

New Year's Resolutions...

At this time of the year many of us feel we ought to make New Year's resolutions. We sense the need to make some changes in our behavior and in our priorities. No one likes living with the frustrations and anxieties that come from bad habits and poor decisions. So what do we do? With pad and pencil many of us begin to jot down a list of items we hope will bring some smoothness to the rough edges of our existence. Our hope is that with these new resolutions, the New Year will be a better year than the former one. These New Year resolutions can be very helpful and encouraging, as they enable us to see on paper the needed steps to help ensure a better and happier year.

The only problem is that during the year you can be sure there will be those events which are beyond your control. The world you live in is not perfect, it is darkened with sin. Because of this things will happen which you cannot anticipate when making up your list. You may lose your job, the economy may continue to topple, you may be involved in a very serious accident, or worse you may even lose someone you love. Suddenly, in spite of your best efforts, your resolutions are broken or forgotten. What time do you have to try and make your life happy worrying about resolutions when you have enough troubles just trying to survive?

But does it surprise you that God has some resolutions for this New Year as well? God resolves that all people receive the wonderful gift of His free salvation in Jesus Christ. Just a few days ago we celebrated Christmas, the birth of Jesus; a time where all Christians rejoice over the fact that the Savior was born. Twelve days after Christmas (on the 12th Day of Christmas) we celebrate Epiphany. If Christmas Day marks when God appears as man, then Epiphany marks when this man appears as God. The birth of Jesus would mean nothing to us if we were not convinced that Jesus is God. Epiphany proves to us that this tiny child, born in Bethlehem, is God! As John says, "The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth [Christmas]; we have beheld His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father [Epiphany]."

God has resolved that men and women of every race, nationality, and social class be saved by the power of His love. God has resolved that you and I may live in the joy of a new life. This new life He has given you has been secured through Jesus' death and resurrection. God not only says to you "Happy New Year!" but "Happy New Life . . . Eternal Life!" God's resolutions are not broken or forgotten as are human resolutions. They are designed to bring eternal happiness. The season of Epiphany reminds us that when God resolves, He supplies the power to make His resolutions come true.

This New Year, in spite of your best intentions, you may have already broken some of your resolutions. Jesus tells us, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in Me." Remember always that God long ago resolved to share Himself and His kingdom of love with a sin-darkened world. In the fullness of time this resolution became an historical event. The promised Savior of the nations appeared as a baby in Bethlehem. God Himself has come to rescue YOU from the darkness of sin.

I look forward to seeing you in God's House each Lord's Day! May God bless you richly and mightily this New Year!

— Pastor Gustafson



Huge Thanks to All Who Worked to Decorate Our Church for Christmas!

First, to the Decorating Team for their hard work and generosity during the past many weeks: Carol Fiebke, Grace Frick, Carol Heyel, Marie Merkel, Jean Rajek, Karen Schult, and Irma Stine. You had some "interesting" assignments, and you always came through for us. Thank you!

A very special THANK YOU to Steve and Cindy Latzig for their donation of all the live trees, wreaths, and outside garland. And, to their crew of workers who accompanied the trees to assist us in putting them into stands and getting them positioned. We couldn't have done it without you!

Thanks to Jon Schultz and Northwoods Evergreen for the donation of the cardinals, and some trim. This generous donation added so much.

Thank you to Carol Levitt for crocheting the snowflakes on the tree in the Narthex. What a wonderful talent! Thank you for sharing it.

To all who donated lights for the trees – THANK YOU! Your donations and a little "thrift store" shopping made it possible for us to fulfill our plans without purchasing any lights at full price!

Thank you to the following that volunteered or came to assist us when asked. Laurie Swope; Cary and Nathan Alft; Seth and Sara Clark; Doug Williams; Dana Rice; Irvin and Denise Rice; Dan Frick; Don Winkelman; John Wais, Glenn Nass; and John Schult. Whether you climbed a ladder or just picked up a vacuum, your help was appreciated!

Thank you to the following who donated Poinsettias: Lorraine Preboske in memory of husband Felix and sons Peter and Paul; Irma Stine and family in memory of Bob Stine; Dan and Grace Frick; Carol Fiebke in memory of family and friends; Carol Holz for blessings received and in memory of loved ones; the Mark Skic family; the Mike Zocher family; and Patty Meyer. Thank you everyone!

