

# Trinity Parish

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church · Camp Hill, Pennsylvania · February 2010 Edition  
A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

## Thirty-First Annual Spaghetti Dinner

**Date:** Friday, March 12  
**Dine from:** 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.  
**Place:** Fellowship Hall  
**Cost:** \$5.00 per person or \$6.00 at the door. Children under 12 dine free.

**Meal includes:** Salad, spaghetti, Italian bread, ice cream sundaes and beverages

**Tickets go on sale:** Beginning February 21 through March 7

**Sponsored and cooked by:** Lutheran Men in Mission (Master Builders)

## Trinity to Celebrate Candlelight Vespers

Candlelight Vespers (Evening Prayer) will be celebrated on Sunday afternoon, February 28 at 4:00 p.m. as part of Trinity's 2009/2010 Concert Series. The Chancel Choir and instrumentalists will present John Rutter's beautiful *Requiem* during the service. In 1999, when the work was last performed at Trinity, Susan Hochmiller, then a member of the Matins Choir, sang the "Pie Jesu" movement. Eleven years later, Dr. Susan Hochmiller will return to sing it again, along with a lovely setting of the *Magnificat* with hand bells.

From the beginning of the human race, people kindled lights as darkness approached. The service of light is a dramatic portrayal of creation, when in the darkness "God said, 'Let there be light'" and of the new creation, when from the darkness of death, God called forth His Son. The darkness of chaos, fear and defeat, while strong and ever-threatening, is driven back by the coming of the light. The lighting of the candles is a re-enactment of creation and also of the resurrection. Thus death and resurrection are brought together by the powerful symbols of darkness and light.

The origins of Vespers can be traced to early Christendom in the Rule of St. Benedict written about 530-43. Much earlier than this we find an evening "Office" corresponding to both that of Vespers and of Compline (Night Prayer). Its name varies. In St. Benedict we find the name *Vespera*, which has prevailed. The name, however, by which it was most widely known during that period was *Lucernalis* or *Lucernaria hora* - so called because a number of candles would be lighted, not only to give light, but also

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### 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 people who “donated a pint” in honor of Pastor Hardy at the January 24 visit of the CPBB blood mobile. We made a great start for 2010! Remember! You can donate at any of the local hospitals, including York, Hanover and Gettysburg, and at CPBB Community Blood Drives. Just tell them #157 or Trinity Lutheran, Camp Hill.

If you or your family receives blood at a Central PA hospital, you will not be charged for the blood. **This is true for any resident in Central PA.** However, if you are out of this area and are charged for blood, there is a different procedure. Any member of Trinity, and their family, is still covered, however, they will need more information from you. Please call Jeanie Bentzel, 766-3526, the church office, 737-8896, or the Central PA Blood Bank, 566-6161, and we can tell you the necessary procedure. Don’t just pay the bill. It is not that difficult to get the needed information.

***Every two seconds someone needs you!  
Please give blood!***

### Trinity Parish Deadline

The deadline for the March 2010 edition of *Trinity Parish* is **Wednesday, February 10, 2010 – no exceptions.** If articles are e-mailed, please send to the Editor, Donna Sprowls at [parish@trinitycamphill.org](mailto:parish@trinitycamphill.org). Articles may also be dropped off in the *Trinity Parish* box in the church office.

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### STAFF NOTES

#### *A Particular Faith*

The Pew Forum on Religion and Public Life recently reported that 1/3 of Americans say they regularly attend worship services at more than one place, while ¼ say they sometimes attend services of a faith other than their own. Its findings show that it is not uncommon for Americans to sample a variety of belief systems, then choose from among them or blend them together.

Another research organization, the Barna Group, has made similar discoveries, and suggests there are themes emerging in American religion, including:

1. *Americans are becoming more interested in faith and spirituality than in Christianity.*
2. *Faith in the American context is now individual and customized.*

Before the churches of Main Street America start their handwringing, certain this means empty pews and offering plates, perhaps we should consider this new cultural reality and the opportunity it presents us. What this research indicates to me is that people are hungry for something beyond the tangible or visible—something that provides love, a sense of belonging, meaning, and purpose. Even if they cannot articulate it, they are seeking to know God. Their seeking takes them to many places, including Trinity.

