



Trinity Lutheran Church

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TRINITY EVENTS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 17

10:00 am Zumba
 5:00 pm Worship with Communion

SUNDAY, JANUARY 18

8:15 am Worship with Communion
 9:30 am Sunday School
 9:30 am Joyful Voices
 10:45 am Worship with Communion
 11:45 am Coffee Hour
 12:30 pm 50th Anniversary Music Meeting
 1:00 pm Deeper Waters Bowling

TUESDAY, JANUARY 20

9:00 am Faith Room Prep Work
 6:00 pm 50th Anniversary Meeting
 6:00 pm Zumba

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21

6:00 pm Deeper Waters
 7:00 pm Yoga

THURSDAY, JANUARY 22

6:00 pm Zumba
 7:00 pm Bells

SATURDAY, JANUARY 24

8:00 am Faith Room Painting
 10:00 am Zumba
 5:00 pm Worship with Communion

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25

8:15 am Worship with Communion
 9:30 am Sunday School
 10:45 am Worship with Communion
 11:45 am Coffee Hour
 1:00 pm Zumbathon

PRAYER LIST

TLC DISCIPLES

Madison Weidel, Kristofor Glad (military service), Ray Petersen (military service), Tom Huntley, Carolyn Kresen

TLC FRIENDS

Joe Adkins, Paul and Hallie Lauchle (marital problems), Tom Slane (pneumonia and organ failure), Jake Petersen (military service), Jim Rhodes (back surgery), Lynea Morgan, Jim Elliott (missionary with Dengue Fever), Jseoung Lee (missionary with Dengue Fever), Kurt Huntley and family, Michael Hamilton and family, Family of Pamela Horner

Trinity Lutheran Church's
 50th Year Celebration

It's time to start preparing for Trinity's upcoming 50th year celebration! One of the events being planned by the organizing committee is the creation of a slide show that highlights the people and events marking the life and mission of our congregation. The committee is asking members of Trinity to locate their photos – digital images, photo prints or slides, newspaper clippings – so they may be shared during our celebration event.

Before providing your pictures to the committee, please include as much information as possible, e.g. names of people in the photos, dates the pictures were taken and the church event depicted. Examples might include (but are not limited to) photos of weddings, baptisms, confirmation and Sunday School classes, Vacation Bible School, musical presentations, holiday events, picnics and potlucks, the yard sale, Mountain Top, clean-up day, and old/new construction of the church building.

Digital photos may be sent directly as email attachments or as Drop-Box files to Dick Frisque (rjf6@psu.edu). Newspaper clippings, photo prints/slides, and thumb/USB drives containing digital photos may be placed in an envelope labeled with your name, phone number and/or email address. The envelope can then be placed in Dick's church mailbox or you can call him for a pickup at your home (814-234-0709). Once Dick scans and digitizes the photos, all materials will be returned promptly to their owner.

Thank you for taking the time to dig through those old and new photo albums and boxes and for participating in this exciting event with our Trinity family.

Sincerely,

Dick Frisque, on behalf of the Organizing Committee for Trinity's 50th Year Celebration

On Sunday, January 11,
 we welcomed the
 following children into our
 TLC family by way
 of Baptism.



Sawyer Grace Coulter
 Daughter of Rich and Nancy Coulter

Lila Mae Terrill
 Daughter of John and Kristen Terrill

From Pastor Ron

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

In a recent sermon I began by observing that we all want to fit in, we long to be accepted, we need to be affirmed. While this may be true for all of us at times, fitting and belonging in are not the same. When we seek to fit in we often present ourselves the way we think others want us to be, whereas belonging or being accepted means we are welcomed just as we are!

