

Welcome to the Trinity Lutheran Church & School Newsletter

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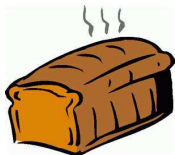
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Come Worship with Us:
Saturdays at 5:00 pm
Sundays at 9:00 am
Education Hour-
Sundays at 10:30 am

Homemade Soup & Fresh Bread Sale to Begin



Homemade soup & hot fresh bread will be for sale in the Narthex before & after services every weekend beginning Sunday, February 12th.

All proceeds to benefit the ongoing Pipe Organ Fund.

If you have any questions or would like to make a soup, please contact anyone on the Board of Worship.



Ash Wednesday Service

Wednesday, February 22nd

10:30am Worship

5:15pm Dinner (hosted by BOSM)

6:30pm Worship

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Lenten Service

Wednesday, February 29th

10:30am Worship

5:15pm Dinner (hosted by Confirmation students & Youth)

6:30pm Worship



WORSHIP ELEMENTS

February 2012

Weekend, February 4 & 5, 2012

Epiphany 5

Order of Service: Divine Service 1
Opening Hymn: LSB 790, st. 1-2
Sermon Hymn: LSB 668
Sermon Text: 1 Corinthians 9:16-27
Sermon Theme: Abuse of Power
Distribution Hymns: LSB 398, 727, 543
Closing Hymn: LSB 790, st. 3-5
Readings: Isaiah 40:21-31
1 Corinthians 9:16-27
Mark 1:29-39

Weekend, February 11 & 12, 2012

Epiphany 6

Order of Service: Divine Service 2
Opening Hymn: LSB 694, st. 1-3
Sermon Hymn: LSB 394
Sermon Text: Mark 1:40-45
Sermon Theme: He Is Willing
Distribution Hymns: LSB 555, 618
Closing Hymn: LSB 694, st. 4-5
Readings: 2 Kings 5:1-14
1 Corinthians 10:31--11:1
Mark 1:40-45

Weekend, February 18 & 19, 2012

Transfiguration

Order of Service: Divine Service 3
Opening Hymn: LSB 704
Sermon Hymn: LSB 422
Sermon Text: Mark 9:2-9
Sermon Theme: Between Two Mountains
Distribution Hymns: LSB 700, 680, 619
Closing Hymn: LSB 814
Readings: Exodus 34:29-35
2 Cor. 3:12-13; 4:1-6
Mark 9:2-9

Wednesday, February 22, 2012

Ash Wednesday

Order of Service: Divine Service 1
Opening Hymn: LSB 915
Sermon Hymn: LSB 732
Sermon Text: Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21
Sermon Theme: The Spirit of Calvary's Climb
Distribution Hymns: LSB 550, 633
Closing Hymn: LSB 843
Readings: Joel 2:12-19
2 Corinthians 5:20b--6:10
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Weekend, February 25 & 26, 2012

Lent 1

Order of Service: Divine Service 4
Opening Hymn: LSB 707
Sermon Hymn: LSB 657
Sermon Text: Per Pr. Robinson
Sermon Theme: Per Pr. Robinson
Distribution Hymns: LSB 438, 809, 861
Closing Hymn: LSB 718
Readings: Genesis 22:1-18
James 1:12-18
Mark 1:9-15

Wednesday, February 29, 2012

Lent 1 Mid-Week

Order of Service: Matins/Vespers
Opening Hymn: LSB 420
Sermon Hymn: LSB 424
Sermon Text: Mark 1:12-15
Sermon Theme: The Mount of Temptation
Closing Hymn: LSB 423
Reading: Passion History, Part 1



The Newsletter of Amanda Groshek
Tidings from Taiwan



January 2012

新年快樂! Happy New Year!

Another year has come and gone and I've now been in Taiwan almost five months! Mostly, I feel myself very at home here in Taiwan, but every now and again it blows my mind how long I've been here and how fast time flies.

