

Welcome to the Trinity Lutheran Church & School Newsletter

The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

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at 10:30 am

*"His Name
is Jesus"
Performed
by Trinity's
Day School
students.*



January 1st- The Circumcision and the Name of Jesus

"I will praise You, O Lord, with all my heart; I will tell of all Your wonders" (Psalm 9:1).

January 6th- The Epiphany of Our Lord

For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life" (*John 3:16*).

January 8th -The Baptism of Our Lord

Wise men store up knowledge but the mouth of a fool invites ruin" (*Proverbs 10:14*).



As January ends, let us remember to tell others what Jesus has done for us. *"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."* Matthew 28:19

WORSHIP ELEMENTS

January 2012

Sunday, January 1, 2012

New Year's Day

Order of Service: Divine Service 1
Opening Hymn: LSB 900, st. 1-3
Sermon Hymn: LSB 590
 Sermon Text: Luke 2:21
 Sermon Theme: A Fresh Start
Distribution Hymns: LSB 725, 524, 527
Closing Hymn: LSB 900, st. 4-6
Readings: Numbers 6:22-27
 Galatians 3:23-29
 Luke 2:21

Weekend, January 7 & 8, 2012

The Baptism of Our Lord

Order of Service: Divine Service 2
Opening Hymn: LSB 578, st. 1-3
Sermon Hymn: LSB 600
 Sermon Text: Mark 1:4-11
 Sermon Theme: Baptized for You
Distribution Hymns: LSB 596, 602, 605
Closing Hymn: LSB 578, st. 4-6
Readings: Genesis 1:1-5
 Romans 6:1-11
 Mark 1:4-11

Weekend, January 14 & 15, 2012

Epiphany 2

Order of Service: Divine Service 3
Opening Hymn: LSB 901
Sermon Hymn: LSB 827, st. 1-2
 Sermon Text: 1 Samuel 3:1-10
 Sermon Theme: Here I Am
Distribution Hymns: LSB 783, 688, 644
Closing Hymn: LSB 827, st. 3-4
Readings: 1 Samuel 3:1-10
 1 Corinthians 6:12-20
 John 1:43-51

Weekend, January 21 & 22, 2012

Epiphany 3

Order of Service: Divine Service 4
Opening Hymn: LSB 869, st. 1-3
Sermon Hymn: LSB 685
 Sermon Text: Mark 1:14-20
 Sermon Theme: Message of the Christian Faith
Distribution Hymns: LSB 730, 537, 560
Closing Hymn: LSB 869, st. 4-5
Readings: Jonah 3:1-5, 10
 1 Corinthians 7:29-31
 Mark 1:14-20

Weekend, January 28 & 29, 2012

Epiphany 4

Order of Service: Divine Service 3
Opening Hymn: LSB 870
Sermon Hymn: LSB 659
 Sermon Text: Deuteronomy 18:15-20
 Sermon Theme: Astonishing, Amazing Authority
Distribution Hymns: LSB 563, 570, 575
Closing Hymn: LSB 698
Readings: Deuteronomy 18:15-20
 1 Corinthians 8:1-13
 Mark 1:21-28

Applying Biblical Teachings

“If anyone does not provide for his relatives, and especially for his immediate family, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever” (1 Tim. 5:8).

In his first letter to Timothy, the Apostle Paul clearly writes with regard to the natural family, safeguarding the God-given ties and duties of each member to the other. There is to be a relationship between husband and wife, between parents and children, and between grandparents and grandchildren. This relationship is to be in complete harmony within the family of God. One of the obligations within God’s family, His household, is that of providing for our immediate families. We may reason that providing for our family is the good and moral thing to do but we may fall short of grasping this biblical teaching. Faith is exhibited by deeds that flow from Christ’s love residing in one’s heart. If a believer neglects the needs of family members, then the love that took Christ to the cross can no longer be his. By his actions, according to St. Paul, he has denied the faith. In God’s sight, this is worse than similar actions of one who has never heard the Word or believed, for it is, in fact, a renunciation of Christ and His love.

Too, those neglected through no fault of their own must often rely on the charity of others. Thus, Christians who neglect the support of their families pile sin upon sin, for through their neglect, they hinder the work of God’s family. Matthew Henry stated it this way in his commentary: “Charity misplaced is a great hindrance to true charity; there should be prudence in the choice of the objects of charity, that it may not be thrown away upon those who are not properly so, that there may be the more for those who are real objects of charity.” True Christian charity flows from Christ’s love in our hearts. True Christian charity begins at home in properly providing for our families as through the power of the Gospel, we exhibit our faith through our deeds. And true Christian charity extends beyond the home as we give to others in need and to the Lord’s work here at Trinity Lutheran Church of Menasha.