A blessed Christmas to all, — Carol Holz

Do You Still Need Some Christmas Cards?

There are Christmas cards sold individually or by the box, in the Card Nook in the church basement. You can also get anniversary, sympathy, get-well, and baptism cards. Send a special message to someone with a card. All individual cards are just 75 cents. Dorcas appreciates your support.

Dish Cloths

Need an extra little gift for someone? There are dish cloths by the Card Nook. They make excellent gifts.



Thank You To Girls Who Raised Money for Trinity Food Bank With Their Artwork Sale

Jalie Severt, Sophie Wendorf, Emma and Avery Hoff held an art sale on December 3, during the Christmas Parade. They raised \$901.00 plus food for Trinity's Open Hearts' Food Pantry. Wow – how great is that! Your work and time are so very much appreciated. We cannot thank you enough for this wonderful contribution, which will be used to buy food, as we talked about with you.

To Trinity members please remember our food bank – monetary donations or non perishable food items may be donated. We have a collection box at both entrances to the church. The first weekend of every month is set aside as Food Bank Sunday. However, donations can be made at anytime.

Thanks!

The Dorcas Society would like to thank everyone who has supported their bake sales throughout the year. Bake sales are our main fund raisers during the year. Proceeds from these sales go to needs of the church, school, and community. Each month, the Dorcas members give money to Trinity School's tuition Assistance Fund, which helps families send their children to Trinity School. Dorcas also gives many donations to Trinity's Food Bank,. Thanks again for your donations to and purchases from the Dorcas sales. The Card Nook is also coordinated by Dorcas Society.

Blanket Fleece Wanted!

Trinity School's Student Council is looking for donations of blanket fleece to make no-sew blankets for a non-profit organization. The place we will be sending the blankets to is the Linus program. Please drop your donations off at Trinity School. Thank you!

NO-SEW FLEECE SCARF



Winter is a difficult time for people in need. So make this scarf to help someone stay warm.

What you need:

- Medium-weight polar fleece, 60" standard width (a 9" portion will make one scarf)
- Scissors
- An adult to help

What you do:














1. Cut a piece of medium-weight polar fleece to the size of 60" x 9". Cut the fabric across its width so the material is stretchy.
2. Trim off the edge binding. To add "fringe" along each end, make a 6"-long cut every half inch.
3. For curly fringe, pull each strand and then let go sharply. Another attractive option is to tie an over-hand knot at the top of each strip.
4. Donate your scarf to a local group that helps people in need. For greater impact, encourage your Sunday school classmates or other friends to make scarves too.



A caring disciple

In Acts 9, Peter tells of a woman who lived in Joppa. She performed good works and helped the poor. Solve the puzzle below to reveal this disciple's two names.

Instructions: Cross out the letters that spell each object and write the remaining letter on the blank.

_____ adcltne			
_____ rohmtae			
_____ srgbape			
_____ rbieda			
_____ pehtshred			
_____ rdhaenlca			
_____ fadoo			

Her name in Greek

_____ pdeesh	
_____ dchilnero	
_____ drove	
_____ acehtr	
_____ sarcos	
_____ nusqatinm	

Answers: Tabitha, Dorcas



Are You Feeling The Winter Blues?

We have the cure – come spend a day with the Trinity Preschool or 4K program! Our three, four and five year olds are eager to learn and just as eager to laugh, so the days are filled with joy. After spending the month of December preparing for our Christmas program, then celebrating Christmas in our classrooms, we were sad to have no school for a week, but now are ready to start the new year with new activities and learning experiences.

Registration for the 2012-13 school year will be held in late January. Please watch the bulletin for more information about specific class offerings, cost, and times, as well as the date and time for registration, or call Kathy Yahr at 715-536-7501. We offer programs for 3, 4, and 5 year olds in a variety of formats, and we are happy to talk with you about enrolling your child.

Picture: The students of Trinity Preschool blow their trumpets to cause the wall of Jericho to fall down!