Christmas was a whirlwind of activities at CMS, C.E.L.A., and at church but it was all really nice. Far more happened than I can possibly squeeze into this newsletter, so I encourage those of you who are curious and want to hear more to check out my blog. There's a link later on in this newsletter. There was Christmas tree decorating contests (both at the middle school and C.E.L.A.), concerts, skits, gift exchanges, dinners, caroling, church... the list goes on. Our hope in all of these activities though was to bring the focus back to Jesus, the reason for the season.

Now, after about two months of preparing for one holiday or another there's a lull until the Chinese New Year (Jan. 22-23). As I was sitting in the office the other day I thought to myself, "So this is what it's like to have time to get done everything you want to accomplish." :)

Chinese New Year itself is the BIG holiday here in Taiwan. We get a little over two weeks vacation. It's a time for people to gather together as a family, eat food, talk, and celebrate. I have several sets of plans for my break. First, I have been invited to join a co-workers family for New Year's Eve (Jan. 22), so I will be celebrating the New Year there. On the 23rd my friend Meredith is flying over from the Yunnan province and we're going to be hiking and exploring together both in Taipei and Taroko Gorge. Finally, towards the end of my break I'm spending five days in Vietnam working on service project, visiting friends, and seeing Hanoi. Petrea will be coming with me to Vietnam.

I hope this newsletter finds you all doing well and enjoying the start of 2012. :)
Peace,
Amanda

WELCOME EMILY!

A new missionary arrived here in Taiwan December 31st, just in time to welcome in the New Year. This is certainly an answer to prayer since we are so short of hands at C.E.L.A. and we are very excited to have her! Her name is Emily and she is a biology major from Arizona. She will be teaching E3 and some K3 classes. Right now, she's only looking at being here this one semester. We are very thankful that she's here! So far she is adjusting well. Please keep her in your prayers as she continues to acclimate herself and then start teaching next semester.



Emily and I at KTV

"The safest place to be is within the will of God." Unknown

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Feel free to also check out my blog about the daily aspects of my missionary adventure:

<http://calledtogo11.blogspot.com>

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Make the check payable to LCMS World Mission and on the Memo Line write: Amanda Groshek

A Very Concordia Christmas...

Although Christmas isn't a traditional Taiwanese holiday, Concordia pulled out all the stops.

I was involved in two parts of Christmas at the middle school: the Christmas tree decorating contest and the teacher skit. Students work for weeks making decorations and then creating a masterpiece tree themed around one of several Bible stories. At the end of the week, judges come around (I was one of them) and critique the tree and listen to their presentations. This year, one of the requirements was that everything on the tree must be made out of recycled material. This year several of the missionaries came together to write the skit for the teachers to perform. Our inspiration was Angry Bird... and the skit was a little like Angry Bird meets the Three Little Pigs to illustrate the story of the Wise Man and the Foolish Man and the importance of building your life on Jesus.

Praise and Prayers:

- Praise and Pray: Emily has arrived! Please pray for her continued adjustment.
- Pray that God would continue to send more teachers/missionaries to Taiwan.
- Pray for my students and all the students here at C.M.S. and C.E.L.A.
- Pray for safe travels for me and all the other missionaries over the Chinese New Year.
- Praise: For a successful Christmas program at C.E.L.A.

*"Rejoice evermore"
1 Thes. 5:16*



(Concordia Christmas Cont'd)

C.E.L.A.'s Christmas came in two parts. First, a week before the actual Christmas festivities, we had all the students bake cookies and make cards for the kindergarteners to take when they visited the elderly. Baking cookies with that many kids was crazy, and we had even made the dough already, but it was also fun! Then, we also had a Christmas tree decorating contest (on a MUCH smaller scale though) and then the students put on a Christmas concert. Mark and I played. Kevin hosted. And the children sang songs and read Bible verses to help tell the Christmas story. Some students read their own writing on How to Spread God's Love. The kids had a really good time and the teachers did too!