ALL ARE WELCOME TO.....

Trinity Lutheran School’s Soup & Bread Fundraiser
300 Broad Street, Menasha

FRIDAY, JANUARY 13, 2012

5-7PM

SCHOOL GYMNASIUM

Come and enjoy fresh homemade soups, fresh bread, bakery items and beverages.



Awards given to all soup participants & for various soup categories.

All proceeds to benefit our playground maintenance/upgrade project.

ARY BIRTHDAY!



<u>1/2</u>	DUANE BAEHMAN	<u>1/16</u>	SUMMER BLANCHFIELD
<u>1/3</u>	CARRIE JOHNSON		TAMMY HERTZIGER
	NICK KROES		ARTHUR A. PELZER
	GEORGINA PEOTTER	<u>1/17</u>	JERRY ROSIN
<u>1/4</u>	DEREK WALDBURGER	<u>1/18</u>	RANDY J. BRADLEY
<u>1/5</u>	KAYLA HENKEL		EMMA BRILL
<u>1/6</u>	SADIE BORCHARDT	<u>1/19</u>	JULIE VANDEN WYNGAARD
	JOSEPH GROSHEK	<u>1/20</u>	BROOKLYN ANDERSON
	JUDITH KRAUSE	<u>1/21</u>	RANDOLPH B. GEHRT
<u>1/7</u>	JIM COLEMAN	<u>1/22</u>	MARLICE J. ANKLAM
<u>1/8</u>	JUDY WATKINS		DUANE MATZ
	BERNARD III ZIMMERMANN		ADAM ROSS
<u>1/9</u>	SARA ECKRICH-HENSON		JOLENE WALDBURGER
	BLAINE HENKEL	<u>1/23</u>	JORDYN MIES
	DORIS VOIGT		MATTHEW ZACHEK
<u>1/10</u>	ANDREA BREHM	<u>1/24</u>	JANET GENNIGEN
<u>1/11</u>	JOCELYN NELSON		MICHAEL MODERSON
<u>1/12</u>	CHARLOTTE ELLIOTT	<u>1/26</u>	ASHLEE KAMPRATH
	ROGER VOIGT		CHESTER KONWINSKI
<u>1/13</u>	E.T. HANSMAN		DYLAN STOLZMAN
	BART NIELSEN		DANIEL WOODBURN
<u>1/14</u>	JOYCE TSCHIRGI	<u>1/27</u>	CARI BOSS
	TONY VAN ARK		CODY DANIELS
	JAMES WOLTER	<u>1/28</u>	EVIE SANDERS
<u>1/15</u>	DAWN-MARIE BELTER	<u>1/29</u>	JEAN ROSS
	MARGARET MADER	<u>1/30</u>	ETHAN NIELSEN
			SHARON RALEIGH

- ❖ George Raleigh, for your God-given gift of woodworking, & making the beautiful picture frames for the Church office as well as the Narthex.
- ❖ Everyone that took the time to help with the weekly dinners during Advent.
- ❖ Trinity's teachers, staff, Kids for Christ instructors & all students for showing their love of Jesus during this Christmas season with their joyous Christmas programs.
- ❖ The Ladies Aid for all of their countless hours of sewing & cutting to make warm winter items for the Fox Valley Emergency Shelter.
- ❖ Everyone that Adopted-a-Bill in December. We were able to pay off many of the bills that have been piling up due to lack of funds. We thank the Lord for all that we are given.



Deal on April 1st, please
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 info to come!

Notes from Your Board of Outreach & Social Ministry (BOSM)



FUN, FUN, FUN!

It's movie time! Looking for something you can do with the family on a cold winter's night? Join us for movie night, here at Trinity, on January 21st right after the worship service. BOSM will be showing two feature films; each is family friendly. Watch for more to come about movie titles! Movie-goers are encouraged to bring a snack to share and a comfortable chair. Beverages will be provided and pajamas are optional!

Fun for All Ages

Game night: it's something new! Beginning February 25th at 6:30pm and every last Saturday of each month, the building will be available for an evening of gathering and game playing. Bring your children, grandchildren, or meet up with friends. You are invited to bring a game to share with others. Snacks are optional. We plan to meet in the Small Fellowship Hall. In the event that a cancellation would be necessary, an announcement or posting would be made prior to the activity.