One might think that in this day and age, with so many ways to stay connected with others that most people would feel like they belong and are frequently affirmed, but studies indicate that not to be the case. In fact, the more people connect with others in digital ways the lonelier they feel! Perhaps it's the aspect of "virtual reality" that comes with digital technology. Social media on line conveys a level of community but also allows for people to post and critique others in ways that are hurtful. We may get a lot of "likes" on our social media page, but that only feeds the desire for more and more affirmation—real life affirmations not virtual ones.

Sherry Turkle, a psychologist, has been studying the impact of digital technology on people for the past 15 years. I recently came across a TED talk where she shares some of her discoveries and some suggestions on what we as a society might consider doing. It's a bit long but well worth watching!

http://www.ted.com/talks/sherry_turkle_alone_together?language=en

After hearing her talk, I found myself thinking that we as the church are in a perfect position to contribute to the conversation, but more so, we are in a perfect position to offer true community, which, I think, most people desire.

Clearly, technology is not going away so how might we utilize social media to help build true community? How might we help our younger disciples to seek and participate in true community along with that or digital or social media? How might we invite others to become part of our faith community?

I'm beginning to understand some of the questions, but I think Ms. Turkle has correctly identified that we need to have conversations about all of this. If nothing else, the conversation itself might lead to greater community for those who participate!

So, what do you think about any of this? Feel free to email me (my preferred mode of social media!) and share your thoughts! You might also want to post your comments on my facebook page or Trinity's for that matter! Thanks for your thoughts and more so, thanks for your partnership in our TLC community!

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Ron

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LENT BEGINS



Seems like we just got through Christmas and now Lent begins? Both are true, of course! Lent begins somewhat early in 2015 because Easter comes early this year! Easter is set using these criteria: the first Sunday after the first full moon after the Spring Equinox. I have no idea who came up with that one!

Anyway, Lent is a time where disciples focus on renewal or ways to strengthen one's faith and faith practice in preparation to celebrate the wonderful news of Jesus' resurrection! To that end, once again there will be devotional booklets available on the table across from Fellowship Hall. Feel free to use and share them with others for the 40 days of Lent.

Like many other congregations, we will have special gatherings. Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on February 18. Worship will be offered at 12:00 pm with a 30-minute service and a fuller service at 7:00 pm. Ashes will be administered at both services.

Throughout Lent, we will gather on Wednesday nights at 7:00 pm to share in Holden Evening Prayer. Given how busy most all of us are, the hope is that Wednesday nights during Lent will be a time for us to gather in community to quiet our hearts and minds as we focus upon God's love and grace.

This year, plans are being formed to hold a Passover Seder meal. This is the meal Jesus was celebrating with His disciples when He instituted the Lord's Supper. At present, the meal is set for Wednesday of Holy Week, April 1 (no fooling!) with our traditional Maundy Thursday worship on April 2.

Watch for additional details on these and other plans for Lent as we make our way to the Cross of Christ and then to the Empty Tomb at Easter!

25,000 CAN CHALLENGE

The Allegheny Synod 25,000 can challenge is heading into the home stretch. February 1, 2015, Super Bowl Sunday, is the last date to donate items. As of January 12, 20,803 items have been donated to local food banks in the Allegheny Synod. Trinity members and friends have contributed 750 items through December 22, 2014.

CURRENT NEEDS ARE:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Spaghetti/Pasta Sauce •Cereal or Oatmeal •Tomato Product (diced, stewed, paste, sauce, etc.) •Canned fruits (peaches, pears, fruit cocktail, applesauce) •Canned vegetables (green beans, corn, mixed vegetables, etc.) •Canned meats (tuna, chicken, Spam) •Sugar (2 lb & 4 lb containers) •Mayonnaise | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Condiments (ketchup, mustard, barbeque sauce, etc.) •Juice (100%) •Salad Dressing (Ranch, Italian, etc.) •Shampoo •Conditioner •Toothpaste and Toothbrushes •Deodorant •Laundry Detergent |
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Thanks for your continued support of the local food banks.