And while sampling all the religious fares available, or blending together a hodge-podge of beliefs might not be part of **our** personal spiritual journey, you and I here at Trinity are to welcome those seekers—those spiritually hungry people—in.

We are blessed with the resources, talents, and gifts to provide a variety of worship services and styles. In fact, we are currently developing an additional Sunday service for Fellowship Hall to accommodate those coming into our midst desiring a more casual, contemporary worship setting.

But not one of our services is designed to be a hodge-podge of belief systems. Not one of our services has had to alter its message in word, music, or symbol in order to accommodate what I call a “lowest common denominator god.” Quite the contrary. In all our worship—from the Nave to Fellowship Hall, from the Chapel to Dauphin County Prison—our message of good news is clear and particular. We give glory to the

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God whose mighty acts of creation and redemption we tell in story and song. And the mightiest act—the story we most love to tell—is the particular event of Jesus Christ, Son of God.

I appreciated the way Michael Jinkins, professor of pastoral theology at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, explained it. He wrote: “So if I want to tell you anything about God’s grace, I have to begin by speaking this name, *Jesus*. And if I hope to say something truly Christian, I must end in this name, too ... God’s grace is not a free-floating spiritual substance. There’s no celestial grace-dispensing vending machine. Grace is the *character* of the character of God, and we know this character in Jesus of Nazareth. To be a Christian, then, means basically just this: to follow Jesus of Nazareth. It may mean more than this, of course, but it cannot mean less than this.” (*Called to Be Human: Letters to My Children on Living a Christian Life* by Michael Jinkins, Eerdmans, 2009)

Our various worship styles tell the same good news in unique, compelling ways. Each way is designed to touch the heart of a seeker who yearns to experience divine goodness and love, but isn’t yet certain the name of the One who offers it. Our doors are open to help them in the discovery.

*The Reverend Nancy R. Easton*

## Book Discussion Group

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

Here is the list of books for January through June 2010:

February 21: **Song Yet Sung** by James McBride

March 21: **The Secret Message of Jesus: Uncovering the Truth That Could Change Everything** by Brian McLaren

April 19: **Peace Like a River** by Leif Enger

May 17: **The Woman Behind the New Deal: The Life of Frances Perkins, FDR’s Secretary of Labor and His Moral Conscience** by Kirstin Downey

June 21: **War Trash: A Novel** by Ha Jin

## Camping Changes Lives!

Did you know you can register for summer camp today? Programs at Camp Kirchenwald and Camp Nawakwa are currently signing up campers for their summer programs. Go to the website of the Lutheran Camping Corporation, [www.lutherancamping.org](http://www.lutherancamping.org). There you may sign up for camp and get on the mailing list for the corporation’s e-newsletter.

We also have hard copies of information about summer camp programming with registration forms on the tract racks in the Gathering Space of the church.

Trinity offers a fifty-dollar scholarship for every child or youth camper going to Nawakwa or Kirchenwald. The scholarship is automatic; simply note the amount where you register.

If more funds for camping are needed, the Educational Ministries Committee can help. Simply talk with Christopher Couch, Director of Learning Ministries, at the church office. Christopher also has an e-mail address, [christopher.couch@trinitycamphill.org](mailto:christopher.couch@trinitycamphill.org).

Marianne Brock, Director of Camp Nawakwa and Associate Director of the Lutheran Camping Corporation of Central PA, will visit with us on the weekend of February 27 and 28. Marianne will discuss camp opportunities for those going back and for those who have never gone.

Believe it or not, summer camping changes lives! And we mean for the better!—and better and better!

**Christopher Couch**  
Director of Learning Ministries

### *Vespers continued from front page.*

for symbolical purposes. The *Peregrinatio*, which gives the liturgical order as practiced at Jerusalem in the 4th century, calls it *Lichnicon*. This Office took place at the tenth hour (four o'clock in the afternoon) and was also called the *Office des lumières*, (Office of the lights). It was celebrated in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre where all the lamps and torches of the church were lighted, making, as the author says, "an infinite light".