Who's in the Pew?

Maybe the better question is "Who's *NOT* in the pew?" That's right. We've noticed. Is it you? Have you been missing from the flock? Or, are you someone who has noticed others missing? In any case, people have been talking. No one is so insignificant in the family of God that they can disappear without being noticed. Here at Trinity, we as brothers and sisters in Christ, care about our "family." We understand that many circumstances can take us away from weekly worship, but you should know that you are missed!

If you have a concern about worship, fellowship, or leadership in the church, give Pastor or an elder a call. If you happen to be one of those members who have noticed an empty place in the pew, please give that person a call. The evangelism team can help, but the best gesture would be a personal call from a friend. Just let that person know you miss them. What a great way to show that you care.

Thank You!

On behalf of the Board of Outreach and Social Ministry, a special thank you is being extended all who have helped by serving for, donating to, or attending any of our events this past year. It is our prayer that you have been blessed in some way for your contribution and even more so have been able to share God's blessings with others. Check the bulletin board in the Narthex for a list of all of 2011's Lord's Blessings.

Attention Trinity School Alumni & Parents of Alumni

Recently an informational mailing was sent to approximately 670 alumni that we could find. Due to the growing prevalence of cell phone usage, it is more difficult to find people even on whitepages.com.

We **NEED YOUR HELP!** Please be kind enough to report address changes to Cathy Miller (920-725-1715) in the school office. We want to keep in touch with you!



OFFICE PROTOCOL: Due to confidentiality & courtesy of staff, anyone conducting business with the Church & School office must do so either at the office windows or behind the office counters. Thank you for your cooperation!

TIME & TALENT FORMS

EVERYONE in our congregation is asked to take and fill out a Time & Talent form. Church members would love to know what they have in common with fellow members. Please fill out & place it in the offering.



The Newsletter of Amanda Groshek
Tidings from Taiwan



December 2011

你好! Hello!

No surprise, life continues to be busy! A couple weekends ago we (the Americans) hosted a Thanksgiving dinner for around 70 of our friends and co-workers. Now, as the temperatures finally start to cool down, we are in the middle of preparing for Christmas. Last Wednesday, the leaves and pumpkins left the Practice Hotel for snowflakes, a Christmas tree, garland, and lights.

Both at Church and at school we are also transitioning into Christmas. As many of you know, right now its advent: a time of preparation. At church and FNBS we have started singing Christmas carols and talking about being ready for Jesus' coming. At school, all the planning that has been happening about both CMS', the Kindergarten's, and C.E.L.A.'s Christmas celebrations are starting to take shape. It's both a busy and exciting time of year!

Thanksgiving and Christmas are times to be thankful for and appreciate family and friends. I am so thankful for each and every one of you!

Merry Christmas!
Amanda

So much to be thankful for...

Although not a "traditionally celebrated" holiday in Taiwan, I celebrated Thanksgiving three times! Twice were at school; once with the kindergarten and once with my students (and all the students) at C.E.L.A. However, the American missionaries also banded together and hosted a Thanksgiving feast for friends and co-workers.

Thanksgiving at school was a truly joyful event! It kicked off with students learning different Thanksgiving songs, including "Hello Mr. Turkey! How are You?" The students then listened to a story about the first Thanksgiving to help them understand why we celebrate a day to be Thankful. We also watched, "Charlie Brown's Thanksgiving" which the students absolutely loved! And all of this was followed by a Thanksgiving feast composed of: chicken, pumpkin soup, cranberries, dinner rolls, and an assortment of other side dishes. With the C.E.L.A. kids, in order for your table to be dismissed so that you could go up and get food you had to correctly answer a Thanksgiving trivia question. The students and staff had a good time and it was really nice to just be able to come together to celebrate and thank God for all the cool things He has blessed us with! ☺



*Pictures taken during the
C.E.L.A. Thanksgiving...*



“A holy life will produce the deepest impression. Lighthouses blow no horns; they only shine.”
D.L. Moody

(continued...)