Christmas Pictures



Applying Biblical Teachings

“Give to Caesar what is Caesar’s, and to God what is God’s” (Matt. 22:21).

Jesus’ response to this carefully laid trap by the Pharisees was immediately understood by those who heard it. “When they heard this, they were amazed. So they left him and went away” (Matt. 22:22). These were the descendants of the same people of Israel who cried out to God, “Give us a king.” God gave them their king, but He warned them that they would neither be satisfied with or appreciate what they were to receive, for true people of God have their King, and no earthly ruler need intervene.

Here, in these few words, Jesus set apart from each other the temporal kingdom and the kingdom of heaven. Jesus the Christ, as King of Kings and Lord of Lords, grants the temporal kingdoms, the ruling governments of this world, authority over people and property. Jesus the Christ, as King of Kings and Lord of Lords, rightfully reigns supreme in the kingdom of heaven, the kingdom of the soul.

Power has been granted to governments for protection from those who would do great harm to others. That’s why Romans 13:4 boldly proclaims, “For he is God’s servant to do you good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword for nothing. he is God’s servant, an agent of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoer.” Indeed, the laws of government over people and property are needed to teach, constrain and encourage people to do what is good and what is right.

Because of Christ’s redemptive act for all and by the working of the Holy Spirit through water and the Word, we have been given the kingdom of heaven. We have been brought into righteousness to glorify God through our words and deeds. We go far beyond just obeying God’s Law, for we put it into action. And this is also the case with the government God has placed over us. Where and when the government does not infringe on the kingdom of heaven, we do more than just obey the law of the land. In Christ, we gladly serve and assist our government, for it benefits our neighbor.

The same Christian generosity which we show to our families, our church and those near to us, we also show to our government. We use the blessings God has given us to support and advance that which God has placed over us. We gladly use our wealth, our time, our talents, and yes, even our lives in the service of our government. By the guidance of the Holy Spirit, working through the Word, we do this for the good of all and for the glory of God.

Debts Repaid Update.....

The Board of Directors has formally approved the Debts Repaid Program. We will now begin the process of:

- 1) Collecting the formal pledges.
- 2) Completing necessary steps to refinance the remaining mortgage balance on May 1st.
- 3) All pledge money received by May 1st will be mailed to pay down the mortgage.
- 4) We will provide weekly updates on our progress.



If you have any questions or comments in regard to this program, please call the Church Office.

Trinity’s Church & School can always use donations for the following:

- 8 ½ x 11 or 8 ½ x 14 copy paper-any color
 - Lysol Antibacterial Wipes
 - Roll Paper Towels
- Salt bags for the sidewalks & parking lots

All donations are greatly appreciated (tax receipts available upon request). Please drop your donations in the offices during normal business hours.

Serving our LORD in February 2012



Elder of the Month: 5:00pm Tom Harrmann, 9:00am _____

Altar Guild: Sandy Meyer, Judy Stolzman, Gail Burrows, Gina Borgen

Date/Time	Acolytes	Communion	Greeters	Lectors	Ushers
Feb 4 5pm Feb 5 9am	Jayci Mansfield	Harrmann/Buisky _____/Kamprath	Sharon Raleigh Lynn Olson	Pastor Billings Char Elliott	Harrmann Reinke/Weinig
Feb 11 5pm Feb 12 9am	Alex Schramper	Harrmann/Colby _____/Reinke	Rita Adamovich Kackie Kislewski	Karen Zachek Nick Kroes	Kopitske Wray/Sexmith
Feb 18 5pm Feb 19 9am	Brice Sokel	Harrmann/Henkel _____/Zirpel	Liz Chick Cheryl Wendler	Karen Riske Deb Bartelme	Buisky Pomerence
Feb 22 10:30am 6:30pm	Walker White		-- --	-- Volunteer	Buisky Pomerence
Feb 25 5pm Feb 26 9am	Alexandra Woodburn	Harrmann/Kopitske _____/Borchardt	Betty Paul JoAnn Schultz	Duane Matz Terry Wray	Voigt Diesch/Maynard
Feb 29 10:30am 6:30pm	Bradley Wendler		-- --	-- Marc Guiley	Voight Diesch/Maynard