The Anglican Communion, Lutherans, some reformed churches, and, of course, Roman Catholics, model their Vesper services on the traditional Roman form. But from its traditional usage, the term Vespers has come to be used more broadly for various evening services in many churches.

Please join us and bring your friends.

### February Prayer Concerns

Dear Heavenly Father,

We thank you and praise you for the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ. Your love for us is beyond measure. Thank you for your love.

We ask for healing prayers for those who are sick, at home or in the hospital. Help us to love those and care for those who are sick. Thank you for your love.

We pray for the homeless in the cold. May they find a warm place to sleep and hot food to nourish their bodies. We pray for families who are in the process of losing their homes because of losing jobs. May these families find renewed hope and love. If given the opportunity, Lord, may we be ready to help these people and give them hope and love. Thank you for the gift of love. Amen.

### Weekly Prayer List

**January 31-February 6:** James, April, Tyler, and Colin Carns; James and Helen Carns; Daniel and Derek Carl; Barbara Carey; Janet Carchidi; Scott, Debra, Grayson, and Emma Cantor; Kristen, Abigail, Aidan, and Liam Campbell; Bill and Donna Campbell. **February 7-13:** Ashlen Calik; Ryan and Barbara Caboot; Chris Butt; Myrl Busler; Jeffrey, Bryce, Lyndsay, and McKenzie Busler; Mike, Michelle, Kaelyn, and Raeann Buskey; Virginia Bush; Jack and Shirley Bush; Elizabeth Bush. **February 14-20:** Robert Burchfield; Chris Burak; Clint, Lisa, and Natalie Buffington; Walter and Arlene Bucher; Tom, Beth, Emily, and Steve Boucher; Ashlyn Brysiak; Paula, Nathan, and Jacob Bruns. **February 21-27:** Sonja, Kinsey, and Hayley Brunner; Nathan Brunner; Linda Brunner; Lauren Brunner; David and Beckie Brunner; Jeff, Kathy, Chelsea, and Emily Brunie; Betty Bruner. **February 28-March 6:** Susan and Bill Brown; Marcia Brown; Kathy Brown; Cassandra and Meghan Brown; Betty Brown; Amanda and Liam Brown; John Brough; Doris Broude.

### Letter to Trinity

Dear Trinity Family,

We wish to thank everyone for all the cards and many expressions of sympathy to Frank for the death of sister Mary.

For over 20 years Mary was remembered in prayer at Trinity's noon time prayers. She was aware of this and it was a great comfort to her. We always appreciated the prayer for her.

It is such a blessing to be a part of the Trinity Family.

*Frank and Gerry Gamber*

Dear Friends in Christ,

Please know how very much I appreciate your cards and prayers during my recent journeys to the Hershey Medical Center and the Lebanon Valley Brethren Home. Visits from the pastors and flowers from the altar brighten my days of recuperation. The prayer shawl helps keep me warm and reminds me that God continues his loving care for me.

With sincere wishes for a blessed new year,

*Milly Stotler*

Dear Trinity Family,

Words could never express my sincere thanks for all the support I have received during my recent surgery. A very special thank you to the Prayer Shawl Ministry for the beautiful prayer shawl of many colors that was delivered to me in the hospital. It has brought many moments of comfort and warmth. To Pastor Brock for his hospital visit and uplifting prayer. To my Trinity family for all the prayers, cards, and telephone calls, they were all most appreciated. George and I are very grateful to be part of such a loving church family.

God Bless All,

*Charlotte Wirt*

### Alzheimer's Support Group

Will meet Wednesday, February 24, from 7-9 p.m. in the Library. For more information, contact Donna Sprowls at 766-8075 or sprowlsd@aol.com.



*Sup and Study*  
*A time for community at Trinity Church*  
*February 24, March 3, 10, 17, 24*

Our Lenten Sup and Study takes place on five Wednesday evenings on the Wednesdays between Ash Wednesday and Holy Week.

Sup and Study is for *everyone*—Trinity members and guests. There are things happening for children of all ages and for adults.

