

Trinity Parish

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Senior Pastor's Bible Study Winter / Spring 2013

The Senior Pastor's Bible Study meets every Thursday morning 9:30 – 11:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall and Thursday evenings 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. in Room 237.

The topic for the winter/spring classes will be "The Gospel of John." Called the "Gospel that soars," it was Luther's favorite to read and study. This Gospel has not been studied here at Trinity for over a decade and will be an in-depth look at this amazing telling of the good news of Jesus.

The session begins on January 10 and will run until May 23. Even if you can't make all of them, come and be a part of those you can. No prior experience with Bible studies is necessary. Come and join the fellowship and learning opportunity.

Volunteers Needed

Our congregation's turn to supply volunteers at the Emergency Homeless Shelter is the week of February 17-23. This gift of time (not money) is much appreciated! Everyone who has taken a turn helping at the shelter says they are so glad to have served as an overnight host. Yes, it means you will get much less sleep than usual that night, but if twenty Trinity members volunteer just one night each, we are able to offer twenty or so homeless men a warm and safe place to sleep off the streets of Harrisburg. Ask Joe Hunter or Becky Enney for more information. A sign up board with more information will be placed in the Gathering Space in January.

Robert's Rules over Annual Congregation Meeting

Plans have changed for this year's annual congregation meeting. **Our meeting will be held only on January 27 immediately following the conclusion of the 11:00 a.m. Sunday service.**

We had planned to have the annual meeting run in segments starting at the conclusion of the Thursday 6:30 p.m. service and ending with the installation of our new council members following the 11:00 a.m. service.

Our initial research into this change was inaccurate and recent notification found that meeting in segments would violate Robert's Rules of Order. Trinity's constitution mandates we follow Robert's Rules in this case electing candidates for church council.

This is disappointing news as our intention was to make participation of all Trinity's members as convenient as possible. We encourage everyone to come to the annual meeting on January 27 regardless of what service you normally attend.

The good news is we will be able to stage the meeting to approve a new senior pastor in segments.

Our apologies for any confusion this may cause.

Barb Musselman
Council President

**ANNUAL CONGREGATION MEETING
SUNDAY, JANUARY 27, 2013
FOLLOWING THE 11:00 A.M. SERVICE**

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."

Staff Notes

“Taking One Step More”
The Reverend Nancy R. Easton

The Danish theologian Soren Kierkegaard offered this insight into the journey of faith: “Faith is walking as far as you can in the light, and taking one step more.” (Disclaimer: I can’t find the work in which Kierkegaard said this. I trust the accuracy of Pastor Wesley Granberg-Michaelson, who references this quote in his article “Sheer Christianity,” published in the November 2012 issue of *Sojourners*.)

But whether or not Kierkegaard said this is a moot point. It is a high-impact visual for me of what a daily walk in faith truly means. I keep thinking how I always turn on the basement light before I descend the steps—even though a nightlight glows dimly. I turn on the light so I can see **every step** along the way for sure-footedness. That’s often how I act in other aspects of my life: Gotta know what’s there ahead of me! Gotta be certain before I take that next step!

Kierkegaard suggests faith, however, is taking one step more beyond what’s illuminated, clear and certain, and instead relying on God’s promises, presence and power. But how difficult taking that “one step more” can be. For in virtually every other segment of our society, it is all about “risk management.” The idea of going beyond what we can know and see seems foolhardy. How often we apply “risk management” to our faith walk! Do you never volunteer to pray in a group because you worry whether you’ll do it the “right way”? Do you not read the Bible because some portions can be so confusing? Do you avoid sharing your faith with others because you fear you can’t articulate your beliefs? Do you refuse to complete an estimate of giving card, believing it’s risky to state ahead of time what you can put in the offering plate in the coming year? Do you say “No” when asked to tackle a task here at Trinity because (A) You think you don’t have the time; (B) You think you lack the gifts; or (C) It’s so much easier letting someone else do it. (Now, be honest.) Frankly, it’s amazing what we won’t attempt, what leap of faith we won’t take, because it’s one step beyond the light and our comfort zone.

In his article, Granberg-Michaelson goes on to say that while taking one step more beyond the light may be disarming, it leaves you “radically open to being held by a love so vast that it is beyond our understanding, and yet so personal that it can expose and heal your soul.” Then he suggests what some of our steps might look like: “Maybe it’s ministering to the homeless. Or going on a retreat to a monastery. Or opening your life to a trusted counselor. Or turning down that scholarship to join the Peace Corps. Or starting a spiritual accountability group. Or digging wells in Malawi. Or just honestly reading the gospel of Luke.”

