

*Trinity Evangelical Lutheran
Church Newsletter,
November, 2011*

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November Activities

November 6 - All Saints' Sunday when we remember those from Trinity who died during the year.

November 13 - ANNUAL MEETING and Dinner, 3:00 p.m. Watch for the sign-up sheet located on the Johnson Avenue side of the church.

November 20 - Sunday School Harvest Home. The congregation and youth will meet at 12:30 p.m. to pack Thanksgiving Baskets for the needy.

November 23 - 7:30 p.m. - Thanksgiving Community Service at Trinity. Pastor Andy will preach.

November 24 - 8:30 a.m. Thanksgiving Service at Trinity. Start your day in God's House!



To The Saints of Trinity Lutheran Church in Runnemedede,

I write this article a day or so after the festival of St. Luke the Evangelist who is also known as a healer. Interestingly I saw a story on Channel 6 news about a miraculous healing. The healing was attributed to a Father Louis Guanella who died in 1915. Father Guanella is being canonized as a Saint on Sunday, October 23rd. Friends of the healed man had prayed to Father Guanella for his intercession. The story goes into some detail about the life and works of Father Guanella, the tragic accident of the healed man and that even one of his doctors said there was more than medicine involved in his miraculous healing as well as the fact that the healed man and his family will be present in St. Peter's square on Sunday to witness the canonization. During his life, Father Guanella cared for the mentally and physically disabled, orphans, and the incurables.

As I watched this story there was one thing which bothered me. In fact I accessed Channel 6's website and viewed the story again as well as read it in print. Over the years I have been bothered by the same lack of detail as I have read and heard of stories of miraculous healings attributed to saints and future saints. There was no mention of Jesus or even God for that matter. Why isn't Jesus mentioned? Why does the Son of God, the Messiah, the Savior not get his proper credit? As we read through the Gospels, we recognize that most of the healings are done by Jesus and when the Apostles heal someone it is always by the power of Jesus' name. According to the book of Acts,

"This Jesus is 'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.' There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved" (Acts 4:11-12 NRSV).

The word 'saved' is translated from the Greek word *soteria*, which can be translated as healed as well as saved. Therefore when Peter states in his sermon quoted above that "there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved," we can understand this to be the healing power of Jesus' name that is found throughout the book of Acts in addition to the ultimate salvation of our beings through the resurrection.

I do not doubt that the man from the news story was miraculously healed. I am just stating that I believe miraculous healing comes through one name only, Jesus the risen Son of God.

When we look at the New Testament we can see that Paul and other New Testament writers refer to followers of Christ as 'saints'. Because of this, Lutherans and other Reformation church bodies define saints as all believers in Jesus Christ, whether on earth or in heaven.

The Augsburg Confession, which is the primary document of faith for Lutherans deals with this in article XXI, *The Invocation of the Saints*. A summary of this article in one sentence would be; Lutherans keep the saints, not as saviors or intercessors to God, but rather as examples and inspirations to our own faith and life. As we approach this All Saints Sunday, let us recognize the witness of all believers, past and present and thank God that we are counted in that number!

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Andy

SERMON PREVIEWS

Nov. 6 - **ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY**
HOLY COMMUNION

Sermon: "**THE ANATOMY OF A SAINT**"
Revelation 7:9-17

Nov. 13 - **PENTECOST 25**
HOLY COMMUNION - 10 A.M.
BAPTISMS

Sermon: "**LIVE WELL, LIVE LONG**"
I Thessalonians 5:1-11

Nov. 20 - **CHRIST THE KING**
HOLY COMMUNION -

JR CHOIR, JR. HANDBELLS
Sermon: "**HOW BIG IS YOUR JESUS?**"
Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Nov. 27 - **ADVENT 1**
HOLY COMMUNION - 10 A.M.
SENIOR HANDBELLS

Sermon: "**PASTOR LOU DUNKLE**"
Mark 13:24-37

Oct. 30 - **REFORMATION SUNDAY**
HOLY COMMUNION

Sermon: "**MEET HENRY MUHLENBERG**"
John 8:31-36

Dec. 4 - **ADVENT 2**
HOLY COMMUNION

Sermon: "**JESUS; THE ESSENCE OF A SAVIOR**"
Isaiah 40:1-11

Dec. 11 - **ADVENT 3**
HOLY COMMUNION - 10 A.M.
BAPTISMS

Sermon: "**WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT...?**"
Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

Dec. 18 - **ADVENT 4**
HOLY COMMUNION -
JR CHOIR, JR. HANDBELLS

Sermon: "**A MYSTERY REVEALED**"
Romans 16:25-27

Dec. 25- **CHRISTMAS DAY**

ONE SERVICE ONLY - 10:00 AM

Sermon: "**THE RELATIVE COST OF CHRISTMAS**"

John 1:1-14



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2011 - 3:00 PM

Mark your calendar for our Annual Congregational Dinner and Meeting.