January Chapel Schedule

Friday, January 6 Pastor Stolarczyk
 Friday, January 13 Miss Kamps & Gr. 3
 Thursday, January 19 Pastor Carl Selle, Peace Lutheran
 Campus Ministry, Stevens Point
 Friday, January 27 Mrs. Marnholtz & Gr. 1

Our chapel offering this month is a monetary offering which will go to Lutheran Heritage Foundation which will purchase Bible storybooks for Ukrainian children.

All of you are invited to join us for chapel devotions normally at 8:20am on Fridays to worship our Lord and King.

If anyone would like to help out and lead a chapel devotion we still have a couple of openings for this school. Contact Miss Kamps and she will schedule you in.

Investment Club News

In just two months, the first grade class has seen their donated \$1,000.00 investments fall and rise. At the end of October, Kimberly Clark decreased in value by -1.83%. Fuel Cell increased in value by 27%. The end of the month valuation is \$971.822. This is a 4.0% increase from the end of October value of \$934.22. It is also a slight increase (.60%) from the first month value of \$966. Our stocks would need to improve a bit more in order to increase value after the initial payment of fees in order to establish the stock funds at Scottrade and to transfer funds from Lincoln Community Bank.

In October the first grade students had another personal finance lesson in their computer class. They created a picture of the costs of items (fast food hamburger, bottle of soda, pizza, football and a cellphone). They needed to type in the dollar amount, then choose the correct denomination and combination of dollars and cents in order to diagram this concept.

We also did this same lesson with the second grade as a starting point for discussing personal finance. We are all eager to learn more about investing!

Trinity Christian Daycare Has Now Been in Operation for 16 Months!

We have grown to care for 35 children and we employ 9 part-time employees. The children who are cared for range from full-time children to part-time children who only attend on “no school” days.

Children at Trinity Christian Daycare are provided with a safe Christian environment which strives to meet the physical, social, emotional, and spiritual needs of each child. We strive to promote positive peer relationships and to develop a love for our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Each day children are provided with the opportunity to have time for free play, outdoor or gym play time, activities to work on learning numbers, letters, colors, and shapes. Time is spent each day playing with puzzles, reading stories, doing arts and crafts, learning bible stories, and enjoying music.

While children are at Daycare they are fed breakfast, lunch, and an afternoon snack. Rest time is provided each day, and most children easily fall asleep while listening to calming music.

We would welcome any families looking for child care to come and visit us at the Daycare! Please feel free to contact the director, Kerri Zamzow, at 715-539-0905, if you would like a tour or any information. We would love to have your child join us!



Grow Your Faith at Trinity!

There are many opportunities for you and your family, to enrich your faith walk. Check the list below to find a Bible Study that fits your schedule and interests. Grow your faith by studying the Word of God!

- Sunday School (Pre-K to Grade 5). All children and their parents are welcome; classes for all ages; fun Bible stories, games, crafts, service projects and more; learning how to live our lives for Jesus. Every Sunday at 9:15am at Trinity School. Contact Christ Hartson for enrollment information: 715-536-6258.
- Sunday School (Toddlers - Birth to Age 3). Same as above but geared to this age group. Every Sunday at 9:15am at Trinity School. Contact Jill Johns for enrollment information: 715-536-3639.
- “Between the Church Bells” Youth Bible Study, Grades 6-8. Different topics each week; how the topic affects middle school youth; equips them with Christian values, and teaches them how to make right choices. Every Sunday from 9:15 to 10:15am, running with the Sunday School Schedule. Trinity School Youth Room. Leaders: Ed Wayda (715-536-3639), Jim Hostvedt 715-439-3912, and John Juhlke 715-536-3274.
- New Member Class. This class is for new members and anyone who wants to study the basics of what we believe and why. In progress; we began in mid-August. You may still join any time. Meets every Sunday at 9:15am in the Trinity church library, in the basement. Leader: Sandy Schneider.
- Church & State – New Sun. Morning Pastor’s Class: What does God expect the government to do for its citizens? Can (or should) Christians participate in government? Is (or was) America a Christian nation? Now, more than ever it is important to search the Word of God (rather than public opinion) for answers and guidance on these and many other questions. Please consider joining us on Sunday mornings from 9:15am - 10:15am in the church basement for a Scripture study with Pastor Stolarczyk about the topic of Church and State. Even if you have never attended a study we would love to have you come.
- Bible Study on the Book of Romans, in progress, but join any time. Every Sunday morning at 9:15am, in the Trinity School 7th & 8th grade classroom. Leader: Bob Schneider, 715-536-7655).
- “Paul - Apostle to All Nations” a study of his life, letters and ministry to the early Christians, Meets every Sunday at 7:00pm, (right after the 6:00pm service), in the church basement. Began Sunday, September 11. Leader: Glenn Frank, 715-536-4274.
- “The Book of Revelation” started Sunday, November 23, and meets every Sunday at 7:00pm, (right after the 6:00pm service), in the church conference room, right outside the sanctuary. Leaders: Dan Schneider, 715-536-2298, and Dan Frick, 715-536-4985.
- Women’s Bible Study on Book of Hebrews. Understanding the struggles the Jewish people had who wanted to hang on to their traditions and yet understand Christianity. Every Monday at 9:30am in the church conference room, right outside the sanctuary. Leader: Phyllis Bauman, 715-536-4830.
- “Don’t Check Your Brains at the Door” When someone challenges you about what you say you believe, how do you respond? Can you tell the difference between the truths in God’s Word and the messages of the world around you? Meets every Monday at 6:30pm at Trinity School, in one of the upstairs classrooms. Leader: Ken VanDeZande, 715-536-4227.

