

Trinity Lutheran Church
February, 2012
Newsletter

Mid-Week Lenten Services

JOIN US EACH WEDNESDAY AT
7:30 P.M.

Feb. 29 - The movie, "*COURAGEOUS*" will be shown. Four men, one calling: To serve and protect. As law enforcement officers, Adam Mitchell, Nathan Hayes, David Thomson, and Shane Fuller are confident and focused. Yet at the end of the day, they face a challenge that none of them are truly prepared to tackle: fatherhood. Protecting the streets is second nature to these men. Raising their children in a God-honoring way? That's courageous.

March 7 - DR, CHRISTOPHER WESTFALL will join us to sing and play the piano. Dr. Westfall sometimes does special music at our 10:00 service. Come and enjoy his musical talent.

March 14 - The movie "*KJV*" the amazing tale of the birth of the King James Bible. A thrilling true story. This is the extraordinary story behind the most important manuscript in history.

March 21- Christian Comedian, *BRAD TODD* will entertain us with his irreverently reverent comedy. Funny without being offensive is a rare commodity in this age. Join us for an evening of fun!

March 28 - Entertainment from Trinity's own "*PRAISE BAND!*" COME, JOIN THE FUN!



PANCAKE SUPPER
FEBRUARY 21
5:00 PM

Our Menu consists of pancakes, link sausages, tea, coffee, juice and dessert. Circle "**P**" on the Worship Card in the pew along with the number attending and place it in the Offering Plate. Sponsored by Trinity's Youth.



FEBRUARY 22ND - 1:00 & 7:30 PM
Services of Holy Communion
and Ashes



SOUP SUPPER

Join us each Wednesday
during Lent.
Starting at 6:15 p.m.

Soup, Bread and Beverage will be ready for you.
Come, eat and stay for the entertainment.



Now that January is over and most New Year's resolutions have faded from memory I would like for you to consider a few things. People often make resolutions to change or better themselves in the New Year. Often our resolve for such changes loses steam before the first month of the New Year has come to an end. I want to encourage you to "put your house in order". As you know, our Treasurer, Butch Fisher died in December. Butch had been treasurer for the better part of twenty-five years. We had become comfortable with Butch as our treasurer and Butch was more than competent in the execution of his responsibilities of his position. Unfortunately for us, Butch had his own way of doing things as Treasurer, and he did not have a plan for how things would happen if he were no longer able to function as treasurer. He did not leave any information about his passwords to

programs and information. We have been able to by-pass or work around some of these situations so that we have access to year-end reports and year-end financial statements of members. Yet, we still have some issues with our payroll program since we do not have his "administrator's" password. A computer tech and an accountant spent much time this month trying to figure out where things were, how they worked and why he did things the way he did.

My goal this year, in addition to finding a new treasurer, is to have our accounting process set up in such a way that anyone with a financial background should be able to step in at any time and be able to interpret our process so that we do not find ourselves in this situation again.

I encourage you to look at your personal life and see if you are prepared for what happens should you become incapacitated or die. Dealing with a sick loved one or mourning their loss is stressful enough without the added responsibility of trying to figure out how to deal with their property and finances. Make sure that your will and your living will are up to date. List your assets and any other information that will be helpful to whomever will be taking care of your estate and attach it to your copy of your will.

Also, leave information on what you want to occur at your funeral. A few years ago, I mentioned at a funeral how the deceased had left instructions about the service using a form from the church. We received so many requests for the form that our church secretary made about 80 copies and placed them on a table in the Church. They disappeared quickly so 60 more were made and placed on the table and most of those were taken as well. Here is the important part. Once the form has been filled out, it is should be brought back to the church and copied with the copy being placed in the pastor's file. Out of 140 forms given out in 2008 only 2 were copied and placed in my file. This is fine if the person who will be responsible for your final arrangements knows where you keep the form. However, in two separate incidents, I have had family members tell me that they were told I have a form filled out by their loved one concerning their service arrangements for the church. In both cases I never received a copy of the form. In both situations the family insisted that their loved one had filled out the form and that I was in possession of it. I did not doubt that their loved one had filled out the form, but I also know that I did not have a copy in my file. The families did find the forms prior to those services so we did fulfill the requests of their loved ones.