Here are the adult classes to choose from:

- ***The Confirmation Class You Never Had, Part III***—While it's not time yet to learn the secret Lutheran handshake (that will come at the end of Part IV in the fall), there is still much to know about our Lutheran beliefs, habits, and traditions. Conducted by Pastor John Brock, this class will focus on what it means to be a Christian from a Lutheran perspective. We'll discuss our Lutheran experience from the Reformation through to today—taking up where we came from, how we got to be who we are, and what we do now in living our lives of Christian, Lutheran faith. Taking Parts I and II is not required.
- ***Discipleship? Let's look at the First Disciples***—This is a class on the lives and experiences, good and bad, of the first disciples. They set the tone and model for all the disciples to follow, which includes us. This class, led by Frank Bertovich and Jack Bush, will look closely at the lives of the first twelve to follow Christ. We'll explore the details of each of the disciple's lives—and how what happened to them challenges us today. The aim of the course is relevance, though there are twelve powerful lives here simply to get to know.
- ***I'd Love to Tell the Story . . . but I Don't Know How!***—We call ourselves Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, but we often forget what it means to be “evangelical.” We have this message of the good news—the story of God's gift of His Son, Jesus Christ, for our lives and salvation. But we don't always know how to talk about that story, sharing our own faith stories and then inviting others to join in that bigger story. In this course, guided by Pastor Nancy Easton, we'll discuss how to be evangelists in our everyday lives, using the gifts God is giving us for that purpose.

Suppers will be prepared by our Trinity cooks. The schedule each Wednesday evening is gathering in Fellowship Hall by 5:30, having supper, and then departing for our classes, which begin at 6:30 and end by 7:30. During the class hour, there are childcare and children's programs. As church members, youth are encouraged to take one of the adult classes.

There is a cost for each Wednesday Lenten Supper: 3 dollars per adult, 2 dollars per child—with a cap of 10 dollars per family (no matter the number).

Registration forms for Sup and Study will be in the Gathering Space, beginning on February 5. Registration will go through February 22. Any questions about Sup and Study may go to Christopher Couch, Director of Learning Ministries, by calling the church office at 737-8635 or by e-mailing to [christopher.couch@trinitycamphill.org](mailto:christopher.couch@trinitycamphill.org).

Hope to see y'all there!

### *Trinity Campers*

It is that time of year again to make plans for the **Spring Camping Weekend!!**

This year we are heading to **Knoebels Campground and Amusement Park, June 4, 5 and 6, 2010**. We need to get a head count for cabins, tents and RVs/Campers. If interested, please see Tom or Pam Easley at 766-9165 or [thomasmec@aol.com](mailto:thomasmec@aol.com)

**Happy Birthday!**

**Homebound**

- February 5    **Nellie Woods**  
4905 East Trindle Road - Apt. 1044  
Mechanicsburg, PA 17050
- February 6    **Harry Reel**  
801 North Hanover Street  
Carlisle, PA 17013
- February 10   **Helen Reichel**  
325 Wesley Drive - Apt. 132  
Mechanicsburg, PA 17055
- February 14   **Carol Anderson**  
5225 Wilson Lane - Apt. 4101  
Mechanicsburg, PA 17055
- February 15   **George Gardner**  
1303 Brandt Avenue  
New Cumberland, PA 17070
- February 16   **Mary Hull**  
423 Appletree Road  
Camp Hill, PA 17011

**Staff**

- February 12   **Tom Notestine**
- February 15   **Joel Nye**

**Arts Committee News**

The Arts Committee is searching for a binder that was made a few years ago as a collaborative effort with the Property Committee. The binder includes photos and descriptions of the artwork of Trinity. Please call Mary Haar, Arts Chairman, at 761-2748 if you are aware of its location.

**Upcoming Lenten Services**

**Ash Wednesday, February 17, 2010**  
7:00 a.m. - Nave

6:30 p.m. - Fellowship Hall - Childcare provided.  
7:30 p.m. - Nave - Childcare provided.