- “The Book of Revelation.” Join any time. 2nd Monday of each month at 6:30pm, at the home of Don Winkelman and Kathy Yahr, N3158 Cardinal Ridge Lane, Merrill, 715-536-2532.
- “Life of Jesus and His Miracles,” in progress, but you may join any time. Meets every Monday at 7:00pm in the church conference room, right outside the sanctuary. Note: This is the “Keepers of the Light” Bible Study and is for men only. Leader: Herman Meyer, 715-536-6482.
- Bible Study on the Book of Hebrews, in progress but you may join in anytime. Meets every Wednesday at 8:45am at Park Place. Leader: Diane Kreager, 715-536-3499.
- “The Book of Matthew.” Strengthening our understanding of Jesus and His love for us; See how to have Jesus closer to us in our daily lives. Every Wednesday at 12:30pm in the church basement. Leader: Sandy Frank, 715-536-4274.
- “The Parables of Jesus.” Join any time. 1st & 3rd Wednesday of each month at 3:45pm. Trinity School, various classrooms. Leader: Kathy Yahr, 715-536-7501 (School) or 715-536-2532 (Home).
- “Paul - Apostle to All Nations” a study of his life, letters and ministry to the early Christians, Every Wednesday at 6:30pm in the church conference room, right outside the sanctuary. Leader: Glenn Frank, 715-536-4274.
- “St. Paul’s Epistle to the Galatians.” Every Thursday at 9:00am in the Stone Room, (basement). Leader: Jim Boettcher, 715-536-8638.

**SCRIP SUMMARY
 thru December 4, 2011
 Total Sales: \$538,853.00
 Total Profit: \$28,826.38
 Returned To Trinity: \$25,700.00**

2011 Scrip Accomplishments

Looking back on 2011 scrip had a lot of success here at Trinity. Scrip was able to donate two baskets to the Trinity Carnival Auction in spring. Scrip also sponsored an end of the year pizza party for the school students and faculty. At the beginning of the 2011-2012 school year scrip gave all new families to Trinity School as well as the kindergarten, K4 and PreK families each a \$5 scrip gift certificate redeemable with their first scrip order. The Holiday Scrip Scramble was a big success in 2011 with two week sales of \$33,995.00 that earned a pajama party with pancake breakfast for the students sponsored by scrip. Scrip was able to accomplish all this and still give \$30,000.00 of profit back to Trinity. I think everyone that uses the scrip program can be very proud. The goal for 2012 is for the scrip program to return \$35,000.00 of profit back to Trinity and it will. The scrip program has been steadily growing in sales and there have been first time scrip buyers weekly. Scrip will continue to try to keep the most popular scrip partners in stock and suggestions on ways to improve the program are always welcome. Thank you for all the positive comments and let’s keep the scrip program growing at a record pace here at Trinity. God Bless You and Happy New Year.