- ❖ If you would like something printed in the **Weekly Bulletin**, please send it to the Church Office **NO LATER** than 10am on Wednesdays.
- ❖ If you would like something printed in the **Monthly Newsletter**, please send it to the Church Office **NO LATER** than the 15th of the month.
- ❖ If you would like to purchase Altar Flowers, please place your envelope marked 'ALTAR FLOWERS' in the offering along with the reason for the flowers. **Flowers must be paid for prior to or at the time of the request. Flowers are \$20.00 unless a specific request is made.**

Thank You.....

- For all the cards, prayers, meals and well wishes during our recovery from our individual surgeries. We are so grateful for all the love and warmth that was given to us during this time. –Renee & Riley Zirpel
- To those that take the time to shovel, snowplow, & salt our parking lots, sidewalks & entryways of the facility, making it safe for all who enter as well as for the school kids to enter safely.
- To everyone that helped with & participated in our 1st annual SOUP-R-BOWL hosted by PTLs. This soup & bread fundraiser raised \$800 to help with the playground maintenance/upgrade project.
- Mrs. Cathy Miller, School Administrative Assistant for all of her hard work & dedication to our school & its students. Her commitment is a gift from God.
- Our Food Pantry Coordinators, for all of their volunteer hours to make sure those members of our congregation & the community have food to eat. God Bless their compassion!

AY TO.....

2/1 Caleb GAST
Katelyn LOHR
2/2 Keith GAST
Paul MORAN
Lisa OLSON
Marion PETERSON
Sandy WUSSOW
2/3 Dawn HENRICKSON
Michelle MAHONEY
2/4 Ruth JOERNDT
Faith MIES
Paula REICHERT
2/5 Payton ANDERSON
Christine FRANKLIN
2/6 Justin BURSACK
Brenda KEMPF
Betty J. PAUL
Nathan SKALET
Ruth WRIGHT
2/8 Amy SIEGEL
2/10 Ann REINKE
Maya TORRES
2/11 Dorothy A. AMOND
Lorna FORBES
2/12 David JORDING
2/13 Joy S. DALKE
Randy ROSS
Martin SCHRAMPFER
2/14 John MAYNARD
2/15 Wynter ARFT
Steve BRILL
2/16 Lawrence J. BEVERS



2/17 Alayna HOPFENSBERGER
Roy MEHL
2/18 Michael DRUM
2/19 Carol EVENSEN
Larry JAHSMAN
Sophia SIEGEL
Jason SOMMERFELD
2/20 Robin GROSHEK
Ellen RIVORD
Rita WILKE
2/21 Sue MAYNARD
2/22 Noah BEDROSKE
Harriette MARTENS
2/23 Robert ANDERSON
Jeff GROSHEK
Carl KOHLER
Carl RISKE
2/24 Robert HOPFENSBERGER
Alexander KOHLER
Doug POMERENKE
2/25 MacKenzie L. BARTEL
2/26 Michele DEL VISCIO
Clifford MORAN
LeRoy SCHAEFER
2/27 Todd KOHLER
Burnette PAGEL
2/28 Jean TOEPPLER



art during February!!



Attention All Trinity Church & School Building Key Holders

Per the Board of Properties-

Everyone who currently holds a key to the facility is asked to bring your keys into the Church Office during normal business hours for a key inventory.

Please call the Church Office if you have questions.



Young Women's Retreat- February 3 & 4, 2012

The keynote speaker will be Dr. Mary Hilgendorf, Professor of Education & Ambassador for the Women's Leadership at Concordia. Our mission is to inform, encourage & inspire women to be actively involved in supporting Mission Outreach. Registration deadline is January 14, 2012. Call Betsy Meverden (725-8014) for more information.

