Trinity Parish

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A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

"Fear Not!" Midweek Advent Services

During this holy season of preparation for the coming of Christ, join us for worship at our Midweek Advent services. This year's theme is "Fear Not!"

In scripture, prophets and angels have voiced God's reassuring word "Fear not!" In the Old Testament, the prophet Isaiah proclaimed redemption for God's people that countered their fears of abandonment. In the New Testament, the angels who appeared to Zechariah and Mary proclaimed "Fear not!" in response to their human emotions. The promise of Christ continues to break into the fears of every generation as good news of great joy. Surely God is our salvation; we will trust, and will not be afraid.

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

Dates and themes are as follows: Dec. 4 and 5 (Fear Not, Chosen People of God!), Dec. 11 and 12 (Fear Not, Zechariah, Priest and Righteous One!), and Dec. 18 and 19 (Fear Not, Mary, Favored One of God!)

Christmas Eve & Christmas Day at Trinity

4 p.m. Children's Service

Children's Proclamation of the Story led by Sunday Church School, Children's Choirs and Children's Bell Choir; Pastor Jack Horner, preaching

7 p.m. Contemporary Service

Candlelighting and Holy Communion FaithX

Pastor Nancy Easton, preaching

8:30 p.m. Traditional Service

Candlelighting and Holy Communion
Matins Choir, Youth Strings, Youth Bell Choir
Pastor Jack Horner, preaching

II p.m. Lessons and Carols

Candlelighting, Chancel Choir, Adult Bell Choir, String Chamber Orchestra Pastor Jack Horner, preaching

10 a.m. Christmas Day Service

Traditional Liturgy with Holy Communion Pastor John Brock, 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."

Staff Notes "Hope"

May the God of **hope** fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in **hope** by the power of the Holy Spirit.

(Romans 15:13)

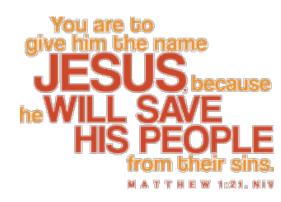
Over the last four months over twenty "cottage" meetings were held in the homes of Trinity members. The purpose of the gatherings was to provide an opportunity for people to meet their new lead pastor and for me to hear their hopes and dreams for our congregation. We centered our gatherings around God's word and prayer (and some goodies graciously provided by the hosts) and of course the great conversations.

When Christians speak of hope it is the desire and expectation for good in our future. We live in hope as a community of believers. Hope, that God in his goodness will bless, strengthen, and sustain the Church in faithful service to others. It is important to remember though that God always works through means, not magic. By

"means" I mean "you." God will use you and me as a blessing for ministry, as strength for purpose, as servants to sustain the church in mission. Our hope is that God will use your passions, your acts of kindness and service, your generosity to bless, strengthen, and sustain Trinity Lutheran Church in our vision to call, equip, and send disciples into the mission field of Camp Hill and beyond. The future that we feel called to depends on it.

This month we encourage you to reflect and act on hope through your worship, offering of volunteer hours, and financial support for our ministry. Each week in the Advent season and Christmas Eve we will be focusing on various dimensions of hope that God brings forth within each one of us for the sake of the world in our worship services. May we see the hope of God be born in each of us during these seasons of expectation and fulfillment.

Your servant in Christ,
PASTOR JACK HORNER



Council Update

From the Nov. 11 meeting:

- Steve Kaufman addressed council regarding the Thanksgiving Dinner and the need for volunteers.
- Reviewed committee and staff reports.
- Discussed need to change the annual meeting to entice greater attendance and participation.
- Approved Sue Erdman as chair of the Publicity & Communications
 Committee.
- ▶ Elected Bert Weaver as Congregation Council President for 2014.
- ► Elected Lynn DeSantis as Congregation Council Vice President for 2014.
- Approved Jennifer Schwalm and Jim Brommer as members of the Strategic Planning Committee.

Letters to Trinity

Dear Friends of Trinity, What is a church home? Another gift and blessing from God. A place where people share your joy, your grief, and pray for your good health to return a listening ear. A concerned heart, a smile that makes your day. A hug filled with love. A card, a phone call, all this and more. God has blessed me with so many wonderful people to be grateful for. Thank you **Trinity!** Mary Ann Landis

You're Invited!

The Arts Committee and Fellowship Team cordially invites you to attend a reception immediately following the Christmas at Trinity concert on Sunday, Dec. 15. The concert will feature Trinity's choirs and hand bells with an orchestra and will begin at 4 p.m.