Wednesday, February 24, 2010 - 7:00 a.m. - Chapel  
Thursday, February 25, 2010 - 6:30 p.m. - Chapel  
Theme: **"It's Not About Me"**

**The purpose of the Church**

He works on us in all sorts of ways. But above all, He works on us through each other. (People) are mirrors, or "carriers" of Christ to other (people). Usually it is those who know Him that bring Him to others. That is why the Church, the whole body of Christians showing Him to one another, is so important. It is so easy to think that the Church has a lot of different objects – education, building, missions, holding services. ...

The Church exists for no other purpose but to draw (people) into Christ, to make them little Christs. If they are not doing that, all the cathedrals, clergy, missions, sermons, even the Bible itself, are simply a waste of time. God became man for no other purpose. It is even doubtful, you know, whether the whole universe was created for any other reason.

*C.S. Lewis*

**Who are we, and what do we believe?**

**"Men's Third Saturday"**

**on Saturday morning, February 20, 2010**

February 20 will be the fourth session for 2009-2010 of "Men's Third Saturday". Our guest speaker will be our staff guy, Christopher Couch, Director of Learning Ministries at Trinity. His subject will be "What's the matter with James"? Martin Luther wanted the book of James removed from the bible. Where did James go wrong? or did Martin go wrong? What pitfalls did James step into to cause Luther to call the book of James an "epistle of straw"? What was the basis for Luther's comment? Christopher will enlighten us on February 20.

A light breakfast will be provided. We will meet in the church Library at 8:30, enjoy breakfast, and start the gathering at 9. There is no cost.

Our next date will be March 20, 2010.

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

## Women of Trinity News

### *Tastes of Trinity Cookbook*

The favorite recipes of congregation members are now being collected for the *Tastes of Trinity* cookbook that Women of Trinity is publishing to raise funds for local and worldwide hunger relief.

Sunday, February 21, is the deadline for you to submit three or four of your best-loved recipes. A recipe collection box and recipe submission forms are on a table in the Gathering Space. You may submit your recipes on-line at <http://www2.typensave.com/>; log-in, wotcookbook; and password, gbxys. Recipes will be categorized as appetizers and beverages, soups and salads, vegetables and side dishes, main dishes, bread and rolls, desserts, cookies and candy, and this and that. Names of recipe contributors will be included with their recipes and in an index.

Women of Trinity leaders anticipate that the quality cookbook, which will not only contain members' best recipes but a collection from Trinity's renowned Kitchen Crew, will sell out quickly. It is suggested that you place an advance order now to insure that you will receive a cookbook and to help Women of Trinity determine the final number of the three-ring, hard-cover cookbooks to print.

Women of Trinity members will be in the Gathering Space between and after Sunday services throughout February to receive prepaid advance orders and sponsorship donations. The price for each cookbook is \$15. Additional sponsorship donations are requested to further help offset publishing and shipping costs. Sponsors will be listed in the cookbooks, which are planned to be printed in April and arrive at Trinity sometime in May.

Checks should be payable to Women of Trinity with "Cookbook" on the memo line. You may also submit your recipes and prepaid orders by mail on the appropriate forms to Women of Trinity, 2000 Chestnut Street, Camp Hill, PA 17011.

If you have questions, call our cookbook coordinator, Suzanne Malhenzie at 938-2129 or e-mail her at [suzannem1014@aol.com](mailto:suzannem1014@aol.com). Members of the cookbook committee in addition to Suzanne are Bunny Armstrong, Ruth Bertovitz, Connie Dollase, and Jean Zimmerman.

### *Health Kits for Lutheran World Relief*

The Women of Trinity are again asking the congregation to help Lutheran World Relief by donating items for Health Kits until the end of April. People who must leave their homes because of war or natural disasters do not have the time to pack essential health items. These kits help refugees maintain personal hygiene while living in exile and can contribute to a new start for those who can return home.

Each kit contains specific items: a hand towel and wash cloth (dark color is recommended), a bath size bar of soap in its original wrapping, an adult size toothbrush in its original package, a sturdy comb, a metal nail file or nail clippers with a file attached and six Band-Aids or similar brand. Only these new items are allowed in the kits.