The Church year is still young, and the 2013 calendar year has just begun. Time to stretch and grow. Time to try new ways to offer the Good News of Jesus Christ to the world. Time to take into the depths of your heart the reality of God’s love for you. Let’s talk together about how each of us might take one step more.

January Birthdays

Our Homebound

- January 24 **Jean Hempt**
 P. O. Box 36
 Routes 413 & 213, Alcare Cottage
 Langhorne, PA 19047
- January 26 **Doris Hookway**
 601 Whitefield Drive
 Mechanicsburg, PA 17055
- January 26 **Thelma Roof**
 355 South Sporting Hill Road
 Suite 27
 Mechanicsburg, PA 17050
- January 31 **Hans Romberger**
 5225 Wilson Lane
 Apt. 3139
 Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

Our Staff

- January 16 **Peter Fox**
- January 18 **Amy Koch**
- January 21 **The Reverend John H. Brock**
- January 30 **Criss Floray**

Book Discussion Group

Books for January through June 2013 are:

- ⇒ January 20: *Yes, Chef: A Memoir*, by MARCUS Samuelsson
- ⇒ February 17: *11/11/63*, by Stephen King
- ⇒ March 17: *Haiti: The Aftershocks of History*, by Laurent Dubois
- ⇒ April 21: *The Queen: A Patrick Bowers Thriller (The Bowers Files)*, by Steven James
- ⇒ May 19: *The Storytelling Animal: How Stories Made Us Human*, by Jonathan Gottschall
- ⇒ June 16: *The Round House: A Novel*, by Louise Erdrich

Council Update

From the December 10, 2012 meeting:

- ◆ Voted to approve housing allowances for Pastors Easton and Brock.
- ◆ Voted to elect Bert Weaver and Frank Bertovich as Trinity's two voting members to the West Shore Conference and Synod assemblies.
- ◆ Approved the raising of flower and communion contributions to \$30.00 beginning January 1, 2013.
- ◆ Approved to renew the Covenant for Interim Ministry between Pastor Glenn Ludwig and Trinity Lutheran Church.
- ◆ Approved Policy Page 6.30 (Funerals).
- ◆ Approved Lutheran Men in Mission to hold a spring yard sale with proceeds designated as follows: 45% to Bethesda Mission; 45% to New Hope Ministries; 10% to Trinity.
- ◆ Approved the names submitted to council to be contacted to fill the four positions for Congregation Council.
- ◆ Granted the Executive Committee the authority to select additional candidates for the 2013 council if necessary.
- ◆ Approved the 2013 budget as presented.

The next meeting of the Congregation Council will be held January 14, 2013.

January Artist of the Month

Marilyn LaDieu has been painting with acrylics for many years. In addition, she has recently been working as a printmaker, concentrating on monotypes and intaglio (etching). Her subjects range from buildings and landscapes to figures, with an eye on the patterns, shapes and light falling on the subject. Marilyn is a graduate of Syracuse University College of Visual and Performing Arts with a BFA in Illustration. She is a member of the National Society of Painters in Casein and Acrylic along with several local art groups. She works in a studio in her home in West Hanover Township.

Special Adult Sunday Church School Class

Sundays in Lent

February 17 - March 17 from 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.

Room 227-229

Meditations on Prayers from Lutheran Worship

Discovering Meaning, Discerning Direction and Deepening Faith through Exploration of Lutheran Prayers and Liturgy facilitated by Nancy Dering Mock

Blood Bank News

January 27, 2013 is the first blood drive for the New Year and that means the Central PA Blood Bank starts our count at **zero** once again. It also means that Jeanie expects you to keep your New Year's Resolution about regularly donating blood!

As of the beginning of December, Trinity has donated 180 units of blood. Hopefully, during the remainder of the year we should go over our goal of 200, especially if some of Trinity's donors decide to donate blood as a Christmas gift.

Sign up for the January 27 drive is in the Gathering Space on Sundays January 13 and 20, after every service. If you have any questions please contact Jeanie at 766-3526. If I don't know the answer, I'll find out. Never forget that **the rarest blood type is the type that is not available when you need it. Donate on a regular basis and keep the supply filled!**

Jeanie Bentzel

Letters to Trinity

Reverend Glenn E. Ludwig:

Thank you and your congregation for the absolute wonderful Veterans Day Spectacular. I have never enjoyed a concert more. Knowing it was honoring Veteran's made it even more meaningful to me and I'm sure, to all Veterans attending the concert.