The following Saturday brought Thanksgiving to the Practice Hotel. Although Petrea probably did the most cooking and baking, we all tried to contribute something to the feast. The morning was spent setting up tables and chairs and washing all the dishes that hadn't been used in ages. I think that everyone on the team spent some portion of Saturday either cooking or baking or tossing together something delicious to pass around. That evening, our friends and co-workers showed up. Many of them also brought a dish to share. It was a spectacular spread of both American and Chinese food! We had all the traditional things like turkey, mashed potatoes, casserole, and pumpkin pie but we also had a lot of Chinese food which was cool. Before dinner, we all sang "Give Thanks" and then there was an English prayer and a Chinese prayer. All of this was followed by feasting and fellowship. Overall, it was an enjoyable and successful evening with friends. ☺

The following is a link to a video that James (one of my fellow missionaries) made with pictures of our Thanksgiving. I encourage everyone to check it out! :)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tm-MO0ChLPw&feature=share>

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

<http://calledtogo11.blogspot.com>

To support my work financially, you may send a tax deductible gift to:
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St. Louis, MO. 63122-7295.
Make the check payable to LCMS World Mission and on the Memo Line write: Amanda Groshek

Praise and Prayers:

- Praise and Pray: We have a new short term missionary coming at the end of December! She will be helping out at C.E.L.A. Praise God that she is coming! Pray that she would be able to adjust once she gets here.
- 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. Pray that God would continue to guide and bless the planning of the Christmas celebrations; that they may be another way to show His love for us.

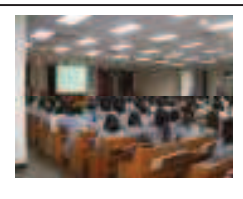
“Rejoice evermore”
1 Thes. 5:16



The American missionaries have also had the privilege of leading Chapel this week for some of the middle school students. Chapel includes singing, reading some Bible verses, and a skit. We sang several Christmas songs, some in both English and Chinese. The skit was about a inventor and his son; they made four very life like robots who started out loving and good but as the skit progressed became jealous and mean. Towards the end of the skit, the robots were broken but still fighting. The father sent out his son to bring the robots back. He wanted to help and heal what he had made. The skit closed with the son finding the robots and healing one of them, inviting all of them to come back to their home, their father's house. After the skit, Kevin led some discussion about what the skit was about. How the robots were like people. God created us perfectly, but we sinned, and how God out of His infinite love for us sent His Son to bring us home.



Pictures from Chapel...



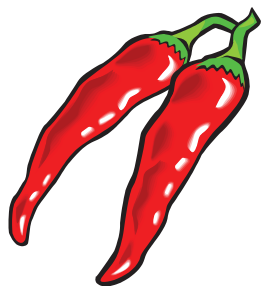


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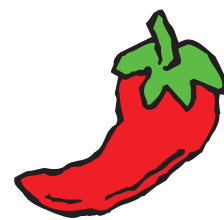
TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

300 Broad Street, Menasha, WI 54952

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1-Circumcision & Name of Jesus 9am Worship 10:30am Ed Hour	2 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i> No School-Offices Closed 6:30pm Scouts	3 6:30am Women's Bible Classes Resume 6:30pm Board Mtgs	4 8:45am Chapel 10:30am Adult Bible 5pm Conf 7pm Choir	5 6am Men's Bible	6-The Epiphany of Our Lord 6am Men's Bible 9:30am Admin Staff Mtg	7 5pm Worship
8-The Baptism of Our Lord  9am Worship Scrip Order Date 10:30am Ed Hour	9 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i> Stevie B's Pizza Day  5pm PTLs Meeting 6:30pm Scouts	10 6:30am Women's Bible 6:30pm Brd of Dir	11 8:45am Chapel 10:30am Adult Bible 5pm Conf 7pm Choir	12 6am Men's Bible	13 6am Men's Bible 5pm SOUP-R-BOWL 	14 9am Food Pantry 5pm Worship-Kids sing
15-2 nd Sunday after Epiphany 9am Worship 10:30am Ed Hour	16-Martin Luther King Jr. Day <i>Pastor's Day Off</i> 6:30pm Scouts	17 6:30am Women's Bible Sewing Day	18 8:45am Chapel 10:30am Adult Bible 5pm Conf 7pm Choir	19 6am Men's Bible Market Day P/U	20-End of 2 nd Qtr 6am Men's Bible	21 5pm Worship Movie Night
22-3 rd Sunday after the Epiphany 9am Worship Scrip Order Date 10:30am Ed Hour	23 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i> No Scouts	24 6:30am Women's Bible	25 8am Pastries for Parents 8:45am Chapel 10:30am Adult Bible 5pm Conf 7pm Choir	26 6am Men's Bible 10am-7pm School Open House 	27 6am Men's Bible Report cards sent home	28 9am Food Pantry 5pm Worship
29-4 th Sunday after Epiphany 9am Worship 10:30am Ed Hour	30 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i> 6:30pm Scouts	31 6:30am Women's Bible				