As a result, I urge you to make sure we have a copy of your form. If you have not filled out a form, please think about doing so, and if you fill one out, let us make and file a copy so that there are no awkward moments later on with grieving loved ones. I will see to it that more forms are available for pickup in the Church in case you have lost yours or have never completed one. Also, check to make sure that we have your current address and phone number. If you have moved or changed phone numbers in the last few years we may not have your current information. As we are still early in this New Year, think about "putting your house in order" so that your wishes can be fulfilled and your family will have a guide in what to do.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Andy

SERMON PREVIEWS:

Feb. 5 - EPIPHANY 5
HOLY COMMUNION
Sermon: **"WITH WINGS LIKE EAGLES"**
Isaiah 40:21-31

Feb. 12 - EPIPHANY 6
HOLY COMMUNION - 10:00 A.M.
SHARE SUNDAY/BAPTISMS
Sermon: **"RUNNING FOR A PURPOSE"**
I Corinthians 9:24-27

Feb. 19 - TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD
JUNIOR BELLS - JUNIOR CHOIR
Sermon: **"FIRST FLIGHT"**
2 Kings 2:1-12

Feb. 26 - LENT 1 - SENIOR BELLS
HOLY COMMUNION - 10:00 A.M.
Sermon: **"PREACHING AT THE GREATEST DEPTHS"**
I Peter 3:18-22

Mar. 4 - LENT 2
HOLY COMMUNION
Sermon: **"THE RECKONING OF THE RIGHTEOUSNESS"**
Romans 4:13-25

Mar. 11 - LENT 3
HOLY COMMUNION - 10:00 A.M.
SHARE SUNDAY/BAPTISMS
Sermon: **"A REVERSAL OF FORTUNE"**
John 2:13-22

Mar.18 - LENT 4
HOLY COMMUNION
JUNIOR BELLS - JUNIOR CHOIR
Sermon: **"AN INFESTATION OF SIN"**
Numbers 21:4-9

March 25 - LENT 5 - SENIOR BELLS
HOLY COMMUNION - 10 A.M.
Sermon: **"JESUS, THE GREAT HIGH PRIEST"**
Hebrews 5:5-10



FEBRUARY 5TH

Youth will meet on Sunday after the 11:15 Service to make 300 peanut butter and jelly sandwiches and bag them for the Cathedral Kitchen in Camden. This is open to anyone who would like to help.



Valentines Day Dance

Saturday, February 11th
7:00 - 9:30 p.m.
Open to all 6 - 12 graders.
Bring a snack to share.



**YOUTH
WALK-A-THON**

Sunday, February 26th - IHOC Walkathon for the homeless will take place at Echelon Town Center. Youth will meet at Trinity at 12:30 p.m. We will return by 3:30 p.m.



YOUTH activities

The New Year has gotten off to a great start for the Trinity Youth Ministries!!

On Sunday, January 8th, we held a planning meeting in the High School Sunday School Room. At that meeting, Alicia Darcy presented her drawings for the mural project. We also discussed upcoming events for the rest of January and February.

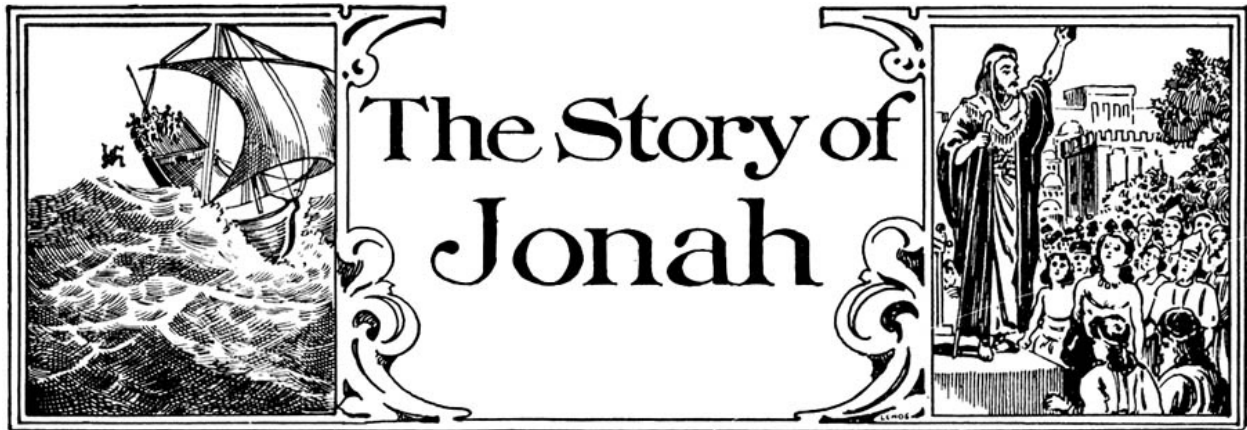
We originally planned to go to Sahara Sam's in Berlin on January 15th, but we decided not to go due to the cost. So we went ice skating at Hollydell Ice Arena in Sewell. There were 25 people in attendance and a great time was had by all. Even when they had to pick Mr. Eberts up off the ice! On Saturday, January 21st, we had 9 kids and 3 adults make the trip to the Lutheran Care Home at Moorestown. We made snowmen with some of the residents and then we had cookies and hot chocolate. Some of youth even made new friends while they were there. It was great to see them interact with the residents.