— Bonnie Callahan, Scrip Coordinator

Trinity Youth Ministry / Statistics

Kids for Christ

The K.f.C. youth group (grades 4-5) will meet on Tuesday, January 10 in the youth room for a meeting from 6:00 -7:30pm. We will do devotions, Bible study, and activities on team building. If you'd like to join us, (and we'd love to have you), you can pick up a permission slip from Miss Kamps anytime.

Youth Events

Dec 25 --- No T.Y.M. Sr. Jan 1 --- No T.Y.M. Sr.
 Jan 6 --- T.Y.M. Jr. Jan 8 --- Circuit Volleyball at St John's
 Jan 8 --- No T.Y.M. Sr. Jan 15 --- T.Y.M. Sr.
 Jan 20 --- T.Y.M. Jr. Jan 22 --- T.Y.M. Sr.
 Jan 29 --- T.Y.M. Sr. Feb 3 --- T.Y.M. Jr.
 Feb 5 --- T.Y.M. Sr. Feb 24-25 --- Circuit Winter Retreat at Camp Forest Spring

T.Y.M. Sr.

Youth in Grades 9 - 12 are invited to join us in the Youth Room from 7:00 - 9:00pm. Bring a friend along, for some fun and Christian fellowship.

T.Y.M Jr

Youth in Grades 6 - 8 are invited to join us in the Youth room from 6:30 -8:30pm. T.Y.M. Jr. meets the 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month.

Circuit Volleyball

Why not get 6 or 7 other players together to form a team for the Circuit 6 volleyball tournament? The tournament will be held at St John's School on January 8th. Games start at 1:00pm. Cost is \$5, which includes pizza and drink. Don't miss this fun day... Sign up NOW if you want to be on a team. Permission slips and sign-up sheet are available in the youth room or call Pat Stark 715-551-8768.

Winter Retreat

Join us February 24-25, for fellowship with youth from other area Lutheran churches, Bible Study and of course some great outdoor fun like tubing, broom ball and much more. Our retreat will begin upon arrival at Camp Forest Springs Friday evening, and ending Saturday evening. Don't miss out...

Fruit Orders

A big thank you to everyone who purchased fruit through the youth group this year.

God's Blessings...

...to these (80+) Seniors with Birthdays this month

Shirley Menebroeker..... January 3
 Edward Pophal..... January 4
 Ida Bootz..... January 12
 Gertrude Schulz..... January 12
 Elaine Rutell..... January 13
 Phyllis Rice..... January 14
 LeElda Giese..... January 21
 Ronald Porath..... January 22
 LuEllen Benzinger..... January 23
 Clifford Maluegge..... January 23
 Ceora Sabatke..... January 26
 Marion Ament..... January 29

...and these Couples with Anniversaries (50+ yrs.)

Paul and Doris Arseneau..... 55 yrs. on January 5
 LeRoy and Carol Schmidt..... 57 years on January 15

Pastoral Acts...

Baptized

December 4: Alexander Jon Shimel, son of Jon and Kate (Trojanowski) Shimel.

December 4: Oliver Harvey Lee Wegner, son of Adam and Stephanie (Roets) Wegner.

Married

December 3: John Jewell and Stephanie Skic.

Received into Membership

December 4: Scott and Tammy Pehlke and their children, Nathan Pehlke, and Brittany, Danielle, Briana and Wyatt Grosskurth; Tyler and Kristi Krombholz and their daughter Aubrey; Donald and Jilayne Radtke; Matthew Radtke; Diane Back; Jeff and Deb Holt and their daughter Alexandria; Gerald and Carol Swoboda; Holly Adamski and her children, Memphis and Sophia Beranek.

Funerals

December 2: Matthew Zoher, (d. 11-14-11)

Open Hearts Food Bank

Hours of Operation: Wednesdays & Fridays: 2:00pm to 4:00pm
 Location: Choir Room in the Church Basement

If you, or someone you know, is struggling with day-to-day needs, come down and talk to us. We're here to help!

**ITEMS OF THE MONTH:
 Cereal, Spaghetti Sauce, Pasta**

Trinity's Food Bank is in need of non-perishable food, dish and laundry soap and bar soap. Many families are in need of help and the Food bank's supplies are desperately low. On the first weekend of each month, there is always a special collection for the Food Bank. Please bring items on November 5th or 6th. The families in need of these items are truly grateful for your help!