February School News

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Caroline Bedroske

Singing

The children are singing on Sunday, February 12th at the 9 am service. We look forward to seeing you all there!

Early Dismissal

Due to a Teacher in-service there will be an early dismissal at noon on Friday, February 10th.

Free Tuition

Does one month free tuition sound great to you? Recommend Trinity Lutheran School to someone! For every person you recommend, who enrolls their children in Trinity, you will be entered into a tuition drawing! The school is giving away three, one-month free tuitions! Recommend Trinity to a friend today!



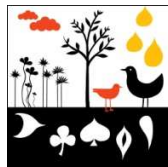
Opera for the Young

We are once again pleased and excited to be hosting Opera for the Young. They will be here on Wednesday

February 22nd at 1:30pm to perform *Hansel and Gretel*. Parents and the community are welcome to attend. Simple call the office ahead of time so we can reserve a chair for you.

Outdoor Education

The 5th and 6th will embark on a thrilling two day journey to CWES environmental station just outside of Steven's Point. They will learn outdoor survival skills as well as nature and conservation awareness.



Parent Tips

During February we talk about leadership and about how each one of us can be a leader at home and at school. Here are some tips that will help you develop leadership skills in your child:

- Involve your child in family plans and decisions.
- Offer your child the responsibility of caring for a pet or carrying out a household chore.

- Provide opportunities for your child to lead a discussion, a game or family activity.
- Talk to your child about the accomplishments (large and small) of leaders in the community, in the news, at home and at school.
- Set an example of leadership at home, at school and in your community by participating in special projects and activities.
- Praise your child when he or she demonstrates leadership skills, such as doing chores without being told, helping a younger sibling who is having difficulty performing a task, or initiating a family activity.



A Kindergartner with her special helper

Notes from Board of Outreach & Social Ministry.....

February Fun for Free!

Looking for something to do with the family? Come to our Family Game Night on February 25th at 6:30 pm. You can bring a game to share or join a game with others. Excitement is building, and the evening is sure to be filled with fun and laughter.



Lenten Season Begins

As we prepare our hearts for a time of reflection on Christ's great sacrifice for us, we would like to encourage you to participate in our Lenten meals. Don't worry about preparing supper before worship services. Join us on Wednesday evenings, beginning at 5:15pm, for a bite to eat down in the Large Fellowship Hall. Meals are provided by various church board members. A free-will offering is accepted but not mandatory. Come. Feed your body and your spirit!

Looking Ahead

We are beginning to plan for this year's Family Fun Night in July 2012. Each year has been a wonderful opportunity to reach out to the community, but it can't be done without volunteers like you. Reality is that FFN won't happen this year unless we have enough help. An event this big needs plenty of people willing to help. We need volunteers for registration, food service, and entertainment. Of course, none of this happens without first set-up and finally clean-up. It's amazing what extra hands can provide! Watch for the sign-up. Those that have helped in the past have been a blessing.



Hand-Stamped All Occasion Cards FOR SALE

Many styles to choose from: birthday, sympathy, baptism, seasonal, thank-you, blank, etc.

Price: \$2.00 each or 3/\$5.00 (50% profit goes to the General Fund)
Stop by Cathy in the School Office & get your cards today!

Please Save Your Aluminum Cans

We are still collecting aluminum cans ONLY for the Youth. Drop them off in the marked containers around the building. Thank you!



Our Food Pantry received a monetary donation from a grant from "The Post-Crescent Community Stock the Shelves Fund" within the Community Foundation for the Fox Valley Region. We are very grateful for this donation which will help us to continue to provide food for those in need in our neighborhood.

A special thank you to those from Trinity who continue to support us with food and monetary donations. Without these, we would not be able to continue this very important mission. If you have questions or could use help, please contact the Church Office, Guiley's or Olson's.

