideas as we plan this worship, please talk with the Task Force members: Becky Enney, Chair, or John Artevich, Christopher Couch, George Enney, Robin Fero, Kim Hannigan, Craig Staller, Paul Walker or Jeff Weaver. Both Pastor Nancy Easton and Debbie Wilson (*Director of Contemporary Worship Music*) are advisors to our Task Force. We look forward to hearing from you!

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.

December 13: "The Zookeeper's Wife", by Diane Ackerman

Women of Trinity News and Events

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. Lunch is \$6 and will be prepared by the Trinity Kitchen Crew. All are welcome but please sign up ahead of time at the Information Desk in the Gathering Space.

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

Please bring knitwear (*mittens, gloves, scarves and hats*) to the luncheon and Women of Trinity will donate them to homeless children in the Harrisburg School District at an upcoming Christmas party.

Cookies for the visitation ministry will be packed prior to the luncheon. Those donating cookies (**with no nuts**) should bring them by 9 a.m. December 5.

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 December 12 at
Faith Presbyterian Church,
1801 Colonial Road, 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

WOT Circle Study for January

The Women of Trinity will continue the Circle Bible studies in January. The groups will study Chapter 3: A Life of Love, I Peter 1:22-2:10 of the book *Stand Strong*.

The new Circle Group will meet on the second Sunday 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, Jan. 4 at 7:00 p.m.	Library
Deborah	Tuesday, Jan. 12 at 9:30 a.m.	Library
Ruth	Tuesday, Jan. 5 at 9:30 a.m.	Room 237
Elizabeth	Tuesday, Jan. 12 at 1:30 p.m.	Library
New	Sunday, Jan. 10 at 9:30 a.m.	TBA

Women of Trinity Blessing Boxes
Designated to Hardy Scholarship

The Women of Trinity have designated the Hardy Scholarship Fund at the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg as the recipient of its Blessing Box offering for 2009-2010. Each year, the Women of Trinity select a different organization to benefit from the year's donations.

Women of Trinity is celebrating Pastor Hardy's many years with this congregation by designating the 2009-2010 donations to his scholarship fund. Anyone who has not received a Blessing Box can obtain one at the reception desk or make a contribution directly with a check payable to Women of Trinity and noting "Blessing Box" in the memo line. Blessing Boxes may be returned to the church office at any time or at the final ingathering at the Women of Trinity General Meeting on May 12.

DVDs for Frey Village

Frey Village is collecting DVD movies (new and used) to be donated for use at the living facility. Women of Trinity will be collecting the DVDs in a box in the Gathering Space.

A Christmas celebration will be held at Frey Village on December 11 at 6 p.m. with the lighting of the tree and a one-man Dickens play. You are welcome to attend and volunteers are needed.

Please contact Joan Gamber for more information.



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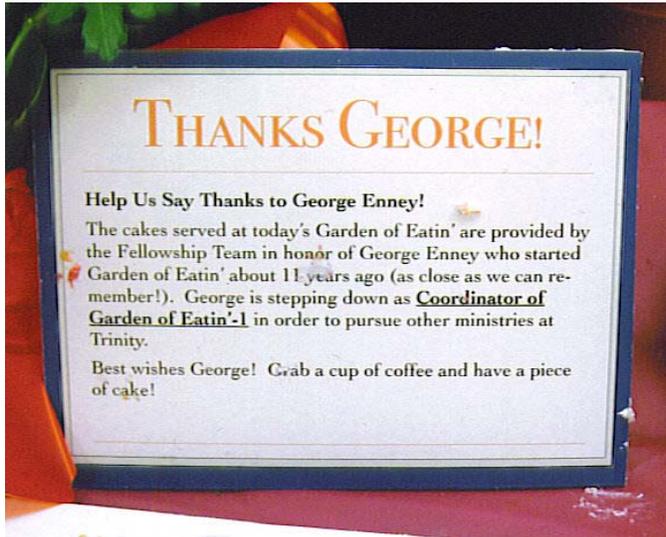
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Thanks George!

A special reception was recently held as part of the Garden of Eatin' provided by the Fellowship Team in honor of George Enney who started the Garden of Eatin' about 11 years ago (*as close as we can remember!*). George is stepping down as Coordinator of Garden of Eatin' 1 to pursue other ministries at Trinity.

Best wishes George!