A sign-up sheet is in the Gathering Space. We are requesting food donations, such as appetizers and desserts, be brought to the kitchen by noon on Dec.

Second Annual Chili Sunday Jan. 19, 2014

The Fellowship Team will host the Second Annual Chili Sunday on Jan. 19 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 displayed on a poster at Trinity.

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

Christmas at Trinity

Sunday, Dec. 15 * 4 p.m.

Chancel Choir

Matins Choir

Children's Choirs

FaithX

Adult, Youth and Junior Bells

Full orchestra

Timothy Koch, conductor

Festive reception to follow

Free admission - but early seating is advised

PRAYER CONCERNS

Christmas is not a time nor a season but a state of mind.

God, Lord who led the wise men of old, please guide and direct our path each day as we seek to hear and follow your voice.

Pray that we may have with us the hope and love of Jesus everyday as we look back at Christmas and remember Him.

- Grant us, O Lord, the power to hear the small voice of long ago.
- Give us, Lord, the power to see the holy light;
- Time to pause;
- And to rejoice in the words of joy, hope and peace on earth
- and give thanks for the quiet things of Christmas:
 - ▶ The manger scene
 - Quiet worship
 - Silent thought
 - Midnight service
 - Candles, hymns
 - Devotion
 - Words of hope, true now, true then
 - ▶ His spirit near

Mark Your Calendar!

Women's Wednesday Morning Bible Study

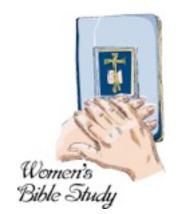
Believing God

A Bible Study led by Beth Moore Wednesdays, 9:30-11:30 a.m.

12 Sessions lasting from

Jan. 22 to April 9, 2014

Room 237



Babysitting will be available

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

Christmas Tea Luncheon

Saturday, Dec. 7 I 1:30 a.m. Fellowship Hall

All grandmothers, mothers, aunts, children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews are invited to a very special Christmas Tea. There will be a special guest to read a special Christmas story.

Come one! Come all! \$8 for adults, \$4 for children



YG News

Greetings to all in the name of the Lord. We started off the month of October with a YG NITE on the 6th.Around 50 YG and advisors came out for the evening. The YG NITE continued looking at our yearly theme for the year which is "RULES FOR LIFE." For this season we will be looking at each one of our IIYG RULES as guideposts for applying these rules to our lives outside of YG walls. This nite concentrated on our #1 rule, RESPECT. It was a commonly held belief among the followers of Jesus that you respected all authority, including rulers and kings. This in no way diminished the fact that Jesus was the King of all, and that our allegiance should be with the Father. But, it was still expected that we would honor our worldly leaders with respect. In our own lives, besides the heads of state, are the heads of households. In many cases, the people who get the least respect from us are our parents and those we love the most. Respect is a two-way street. In other words, RESPECT should exist everywhere in some form. Through this nite, we focused in on all of these aspects and all of their implications. There was lots of powerful discussion as well as a cool small group activity.

The next Sunday was JR. HIGH GAMENITE. 61 Jr. High YG and a handful of advisors came out for this nite of total fun and fellowship. We played lots of games, ate pizza and closed down the nite with prayer. This nite was a smashing success!

On Sunday, the 20th we had another YG NITE. Around 45 YG and advisors came out for the nite. This YG NITE focused in on our rule, BRING FRIENDS. Friendship is important. So is being able to evangelize. Our rule in YG encompasses both. Making friends and having friends is easy, but bringing them into our faithlife is where things can sometimes get tricky. That is what is at the core of our YG rule. We are "bringing friends" into the faith. This whole act of evangelizing is exactly how the disciples in the Bible brought people to Christ. They got out there and invited them in. If we truly believe, which we do, that we are reflections of Jesus light in this world thanks to the gift of the Holy Spirit acting through us, then we need to share that light with others. That is why this YG rule is so important. Once again, the nite was fueled with great conversation and activity.

We closed down the month with our ANNUALYG PASTA NITE. The nite was a success in every way. Around 40 YG and advisors worked the evening. Around 125 Congregation members and YG families came out to served by our YG. Everyone seemed to have a great time. This nite is all about fellowship with one another. We were able to raise over \$750 to go toward future YG events. Yours In Christ, Peter A. Fox, Youth Ministry Director

WEEKLY PRAYER LIST

December I-7

Richard, Joan and Ryan Atkinson; Esther Atherholt; Paul, Meredith and Penelope Askey; Areanna Ash; John and Sue Artevich; John Artevich III; Terry Arnold; Edwina Arnold.