Thank you again and may God continue to bless your congregation.

Always,

Ida May Hundicker

Dear Trinity:

Again I wish to thank my friends at Trinity Lutheran Church and The Women of Trinity for their lovely thoughtful cards and phone calls. I also appreciated the beautiful flowers and church bulletins that were delivered to me during my hospital stay and the communion served to me by Pastor Brock when I came home. I really miss not being able to worship while recuperating. I miss Bible Study and the concerts.

Anyhow, it's so wonderful to belong to the Family of God.

God Bless You All!

Mary Kay Fager

Dear Trinity Family,

The last 3 months of our lives have been turned upside down; all we knew as normal suddenly was not. September 22 we had a miscarriage, then 2 weeks later I felt a lump under my right arm. This sent my family and me down a path we were not ready for. It turned out that it was a return of Melanoma in a lymph node. I had it 18 years ago in the form of a mole on my back. If it were not for the support of this church and all the loving and caring people who prayed for us, called us, asked my parents about us, and supported us, this path forward would have been very dark. November 5 I had surgery to remove all the lymph nodes under my right arm and will be doing 4 weeks of radiation followed by vaccine therapy at Hopkins. I have gotten encouraging news from the medical oncologist and feel as if we can finally EXHALE the breath we have been holding for months. God is

the biggest part in this journey. If not for him watching me for 18 years I am not sure how this may have ended up. There is a reason for everything I believe. This has brought us closer as a family, my husband to the church, prayer and God. If you look close you can see Gods work in even the darkest times. I am reminded of a song sung by Devin Ackerman and Faith X, Heal the Wound. Heal the wound but leave the scar, a reminder of how merciful you are. The scar on my back and under my arm is just that to me. Thank you Trinity for all your love and support. It is a blessing to be part of such a wonderful church family.

With love,

Susanne, Mike and Chase Funk

Dear Members of Trinity Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your hospital visits, your altar flowers, the lovely prayer shawl and your prayers.

Sincerely,

Eleanor Klementik
(Mary Ann's mother)

Prayer Concerns

As we look to a new born year, we realize we have not faced a year without some challenge or change. As we greet the new year with optimism and trust, with faith and love in our hearts, we must realize these four components make up a deep spiritual part of our being. With our faith in God, we find the sun shines even in the darkest of hours.

- At the beginning of this new year, Lord we walk with you.
- We ask that You will be there throughout the new year.
- We ask that You help us take each day as a gift from You.
- Help us to remember a good day begins, continues and ends with You.
- Help us to live each day at a time and with the assurance that You can be depended on to carry us through any of tomorrow's troubles as You have carried us through the troubles of the past.

We also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces endurance, character; and character, hope.

Romans 5: 3-4

Social Ministry Corner

Serving Individuals with Developmental Disabilities

CROSS, Inc. (Christian Residential Opportunities and Social Services) was founded in 1985 by the Peace Churches of the Cumberland Valley. CROSS, Inc. provides residential and social services to adults with developmental disabilities and their families. At present, CROSS, Inc. has three residences located in Dillsburg, Shippensburg, and St. Thomas and can accommodate thirty-two residents. The primary goal is to provide a home-like environment where each resident can achieve his/her potential in a supportive atmosphere of love and mutual respect.

In order to provide social opportunities for the residents and outreach to the community, coffee houses are sponsored by CROSS and hosted by local churches. Trinity members have embraced the residents of the "Cumberland Vista" home located in Dillsburg by hosting coffee houses, providing Christmas gifts through the Giving Tree, through the efforts of the Saturday Work Teams, and prayer shawls were provided after the loss of a houseparent. The coffee houses have also enabled Trinity to reach out to those individuals in our own congregation with developmental disabilities.

Coffee house dates slated for 2013 include January 18, February 15, April 19, June 21, September 20, and November 15. In addition, a summer picnic will be announced. The coffee houses are open to individuals with developmental and physical disabilities ages 15 and up. The guests enjoy games and conversation, a sing-a-long, an activity, and refreshments. Trinity members serve as hosts and interact with the guests making for a memorable evening. Consider joining us for an evening that will make your heart smile. For additional information contact Val Williams, 579-9429 or vaw926@verizon.net

Trinity Parish Online

For those who would like the news before it's printed (literally), it is available on our web site at <http://www.trinity.camphill.org/TrinityParish>.