Buffet Dinner - 3:00 p.m.
Watch for details and sign-up!
Free-will Offering to Cover Costs

Annual Meeting Approximately 4:15 p.m.

- *Election of Church Council Members
- *Looking Ahead to the Future
- *Adoption of 2012 Budget

Note: Please make this meeting a priority.



THANKSGIVING SERVICES

Wednesday, Nov. 23rd, 7:30 p.m.
Thanksgiving **Community Service** will be held at here at Trinity.
Pastor Andy will preach.

THANKSGIVING DAY, 8:30 A.M.
THANKSGIVING SERVICE AT TRINITY
HOLY COMMUNION

Start your day in God's House!

Let Us Give Thanks

Calling all Thrivent Members!

As you heard in the Temple Talk on Sunday, October 9th this year the Pantry will not be receiving a lump sum from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. HOWEVER: all of you who have life insurance policies, investment opportunities or other products from Thrivent, YOU have an opportunity to direct the money earned by them from your products! This money is call CHOICE DOLLARS.

Letters have recently come or will be coming to you in the near future directly from Thrivent telling you how many CHOICE DOLLARS you may direct to be used to help Lutheran organizations near and dear to you.

For those of you who were in attendance at Services at Trinity on Sunday, October 16th, heard Pastor Andy give a Temple Talk explaining the prime importance to your consideration to the amount of dollars you are giving through your weekly offerings each Sunday. As expenses in your own home and family life have increased, so have the expenses here at Trinity. As members we have a responsibility to support our church, our pastor and our programs financially EACH week. Now Thrivent members may designate their CHOICE DOLLARS to the treasury of Trinity Lutheran Church, Runnemede, New Jersey! Eligible benefit members 16 and older can help direct Thrivent Financial charitable funds through CHOICE DOLLARS. (This is NOT money for you to get for yourself. And this money cannot be directed by anyone but you.) This would be in addition to your regular giving through your offering envelope.

Member eligibility and designated CHOICE DOLLARS are based on holding a Thrivent Financial volunteer leadership position, annual premiums of qualifying insurance products and /or contract value on qualifying products. Potential designated CHOICE DOLLAR amounts range from \$25 to \$2,500 for eligible benefit members!

For more information you may

-visit Thrivent.com/choicevote.

-call 800-847-4836.

-contact your local Thrivent Financial representative: George Welker at 546-0500.

Since you first heard about Thrivent and CHOICE DOLLARS from me during my Temple Talk about the needs of Trinity's Pantry, you should also know that designating your dollars to Trinity, you may specify a portion be held for the Pantry and the rest go directly to Trinity and its financial needs.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Feel free to also call me if you have questions. If I cannot answer them, I will direct you to Mr. Welker or talk to him for you.

Pat Schmidt



The Handbell Choirs are busy with rehearsals; but, we still need ringers for each choir. If interested please join us on Thursdays.

Junior Bells meet at 6:00 PM
Senior Bells meet at 6:30 PM



My dear friends at Trinity,

Thank you for all the many cards and gifts given to me in celebration of my 60th anniversary as Trinity's organist.

I am truly touched by your thoughtfulness.

