



Tribune

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Grace Alone . . . Faith Alone . . . Scripture Alone

“I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile. For in the gospel a righteousness from God is revealed, a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: ‘The righteous will live by faith.’”
Romans 1:16-17

Saturday, February 18, 2012 marks the 466th anniversary of the death of the great reformer, confessor and doctor: Martin Luther. Even his critics must admit that Martin Luther has been one of the most influential church leaders of the last 500 years. Without a doubt, He was a devoted follower of Christ.

This is most interesting when you consider that he did not begin this way. In fact, the church of Luther’s youth, with its promotion of rules and regulations became more like a prison than a godsend. Though faithful in worship, Luther felt trapped into rituals and discipline. Therefore, his religion for years gave him no peace, no hope, no love and no personal encounter with the Lord. Instead there was only a pit of fear and despair caused by a religion of bondage.

But through his faithful and careful study of God’s Word, the Lord began to set Luther free (what Luther called: **freiheit**). In the Good News of Jesus Christ, God revealed to him a righteousness by faith and not by works. No longer did Luther have to rely on himself for salvation, wondering if he’d done enough to be saved. Christ had now done it all for him through His suffering and death on Calvary. What an impact this made on Luther’s life. It was extraordinary! To understand his dramatic conversion just read some of his most famous quotes:

On the Bible, Luther writes: *“The Bible is alive, it speaks to me; it has feet, it runs after me; it has hands, it lays hold of me.”* He adds, *“I would like all my books to be destroyed so that only the sacred writings in the Bible would be diligently read.”*

One of my favorite Luther quotes is **regarding Church Practices**: *“A simple layman armed with Scripture is to be believed above the pope or a cardinal without it.”* And regarding our sinful **Human Nature**, Luther makes this observation: *“Nothing is easier than sinning,”* He then compares our nature to a drunk peasant and says, *“Lift him into the saddle on one side, over he topples on the other side.”*

Luther, **the Hymn writer**, believed: *“The devil should not be allowed to keep all the best tunes for himself.”* But he confesses **regarding his Prayer life**, *“Oh, if only I could pray the way this dog watches the meat! All his thoughts are concentrated on the piece of meat. Otherwise he has no thought, wish, or hope.”* And on himself he says, *“If I rest, I rust.”*

Truly God used the pen and voice of Martin Luther to accomplish great things for His church. But, here’s the key: God still continues to do marvelous things among His people today—and He’s using you! You are now his tool. Let us, like Luther, fix our eyes solely on Jesus and run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us understand, by grace we are saved, through faith; and let us always turn to God’s Word as the only source of comfort, truth, and joy.

We look forward to seeing you in God’s House.

✦ Pastor Gustafson

What's Happening

Ministry Fair 2012

Please join us in celebrating all our boards, committees, and organizations at the 2012 Ministry Fair. This fun event is for everyone, so come and enjoy food, door prizes, laughter and fun.

The Ministry Fair will be held on Saturday, February 18, from 4pm-8:30pm and Sunday, February 19, from 8am-12pm.

We will be offering a traveling supper of Walking Tacos and Ham Sandwiches, with desserts.

On Sunday morning, join us for fellowship between services and enjoy coffee, desserts and donuts.

There will be so much to see and get involved in. Please join us for a weekend of celebration... of you, our congregation, and all that our church offers. Start 2012 off right by joining us at the Ministry Fair, and help us celebrate God's love.

See you at the Fair!

Lenten Meals

Come and join us for supper. We'll be serving delicious soups, cheese, veggies, bread & crackers, bars, milk and coffee. It's a way to unwind after a long day before going to the p.m. Lenten Service and we'll not only do the cooking... but we do the clean up too! A Free-Will Offering will go to support the Youth trip for the 2013 gathering.

Here is the menu for the different meals:

February 22nd – Chili served by T.Y.M. Jr. & Sr.
February 29th – Chicken Noodle served by the K.f.C.
March 7th - Spaghetti by T.Y.M. Jr. & Sr.
March 21st – Tomato Soup, Wild Rice Soup, & Grilled Cheese Sandwiches served by the T.Y.M. Jr. & Sr.
March 28th – Hodge Podge of Soups served by T.Y.M. Jr. & Sr.

Hope to see you there to enjoy the good food and the fellowship

If anyone is willing to make some soup or any other donation please contact Pat Stark at 551-8768.