None of the materials may have religious symbols, patriotic or military symbols. Lutheran World Relief donates these items to people in all countries that are in need as an impartial humanitarian organization. If their intentions are misinterpreted as being politically or religiously motivated, their work or the people assisted could be endangered. Please place any donated items in the Collection Closet in the Gathering Space in a box marked for Health Kits. Last year, we had enough materials to complete 69 health kits. We will strive to match that number this year.

Thanking you in advance, the Women of Trinity Special Concerns Committee.

### *WOT Collecting for Frey Village Auxiliary Memberships*

February is the annual Auxiliary Membership Drive for Frey Village, the Lutheran Retirement Home.

Funds collected from membership are used to pay for Bingo prizes, birthday parties and gifts for the residents.

Women of Trinity coordinator Joan Gamber will be collecting membership donations after services on Sunday, February 7 in the Gathering Space. Membership donations may also be sent directly to Frey Village.

### WOT Knitwear a Success at Children's Christmas Party

Women of Trinity again participated in a wonderful Christmas party for homeless children within the Harrisburg School District. Seventy-nine students from 13 Harrisburg elementary schools enjoyed a party in December at the Wheelz of Fire Skating Rink. Use of the rink was donated by the owner.

Trinity's congregation donated an overwhelmingly generous 570 hand-knit and purchased scarves, hats, mittens and gloves, topping the last two year's donations.

Women of Trinity donated \$100 to the event allowing each child to have tokens to play video games which was a huge hit with the children. Stuffed animals and small bags of goodies were also donated by WOT.

The children could skate from 10:30 to 1:00. Craft tables were set up for those who did not skate. Santa arrived and handed out lovely gifts to the children after they had a lunch of pizza, soft drink and fruit. Each child was given a personalized Christmas stocking and they could select from a table of new books. The children left the party with big smiles on their face after enjoying such a great Christmas party.

A special thanks to all those women who gave in many different ways toward this worthwhile project and especially heartfelt thanks to the "Trinity Knitters" for their beautiful hand knit items and to the members who helped organize the items and be a part of the festivities that day. Everyone attending the party thanked us and was very appreciative for the beautiful items each child could select from. The remaining items were taken to the schools for the children who could not attend the party.

Mel Robertson



### WOT Circle Study for March

The Women of Trinity will continue the Circle Bible Studies in March. The groups will study Chapter 5 of 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, March 1 at 7:00 p.m.	Library
Deborah	Tuesday, March 2 at 9:30 a.m.	Library
Ruth	Tuesday, March 2 at 9:30 a.m.	Room 237
Elizabeth	Tuesday, March 2 at 1:30 p.m.	Library
New	Sunday, March 14 at 9:30 a.m.	Room 239



**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 January 2010 meeting:**

- Studied “*Our Worldwide Church – A Two-Way Street of Faith*” from the December 2009 issue of *The Lutheran* magazine
- Welcomed Pastor Glenn Ludwig to his first Council meeting since his appointment by the Lower Susquehanna Synod as Trinity’s Interim Senior Pastor
- Reviewed written reports from staff and standing committees
- Heard a report on special activities planned for the weekend of January 16-17 to celebrate the ministry and retirement of Pastor Stew Hardy
- Encouraged Council members and committee chairs to attend the Synod’s biennial “Congregations Together in Mission” conference on March 13, 2010, at St. Matthew’s Church in Hanover
- Approved a prioritized list of capital and new ministry projects not included in the 2010 operating budget and submitted it to the Finance Committee to determine funding sources
- Adopted the recommendation of the Call Process Task Force to appoint the following members to serve as the Senior Pastor Call Committee along with previously appointed Chairperson Jeff Weaver – Meredith Askey, Bill Foos, Maria Hegedus, Brenda Kaczmarek, Ron Katzman, Betsy Knarr, Charlotte Lazarchick and Tom Reddinger
- Dismissed the Call Process Task Force with thanks after acknowledging that the work of this group is completed
- Approved a new addition to the Policy Manual establishing a Nominating Committee
- Adopted a motion commending Pastor J. Stewart Hardy for 21 years of ministry at Trinity and extending best wishes for his well earned retirement
- Closed the meeting by granting Pastor Hardy’s wish for an ice cream party to celebrate his retirement

The next meeting of the Congregational Council will be held on Monday, February 8, 2010, under the leadership of new Council President Craig Erdman. An administrative orientation for council members and committee chairs is to be held on January 29 and an all day leaders’ retreat on February 20.