Trinity Lutheran Church Profit & Loss November 2011

1:39 PM
 12/06/11
 Cash Basis

	01-Church		02-School		03-Preschool		04-Day Care		TOTAL	
	Nov 11	Jul - Nov 11	Nov 11	Jul - Nov 11	Nov 11	Jul - Nov 11	Nov 11	Jul - Nov 11	Nov 11	Jul - Nov 11
Income										
Offering Home	46,851.51	267,131.76	2,504.80	15,157.06	267.20	1,594.07	0.00	0.00	49,623.51	283,882.89
School Reimb.	0.00	0.00	10,270.80	47,963.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,270.80	47,963.50
Preschool reimb.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	21,620.00	24,433.00	0.00	0.00	21,620.00	24,433.00
Day Care	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,083.00	29,059.32	4,083.00	29,059.32
Dedicated Acct Funds	2,000.00	12,573.67	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	12,573.67
Misc. Income	2,969.38	17,412.42	1,500.00	10,034.00	0.00	74.00	0.00	0.00	4,469.38	27,520.42
Total Income	51,820.89	297,117.85	14,275.60	73,154.56	21,887.20	26,101.07	4,083.00	29,059.32	92,066.69	425,432.80
Total Income Expense	51,820.89	297,117.85	14,275.60	73,154.56	21,887.20	26,101.07	4,083.00	29,059.32	92,066.69	425,432.80
Board of Elders	22,859.39	97,847.59	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	22,859.39	97,847.59
Board of Education	1,421.74	14,931.28	38,073.19	171,098.79	6,292.60	30,183.74	4,171.81	30,867.09	49,959.34	247,080.90
Council Expense	0.00	667.94	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	667.94
Board of Trustees	3,943.83	31,547.41	7,586.59	22,060.57	120.91	1,541.59	0.00	63.10	11,651.33	55,212.67
Total Expense	28,224.96	144,994.22	45,659.78	193,159.36	6,413.51	31,725.33	4,171.81	30,930.19	84,470.06	400,809.10
Net Income/Net Subsidy	23,595.93	152,123.63	-31,384.18	-120,004.80	15,473.69	-5,624.26	-88.81	-1,870.87	7,596.63	24,623.70

External Loans: LCEF \$243,330.71; LCB \$121,791.51 = \$365,122.22

Internal Borrowing: \$83,976.76

Checkbook Balance on 11/30/2011: \$11,197.02

Gifts & Memorials / Misc.

HOME / GENERAL FUND

Gifts were Given...

...a gift of new chairs was given by an anonymous donor.

Memorials were Given...

...for Louise Kufahl, mother of Lori Stine, by Irma Stine.

...for Esther Stiedtman, by Linda Seidler.

...for Matt Zocher, by Bob and Kris Reichelt, and Mark and Laurie Swope.

...for Allen Osness, Sr., by Bill and Nona Zortman, Kerry Zortman, Amy Tomajcik, Eric Lokemoen, and Michael and Vanessa Weiderhoeft and Caleb.

...for husband, Milton, and mother, Erna Schulz, by Dorothy Hagedorn.

...for Allen Osness, Sr. by Don and Judy Buntrock.

...for wife, Virginia Kohnke, by Elroy Kohnke.

...for Elmer Frick, whose birthday was January 22, by Bernadine Frick, Jayne Frick and Eldon and Julie Kloth.

...for Lauretta Koehler, by Mary Ann Zastrow.

...for Louis Marnholtz and Greg Zahn, by Leila Marnholtz.

...for Matt Zocher, by Randall and Connie Hamann, and family, Craig and Kathy Krueger, Randy and Barbara Koehler, Kimberly Pehlke, James and Esther Johnson, Gerald Rospert, Hildegard Seeger, and other family and friends.

DEBT FUND

Memorials were Given...

...for Marjorie Hinz, by family and friends.

...for Lauretta Koehler, by Rosella Moyer.

...for grandpa, Charlie Utecht, by Krista Mensching and fiance', Scott Ward.

...for Matt Zocher, by Joe and Marlene Thomaschefskey.

TRINITY SCHOOL & PRESCHOOL

Gifts were Given...

...by Ken and Carolynn Graap, in thankfulness for 55 years of marriage.

Memorials were Given...

...for Matt Zocher, by Ken and Carolynn Graap.