Can You Help?

We're looking for people who enjoy canning and freezing produce, and also for 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 up the produce 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!

Ministry Update

The Quilters had another successful year. We made a total of 270 quilts which were sent to the Orphan Grain Train and donated to families in need in the Merrill area. We also accepted comforters and like items which were also sent totaling 291 pieces.



This year we had our first annual "Quilt Show" where we displayed some of our quilts on the church pews. We hope you enjoyed seeing the result of your donations and our labors. Our goal is to repeat this endeavor this year.

The quilts range from crib to king size and are in a rainbow of colors. Ten to fifteen people meet every Monday from 1 – 3:00 p.m. and more are welcome. Donations of clean blankets, mattress pads, yarn, fabric and sheets are always appreciated. These can be left in the quilter's room located off the Stone Room.

The quilts are donated to the Orphan Grain Train. Orphan Grain Train is a Christian volunteer network that shares personal and material resources with needy people in America and around the world. Our quilts are taken to volunteers at St. Marks Lutheran Church, Wausau. From there they are sent to the Regional Headquarters in Westfield, WI for packing and loading on semi's. The Fall OGT report indicates the WI Branch made 27 domestic and international relief shipments of donated materials during the first nine months of 2011. Tornado relief was the emphasis of many domestic shipments.

The Quilters would like to thank everyone who donates time and material to this project. If you have questions, call Faye at 536-7308 or Mardell at 536-6192. Please continue to pray for these efforts.

Youth Groups

Youth Events

Feb 3 --- Club's Choice Fundraiser
Feb 3 --- T.Y.M. Jr.
Feb 5 --- T.Y.M. Sr.
Feb 12 --- T.Y.M. Sr.
Feb 17 --- T.Y.M. Jr.
Feb 19 --- T.Y.M. Sr.
Feb 22 --- Lenten Soup Supper - Chili
Feb 24-25 --- Circuit Winter Retreat
Feb 26 --- No T.Y.M. Sr.
Feb 29 --- Lenten Soup Supper - Chicken Noodle
Mar 2 --- T.Y.M. Jr.
Mar 4 --- T.Y.M. Sr.
Mar 23-24 --- Circuit Lock-in @ YMCA

T.Y.M. Sr.

Youth in Grades 9 - 12 are invited to join us in the Youth Room from 7 - 9 p.m. 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 - 8:30 p.m. T.Y.M. Jr. meets the 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month.

Lenten Meals

Trinity Youth Groups are again offering the Lenten Soup Meals before the Wed night services. This is a great opportunity for the youth to earn money for upcoming youth activities.



Club's Choice

The Youth are selling Club's Choice items this year. If you would like to purchase any, please ask any of the Jr and Sr high youth kids.

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 Friday evening, and ending Saturday evening.



Don't miss out...Get your permission slips and money in to Pat Stark by Feb 13. Cost for this retreat is \$54.00. If you have any questions please contact Pat Stark at 551-8768.

Circuit Lock-In

All TYM Jr. & Sr. Youth are invited to join us for a LOCK-IN at the Woodson YMCA in Weston starting Friday, March 18 at 9 p.m. and ending Saturday, March 19 at 7 a.m. The cost will be \$12 and includes use of the pool and water slides plus pool tables, foosball, ping-pong, air hockey, and basketball and volleyball courts plus drinks, snacks, and pizza. Get your permission slips and money in to Pat Stark by Mar 6. If you have any questions please contact Pat Stark at 551-8768.

Youth Gathering Coming Soon!

Trinity Youth Ministry is starting to gear up for Live Love(d), the 2013 National Youth Gathering, to be held in San Antonio, TX in July of 2013. This is a great convention for youth in grades 9-12 which helps to grow the faith of the youth while at the same time meeting new friends from around the world.

To help off-set the cost of the trip, the youth will be selling Club's Choice frozen food items from February 3 - February 17, 2012 with a delivery date of March 6, 2012.

If interested, and no one "hits you up" catch one of them or a youth leader to place your order. These are great tasting items that could give you a meal and support the youth ministry here at Trinity at the same time. Thanks in advance for your order!