December 8-14

Sara Arndt; Brice, Kristi, Ryan and Emily Arndt; Charles and Bernadine Armstrong; Luke Armstrong; Barbara Armstrong; Ryan, Kellie, Sam, Zoe and Julia Argot; Alexander Arena; Karen Appel.

December 15-21

David and Jeffrey Apgar; Ed, Renee, Kaelyn and Elliana Antolick; Jon, Danelle, Emily and Ryan Andrews; Tim, Melissa and Cassidy Anderson; Mark, Meg, Grace and Liam Anderson; Karah and Karly Anderson; Chris Anderson and Kathy Morton; Angela Anderson.

December 22-28

Alden and Donna Amig; Jessica Altman; Barry, Rita, Meredith and Rebecca Altman; Roger and Dian Alling; Kenneth, Wendy and Emily Allen; Kristopher, Laura and Noah Aldinger and Daniel Williston; Randy, Kim and Megan Albright; Brett, Jennifer, Joshua and Jacob Albert.

Dec. 29-Jan. 4, 2014

Michael, Cheryl, Hayden and Logan Akers; Dave, Michele, Abby and Katherine Addams; Ward and Ruby Adams; Samuel Adams; Mitch Adams; Kim, Ashley, and Timothy Adams; Iva Adams; Craig, Deb and Kayla Adams.

"The Lutheran" Adult Forum - Sunday, December 22

Please join us at 9:30 a.m. in Room 237 for a discussion on "Activism: 'Doing Church' a New Way" from pages 20-26 of the November 2013 issue of *The Lutheran* magazine.

Many Lutheran congregations are under stress because their traditional ways of being a church – perfect for past generations – no longer work well. In this busier, more individualistic, more consumerist and Internet-saturated age, churches struggle for purpose and relevance. Could congregation-based organizing offer a solution? Congregation-based organizing starts with issues arising from the community and then working to build coalitions to address the root causes of those problems.

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).

PARISH MINISTRY CORNER: HEALTH TIP

By Donna Sprowls

Is walking as effective as running?

Answer: Yes

Studies have shown that how long you exercise – and thus how many calories you burn – is more important than how hard you exercise. Running is a more efficient form of exercise, but now necessarily better for you. A six-year study published in the journal Arteriosclerosis, Thrombosis and Vascular Biology, April 2013 found that walking at a moderate pace and running produced similar health benefits, so long as it produced similar health benefits and so long as the same amount of energy was expended.



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Our Homebound

Dec. 9 John Orris 56 Bullock Circle Carlisle, PA 17015

Our Staff

Dec. 1 Pastor Easton

Attention: Time Change

Please note, the Monthly Service of Healing, to be held in the Chapel on Dec. 15, has been moved to 1 p.m.



Help Undecorate The Giving Tree

"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

The Giving Tree will be available in the Gathering Space during Advent Season to share our love and concern for others.

Please choose an ornament and purchase the



gift requested. Gift requests are listed on the ornaments for the following benevolence ministries:

- ◆ Social Ministry: Bethesda Mission, Camp Curtain Y, Channels Food Rescue, CROSS (Christian Residential Opportunities and Social Services) and Emergency Winter Shelter.
- ♣Missions: Gettysburg Seminary.
- ♣Parish Ministry: Trinity members in need. Return the gift with ornament tag as early as possible but definitely by the third Sunday in Advent (Dec. 15) to the receptionist in the Gathering Space.

Those who receive your gifts are most grateful for your support.

Thank You,

The Giving Tree Ministries

December Gathering Space Art Display

Women of Trinity's Prayer Shawl Ministry to display its beautiful shawls for our monthly art exhibit.

Formed in 2004, it has become a vital part of Trinity's outreach to those hospitalized, confined to their homes or nursing facilities, and family members who are grieving the loss of loved ones.

As of October, 814 shawls have been made and 765 distributed. Currently there are approximately 23 members who support this ministry. The group meets the fourth Thursday of each month from I- 3 p.m. in Room 125. Ideas are shared, shawls completed and handed in and

This is the third year for the God is asked to bless them that they may be tangible evidence of the love and prayers of our congregation.