OPEN HEARTS

Gifts were Given...

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Memorials were Given...

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RADIO MINISTRY

Gifts were Given...

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Memorials were Given...

...for Joyce Albright and Lorena Sense, by an anonymous donor.

...for Ervin Schaupp, whose birthday was December 19th, by Greg and Bonnie Krueger.

...for wife, Virginia, by Elroy Kohnke.

...for Avila Paul, Ann Zimmerman, Caroline Wallace, Esther Steidtman, Lorena Sense, Louis Kufahl, Allen Osness, and Matthew Zocher, by Shirley Sabatke.

NOTES: PLEASE MAKE ALL CHECKS OUT TO "TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH" ONLY, and write the fund you wish to give to on the MEMO line at the bottom of your offering envelope. (We do not have separate accounts at the bank for each fund.) Checks made out to things like "Open Hearts/Food Bank", "VBS," "Decorating Committee," Men's Club, etc. only serve to confuse things at the bank. So PLEASE, always just make your check out to "TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH", and put the fund you are donating to on the memo line at the bottom of your offering envelope.

Can You Help?

We're looking for people who enjoy canning and freezing produce, and donations of canning jars (in excellent condition), freezer bags and possibly a pressure canner.

The Open Hearts Food Bank occasionally finds itself with more fresh produce than we can distribute before it goes bad. We are hoping to organize a group of people who would be willing to pick the produce up and either can or freeze it, so that we can keep it for later distribution to our food pantry clients. (Yes...we do have a freezer). If you are interested in helping out with this new project, please call the church office for more details. Thanks much for your help with this, and for all the generous donations made to the Food Bank over the past year. Our clients appreciate it more than you can imagine!

What Not To Take Into The New Year

- Self-help books — Trust in God first; don't turn to him as a last resort. (See Proverbs 3:5-6.)
- Tape measure — Consider only God's standards; don't compare yourself to other people. (See Luke 18:9-14.)
- Rearview mirror — Don't live in the past. You'll miss out on what God is doing in your life now. (See Philipians 3:12-14.)
- Gavel — Stop wasting time judging others. Instead, pray for them, help them and team with them. (See Luke 6:37-38.)
- Life vest — Don't be overly cautious spiritually. Peter experienced Jesus in a real way because he dared to step out of the boat. (See Matthew 14:22-33.)
- Garage-door opener — We think we're networked but often isolate ourselves. God intended for us to live in community with one another. (See Hebrews 10:23-25.)
- Handcuffs — Don't offer excuses about why you can't help out. God can do amazing things through — and despite — us. Just follow him, with no excuses. (See Mark 6:35-44.)