ECCLESIASTICAL ETIQUETTE by Rev. Steven S. Billings, Pastor

(Or: How to Behave in Church) Part 3 of a Series

From time to time I am asked regarding the propriety of certain behaviors in church: Is this or that appropriate? How should we respond if ... ? So, I shall attempt to answer some of the concerns in a series of articles. Mind you, these will not be - cannot possibly be - a comprehensive list, but I hope they will serve as a general guide to godly comportment in His house.

THE SERVICE IN DETAIL-Confession and Absolution

Each of the five settings for the Divine Service begins with the Confession and Absolution. We've already discussed the importance of this section of the service, but let us take a few lines here to discuss what's going on and how worshipers should approach this part of the service.

But before we get started, we need to discuss some *prolegomena* with regard to the conventions of the hymnal and the terms used. By now, most people have figured out that if there's a **P** before a line, the Pastor says that and if there's a **C** followed by boldface type, the congregation says that. You may also notice that there are words and symbols in red in addition to the **P** and the **C** (which are red as well). These are called *rubrics*, a term that comes from the Latin word *rubrica*, which means *red chalk*. These are *instructions* to worshipers and leaders of worship explaining what follows next and how to do it.

For instance, if you were to look at page 151 in *The Lutheran Service Book*, you would see just below the heading for Confession and Absolution the instruction: *A HYMN OF INVOCATION MAY BE SUNG*, which means that an opening hymn - usually one invoking (inviting) the Holy Spirit - *may or may not be* sung. This is an *optional* rubric due to the use of the word "may." The rubric that follows is *not* optional, as it simply says: *Stand*. Some congregations stand before the Hymn of Invocation while others stand after it, but the standing itself is not optional. Why? Because we are preparing to meet our King, and standing is the appropriate posture when greeting one's King. The next rubric is another optional one: *THE SIGN OF THE CROSS ✠ MAY BE MADE BY ALL IN REMEMBRANCE OF THEIR BAPTISM*. If you intend to obey this rubric, you would then make the sign of the cross as the Pastor says: *In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit*. And you would do so beginning at the place where the "✠" appears.

A note about making the sign of the cross . . . This is *not*, strictly speaking, a Roman Catholic exercise. Over the years I've heard many Lutherans excuse their lack of attention to this rubric by asserting that it is a Roman Catholic practice. Well, that in itself is no reason to abolish the practice, as Luther practiced it himself and taught it. Look at your Catechism; the instruction to make the sign of the cross is still there! After all, Catholics also celebrate Communion; should we scrap that as well? Lutherans do, however, generally make the sign of the cross differently and for different reasons than Roman Catholics. Roman Catholics touch their forehead, heart, left shoulder and then right shoulder, while Lutherans touch forehead, heart, *right* shoulder and then *left*. Why? Why make the sign of the cross in the first place, and then why do in the order just prescribed? The sign of the cross, for Lutherans, is intended to remind us of our baptisms, which is why we do it while reciting the words pronounced over us in our baptisms. In a world where our faith is challenged at nearly every turn, it is often helpful to remember that we belong to God and that He is watching over us. *That* is why we make the sign of the cross. We do it in the order that we do because we are retracing the sign of the cross that the Pastor made over us when he baptized us. It's not that the motion is somehow magical or that God won't watch over us if we don't make the sign; it's that remembering our baptism helps us to remember who we are and *whose* we are. We are God's. He is with us. When did He make us His own? In our baptism!

No one has a better understanding of what baptism is than Lutherans. What a pity that so many of us neglect (or reject!) this simple means of remembering that God has made us His children in Holy Baptism and that His promise of forgiveness and salvation will be with us always *because* we are His baptized sons and daughters! So don't fear the sign of the cross! Use it! And let it be a reminder to you that Jesus is yours and you and His and that He will never leave you or forsake you.