In addition to our prayer shawl knitting, we scheduled two field trips to an alpaca farm. In October 2012, we gathered for lunch and then visited the Bent Pine Alpaca Farm in Mechanicsburg where they raise Suri alpacas. In July 2013, we again met for lunch and then traveled to Carlisle to the Celctic Knot Alpaca Farm where they raise Huacaya alpacas. Our visits included presentations highlighting the raising, shearing and wool processing with questions and answers, the opportunity to meet alpacas face-to-face (babies too), feed them, touch them (oh, so soft),

and observe a spinner and a weaver.

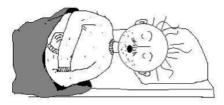
The group welcomes anyone who crochets, knits, cro-knits, or wishes to learn. For more information, contact coordinator Kay Range at 697-1871.



My Night at the Shelter

BY BECKY ENNEY

Have you ever considered helping with the Emergency Winter



Homeless Shelter in Harrisburg? Trinity's turn this winter will fall during the week of **Feb. 23 through March 1.** We need two volunteers each night to stay overnight at the shelter to act as hosts. Now, you would think that a congregation the size of Trinity should easily have 14 volunteers (two people x's seven nights = 14) but the truth is that it is very hard to find volunteers. There are probably lots of reasons why you do not volunteer.

I believe a major reason we hesitate to volunteer is because we are afraid and would be uncomfortable. It IS unknown territory, it IS in Harrisburg, and it IS with the least of the least. I was scared the first time I went. Pastor Hardy happened to be a volunteer that same night eight years ago. But soon I was feeling pretty good about the evening, serving coffee to the guests from behind the counter area when he said to me "Get out from behind this counter and go sit down and talk with them!" And it made all the difference. We had some really good conversations, some very odd conversations and some rather quiet, awkward moments. But in the end, we got to know each other a bit and that was good.

Christian Churches United has set rules for the guests that keep the night safe, both for the guests and for the volunteers. Please consider helping this year. Watch for the sign up in the Gathering Space in January. We need you!

A Global Experience

By Judy Collins

I have had opportunities to experience life in other countries. Through this, I have learned a lifelong lesson: it is critical to bring cultures together, to initiate dialogue, to acknowledge our differences and to embrace our similarities.

Thank you for granting me a week of "continuing education." Although I was fortunate to spend some time traveling in southern Spain, it is the people I met in Rascafria, just north of Madrid, who will remain a part of my life. I participated in a week-long ESL (English as a Second Language) program.

My "students" were amazing, wonderful and lots of fun! From morning breakfast at 9 a.m. til dinner at 9 p.m., I talked and they listened, they talked and I listened. By midweek it was heartwarming when someone exclaimed, "I'm thinking in English!"

After a one-on-one conversation for an hour, I traditionally give the "student" a postcard and include my name, email address and a personal note. It is not surprising to hear from the Spaniards after returning home.

I also left postcards with many "new friends" throughout Spain, including places like hostels, breakfast counters, tapa bars and plazas. One of my favorite "postcard" memories involves meeting a young boy in Madrid on his class field trip. While I was sitting on a bench in Plaza Mayor, he approached me and said, "Hello, how are you?" I responded, "I am fine, thank you. How are you?" After a lengthy pause, he smiled and said, "OK!" I gave him a card from the Grand Canyon! I doubt he will remember the woman in the plaza a month from now, but he will always have a postcard and a memory of speaking to her in English.

Thank you, Trinity members, for contributing more than 250 postcards from your U.S. travels. You have become a vital part of my global experience.

Men of Trinity Present: Trinity's Third Annual Breakfast with Santa

Saturday, Dec. 14 8-11 a.m. Fellowship Hall

- ► Come one, come all, bring your entire family for professionally done photographs by Trinity's own Bill Bishop.
- ▶ Light breakfast, coffee, juices and coloring activities for the kiddos, provided by Women of Trinity.



- This is a great, informal way to help bring families to Trinity invite your neighbors and friends.
- For additional information, please email Bill Tauriello: btauriello@aol.com.

Every Member Prayer MinistrySpotlight

Through prayer we are connected with God and each other. The goal of the Every Member Prayer Ministry is to bring every member of Trinity into a deeper relationship with God and in so doing inspire us to pray for each other. Developing a greater intimacy with Jesus supports the growth of the whole church as we pray as a community each week through the Every Member Prayer Ministry.

As we begin the 19th year of the ministry this month, it is exciting to look back and see how the Every Member Prayer Ministry has been incorporated into Trinity's weekly worship experience by encompassing every member.