Trinity's Annual Chili Fest



February 12th at 11:30am

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

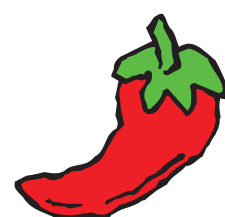
Adults: \$6 62 & older: \$5 4-12: \$3

Beverage & dessert included

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

Seating is limited so purchase your tickets today!

Trinity Lutheran Church & School
300 Broad Street, Menasha



Trinity Financial Report November-11
 General Fund Checking & Savings

Weekly Income

Date	Gen. Fund Offerings	Matching Funds	School Transfers	BOTR	Other Income	Total Income
11/7/11	\$15,603.31	\$1,226.50	\$227.45	\$2,185.00		\$19,242.26
11/14/11	\$10,299.03			\$915.00	\$108.56	\$11,322.59
11/21/11	\$12,643.42	\$2,582.00	\$130.00	\$575.00		\$15,930.42
11/29/11	\$14,868.90			\$4,067.29	\$353.10	\$19,289.19
Total	\$53,414.66	\$3,808.50	\$357.45	\$7,742.29	\$461.66	\$65,784.46

Weekly Expenses

Date	Regular Bills	Thrivant Match	Memorial Fund	BOTR	Other Accts/Misc Expenses	Total Income
11/7/11						
11/14/11	\$27,150.62				\$2,500.00	\$29,650.62
11/21/11	\$2,908.96					\$2,908.96
11/28/11	\$24,819.64			\$6,846.04		\$31,665.68
Total	\$54,879.22			\$6,846.04	\$2,500.00	\$64,225.26

Beginning Balance - General Fund	\$856.82
Income for Nov-2011	\$65,784.46
Expenses for Nov-2011	\$64,225.26
Ending Balance - General Fund	\$2,416.02

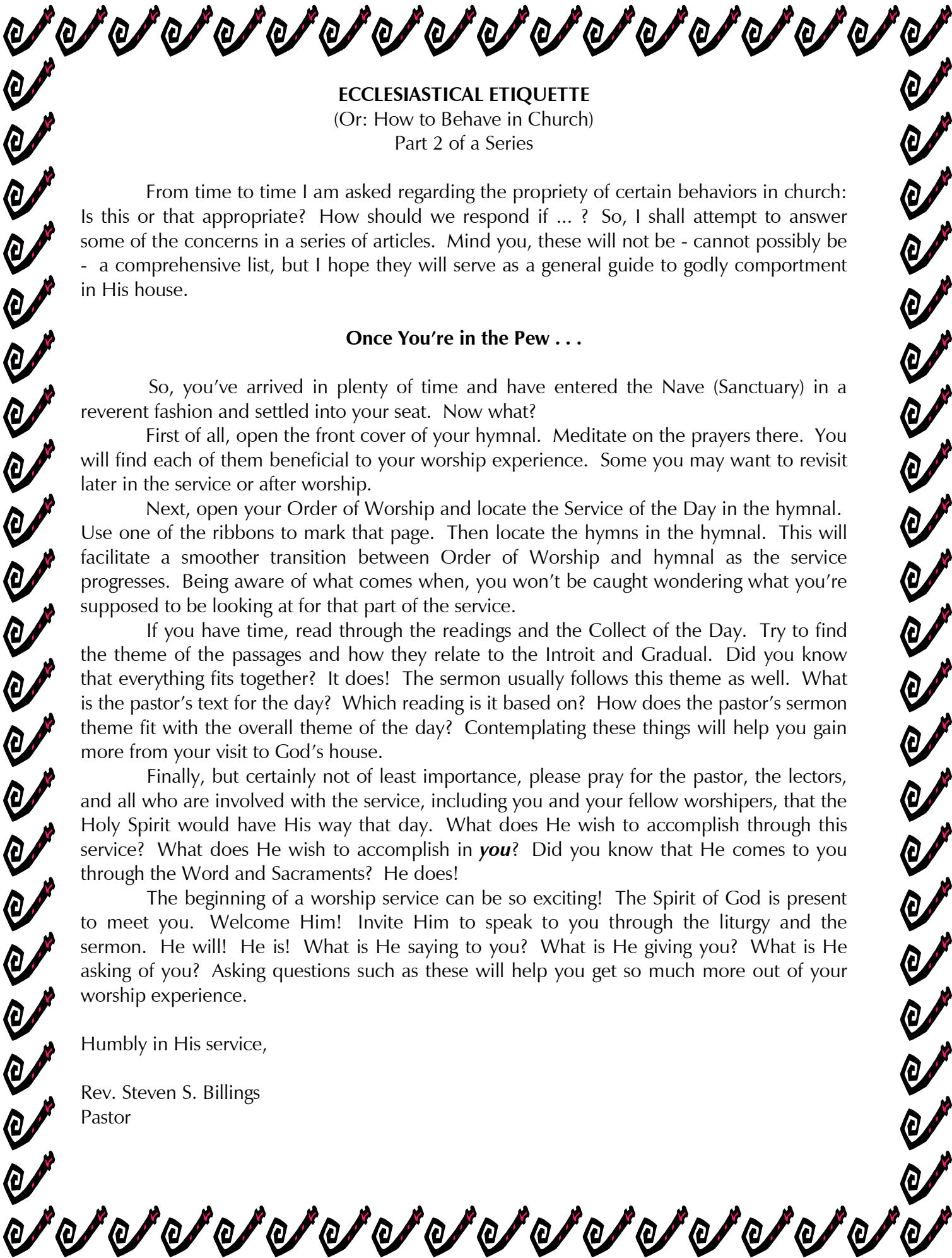
Offering/Matching Funds YTD	\$307,989.38
Expenses YTD	\$323,303.94