Trinity School, Preschool & Daycare

Chapel devotion schedule for the month of February

Friday, February 3	Pastor Stolarczyk
Friday, February 10	Mrs. Page & Gr. 2
Friday, February 17	Mr. Dan Schneider
Friday, February 24	Mrs. Schult & Gr. 4

Our chapel offering this month is a monetary offering which will go to North Wisconsin District's Heart for Jesus program, Caring Across the Continents – Pachachaca, Peru.

All of you are invited to join us for chapel devotions at 8:20 a.m. on Fridays to worship our Lord and King and to learn more about how God wants us to treat others with goodness.

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

Every Top Adds Up!

Thank you!!! We would like to thank everyone for saving and collecting Box Tops for Education. Because of your help, Trinity Lutheran School was able to collect \$1452.40 in 2011!

This money will be used to purchase materials for the classrooms that will help to educate the children in a God pleasing manner. THANK YOU again!

Community Fun Night

Everyone is invited to Trinity School for "Community Fun Night" on Thursday, February 9 from 6:00 -7:00 p.m.

Great games, crafts and activities in each classroom and area of the school with tons of free snacks and drinks.

Free gift bags for ALL children attending! Come learn more about our school and our Savior, and enjoy an evening out as a family.

Trinity School Carnival

Date: Friday March 2nd

Location: Trinity's school gym and cafeteria

Time: Starts at 5:00pm, 6:30pm dinner and games. You will be able to purchase a hamburger plate or a hotdog plate for just \$2.00. It includes chips and pickles. Raffles will start at 6:30pm. Auction for items to bid on starts at 7:00pm. Watch for details as to what might be some of the items up for the raffles and auction. Mark your calendar for Friday March 2nd for a fun night out with your family and some awesome fellowship.

Investment Club News

The TLS First Grade Investment Club account activity truly reflected the market in November and December 2011. Kimberly Clark really has carried the account. In November the stock increased, then increased again in December. We end the year with Kimberly Clark stock at a 10.27% higher price than when we began. Fuel Cell Energy has not been as successful. The stock was down 13% in November and down again 6.45% in December for a total -26.26%. At its small price point these decreases are cents on the dollar, but still losses.



The stock price changes, combined with the funds still held at Lincoln Community Bank and Scottrade, result in a .03% change from the beginning value of the account.

The account is valued at \$966.322 at the end of 2011. This is a decrease from the original \$1000 fund. The resultant valuation when compared to the beginning is positive, but in comparison to the beginning investment, is still 'in the red!' (The difference is due to the cost of initial investment and fund transference fee).

The first grade students are learning more about their investments. In November we had a finance class in which we made, discussed and created diagrams regarding denominations of coins and dollar bills. Their knowledge and investment will grow throughout the years!

A Big Thank You...

...to Rick Stine, of Taylor Stine Funeral home for his generous donation of a new washer and dryer for Trinity Preschool! Your wonderful gift is much appreciated!

Help Wanted!

Do you have the mid-winter blues? Bored and looking for something to do? Look no further than Trinity School! We can always use volunteers to help out in classrooms, help with cleaning and repair tasks, teach special lessons, or help in any way you would like. Just call 715-536-7501 or stop by the school office to see how we can use your unique, God-given skills and talents.

PTO Soup & Sandwich:

A soup and sandwich fund raiser will be February 5th in the church cafeteria. There will be 6 kinds of soup and a variety of sandwiches and desserts. A free will offering will be collected.

Bible Studies / Lenten Schedule

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.

Lenten Midweek Services

Wed. Feb 22 - Ash Wednesday
10:30am & 6:30pm

Wed. Feb 29, Mar. 7, 14, 21, 28
10:30am & 6:30pm

Apr 5 - Maundy Thursday
10:30am & 6:30pm

Apr 6 - Good Friday
1:00pm & 6:30pm

Apr 8 - Easter Sunday
6:00am, 7:30am, 9:00am, & 10:30am

1st and 2nd Year Confirmands

A reminder that during Lent we will worship together as a class at the 6:30pm service and then proceed immediately to class until 8:00pm. -Pastor Stolarczyk

Scrip / Statistics / Misc.

Scrip Program 2011 Summary

The scrip program at Trinity continues to change to meet your needs. A number of businesses were added to our in-stock inventory including: Bloom's on Main, Buffalo Wild Wings, Christian Book Store, Pick'n Save and Target, In an effort to familiarize the day school students with the scrip program a couple contests were held at the school, with the students being rewarded for their efforts. We saw a steady increase in sales and increased sales meant increased profit returned to our church. Just take a look at the chart below to see how our sales and profit grew throughout 2011.