FEBRUARY 2012

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	
			1 8:45am Chapel 10:30am Adult Bible Study 5pm Conf 7pm Choir	2 6am Men's Bible 3:45pm Staff Mtg	3 6am Men's Bible	4 5pm Worship	
5-5 th Sunday after Epiphany 9am Worship Scrip Order Date 10:30am Ed Hour	6 6:30pm Scouts	7 6:30pm Board Mtgs	8 8:45am Chapel 10:30am Adult Bible Study 5pm Conf 7pm Choir	9 6am Men's Bible	10 6am Men's Bible Noon Dismissal Teacher in-service	11 9am Food Pantry 2pm Paul Wedding 5pm Worship	
12-6 th Sunday after Epiphany 9am Worship-Kids sing Soup Sale 10:30am Ed Hour 11:30AM CHILI FEST/USED BOOK SALE	13 6:30pm Ladies Bible Study 6:30pm Scouts	14 HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!  6:30pm Brd of Dir	15 8:45am Chapel 10:30am Adult Bible Study 5pm Conf 7pm Choir	16 6am Men's Bible Market Day P/U	17 6am Men's Bible	18 9am Food Pantry Soup Sale 5pm Worship	
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From the desk of our Parish Nurse, Mary Howden



WHAT TO EXPECT WHEN GRIEVING.....

- Expect the unexpected.
- Expect to be different than you were.
- Expect that your life will be different.
- Your expectations for yourself may be too high.
- Other people's expectations of you almost certainly will be too high or unrealistic.
- Expect that even when you have good days there will still be sad days. That is the nature of grief.
- Each time you make two steps forward it may feel as if it is followed by two steps back.
- It may not feel as if you are moving along in your grief journey, but you are.
- There is no formula.
- Expect to need others. Grief is difficult enough. It is more difficult if you try to do it alone.
- Expect that you will have questions. The questions may have to do with grief itself, the death of your loved one, and may even be questioning God himself.
- Expect that for some questions, there will not be answers and when there are, they may not be acceptable to you.
- Many people question why they are still here. You may also. This kind of questioning is usually a search for finding meaning and a reason to go on and is not usually indicative of suicidal thoughts.
- Expect that while you can do things to aid in your healing it will happen on its own timetable, not yours.
- Expect that days such as birthdays and anniversaries will be more difficult. Plan for them.
- Expect to be caught unaware by things that make you think of your loved one and invoke happy or sad feelings. These are called triggers.
- Expect to feel the sun again. Expect feelings of hope to return. Expect that life will be good again and one day it will.

Deb Kosner, MSW, CT, Bereavement Support Coordinator at Affinity Visiting Nurses Hospice

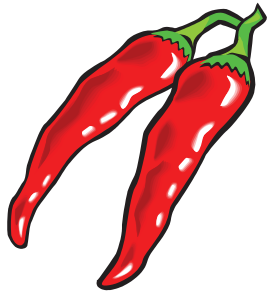
PASTORAL SUPPORT



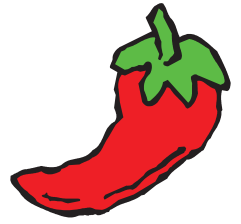
If you would like to see Pastor Billings for any kind of Pastoral support, please call the Church Office during normal business hours at (920) 722-2662 to set up an appointment.

Normal Office hours are: Monday through Thursday 8:00 am - 4:00 pm & Friday 8:00 am - 3:30 pm.

After hours you may leave a message in his voicemail by calling the Church number and then using Pastor's extension (203).



Trinity's Annual Chili Fest



February 12th at 11:30am

3 styles of Chili –Try them all!
(Chicken Noodle for the less adventurous)

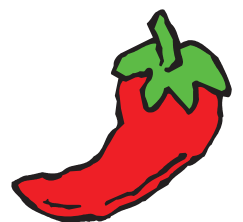
Adults: \$6 62 & older: \$5 4-12: \$3

Beverage & dessert included

For tickets or carry out call: (920) 470-9090

Seating is limited so purchase your tickets today!