BOTR Income YTD	\$26,509.79
BOTR Expenses YTD	\$46,935.61
Mortgage Balance	\$1,696,969.19

LCEF Steward Acct - Endowment Holding	\$2,143.58
Endowment Funds Account	\$12,843.83
Memorial Fund Account	\$6,294.99
RBC Account	\$15,891.17

Beginning Balance - Restricted Accounts	\$5,543.22
Income for November 2011	\$3,463.09
Expenses for November 2011	\$1,111.54
Ending Balance - Restricted Accounts	\$7,894.77
Designated Restricted Funds Balance	\$49,822.59

Monies owed to Restricted Funds	\$41,927.82
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ECCLESIASTICAL ETIQUETTE

(Or: How to Behave in Church)
Part 2 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.

Once You're in the Pew . . .

So, you've arrived in plenty of time and have entered the Nave (Sanctuary) in a reverent fashion and settled into your seat. Now what?

First of all, open the front cover of your hymnal. Meditate on the prayers there. You will find each of them beneficial to your worship experience. Some you may want to revisit later in the service or after worship.

Next, open your Order of Worship and locate the Service of the Day in the hymnal. Use one of the ribbons to mark that page. Then locate the hymns in the hymnal. This will facilitate a smoother transition between Order of Worship and hymnal as the service progresses. Being aware of what comes when, you won't be caught wondering what you're supposed to be looking at for that part of the service.

If you have time, read through the readings and the Collect of the Day. Try to find the theme of the passages and how they relate to the Introit and Gradual. Did you know that everything fits together? It does! The sermon usually follows this theme as well. What is the pastor's text for the day? Which reading is it based on? How does the pastor's sermon theme fit with the overall theme of the day? Contemplating these things will help you gain more from your visit to God's house.

Finally, but certainly not of least importance, please pray for the pastor, the lectors, and all who are involved with the service, including you and your fellow worshipers, that the Holy Spirit would have His way that day. What does He wish to accomplish through this service? What does He wish to accomplish in *you*? Did you know that He comes to you through the Word and Sacraments? He does!

The beginning of a worship service can be so exciting! The Spirit of God is present to meet you. Welcome Him! Invite Him to speak to you through the liturgy and the sermon. He will! He is! What is He saying to you? What is He giving you? What is He asking of you? Asking questions such as these will help you get so much more out of your worship experience.

Humbly in His service,

Rev. Steven S. Billings
Pastor

From Your Parish Nurse-January 2012

January is National Glaucoma Awareness Month



Americans are living longer than ever before. On average, life expectancy in the U.S. is more than 76 years, compared to 49 years a century ago. Age-related eye diseases, such as glaucoma, pose a real threat to self-sufficiency and independence for seniors. And as people age, maintaining quality of life can be a source of anxiety and concern.