January	Feb.	March	Apr	May	June
Sales					
\$42,902.00	\$40,776.00	\$57,762.00	\$43,156.00	\$59,985.00	\$39,828.00
Profit					
\$ 2,492.33	\$ 1,901.94	\$ 2,517.61	\$ 2,660.65	\$ 2,962.03	\$ 2,357.04
\$ Returned					
\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Sales					
\$ 43,489.00	\$37,298.00	\$44,215.00	\$56,791.00	\$55,101.00	\$68,045.00
Profit					
\$ 2,576.51	\$ 2,385.94	\$ 2,009.58	\$ 3,388.58	\$ 2,697.27	\$ 3,309.62
\$ Returned					
\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00

The total scrip sales for 2011 were \$589,348.00. The total profits from all sales were \$31,259.10. Profit returned was \$30,000.00.

The total sales represent gross sales made from out of the scrip box. It does not reflect gross sales made at businesses that send us a percentage check. The total profit is all profit we received in 2011.

Thank you to everyone that supports the scrip program through weekly purchases. Comments and suggestions on ways to improve the program and increase sales are always appreciated.
— *Bonnie Callahan, Scrip Coordinator*

Greeting Cards

Make this year the year when you make peoples lives more special with a card from the Dorcas Card Nook. There are cards with religious messages for all occasions. Valentines Day and Easter cards are also available. You may purchase a single card or a box of cards. The Dorcas Society appreciates your support. All profits go to support many worthy causes at Trinity and beyond.

God's Blessings...

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

Duane Mahn.....	February 5
Airabell Beyer.....	February 6
Martin Natzke	February 7
Delmar Friedrichs	February 14
Velma Kleinschmidt.....	February 14
Eleanor Natzke.....	February 15
Kenneth Meier	February 21
Robert Annis	February 24
Stanley Smith.....	February 25
Bernette Stefanhagen	February 26

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

Herman and Loretta Krueger	57 years on February 12
Joe and Marlene Thomaschefskey	50 years on February 17
Stanley and Doris Smith	52 years on February 27

Pastoral Acts...

Baptized

January 15: Genevieve Grace Burtman, daughter of Nate and Heather (Bartelt) Burtman.

Married

Received into Membership

Funerals

January 11: Roger Emanuel, (d. 1-7-12)

Greeters

If you would like to greet at any evening Lenten service, please feel free to do so. We can always use more greeters. If you'd like to help, please call Darlene at 715-536-1220. You need to be at church 30 minutes before services begin and greet people as they enter. Thank you.

Please Pick up Your 2012 Offering Envelopes...

...if you haven't already done so. They may be found in the church basement on the tables at the back of the main meeting room. Please look for your name on one of the lists, find your new envelope number, and then locate your envelope box. They are placed in alphabetical order. Please call the church office at 536-5482 with any questions.

Trinity Lutheran Church
Income & Expense
December 2011

	01-Church		02-School		03-Preschool		04-Day Care		TOTAL	
	Dec 11	Jul - Dec 11	Dec 11	Jul - Dec 11	Dec 11	Jul - Dec 11	Dec 11	Jul - Dec 11	Dec 11	Jul - Dec 11
Income										
Offering Home	60,856.07	327,987.83	2,110.50	17,267.56	224.50	1,818.57	0.00	0.00	63,191.07	347,073.96
School Reimburs.	0.00	0.00	9,575.38	57,538.88	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	9,575.38	57,538.88
Preschool reimburs.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,290.00	25,723.00	0.00	0.00	1,290.00	25,723.00
Day Care	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,085.20	34,144.52	5,085.20	34,144.52
Dedicated Acct Funds	3,011.00	15,584.67	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,011.00	15,584.67
Misc. Income	2,166.01	19,578.43	1,500.00	11,534.00	0.00	74.00	0.00	0.00	3,666.01	31,186.43
Income	66,033.08	363,150.93	13,185.88	86,340.44	1,514.50	27,615.57	5,085.20	34,144.52	85,818.66	511,251.46
Expense										
Total Income	66,033.08	363,150.93	13,185.88	86,340.44	1,514.50	27,615.57	5,085.20	34,144.52	85,818.66	511,251.46
Board of Elders	17,643.55	115,491.14	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	17,643.55	115,491.14
Board of Education	1,079.56	16,010.84	38,144.79	209,243.58	6,257.92	36,441.66	5,171.49	36,038.58	50,653.76	297,734.66
Council Expense	504.65	1,172.59	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	504.65	1,172.59
Board of Trustees	9,758.36	41,305.77	7,283.00	29,343.57	316.55	1,858.14	0.00	63.10	17,357.91	72,570.58
Total Expense	28,986.12	173,980.34	45,427.79	238,587.15	6,574.47	38,299.80	5,171.49	36,101.68	86,159.87	486,968.97
Net Income/Net Subsidy	\$ 37,046.96	\$ 189,170.59	\$ (32,241.91)	\$ (152,246.71)	\$ (5,059.97)	\$ (10,684.23)	\$ (86.29)	\$ (1,957.16)	\$ (341.21)	\$ 24,282.49