Social Ministry News Continued

Trinity's Social Ministry Committee is happy to announce its support of Domestic Violence Services of Cumberland and Perry Counties with Linda Drye as ministry coordinator. Over the past 10 years, 1,500 Pennsylvanians have lost their lives to Domestic Violence; that's one death every 2 1/2 days. Like other agencies, they experience financial cuts and struggle to provide housing and other necessary services to those who flee violence from a partner.

Thank you for supporting the sale of reindeer food (bird seed) in the Gathering Space during the Advent-Christmas Season. Domestic Violence Services of Cumberland and Perry Counties will be part of Christmas in July 2013.

A special program will be offered on Sunday, February 10 from 9:30-10:30 a.m. with a room to be announced later. February is **Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month**, and Trinity member and DVS of Cumberland and Perry Counties Executive Director, Ann Shields, will present an overview of the needs and concerns of this agency. You are welcome to attend this informative presentation.

Mark Your Calendar

Women's Wednesday Morning Bible Study

James Mercy Triumphs

A Bible Study led by Beth Moore

**Wednesdays at 9:30-11:30 a.m.
10 Sessions lasting from
January 23 to March 27**

Babysitting will be available

For questions or registration
Call **Judy Trissler** at **795-5919**
or **Bert Weaver** at **697-3259**



YG News

Greetings to all in the name of the Lord. November started with about 60 YG and advisors at a YG NITE on the 4th. The topic was BEING A SERVANT and it focused on how we can be a better servant to Christ in our lives. Service is about taking action! It's about getting your hands dirty! We need to look no further than Christ's example of service to our lives, to realize how important it is. In short, being a Christian is all about service to others. It was an awesome YG NITE. On the 11th we had SR. HIGH BOWLING NITE at Trindle Bowl. Twenty-five Sr. High YG and advisors attended for total fun and fellowship. On the 25th another YG NITE with 60 YG and advisors came out. The topic was HOLD IT UP TO THE LIGHT. It focused on how we can better use our gifts to further Christ's kingdom. Christ reminds us that we are important members of the kingdom. Each of us has gifts that we should share with others in service to His kingdom. This was another powerful YG NITE.

The month was closed down with our YG WINTER RETREAT at Nawakwa with around 40 YG and advisors at the weekend of faith, fun and fellowship. The topic of the retreat was WHO AM I. It focused on getting the YG to better know who Christ is. This helped them to realize who they are as a child of God. Hands down one of the best retreats to date! The discussions in large and small group were deep and powerful. Everyone got tons out of this weekend!

I am hoping to get lots of congregational support for our Sr. High Mission Trip this coming summer. This week long service trip will take place from July 14 – 20. We will be heading to Birmingham, Alabama to help flood victims rebuild. For this trip, we will once again be partnering with the organization LutheranHANDS. We should have around 15-20 Sr. High YG and several advisors (including myself) attending this trip. The trip will cost around \$425 a person. These servant trips provide a great opportunity for our youth to "get their hands dirty" and help others in need.

Lastly, I want to put a reminder out there that SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3 is SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY at church. The YG will once again be collecting money and canned foods to go to THE BRIDGE food pantry in New Cumberland. Canned food items should be brought to our table in the Gathering Space.

That's all for now...

Yours in Christ,

Peter A. Fox
Youth Ministry Director

"The Lutheran" Adult Forum Sunday, January 27, 2013

Please join us at 9:30 a.m. in Room 126 for a discussion on "**The Spiritual Practice of Shedding Stuff**" from pages 22-29 of the December 2012 issue of *The Lutheran* magazine. Clutter seems to be a fact of American life – we accumulate more material goods and then buy bigger houses to put them in. When the attic, garage and basement are full, we turn to self-storage units to hold the overflow. We're even subject to "spiritual clutter" as we try to live a balanced life but find it difficult as we're distracted by noise and busy-ness. Is this the life of abundance that Jesus promised us in John 10:10? If you do not have access to the articles, paper copies will be available about two weeks in advance of the session and may be picked up at the reception desk in the Gathering Space. If you have any questions, please contact class coordinators Craig Staller or Doug Bonsall - (921-1957).