**BRING YOUR FRIENDS FOR AN AFTERNOON OF BOWLING, SUNDAY THE 18TH,
FROM 1:00 - 3:30 PM. ALL YOUTH, GRADES 6-12 ARE INVITED,
AS ARE FRIENDS AND FAMILY. DETAILS BELOW!**



WHAT: Bowling - At least one lane for "serious" bowlers and at least one for a creative game where bad bowling is better (and gutterballs are good!).

WHO: All youth, grades 6-12, friends, siblings and parents

WHERE: Northland Bowl, State College

WHEN: Sunday, January 18. Meet at the bowling alley at 1:00 pm; pick up at the bowling alley between 3:00 and 3:30 pm.

COST: \$10 includes shoe rental and 2 games. Bring extra if you want to purchase snacks.

Need directions or more info about the bowling alley? Check out Northland Bowl's site at www.northlandbowl.com.

See you Sunday afternoon!

Viki

OFFERING ENVELOPES

Please do not use any 'leftover' 2014 offering envelopes for your offering. Since many people have a different number in 2015 than in 2014, using last year's envelopes could result in an incorrect contribution record for 2015. Thank you.

GIVING STATEMENTS

The 2014 Giving Statements were sent out via email on Monday, January 12. If you do not have an email address, or the church office does not have your email, a paper copy was placed in your TLC mailbox.

"Lap Quilters"
will meet
Saturday, February 14
9:00 am to Noon

If you have not helped in the past, please feel free to join us. Can't sew you say, not to worry. There are several steps to assembling the quilts besides sewing. Come join in on the fun we have assembling quilts to provide TLC comfort to those in need of our thoughts and prayers.

Happy Birthday to all who
celebrate their special day
in February.



Kelsy Lelko	5	Ann VanBlargan	19
Joan Kimerer	8	Fritz Stechele	20
Megan Gonet	10	Donna Weller	20
Leana Topper	10	Tracy Krawczyk	22
Angela Card	12	Seth Muchmore	22
Joli Strawser	13	Gretchen Weyandt	22
Kaida Bowers	14	Samuel Muchmore	23
Brian Sikorski	14	Benjamin Musheno	24
Bruce Lorich	17	Jeffrey Moyer	26
Gerry Krupa	18	Jay Aubuchon	27
Joyce McClellan	18	Heather Bowers	28

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

A Christen Education Meeting will be held on Thursday, April 16, at the church. Sunday School teachers are needed, so if you are interested in becoming a teacher, please attend this meeting. Any questions can be directed to Valerie Frey.



ALTAR FLOWERS

If you would like to sponsor altar flowers for our weekend worship services, please check out the Flower Chart on the bulletin board beside Fellowship Hall. This is a great way to honor or remember a loved one or special occasion. The cost of the flowers is \$42.00. Many dates are still available. If you have any questions, please contact Jerry Wion.

TLC FINANCIAL INFORMATION

July 1, 2014 - December 31, 2014

Income	\$139,804.94
Expenses	\$155,190.58
Difference	\$ -15,385.64

(The expenses include payment of \$26,778.00 for roof repair and new shingles. This was withdrawn from the Building Fund.)

These amounts represent operating income and expenses and do not include any interest, dividends or investment value changes.

SUMMER TRIP TO KENYA

You are invited! This summer, a group from the Allegheny Synod will be traveling to visit our companion synod - the Kenya Evangelical Lutheran Church. The trip is scheduled for August 10-31 with plans to visit with Bishop Kahuthu and his staff, to visit congregations around Kenya (including where our current missionaries are serving in Nairobi), and to help with the Vacation Bible school program at the Pangani Lutheran Children's Centre (a ministry which attends to girls from Nairobi's slum). The deadline to sign up for the trip is **January 30, 2015**, in order that we may solidify travel plans. If you would like to journey with us, please contact Pastor Tim Knauss at 814-942-1042 or tim.knauss@alleghenysynod.com. God's peace journey with you all in 2015!

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