External Loans: LCEF \$ 242,699.06; LCB \$ 118,780.61

Internal Borrowing: \$ 87,349.16

Checkbook Balance on 12/31/2011: \$ 8,876.36

Gifts & Memorials / Misc.

HOME / GENERAL FUND

Gifts were Given...

...by Mark and Rachel Brault, for ministry.

Memorials were Given...

...for Matt Zocher, by Kent and Sue Johnson, Cathy LeMay Brown, Martin and LuEllen Natzke, Don Fabrisszewski, Darlene Zocher, Betty Kottke, Jacklyn Hamann, Vincent and Ruth Koehler, Steve Zocher, David and LaDonna Fermanich, Virginia Kottke, Dan and Grace Frick, Jeff and Cindy Artus, Rodger and Donna Thompson, P & C Krause, Tim and Mary Moyer, Troy and Sandra Pagel, Donald and Joy Arneson, Lorene Hass, Irma Stine, Violet Volz, Mary Ann Kluckman, Bill and Jane Hanson, Nancy Porath, Esther Natzke, Dennis and Ione Koehler, Tom and Jaime Koehler, Rich and Shirley Kuehn, Jane Lippert, Harold and Lenora Hamann, Dennis and Dawn Gourlie, Derek and Lynn Archer, LHS/CLS SYC's: Cornelius, Genske, Hoy and Schroeder, and other family and friends.

...for Jeannine Thimm, by Ron, Michelle, Scott and family.

...for parents, Alceyone and Edwin Popp, but Alceyone Pepke Thuot.

...for Donald Bauman, by Irma Stine and Mary Ann Zastrow.

...for John Lahti, by Carlon and Darlene Pepke.

DEBT FUND

Gifts were Given...

...by an anonymous donor, (school tuition fund).

Memorials were Given...

...for Matthew Zocher, Margery Boes, and Allen Osness, from Jim and Mary Downing.

...for grandson, Matt Zocher, by Delmar Zocher.

...for Matt Zocher, by Glenn and Sandy Frank, Willie and Karen Schult, and Bruce and Judy Schield.

...for John Lahti, by Carol Fiebke.

...for Albert Iwen, by Rosella Moyer.

...for Dennis Bublitz, brother of Darlene Pepke, by Arlen and Joanne Pepke.

...for John English, by Glenn and Sandy Frank.

TRINITY SCHOOL & PRESCHOOL

Memorials were Given...

...for grandson, Matt Zocher, by Delmar Zocher.

...for Matt Zocher, by Jim and Mary Plautz.

OPEN HEARTS

Gifts were Given...

...by two anonymous donors.

Memorials were Given...

...for Matt Zocher, by Jim and Sandra Mahn.

...for Ann Zimmerman, by Jim and Judy Karau.

DECORATING COMMITTEE

Gifts were Given...

...by Mark and Nina Skic.

RADIO MINISTRY

Gifts were Given...

...by Paul and Doris Arseneau, in celebration of their 55th wedding anniversary on January 7th.

Memorials were Given...

...for Matt Zocher, by Joe and Lisa Breaman

...for Roger Emanuel, by Glenn and Sandy Frank.

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.

About "Open Hearts"

The Open Hearts Care Committee is a "social concerns" ministry at Trinity Lutheran Church, formed with the intention of sharing God's love through charitable giving and service within our own community.