Every Member Prayer List

January 6-12: Jamie Frizzi; Justin Frick; Dennis Frick; Charles Frey; Roland and Josephine Freund; Benjamin Freedenberg.
January 13-19: William and Cindy Freed; David Freed; Cynthia Freed; Mary Jane Fredricksen; Gail, Quinn, and Cameron Frassetta; Dharla, Ryan, and Ashley Franks; Amanda Frank.
January 20-26: Preston Fox; Peter, Laurena, and Kiva Fox; Jim, Margy, and Whitney Fox; Kim and Ivan Fowler; Scott Foster; Bob Foster; Jesse and Jackie Fosselman; Mitzi Fortenbaugh.
January 27-February 2: Jane and Kurtis Forney; Jay Forman; Carol Forman; Lisa, Brett, Alissa, Morgan, and Erin Ford; Joe, Jill, Kyrsten, and Kylee Ford; Neil and Mary Lou Force; Bill, Colleen, Will, and Susannah Foss.

Missions Corner

Changing Lives – “13 in 13”

In August 2011, the ELCA Church-wide Assembly approved a \$15 million churchwide ELCA Malaria Campaign to expand the church's participation in a worldwide effort to end deaths from malaria. The focus is on African nations where the church is well-positioned to reach people with supplies, medicine and education, including in Angola, the Central African Republic, Liberia, Malawi, Mozambique, Nigeria, South Sudan, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe and Tanzania, where Trinity's companion synod is located. About this time last year, Trinity accepted an invitation from the Lower Susquehanna Synod to be part of this campaign. Members of the congregation have been involved ever since. We named our campaign “13 in 13” with a goal of raising \$13,000 (or more) through 2013. In December, young people in the sixth and seventh grade Sunday school classes made and sold “Knots for Nets,” braided bracelets to remind us of our brothers and sisters impacted by malaria and how only \$10 can provide a family with a life-saving mosquito net. In just two weeks they took in more than \$1,000 in orders for bracelets. For our January 2013 Epiphany luncheon we scheduled as our speaker a Gettysburg seminarian who will use his training to minister to Tanzanian youth with drug addictions and other problems due to malaria.

On March 10, 2013, the Missions and Social Ministry committees will host the “Safari Café,” a fun-filled benefit for the ELCA Malaria Campaign. As with previous benefit events, the night will include great food, entertainment and a silent auction. Please plan to attend and look for volunteer opportunities so that you can be part of this life-changing campaign.

Patricia Graybill, Missions Chair

Parish Ministry

HEALTH TIP:

In the U.S. alone, more than half of all adults don't get the preventive tests they need. Some get tests they don't need. As a new year begins, how up-to-date are you?

Experts recommend screenings for blood pressure, cholesterol, osteoporosis (men too), cardiovascular risk assessment, alcohol use, and vision and hearing. Your doctor can advise a schedule that's right for you.

Thank You from the Giving Tree Ministries

“Then the people rejoiced because these had given willingly, for with single mind they had offered freely to the Lord.”

1 Chronicles 29.9

Every single blessing gives a reason that we rejoice. To all who took an ornament from our Giving Tree, it is because of you we say thank you on behalf of eight benevolence ministries whose needs are on-going, not just at Christmas holiday time.

Social, Missions and Parish Ministries

Worship Elements Price Increase

If you are seeking a unique way of remembering a loved one, or of honoring someone special in your life, or of remembering a special date in your own life, please consider making a contribution to help defray the cost of our worship elements (flowers, communion elements, sanctuary lamp candles). **Due to the rising costs of floral arrangements, a contribution of \$30 is requested. This price increase begins January 2013.** Contact the church office if you are interested (737-8635).

1st Annual Chili Sunday - January 20, 2013

The Fellowship Team will host the 1st Annual Chili Sunday on January 20 at 12:15 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Families, groups, and individuals are invited to make up a big batch of favorite chili in a crockpot to compete for the “Best Chili” award. Drop your crockpot off at the kitchen during the morning. The name of the entrant with the winning chili will be engraved on a plaque to be displayed at Trinity.

The Fellowship Team will provide hotdogs, crackers, beverages and cookies. A free-will offering will be accepted to offset expenses. Please plan to come enjoy some winter fellowship and fun!



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Trinity Parish Deadline

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Please keep all articles to 300 words or less. Articles may also be dropped off in the *Trinity Parish* mailbox in the church office.