Florence Adler

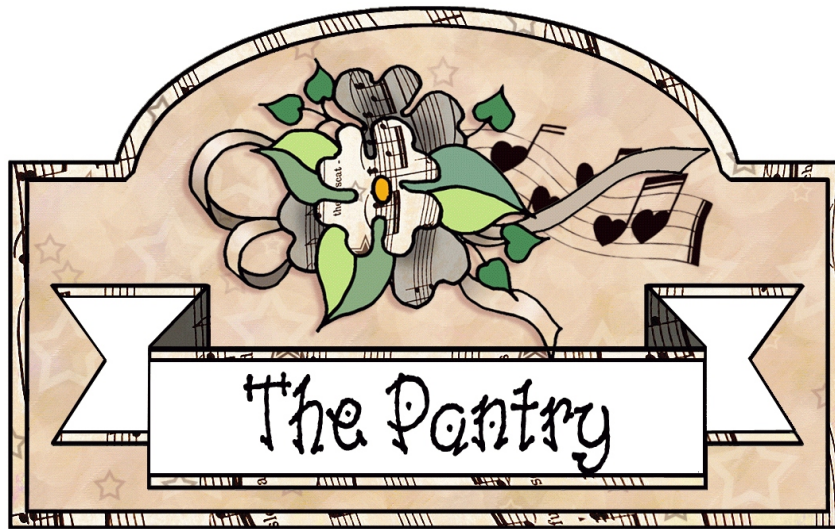
GESTURES OF GRATITUDE

In 2005, a female humpback whale became entangled in a web of crab traps and lines just east of the Farallon Islands, off the San Francisco coast. Hundreds of yards of line rope were wrapped around her body, tail, torso and mouth, weighing her down so much that she struggled to stay afloat.

A fisherman spotted the whale and radioed for help. Rescuers determined that the only way to save the creature was to dive in and untangle her. This was a dangerous proposition, as one slap of the tail could be deadly.

Rescuers worked for hours with curved knives and eventually freed the whale. What she did next surprised the divers: She swam in what seemed like joyous circles, coming back to each person, one at a time, nudging them gently, in what rescuers assumed was a beautiful gesture of thanks.

May you and those you love be surrounded by people who help you get untangled from whatever is binding you and may you always know the joy of giving and receiving gratitude.



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Hope all are enjoying the cool weather and beautiful color changes.

This year we are focusing on the family and asking that any children who will be participating in helping with the packing of the Thanksgiving baskets and/or the Christmas packages, be accompanied by an adult. Make this a family event as this would be a great way to start the holiday season together.

Items needed for the pantry are listed:

Soup, tuna, pasta and sauce, mac and cheese, peanut butter and jelly, crackers, kids cereal, canned fruit and vegetables, toilet paper, paper towels and boxed potatoes. Any donation is very much appreciated.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Oct. 27Pantry open from 9-11am and 6-7pm. Clothes closet open same time.

Nov. 6.....Turkey feathers for Thanksgiving baskets go up.

Nov. 20.....Turkeys and canned goods due back to sort and pack at 1:00 pm

Nov. 25.....Angel tree will be put up

Dec. 18.....Angel gifts due back to sort and pack at 1:00 pm

There will be no Social Concerns meeting in November.

If any of you have any questions, ideas, or thoughts, please give one of us a call :

Carol Sheairs, Sharon Feters, Cheryl Morris at 856-939-4411

"Sometimes just the reward of what we are doing far outweighs the recognition we often think we need to have."

Caring & Sharing
Sharon Feters

Sunday School NEWS

"God is our loving, reliable guide for Life."

What a terrific Rally Day our Sunday School classes had on September 11th! All the classes met in the Fellowship Hall for a big celebration with the theme "Team Up With Jesus." Each student and teacher received a red Rally Flag which had words of praise written on the flag. We had a great time waving our Rally Flag around the room.

Each class then made a theme poster for their classroom, and enjoyed a snack while working on their posters. A fun time was had by all, and we waved the Rally Flags on Teacher Appreciation Sunday as well.

Our Missionary Project for the year will be Ranch Hope which serves "at risk" children and families throughout the Delaware Valley. Its mission is to provide learning environments for those whose needs can best be met through experiences outside their home, where they can obtain or regain their long-term academic, behavioral and spiritual focus.

Students will receive a flyer which describes all the various resources that Ranch Hope uses for the individual child. Dime folders will be given to each student to fill and return to their teacher.

On the 3rd Sunday of each month, after the Children's Sermon, the students will leave church and go down to the Fellowship Hall for a lesson, as well as a craft. Elaine Ranck and Carl Nagel did a splendid job giving a lesson on "Giving Thanks," and then made a Harvest Cross, displaying all phases of Fall that the students took home.

The Sunday School Departments will be busy preparing for their annual Christmas Program to be presented on Sunday, December 18th at the 10:00 a.m. Service. You don't want to miss "Christmas Is.." so mark your calendar.

Our next staff meeting will be held on November 8th at 7:00 p.m.

Have a Happy Fall and remember, *"Time with God is the most worthwhile time of all."*

To God be the glory,
Pat Henry



The Trinity Youth have been very busy the month of October!