Since its formation in October of 2003, Open Hearts has received thousands of dollars in donations from Trinity members, boards and organizations, which, in turn, has enabled us to help many families in need and to set up our own food bank.

We have helped young families dealing with loss of employment, elderly folks on fixed incomes who have had financial emergencies, families struggling with paying bills due to medical expenses, families who have lost homes in fires, and many, many others.

Dollars you donate to Open Hearts are used to purchase groceries and household necessities, which are distributed as we determine specific needs within our community. *Every penny that comes in for the Open Hearts program is distributed to people in need, and is very, very much appreciated.*

Please continue to pray for those in need in our community and, if God so moves your heart, be generous!

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:

Peanut Butter, Jelly/Jam,

Crackers

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. We are grateful for your help!

Worship Schedule

DATE	TIME	ELDERS	ACOLYTES	SCRIP SELLERS	GREETERS	FELLOWSHIP HOSTS
Feb 4	7:00pm	Tim Dupke	Rheanna Hinz - David Gustafson	Glenn & Sandy Frank	Irma Stine	Ninette Candler
Feb 5	8:00am	Rob Hartson	Chad Hoernke Jr. - Derek Hoffman	Sharon Welch & Carol Leavitt	Jerome & Janice Oelke family	
Feb 5	10:30am	Jack Kleinschmidt	Leonna Ives - Ben Johnson	Jim & Harriett Boettcher	Robert & Tiffany Lee family	
Feb 5	6:00pm	Jim Wiseman	RT Hartson - Kyle Juhlke	Lyle & Mary Banser		
Feb 11	7:00pm (IC)	Joel Schneider	Courtney Hinz - Porsche Kleinschmidt	Larry & Laura Marnholtz	Jeanne Wangen	Dennis & Sharon Roberts
Feb 12	8:00am (IC)	Mark Knorr	Olivia Hostvedt - Alyssa LaFave	Donna Thompson & Dawn Ives	Sue Smith	
Feb 12	10:30am (IC)	Don Heyel	Brianna Grosskurth - Cody Norman	Dennis & Jocelyn Weber	Marie Merkel	
Feb 12	6:00pm (IC)	Joe Malsack	Shailee Myers - Julia Oelke	Jeff & Cindy Artus	Russ & Patti Skidmore family	
Feb 18	7:00pm	Ed Pernsteiner	Logan Rainville - Emily Page	Jim & Jean Rajek	Rob & Christy Dresen & Bryce	
Feb 19	8:00am	John Geiss	Derek Sawczuk - Rhylee Pernsteiner	Lyle & Fern Whiting	Don Winkelman & Kathy Yahr	(Ministry Fair)
Feb 19	10:30am	John Rainville	Stephanie Schroder - Natasha Pfingsten	Carlton & Darlene Pepke	Dan & Grace Frick	
Feb 20	6:00pm	Mark Skic	Sydney Roberts - Katie Skidmore	Lucille Penlke & Robin Tomajcik	Rick & Ninette Candler	
<i>Ash Wednesday</i>						
Feb 22	10:30am (IC)	TBD			Darlene Pepke	
Feb 22	6:30pm (IC)	Gerry Engel				
Feb 25	7:00pm (IC)	Jeff Holt	Ricky Smith - Trevor Stadler	Carol Holz & Laurie Swope	Jane Hanson	Jim & Jean Rajek
Feb 26	8:00am (IC/CC)	Dennis Krenzke	Emily Travis - Austyn Stoerzer	Russ & Joan Whiting	Marie Skic	
Feb 26	10:30am (IC/CC)	Ken Kreager	Ashley Voigt - Montana Vandergeest	Sherril Zortman & Jamie Seliger	Jay & Karla Klade	
Feb 26	6:00pm (IC)	Jim Wiseman	Cody Vonderheid - Brody Zocher	Phyllis Bauman & Marie Merkel	Brad & Tammy Woller	
<i>Lenten Worship</i>						
Feb 29	10:30am	TBD	Austyn Zettler - Alex Zettler		Darlene Pepke	
Feb 29	6:30pm	Jack Kleinschmidt				
Mar 3	7:00pm	Tim Dupke	Molly Wayda - Devon Annis	Barb & Jarred Smith	Arleigh Linder	
Mar 4	8:00am	Rob Hartson	Kayla Ament - Malayna Beyer	John & Barb Wais	Russ and Joan Whiting	Randy & Sharon Welch
Mar 4	10:30am	Don Heyel	Bryce Broeking - McKenzie Broeking	Mary Ann Zastrow & Penny Callahan	Dawn Ives	
Mar 4	6:00pm	Mark Knorr	Haley Brown - Emily Day	Russ Utech	Dan and Gail Schneider	
<i>Lenten Worship</i>						
Mar 7	10:30am	TBD	Rhylee Folz - Greta Fermanich		Darlene Pepke	
Mar 7	6:30pm	Joel Schneider			Open	
Mar 10	7:00pm (IC)	Joe Malsack	Rheanna Hinz - David Gustafson	Marie Merkel & Carol Fiebke	Mark and Laurie Folz Family	Dennis & Sharon Karow
Mar 11	8:00am (IC)	Ed Pernsteiner	Chad Hoernke Jr. - Derek Hoffman	Jim & Jean Wiseman	Dennis and Faye Krenzke	
Mar 11	10:30am (IC)	John Geiss	Leonna Ives - Ben Johnson	Ben & Trina Knospe	Joan and Bob Beyer	
Mar 11	6:00pm (IC)	Mark Skic	RT Hartson - Kyle Juhlke	Mike & Angie Zocher	Irvin and Denise Rice	
<i>Lenten Worship</i>						
Mar 14	10:30am	TBD	Courtney Hinz - Porsche Kleinschmidt		Darlene Pepke	
Mar 14	6:30pm	John Rainville			Open	
Mar 17	7:00pm	Gerry Engel	Olivia Hostvedt - Alyssa LaFave	Jerry & Deb Grawien	Dorothy Hagedorn	Dennis & Kathy Palazzo
Mar 18	8:00am	Jeff Holt	Brianna Grosskurth - Cody Norman	Dick & Gay Baumgart	Randy and Tammy Ament Family	
Mar 18	10:30am	Dennis Krenzke	Shailee Myers - Julia Oelke	Greg & Dawn Leavitt	John Geiss	
Mar 18	6:00pm	Ken Kreager	Logan Rainville - Emily Page	Bob & Kris Reichelt	Glenn and Sandy Frank	
<i>Lenten Worship</i>						
Mar 21	10:30am	TBD	Derek Sawczuk - Rhylee Pernsteiner		Darlene Pepke	
Mar 21	6:30pm	Jim Wiseman			Open	