February is shaping up to be a very busy month for our youth. On Sunday, February 5th at 12:30 pm, we will be making 300 peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for the Cathedral Kitchen in Camden. All are welcome to join us in this endeavor. Then on Saturday, February 11th, we will be having a Valentine's Day Dance in the Fellowship Hall.

We will once again be sponsoring the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on Tuesday, February 21st. And once again, we will be taking donations for the IHOC Walk at the Voorhees Town Center on Sunday, February 26th. Please help our youth be the top fund raising group again this year!

Our next planning meeting will be Sunday, February 12th, at 11:15 am in the High School Sunday School Room.

In HIS name,
The Youth Ministry Team



TRIP TO SEE JONAH

WHEN: Wednesday, April 25, 2012

Call Carol at 856-939-4411

WHERE: "JONAH" at Sight & Sound Theatre, Lancaster, PA

WHAT: 8:30 am - Leave Sr. Building Stop at Kitchen Kettle for snack and shopping.

1:00 pm -- "Jonah" show at Millennium Theatre (approx. 2 hrs.)

4:30 pm -- Dinner at Shady Maple Smorgasbord.

Depart for home after dinner. Home about 8 pm.

COST: \$95 PER PERSON (includes bus, show, buffet dinner)

"Jonah is the popular biblical story of disobedience and betrayal coupled with God's gracious mercy and love. The show is both inspirational and uplifting, and it is entirely entertaining, too, exploring the extreme elements Jonah encounters when he runs away. Limited engagement. The theater has a 300 foot wraparound stage. Uses live and animatronic animals, pyrotechnics, state of the art sound system, 3D video imaging and more. Very realistic and fully engaging way. Story of the ages for all ages."

You do not have to pay the amount all at once. I don't mind the bookkeeping if it helps someone afford to go.

Also, for every member of Trinity who goes, \$5 profit will be given to church. (It costs \$90 and we always add \$5 to cover costs and give us some profit.) It would cost \$20 more to go on the weekend.

In His service,
Carolyn Lunn



Junior Choir Notes

Although we did not sing in January (because there had not been enough time for rehearsals due to both Christmas and New Years Day on Sundays), the Junior Choir is “alive and well.” In fact, we have welcomed a new member: Julia Ciuffo! So nice to have you and will look forward to having you for a long time as you are in first grade!

A fitting song to be sung as we contemplate the upcoming Lenten season, we are singing “*Changed By God’s Power*” on February 19th. We look forward to you having the opportunity to hear how both we and the disciples will be transformed by God’s power and His love. So often our music is geared to adults as well as children!

Then in March we will be doing “*Teacher and Healer*” a favorite to many.

While Mr. Kraemer is “back” as our accompanist, there will be several rehearsals and times we sing for the congregation when he will be traveling with his daughter and her soccer team - even to Spain! Lily was a Junior Choir member many years ago and it is so nice to see the way God has lead her to serve Him through the United States Navy!

Mrs. Dilks, we really appreciate the time and effort you continue to make to have such an important part in keeping the continuity of the Junior Choir stable.

Know any children who are good singers? Remind them that Junior Choir rehearsals are each Sunday from 9:45 to 10:00 a.m. in the choir room. Immediately following rehearsal the children go to their Sunday School classes.

Many thanks to all of you who pray for and support the choir with your compliments and love.

Love to all,
Mrs. Schmidt

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

“Praying for our children is a first step in protecting them.”

Do you pray for your children as they leave for school each day, and also for those still at home? Keep praying for them, and ask the Lord to guide, guard and protect them in all they encounter throughout the day. We all need to talk to “Our Father” each day and know the peace He brings to all!

The Winter Quarter is well under way and will end February 26th. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 22nd, and during that time our classes will spend a portion of time discussing the true meaning of Lent.

Soup and Bread will begin on Wednesday, February 29th at 6:15 p.m., and continue each week until March 28th. Come and enjoy the delicious soups and desserts our own folks make! We would be happy to have new people join us. Call me at 856-JHJË I FF and I’ll sign you up!

Thanks for your continued prayer and support throughout the entire year.

Our next staff meeting will be held on March 13th at 7:00 p.m.