In an effort to combat against this devastating, yet often preventable disease and to kick-off January as National Glaucoma Awareness Month, Prevent Blindness America offers a free Adult Vision Risk Assessment for individual's on its website at www.preventblindness.org. The site provides general information on glaucoma and resources on other age-related eye problems.

Typically associated with increased pressure in the eye, glaucoma can damage the optic nerve and if left untreated, lead to permanent vision loss or even blindness. According to Prevent Blindness America's Vision Problems in the U.S. report, more than 2.2 million Americans age 40 and older have glaucoma. "At-risk Americans need to be aware that they can protect their vision and their quality of life by finding glaucoma early and treating it," said Daniel Garrett, senior Vice President of Prevent Blindness America.

At first, glaucoma usually damages peripheral vision, and people with the condition may not notice the symptoms. Over time, however, central vision may also become impaired and without treatment, lead to blindness. "We urge all people age 40 and older to find out if they are at risk for glaucoma and visit their eye doctor regularly," added Garrett.

To further its commitment to create public awareness for eye care health, Prevent Blindness America has also partnered with Allergen Inc., in the creation of www.protectvision.org, an online resource for eye care professionals who treat patients with glaucoma. The website offers free downloadable fact sheets for patients and links to continuing education, as well as research summaries and other practice management resources.

Founded in 1908, Prevent Blindness America is the nation's leading volunteer eye health and safety organization dedicated to fighting blindness and saving sight. Focused on promoting a continuum vision care, Prevent Blindness America touches the lives of millions of people each year through public and professional education, advocacy, and certified vision screening training, community and patient service programs and research. These services are made possible through the generous support of the American public. Together with a network of affiliates, divisions and chapters, it's committed to eliminating preventable blindness in America.

God's blessings to you always, Mary Howden, Parish Nurse



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.

† Trinity Congregation Statistics †

New Members- New member class start date yet to be determined.

Baptisms- None

Transfer Out/Release- Mark & Mary Dittman transfer by request

Weddings- None

Funerals- None



January School News

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Caroline Bedroske

Open House

Time to spread the word about Trinity. Bring your neighbors and bring your friends to the open house on January 26th from 10am to 7pm. Come explore the classrooms, talk to teachers and parents and learn all about what Trinity can offer you and your family!

Quarter Ends

The quarter is drawing to a close on January 20th. Watch for report cards going home with your child on Friday, January 27th. Sign the envelope and return to your child's teacher to let them know you have seen the report card.

Tardiness

- Students are most attentive in the morning hours. Tardiness causes students to miss the morning classes and starts them off on a bad foot for the day.
- Students who are frequently tardy have lower GPAs, lower scores on

standardized assessments, and lower graduation rates. Chronic tardiness in elementary and middle school is also linked to failure in high school.

- Students who are frequently tardy have higher rates of suspension and other disciplinary measures.
- Students who are frequently tardy to school are also more apt to be fired from a job for showing up late.
- When students are tardy, they negatively impact their teachers and other students. Teachers are often required to allow tardy students to make up work, which often requires them to restructure their lessons or reteach missed material.
- Tardiness also takes other students' attention away from a teacher's lesson, leading to more behavior problems and missed instruction.

PLEASE see the value in getting your kids to school on time!



Pastries for Parents

Come join your child for a wonderful breakfast treat and then stay for chapel. Starting at 8:00 am parents and children are invited to the Large Fellowship Hall for a breakfast treat with their parents. Chapel will be lead by former principal Dave Jording, which is always a treat.

Soup-R-Bowl

Make sure to mark the date January 13, 2011 on your calendar! Stop by the school to sample soup and breads from all over!

Every school family will be asked to help so watch for updates.

Candy Bars

VandeWalls candy bars are back! Pick up your box in the office to sell today! All proceeds are going to the general fund.