On Sunday, October 2nd, there was a planning meeting for the High School Sunday School room mural project. Alicia Darcy presented her drawings she had so far. The advisors were very encouraged by what we saw and know that the end result will be quite amazing!

On Saturday, October 8th, we had 3 of our youth help at the Italian Festival at the Lutheran Care Home in Moorestown. Thank You Casey Eberts, Emilee Schipske and Ian Von Franzke for a job well done! And on Sunday, October 16th, we had 12 youth and 4 adults enjoy an afternoon of bowling at the Brunswick Zone in Deptford.

The upcoming months are expected to be filled with great fellowship and sharing. The following is the schedule for November and December.

November 12- Bingo with the residents at the Lutheran Care Home in Moorestown.

November 20- Pack Thanksgiving Baskets

December 10- Cookie baking at the church and then Caroling at the Lutheran Care Home in Moorestown.

December 16- Pack Christmas Baskets

We will be starting the New Year off on Saturday, January 21st, 2012, doing a snowman craft then having cookies and hot chocolate with the residents at the Lutheran Care Home in Moorestown.

In His Name,
Trinity Youth Ministry Advisors

Junior Choir Notes

A big thank you to Mrs. Jennifer Smith for covering for me as the children sang on October 16th while I was in Indiana with Mrs. Henry for her granddaughter Kaysie's wedding. I understand that everyone did a terrific job. This was the first time that Emilee Schipski and Kenna Brockway worked with the children, as well. Many thanks to all of you. And thank you to Mrs. Dilks for accompanying us so well.

Time has a way of zipping on by and so we are planning for November with both singing on the 18th and for Thanksgiving. Christ the King Sunday is on the third Sunday of November and we will be singing "*The King of Glory*" which is a very peppy song telling the major parts of the life of Jesus through music. Then on Thanksgiving morning we will be doing an offertory song from the new Evangelical Lutheran Worship book entitled "*Thank the Lord and Sing His Praise.*"

Looking towards December we will be singing the Sunday before Christmas which is December 18th and then again on Christmas Eve at the 6:00 p.m. Service.

We have a terrific group of singers, many of whom are just in the primary grades and so we should still have an active Junior Choir program for many years to come.

Both girls and boys in grades 1-6 are most welcome to become a part of our choir. Rehearsals are each Sunday at 9:45 a.m. in the choir room and so the children can go right to their Sunday School classes afterward.

Enjoy the fall season and a blessed Thanksgiving to all.

Love to all,
Mrs. Schmidt





Prayer Shawl Ministry

As we begin another year, we are blessed to have our talented women continuing to create shawls and blankets to assist the Lord with his work and giving comfort and solace to the recipients. In attendance at our October 7th meeting were Barbara Anconetani, Dolores Keller, Jean Krips, Carolyn Lunn, Sis McGarvey, Sally Miller, Mary Raws, and even Pastor Andy. Pastor runs the "distribution center" for our shawls and blankets. Our meeting began at 10:10 am. We received 5 prayer shawls and 3 Baptismal blankets. Our Baptismal Historian Mary Raws said there will be 4 baptisms on October 9th.

Our second anniversary actually is October 23, 2011. Since our ministry began, we have made/received 98 prayer shawls and 30 baptismal blankets. Thanks be to God. We are accomplishing our goals giving to those with spiritual needs to be met.

We encourage you to become a part of our group. Your friends and neighbors are invited also. We provide basic patterns in knitting and crocheting. Also available are Prayer Shawl Instruction Books to share with you. Work as time permits for you. If you only do one per year, you are appreciated. It is our desire to send God's blessings, warmth, healing, and strength to recipients that moves you to accomplish great things.

Our next meeting is Friday, November 4th, downstairs at Trinity. Our meetings are very laid back with time to share ideas, stories, thoughts, stitch stories, and mostly laughs. Join us! Need a ride or just have a question, please call Carol at 856-939-4411.

"Until We Meet Again, May God Hold You in the Palm of His Hand."

The Prayer Shawl Ministry Family
Carolyn Lunn
President

LUTHERAN HOME NEWS



The Lutheran Home Auxiliary met at 10 a.m. on Thursday, October 13th. Pastor Wood, from Riverside Lutheran Church led devotions. This year, we are hoping to have guest pastors from different Lutheran churches come to the meetings to open with prayer and a brief devotional and then stay for the meetings to learn first-hand about the activities. It's a nice opportunity to meet the pastors and foster relationships with them and their churches.