Remember: *“We can grumble or be thankful, which do you choose?”*

To God be the glory,
Pat Henry



Social Concerns Ministry

On Thursday, January 26th, pantry day, we helped to feed 58 families. Many thanks to our members for their generosity.

Items needed for this month:

Peanut butter, pasta, hot and cold cereal, mac and cheese, saltine crackers, soap bars, paper towels, and toilet paper.

Upcoming Events

Feb. 12.....Share Sunday

Feb. 29.....Soup & bread Wednesday at **6:15 pm** to start the Lenten season.

March 4.....Mother and daughter tea at 1:00 pm

March 11...Social Concerns meeting and Share Sunday

March 24...Men's breakfast at 8:30 am

May 5.....Spring clothing drive & hoagie sale

May 12.....Spring flea mart (Information to follow later)

If any of you think you might like to join our ministry, please come to our next meeting in March. Check us out, you might like it.

"Lord, help me treat others in an equal and caring manner."

Caring & Sharing
Sharon Feters

LUTHERAN CARE AT MOORESTOWN

Lutheran Home Auxiliary met at 10 a.m. Thursday, January 12th. Guest Pastor Harold Peeders of Holy Trinity, Burlington, gave a devotional on "Trials" based on the scripture in James, "count it all joy." It's been so nice to meet each of the pastors from the various Lutheran congregations.

Our treasurer reported that we made \$149.61 profit on the Italian Festival in October. Thanks again to our wonderful youth who volunteered with serving the tables. They were also given an Italian meal and received community service credits for helping.

The auction held in December netted \$70 profit.

From time to time I am asked how many residents are served at the Lutheran Home. We used to serve up to 90. We have now almost tripled the numbers we serve with a capacity of 260 residents. This number varies a bit from day to day, depending on accounting for census variations due to resident hospitalizations, transfers to and from the facility, deaths, etc.

Members discussed and agreed to purchase three new Santa suits for next year. We've had two Santas in the past, but due to the increased residents served, we now will use three. The Santa suits were very worn and old and one poor Santa kept losing his pants.

We are beginning to make plans for June Day and hope you can come. June Day is scheduled for June 9th this year, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. This is always a fun day for all!

Hope you can begin to save up small yard sale items we can sell. Proceeds benefit residents. Donations of goods should be marked June Day and placed in or next to the blue Lutheran Home box under the table on the Johnson Ave. side of the church.

NEEDED: All occasions cards, nail polish, remover, gift bags-plain, birthday, Christmas, tissue paper for gift bags.

Hope you will please remember us with a contribution for our February Fund Drive. Envelopes will be available at the services during the month of February. Please put your amount and offering number on the envelope for credit.

February 9 - Thursday, 10 a.m., Auxiliary Meeting
February 14 - Tuesday, 2 p.m. Valentines Party with music by Ken Hayes
February 22 - Ash Wednesday Service to be announced
February 23 - Thursday, 11a.m. Residents' lunch at Cracker Barrel
February 28 - Tuesday, 12:15 p.m. Residents' birthday lunch

Your contributions help to pay for the activities each month so residents can have a full and happy life. Without this, many residents would not be able to afford these things on their limited budgets.

Thanks again, for all you do!

Sincerely,
Sandy Counsellor

"The one who does not love does not know God, for God is love." I John 4:8





PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Our first meeting of the New Year was held on January 6 at Trinity. We were not in our regular meeting room as it is undergoing renovations. We met in the large (dining) room where we were just as comfortable. Our meeting opened with everyone saying the Lord's Prayer. The talented ladies attending were Barbara Anconetani, Val Colasuono, Dolores Keller, Jean Krips, Carolyn Lunn, Sally Miller, and Mary Raws, We received 3 prayer shawls, 3 Baptismal blankets, and 1 no-sew blanket. A count of shawls and blankets indicated we have been busy and have enough on hand for now.

Our Baptismal Historian, Mary Raws, reported there were 2 baptisms in January and 2 are due in February. We have enough Baptismal blankets on hand for these events.

We went around the table with each person telling about their own Christmas celebration. It was interesting to find how each one spent their holidays. Seems every one had a church related, family oriented, and fun time. (Only 11 more months to our next Christmas.)

Our Vice President Sally Miller gave a blessing for the group.

There being no further business, our meeting adjourned at 10:53 am.

There is so much illness and sadness going on around us. Please continue to pray for our members and friends who are going through bad times right now. We ask the Lord's blessings on each one. Please see Pastor Andy if you need a prayer shawl. If you want to make or donate one, please call Carol at 856-939-1111.

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

The Prayer Shawl Ministry Family
Carolyn Lunn
President