Thank you for your cooperation during this past year during which I have been honored to serve as your Congregation Council president. This is my last report to you in that position and I leave the office with mixed emotions. There have been many times of joy along with occasional moments of frustration as we labored together to handle the administration of this parish. I believe we are moving forward to strengthen our discipleship in many aspects of Trinity’s mission and ministry. May we continue to rely on the guidance of the Holy Spirit to guide our actions into the future that lies before us.

**Doug Bonsall**  
2009 Council President

**"The Lutheran" Adult Forum - Sunday, February 28, 2010** Please join us at 9:30 a.m. in Room 232-234 for a discussion on "**Approaching the Global Food Crisis – Finding Hope**" from pages 20-26 of the January 2010 issue of *The Lutheran* magazine. The “Green Revolution” of the late 20<sup>th</sup> century helped stave off famines that had been projected from a rising world population, but now scientists again predict food shortages as the global population continues to skyrocket. As people of God, North American Christians will be challenged to be hopeful, creative and generous to feed the hungry in the days ahead. If you do not have access to the articles, please contact class coordinators Craig Staller or Doug Bonsall (921-1957) for a paper copy.

**Delta Community  
Thank You for Trinity Support**

I am pleased to share the letter of appreciation to all at Trinity who shared a gift for the Delta Community families from the Giving Tree. Those most generous gifts were given to 20 different local families and the letter below shows how much the gifts meant to one of them. Blessings to all!

**Lorraine Graybill**

I just want to say thank you for all the help this year. Though I have been a successful graduate there are many areas I need help in and your continuing support is greatly appreciated. From good advice to helpful meetings the Delta Community has been a great support system when all seems to be going wrong and even when things are going great through your support I am motivated to keep moving forward and keep positive. The last four months of this year has been very difficult for me. To be honest Thanksgiving at my home wasn't going to happen but the turkey and the gift card made all the difference and this thanksgiving may be one of the best ever because of your help. We are very grateful. We had a lot to be thankful for. I think it's sad that I had to hit rock bottom to have this new found appreciation but maybe it is a reminder never to take life for granted. I believe everything happens for a reason and God has a great big plan for my family and I. I also want to say thank you for the Christmas gifts there is literally nothing under my Christmas tree for anybody. I was going to go shopping on Christmas eve when I get paid but the rental company called last week to let me know that the 4BR house that I wanted is available again due to someone not qualified to rent it and my paycheck has to go to the deposit so we were going to sacrifice gift giving for a more spacious place to live, also water, sewer, trash is included with the rent so in the long run we will benefit from the move, that is if we are approved. I though being that I'm a graduate and married my family wouldn't be on the list to receive gifts and to my surprise I was not forgotten thank you. Considering all the families out there that are probably doing worse then I ever can. I know Christmas is not about gifts, it's about spending time together as a family and that is what we will do no matter what. Thank you so much for everything. Hopefully this year we can get it together.

Thank You,

**A. G.**



**Artist of the Month**

**Joseph P. O'Donnell**

Joseph O'Donnell's passion for art began when he was a young boy living in Iowa, having moved there from San Diego at the age of four with his adoptive parents. O'Donnell says his mother was creative and poetic and inspired him to draw and paint. While just a child he learned to draw in perspective and to concentrate on simple compositions. Living in the heart of the Midwest influenced his landscapes. O'Donnell's paintings have also been inspired by the works of masters La Tour, Pissarro, Monet, Renoir, Degas and Van Gogh.

O'Donnell has been a commercial pilot for more than 30 years and flying has influenced his artwork from another perspective. "Being a pilot is my job, but painting is my passion," he explains. His artwork has been juried in several shows and has been awarded a Judge's Citation award at Founder's Hall in Hershey. He studied art at Hagerstown Community College and Penn State University and holds an Associate Degree.

"I enjoy working with acrylics and deep impastos. Utilizing sharp scapito incisions adds dimension to my work, which is my objective. I love the texture of paint and invite the observer into my landscapes, he commented."