FEBRUARY 2012													
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Sunday School

January Recap

Following our Christmas break, we jumped into the new year by learning more about God's faithfulness through the story of Simeon and Anna. Each family received a "Faithful to God" checklist where we rated our faithfulness to God in several different areas and then wrote goals to help us work on our faithfulness to God. Next we saw a lame man's friends carry him to where Jesus was preaching and teaching. The lame man's friends made a hole in the roof of the house to get their friend to Jesus! Jesus healed the man AND forgave his sins! Next, we learned about respecting God's house of worship through the story of Jesus Clearing the Temple. We wrapped up January by learning about Nicodemus visiting Jesus. We sang lots of fun songs, learned Bible points and memory verses, did fun Bible exploration activities, and had fun with our friends!



and The Beatitudes from Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. We'll learn these stories through Bible dramas, skits, a puppet drama, Bible points, memory verses, songs, and more. Don't miss these lessons!

Sunday School Calendar

February 5 In session
..... Sing in church - 10:30am
February 12 In session
February 19 In session
February 22 Ash Wednesday - Lent Begins
February 26 In session

Sunday School Lessons

Our February Bible stories are: Jesus and the Woman at the Well, Jesus Blesses the Children, Jesus and the Rich Man,

Come and Visit us!

Are you curious about what we're doing at Sunday School? We invite you to come and visit us any time! Our Birth-3's Class meets in the gym and cafeteria. Come and see what our littlest learners are doing! Our Pre-K through 5th graders meet as a large group in the school auditorium for our Bible Story opening. This is where our Sunday School Team presents the Bible Story through Bible dramas, funny skits, puppet presentations, or media presentations. We also learn the week's Bible Point, memory verse, and song. Then students go to their classrooms for activities on the day's lesson. Finally, we all wrap up together in the cafeteria for a short lesson-related snack and fellowship time. Come and visit us! We'd love to see you!

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