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300 Broad Street, Menasha



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February 2012



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Chapel, 8:45am. Pastor Thews K5 Field trip to DiscoveryLand. 1- 2:30pm	2 Staff Meeting, 3:45pm	3	4 Worship, 5pm
5 Worship, 9am KFC, 10:30am Scrip Orders Due	6 Health Education classes this week PTLS Meeting, 5pm	7 Bd. of Education, 6:30pm	8 Chapel, 8:45am. Pastor Schroeder	9	10 Noon Dismissal Teacher In-Service Camp LuWiSoMo Presentation, 9:30am Happy Birthday Ava R.	11 Worship, 5pm
12 Worship, 9am KFC, 10:30am Kids Sing, 9am	13 Market Day orders due Stevie B's Night	14 Happy Valentine's Day Non-Uniform Day	15 Chapel, 8:45am. Camala Bedroske	16 Market Day Pick Up, 3:30-4:30pm	17 Happy Birthday Alayna H.	18 Worship, 5pm
19 Worship, 9am KFC, 10:30am Scrip Orders Due Happy Birthday Sophia S.	20 Gr. 5/6 Leave for Outdoor Education Gr. 3/4 to Oshkosh Opera House, 9:30 Show	21 Gr. 5/6 Return from Outdoor Education School Growth Meeting, 5:30pm Library	22 Chapel, 8:45am. Lauren Seckar Opera for the Young, 1:30pm Ash Wednesday Services, 10:30am/6:30pm Dinner, 5:15pm Happy Birthday Noah B.	23	24 Mid-Terms go home JDRF Assembly - 9:30am	25 Worship, 5pm
26 Worship, 9am KFC, 10:30am	27 K4 to PAC, 9:30am Show	28	29 Chapel, 8:45am, Camp Luther Lenten Services, 10:30am/6:30pm Dinner, 5:15pm			

Trinity Financial Report
 General Fund Checking & Savings

December-11

Weekly Income

Date	Gen. Fund Offerings Other Income	Total Income	Matching Funds	School Transfers	BOTR
12/5/11	\$16,340.30	\$1,044.00	\$635.50		\$19,293.80
12/12/11	\$12,862.29			\$223.46	\$14,245.75
12/19/11	\$13,378.00	\$2,624.00			\$17,957.00
12/27/11	\$14,868.97			\$3,941.08	\$23,951.07
Total	\$57,449.56	\$3,668.00	\$635.50	\$4,164.54	\$75,447.62

Weekly Expenses

Date	Regular Bills Other Accts/Misc Expenses	Thrivant Match Total Income	Memorial Fund	BOTR
12/5/11				
12/12/11	\$29,626.49			\$29,626.49
12/19/11	\$82.13			\$82.13
12/27/11	\$39,222.30		\$6,625.20	\$45,847.50
Total	\$68,930.92		\$6,625.20	\$75,556.12

Beginning Balance - General Fund	\$2,416.02
Income for Dec-2011	\$75,447.62
Expenses for Dec-2011	\$75,556.12
Ending Balance - General Fund	\$2,307.52
Offering/Matching Funds YTD	\$383,437.00
Expenses YTD	\$398,859.66
BOTR Income YTD	\$39,707.81
BOTR Expenses YTD	\$53,560.81
Mortgage Balance	\$1,696,969.19
LCEF Steward Acct - Endowment Holding	\$2,147.61
Endowment Funds Account	\$12,843.83
Memorial Fund Account	\$6,337.03
RBC Account	\$12,966.22
Beginning Balance - Restricted Accounts	\$7,894.77
Income for December 2011	\$982.60
Expenses for December 2011	\$1,199.54
Ending Balance - Restricted Accounts	\$7,677.83
Designated Restricted Funds Balance	\$49,605.65
Monies owed to Restricted Funds	\$41,927.82