Serving our LORD in January 2012

Elder of the Month: 5:00pm Roger Voigt 9:00am Bob Rivord

Altar Guild: Char Elliott, Janine Jandrey, Barb Sexmith

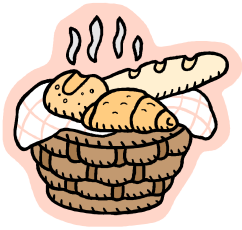
Date/Time	Acolytes	Communion	Greeters	Lectors	Ushers
Jan 1 9am	Alexandra Woodburn	Reinke/	Laura Van Ark	Laurel Wirth	Pomeranke
Jan 7 5pm	Bradley Wendler	Voigt/Henkel	Betty Paul	Karen Zachek	Voigt
Jan 8 9am		Rivord/Mehl	Cheryl Wendler	Brian Wendler	Diesch/Maynard
Jan 14 5pm	Justin Bursack	Voigt/Kopitske	Sharon Raleigh	Karen Riske	Harrmann
Jan 15 9am		Rivord/Zirpel	Lynn Olson	Doug Pomeranke	Reinke/Weinig
Jan 21 5pm	Carley Wilharm	Voigt/Franklin	Rita Adamovich	Duane Matz	Kopitske
Jan 22 9am		Rivord/Pomeranke	Jackie Kislewski	Elaine Trimberger	Wray/Sexmith
Jan 28 5pm	Cody Hanby	Voigt/Drum	Liz Chick	Roger Voigt	Buhsyk
Jan 29 9am		Rivord/Flater	Laura Van Ark	Barb Sexmith	Pomeranke

- ❖ 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.....

- We would like to thank the carolers that came to sing for us in December, it was very nice. We also want to thank everyone that sent us cards for Christmas. – Charles & Marion Peterson
- To Trinity, Menasha for the opportunities for Pastor Luedtke to share the Gospel with its Trinity members through guest preaching and serving vacancies. He enjoyed the friendships that evolved during that time. -Lois & Eunice Luedtke
- The Board of Worship and its members for donating the proceeds from the German Dinner to aid in the purchase the new phone system for the facility. –The Faculty & Staff
- To the Day School students & teachers for caroling at my home on Wednesday, December 21st. It was wonderful & I really enjoyed it! –Laura Van Ark
- To Mike Steuerwald, Marty Schramper & Renee Zirpel for taking the much needed time to implement, organize, help install & train people on the new phone system.
- Pastor Billings; for your beautiful Christmas services and sermons. Not only do you bring joy & peace to our sinful hearts but you give us wisdom and understanding in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, as His divine power has given to us all things.
- The members that have served on various boards whose terms are now ending. We thank you for your dedication and service to your Church. We look forward to the new members that are prayerfully considering accepting a position as an officer of Trinity.

SOUP & BREAD SALE FOR THE PIPE ORGAN



Feb. 4th & 5th
Feb. 12th Chili fest
Feb. 18th & 19th
Feb. 25th & 26th

A variety of fresh/hot soups & breads will be available before & after services. Take home a ready-made meal.

Donations of your favorite soup or bread are also appreciated.

Contact Elaine Weinig at (920) 470-9090.

SOUP & BREAD PREPARATION INSTRUCTIONS

Sale will be every weekend from February 4th thru February 26th
All profits to be placed in the PIPE ORGAN FUND

We are offering Ready-to-Eat soups as well as Friendship soups (the dry gift-jar type) and fresh baked breads. Any type of soup or bread that you are willing to donate for the sale is greatly appreciated.

Safe preparation per Board of Health:

General food safety when preparing, containerizing food for sale to the public should include monitoring proper cooking temperatures of raw animal ingredients. Soups must be cooled from 135 F – 70 F in 2 hours then from 70 F – 41 F in the next 4 hours. Large stockpots of thick soups such as chili will not cool adequately in a cooler unless certain steps are followed.

Fresh soups should be put in quart glass jars & labeled. Jars are available in the Narthex on the bookshelf. Labels are included with rubber bands to hold them on (due to condensation factors). Please include the Name of the soup, Ingredients, Date prepared & your name.

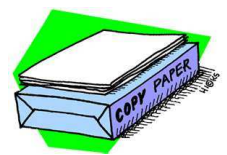
If you bring your items in before a Saturday night service, please place it in the **large refrigerator** in the **Small Fellowship Hall**. If you are able to bring in your soup on Saturday evening, please deliver it directly to the sale area in the Narthex. If your bread is fresh from the oven do not tie the bags shut tight-they will create steam.

THANK YOU FOR BEING A PART OF OUR FUNDRAISER!

-The Board of Worship and Our Pipe Organ

Items always needed for the Church & School:

- Lysol Disinfectant Wipes
- Roll Towels
- 8 ½ x 11 copy paper (any color)
- 13 gal garbage bags (kitchen type)



We are very grateful for your help! Please drop off your donations in the offices.