—Gregg McCaslin

Worship Schedule

DATE	TIME	ELDERS	ACOLYTES	SCRIP SELLERS	GREETERS	FELLOWSHIP HOSTS
<i>New Year's Day</i>						
Jan 1	8:00am	Gerry Engel	Olivia Hostvedt - Alyssa LaFave	Lyle & Fern Whiting		Dan & Gail Schneider
Jan 1	10:30am	John Rainville	Brianna Grosskurth - Shailee Myers	Carlton & Darlene Pepke		
Jan 7	7:00pm (IC)		Cody Norman - Julia Oelke	Barb & Jarred Smith		John & Wendy Johnson
Jan 8	8:00am (IC)		Logan Rainville - Emily Page	Dick & Gay Baumgart		
Jan 8	10:30pm (IC)		Derek Sawczuk - Rhylée Pernsteiner	Mary Ann Zastrow & Penny Callahan		
Jan 8	6:00pm (IC)		Stephanie Schroder - Natasha Pfingsten	Mike & Angie Zocher		
Jan 14	7:00pm		Sydney Roberts - Katie Skidmore	Esther & Leah Johnson		
Jan 15	8:00am		Megan Sczygelski - Donna Sczygelski	Jim & Jean Wiseman		
Jan 15	10:30pm		Ricky Smith - Trevor Stadler	Ben & Trina Knospe		Ed & Sue Pernsteiner
Jan 15	6:00pm		Emily Travis - Austyn Stoerzer	Russ Utech		
Jan 21	7:00pm (IC)		Ashley Voigt - Montana Vandergeest	Marie Merkel & Carol Fieble		
Jan 22	8:00am (IC/CC)		Cody Vonderheid - Brody Zocher	Jim & Mary Downing		
Jan 22	10:30pm (IC/CC)		Austin Zettler - Alex Zettler	Jean Ravn & Cheryl Proulx		Dick & Michele Moyer
Jan 22	6:00pm (IC)		Molly Wayda - Devon Annis	Bob & Chris Reichelt		
Jan 28	7:00pm		Kayla Ament - Malayna Beyer	Jerry & Deb Grawien		
Jan 29	8:00am		Bryce Broeking - McKenzie Broeking	Russ & Joan Whiting		Carlton & Darlene Pepke
Jan 29	10:30pm		Haley Brown - Emily Day	Greg & Dawn Leavitt		
Jan 29	6:00pm		Rhylée Folz - Gretta Fermanich	Brad & Tammy Woller		
Feb 4	7:00pm		Rheanna Hinz - David Gustafson	Glenn & Sandy Frank		
Feb 5	8:00am		Chad Hoernke Jr. - Derek Hoffman	Sharon Welch & Carol Leavitt		Ninette Candler
Feb 5	10:30am		Leonna Ives - Ben Johnson	Jim & Harriett Boettcher		
Feb 5	6:00pm		RT Hartson - Kyle Juhlike	Lyle & Mary Banser		
Feb 11	7:00pm (IC)		Courtney Hinz - Porsche Kleinschmidt	Larry & Laura Marnholtz		
Feb 12	8:00am (IC)		Olivia Hostvedt - Alyssa LaFave	Donna Thompson & Dawn Ives		
Feb 12	10:30am (IC)		Brianna Grosskurth - Cody Norman	Dennis & Jocelyn Weber		
Feb 12	6:00pm (IC)		Shailee Myers - Julia Oelke	Jeff & Cindy Artus		
Feb 18	7:00pm		Logan Rainville - Emily Page	Jim & Jean Rajek		
Feb 19	8:00am		Derek Sawczuk - Rhylée Pernsteiner	Lyle & Fern Whiting		
Feb 19	10:30am		Stephanie Schroder - Natasha Pfingsten	Carlton & Darlene Pepke		
Feb 20	6:00pm		Sydney Roberts - Katie Skidmore	Lucille Pehlke & Robin Tomajcik		(Ministry Fair)
Feb 25	7:00pm (IC)		Ricky Smith - Trevor Stadler	Carol Holz & Laurie Swope		
Feb 26	8:00am (IC/CC)		Emily Travis - Austyn Stoerzer	Russ & Joan Whiting		
Feb 26	10:30am (IC/CC)		Ashley Voigt - Montana Vandergeest	Sherri Zortman & Jamie Seliger		
Feb 26	6:00pm (IC)		Cody Vonderheid - Brody Zocher	Phyllis Bauman & Marie Merkel		Jim & Jean Rajek

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Sunday School

Fall Sunday School Highlights



We were busy during our Fall Sunday School quarter! We started with the stories of Creation, Cain and Abel, Noah and the Flood, and Jacob and Esau. We then moved to the story of Gideon and the Midianites, in which all students were Israelite soldiers. We learned how God made the Israelite army smaller, but God gave Gideon and the Israelites the victory anyway!

We then learned about Strong Samson and God Calling Samuel. We also learned about Solomon and how he used wisdom from God when two women were fighting over one baby.

Our third graders received Bibles of their own that morning, so they can become wise in God's Word, too.

Last, we watched a puppet drama about Jonah and the BIG Fish and watched as Jonah was thrown overboard and swallowed by a BIG fish. Our puppet friend, Jonah, taught us that it's important to OBEY GOD! We wrapped up our Fall Quarter with a review week in which we did lots of fun activities to review all these Bible stories, Bible points, memory verses, songs, and more!

Sunday School Lessons

Simeon & Anna, Jesus Heals a Lame Man, Jesus Clears the Temple, and Jesus & Nicodemus. Come and learn these Bible stories through Bible points, memory verses, music, crafts, games, and snacks. Come for the FUN!

Sunday School Calendar

January 1 Christmas Break - No Sunday School
January 8 In Session
January 15 In Session
January 22 In Session
January 29 In Session



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