Gifts for a King

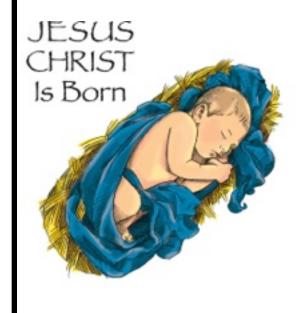
Bring him thy precious things And lay them at his feet; The gold of love, the hope that springs The unknown ways to meet.

Bring him thy lovely things; The joy that conquers care, The faith that trusts and sings, The frankincense of prayer.

Bring him thy bitter things; The myrrh of grief and fears, The aching heart that stings With pain of unshed tears.

These for thy gifts to him; And for his gifts to thee, The comfort of his steadfast love, His tender sympathy.

—Annie Johnson Flint



Stewardship at Home, the Best Holiday!

BY THE STEWARDSHIP TEAM

It's the Holidays! Nov. 29 was "Black Friday" for the retailers, what was it for you? "Green Friday," you paid with cash. "Red Friday," you paid with a credit card.

Gift giving, entertaining, eating, and drinking: festivities don't end until JANUARY! Then, the bills come due. Fleeting moments of joy give way to "months of red." When it's time to pay the bills, will we pay the entire tab before interest is added? Or, extend the pain to February, March, April and beyond?

Seventy percent of Americans live paycheck to paycheck - carrying more debt than they can reasonably handle. Are you one of them? The holiday season is a very special time of year. Many of us take great effort to make it special for others (and ourselves). Are we trying too hard? Let's try celebrating this holiday season without adding debt. That way, we might be able to extend our joyous attitude into 2014; avoiding pain, paying off debt, and making it the best holiday ever.

How? Here are a few suggestions:

- ❖Use your time and talent to make, rather than purchase, gifts; or,
- ♣Have an "open house" instead of a "dinner party;" and
- Serve food and beverages that are "very good" instead of "the best."

Less will result in more, what a concept! Spend less now; enjoy more, later. Give the joy of the holiday season the best chance to extend into the New Year.

Does "holiday cheer" seem like "credit card and debt"? Consider buying your family a special holiday gift to help you lessen debt forever: Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University. It can help attendees get out of debt and stay out of debt. This nine-week course is being offered at Trinity beginning Jan. 9, 2014 at a cost of \$100 for a family unit (one or two individuals).

We all could use some help traveling our life-journey; space is limited, sign up today!

4Gs: God, Gifts, Gratitude, Grace

Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace Course

The Stewardship Committee will host the *Dave Ramsey - Financial Peace Course* at Trinity beginning Wednesday, Jan. 9, 2014. This nine-week program includes resources to reduce, avoid and eliminate debt. The course is open to Trinity members and friends of Trinity.

Partial scholarships are available with a portion of the registration fee refunded upon completion of the course. Please speak to Pastor Brock or Pastor Easton if you would like to be considered for a partial reimbursement. Contact Judy Collins for a registration form (737-9921 ext 239.)

What is Men of Trinity All About?

So, what is Men of Trinity really all about?

Aside from discipleship (meeting guys where they are along their spiritual journey), supporting the various ministries of Trinity outside of Sunday worship, Men of Trinity (MOT) conducts many fun and unique programs throughout the year.

We have five Ministry Teams:

Projects and Activities

- > Breakfast with Santa
- > Easter Egg Hunt
- Various Dinners and more

Discipleship

- Small men's ministry groups
- Retreats
- > Bethesda Mission
- > Prayer Groups

Fellowship

- > Softball
- ➤ Golf Tournament
- Senator's Game
- Steak and Corn Roast

Publicity

- > Trinity Parish Articles
- Advertising MOT Events
- > Temple Talks
- ➤ Sign Up Tables

Special Needs

- > Job Search Ministry
- Financial Counseling
- Grief Support
- > Health Concerns

These are short snapshots of what each ministry team is responsible for, yet they are at the core of what we do to support the ministry of the church outside of Sunday worship.

Interested in learning more? GREAT! Please contact Fred Bohls Ph: 732-5050 or by email: fcfp@ix.netcom.com

Get involved, come see what we are all about and meet other Men of Trinity and have some fun along the way too!

Men of Trinity - - Disciples Making Disciples,

One Man at a Time & No Man Left Behind, Ever!

Congratulations to A Trinity Graduate

Trinity congratulates this college graduate who recently received her degree:

Annie Shoemaker, daughter of Kim Kehler and Bill Shoemaker, recently received her Master of Arts in Teaching from National University with a Specialization in National Board Certification. Annie currently teaches third grade in a Spanish Immersion School in Charlotte, NC.



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