## YG NEWS

Greetings to all in the name of the Lord. 2010 is finally here and 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 PARTICI-



PANTS. A lot of hard work has gone into this year to make it a success. There is truly something on almost every weekend. It will all be awesome! Before we get ahead of ourselves, let's take a look back at what we did this past month.

The month of December was a blast from start to finish. We only had two YG events in the month, but what a two they were! We started the month off with our YG WINTER RETREAT at Camp Seltzer in Palmyra. Around 50 YG and advisors came for the weekend of faith, fun and fellowship. The topic of this retreat was LEADERSHIP. It focused in on leadership in every way, shape and form. We looked at different styles of leadership and many leadership tools and models to help in leadership. We got to actively practice different styles of leadership. Most important, we helped the

YG to discover what their gifts of leadership might be. In short, we learned a lot. The large and small group discussions were awesome! Hands down, this was one of the best YG retreats to date – period! Everyone (myself included) got so much out of it. It even snowed for us on Saturday (which actually has happened on the Saturdays of our last three winter retreats:) This retreat rocked! We closed down 2009 with our Annual; Christmas Caroling and Party. Around 50 YG and advisors came out for this nite of faith, fun and fellowship. This year was a little different however. We normally go to Manor Care Nursing Home in Camp Hill to Christmas carol to the folks there. Because of the H1N1 virus we were not allowed to do that this year. Instead, we created Christmas cards as a YG to give to the folks at Manor Care. In talking with their activities director, I discovered that there are about 50 people at Manor Care who do not receive any Christmas cards (let alone other cards) ever from loved ones. This made me want to do something about that! So the YG stepped up and created over 75 cards to give to those folks at Manor Care. It's a small thing, but hopefully it means something to the people who receive them. It was a great service and it meant a lot to the YG. After card making we enjoyed Christmas YG games, food, Christmas Pictionary (a YG tradition), and prayer. And there you have it, the closing of YG 2009. What a great year, and 2010 promises to be even better, I can't wait!



Be sure to check out the YG NEWS next month for all of the details about our Sr. High Service Trip this coming summer. We will definitely need your help and support to make this trip happen for our Sr. High YG. In my article I will highlight ways for you to be directly involved in helping us make this trip a reality. So stay tuned.

**REMINDER: PLEASE COME ON OUT AND SUPPORT OUR YG FUNDRAISERS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. WE NEED TO RAISE A LOT OF MONEY FOR OUR SR. HIGH SERVICE TRIP THIS COMING SUMMER.**

Yours In Christ,

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### ***Men's Annual Retreat***

This will be a great experience for everyone. The Men's Annual Retreat will take place at the Phillip Borgiono Conference Center, Carlisle, on Saturday, April 10 beginning at 8:00 a.m. It is our first retreat held in the spring. It promises to be a beautiful day.

Our day will start with a deluxe continental breakfast in a very attractive dining room. We will then move into a pleasant meeting area, that overlooks a scenic valley. Coffee, tea and bottled water will be available throughout the day.

Our planned discussion topic is "Developing a Relationship with God Through Prayer". During our two sessions we will also review the various points within the "Lord's Prayer". Our moderator will be Christopher Couch, Trinity's Director of Learning Ministries.

There will be sufficient time during the day to relax, take a hike and to socialize with the guys. This center is set in a beautiful location that will give us an opportunity to get outside and enjoy the mountain air.

The Phillip Borgiono Center is known for enjoyable meals. At noon we will return for a lunch buffet and at dinner we will partake of a sumptuous buffet.

Plan to wear casual clothing. The complete cost of this retreat is an attractive value – only \$25. A brochure is being developed to be distributed for further information. The deadline to sign up is March 28, and must include the \$25.00 payment.

We will provide a car pool from Trinity's parking lot. All men 16 years and up are encouraged to take this wonderful opportunity. Also you are encouraged to invite a friend, a neighbor or a brother to join us.

Our day will conclude about 6:00 p.m. If you have further questions, see us in Fellowship Hall beginning on March 14 or drop a note in the office and someone will call you.

***Jack Bush***