Pastor Andy will be speaking at our November Auxiliary meeting. We will be glad to hear from him and hope he can stay afterwards for the Volunteer Luncheon as well. The Home always does such a beautiful job thanking all their volunteers at the yearly luncheon.

This year, Trinity alone has at least seven volunteers coming to the luncheon. There are many more who come up or contribute through the year as well. This year the luncheon will be held on November 10th. Please notify me by Sunday, October 30th if you are interested in attending.

The total earned for June Day this year was \$4,467.00. I do not yet have the total for the Italian Festival but will report that to you as soon as I get it. We did have a great time at the Festival. Our wonderful youth and leaders came up to lend a hand waiting tables and jumping in whenever needed. My daughter and I were also there helping and enjoying the food and everything going on. Emilee from the youth group tells us she especially enjoyed all the homemade desserts and Kenna loved the meatballs and Ian loved the garlic bread and meatballs. I enjoyed our youth and Nicole loved helping out. All youth who came to help were served a great meal as well, and earned a certificate towards community service. Thank you also to those who provided homemade desserts!

Also last spring the Auxiliary paid to have all the pianos at the Home tuned and also to make much needed repairs on the one in the front foyer.

Needed are: Volunteers to help with the gift shop. Any time you can give would be appreciated.

Also needed are: Christmas gift bags, Christmas gift wrap, new gift items for the residents to choose from (free of charge) for their family, friends and loved ones at the Holiday Shoppe, nail polish remover, cotton balls, Christmas, birthday, get well and sympathy cards.

Nov. 10 - 11 AM - Auxiliary Meeting

Nov. 10 - 12 NOON - Volunteer Luncheon

Nov. 22 - 11 AM - Residents to Perkins for lunch

Nov. 29 - 12:15 PM - Residents birthday party

Dec. 8 - 10 AM - Assemble Christmas gift bags for residents

Dec. 8 - 12 Noon - Auxiliary Luncheon Meeting and Chinese Auction

Dec. 8 - 1 PM - Deliver Christmas gifts to residents

Dec. 15 & 16 - 1-4 PM - Holiday Shoppe for residents (cut-off for gift contributions is Sunday, December 4.

Please place gift items under table on Johnson Ave. side marked Holiday Shoppe. Thank you.

These are many opportunities to serve and help with any of the activities at the Home. Please let me know if you'd be interested. You can offer as much or as little as you are able, be it once in a while or on a more regular basis - what ever you are able to do. You can help directly with residents, or help in the gift shop, for example, or help behind the scenes assembling Christmas gift bags, baking cakes, or cup cakes for the holidays, helping assemble birthday bags, shopping for items for birthday bags, etc., the list is endless.

Have a blessed Thanksgiving and thank you for all you do for the Lutheran Home throughout the year.

Sincerely,
Sandy Counsellor



SUNSHINE CLASS

I actually feel that I had an “epiphany” today! My birthday is October 24th and so on Sunday, the 23rd, my family had dinner for me at my Mother’s. As always, it is so good for all of us to get together but when my Mom told me she was doing this, I said “Oh, just let the day go by” but, of course, she insisted.

So my Mom got up early on Sunday morning, before church, and went to ShopRite to get the roast. She was telling the girl in the meat department that the roast was for her daughter’s birthday. The girl said how old will your daughter be? My Mom answered 70. She said the girl looked at her and said well how old are you and she replied, I’m 87.

As my Mother was telling me this, it hit me how strange that must have sounded to the clerk in the store. Instead of feeling like let the day go by, I now feel that this was a day to truly embrace. We are both so blessed and I hope when my sons reach 70 that I will be able to make dinner for them. Thank you, Mom!

We had our Sunshine meeting on October 11th, at 12:00 noon. The hostesses were Dolly Gibelyou and myself. We had a beautiful “fall” cake, jello, chips, dip, Halloween candy and coffee. Of course, we had Halloween decorations. It was fun!

The best part of the meeting was the unexpected presence of Florence Robinson. We were all very happy to have her join us and hope that she will continue.

Our next meeting will be on November 8th, at 12:00 noon and the hostesses will be Mary Blasko, Sandy Counsellor and Nicole Goldstein.

God’s Love at Work,
Pass it on!

Linda Brown
President