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January 2015



| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---|---|---|---|---------------------------------------|---|-----|
| 4 -9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship Service w/ Holy Communion 4 PM Pr. Mel Musser's Installation Service 5 PM Dinner | 5 | 6-7PM-8 PM Worship Service @ Mercy Sienna Village led by Pr. Mel | 7-6:30 -8:30 PM Confirmation Class WELCA date & time to be announced | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 11-9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship Service w/ Holy Communion 4:00 PM Dart ball | 12 NO DARTBALL GO Buckeyes!!!  | 13-5:30 Worship Team Meets 7:00 PM Council Meeting is cancelled For this month. See you all February 10th. | 14-10:00 AM-12:00 Noon - Stillwater Cluster Meets 12 Noon Ladies Luncheon League @ Pittsburg Pizza & Grill | 15-February Newsletter Deadline | 16- 3:30 -5 PM Fish Choice Pantry - 400 Markwith St. Greenville | 17 |
| 18-9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship Service | 19 | 20 | 21-6:30 -8:30 PM Confirmation Class | 22 | 23- 3:30 -5 PM Fish Choice Pantry - 400 Markwith St. Greenville | 24 |
| 25-9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship Service | 26 | 27 | 28-8:00 - 10:00 AM GGMA Meets | 29 | 30- 3:30 -5 PM Fish Choice Pantry - 400 Markwith St. Greenville | 31 |

December 2014

TRINITY LUTHERAN CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL
Regular Meeting – December 9, 2014
P.O. Box #64 - 8520 Oakes Road, Pittsburg, Ohio 45358



Call to Order: President Dean Thompson called the Congregational Council of Trinity meeting to order.

Devotion: Pastor led council with devotions based on Matthew 3, "Prepare the way of the Lord and make it straight." Pastor asked each council member to name the people in our lives who have made our paths smooth and who's paths we have tried to make smooth. How might we as a congregation further God's ministry by smoothing the paths of others to make our world even better? Pastor also introduced the idea of having assistive listening devices for the hearing impaired.

Secretary's Report : The minutes were read to the council members and Andy McKibben motioned to accept them as read. Larry Harter seconded the motion and council approved.

Treasurers' Reports: The treasurers' reports were given and Larry Harter motioned to accept them and Brad Harleman seconded the motion with council approving.

Building Fund= \$17,751.06 General Fund= \$55,068.18 Benevolence Fund=\$ 800.00+ (not exact)

Andy McKibben motioned to accept the treasurers' reports, Larry Harter seconded the motion and council approved.

Old Business: The check from Thrivent finally came and Dean gave it to Caleena to divide between the two recipients, \$400.00 each.

New Business: Dean let everyone know that he would be doing the sermon on Sunday December 28, when Pastor will be off due to transition from Interim to Full-time Pastor of Trinity. Installation for Pr. Mel will be January 4, 2015 with a snow date of January 11. There will be a sit down formal dinner immediately following the installation service for which RSVP's are needed. President Thompson informed council that after the first of the year the "GOALS" of our congregation would be addressed.

Adjournment: Andy McKibben motioned to adjourn and Tony Baker seconded the motion and council approved. Council closed with the Lord's prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Katherine Obringer - Recording Secretary



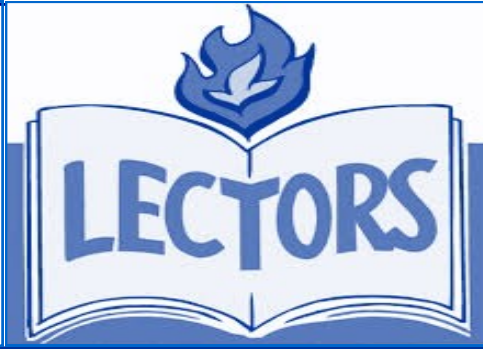
Dear Trinity Family,

To just say thank you does not seem to be enough and is the reason I put this poem in beside my thank you message for each of you. It is my heartfelt prayer that God blesses each and every one of you just as richly as he has blessed me by making me a part of this wonderful Trinity family. Your love and kindness to me and to my family on more than one occasion is almost mind boggling. It gives me much humbleness and gratitude for all that you have done.

Your generosity at Christmas goes just one step further to make me realize what special people I share this beautiful house of God with on each Lord's day and on many other special days and events throughout the year. Thank you and God bless you all throughout this new year.

*In Christ's Love and Peace!
Your Secretary,
Katherine E. Obringer*

JANUARY



January 4 — Teresa Long
 January 11 — Chris Cassel
 January 18 — Rose Lucas
 January 25 — Miranda Harleman

If you are interested in reading the scripture lessons on Sunday,
 Please contact Rob Arling @ 937- 621-3103.

Prayers & Squares Quilters will be meeting Friday, January 9, and Monday, January 26 for the Prayers and Squares Quilters. 9 to 11 AM. Come join in!



\$ FINANCIAL NEWS FROM NOV. 26, - DEC. 28, 2014 \$

Current Operating Budget per week: Budgeted giving is \$1,543.00/ Per Week
 Benevolence Budget Per Week: \$341.54

Building Fund: No budgeted amount. We are about to begin the handicapped restroom project. Please consider giving generously toward this advancement.

| <u>Date</u> | | <u>Current</u> | <u>Benevolence</u> | <u>Building</u> | <u>Attendance</u> |
|-------------|----|----------------|--------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| 11/26 | \$ | 0.00 | \$ 70.00 | \$ 00.00 | 15 |
| 11/30 | \$ | 1,250.00 | \$ 200.00 | \$ 135.00 | 48 |
| 12/03 | \$ | .00 | \$ 61.25 | \$.00 | 27 |
| 12/07 | \$ | 1,785.00 | \$ 169.00 | \$ 415.00 | 84 |
| 12/14 | \$ | 1,740.00 | \$ 135.00 | \$ 20.00 | 73 |
| 12/17 | \$ | .00 | \$ 37.00 | \$.00 | 29 |
| 12/21 | \$ | 2,652.00 | \$ 105.00 | \$ 105.00 | 57 |
| 12/24 4pm | \$ | .00 | \$ 231.00 | \$.00 | 46 |
| 12/24 11pm | \$ | .00 | \$ 280.00 | \$.00 | 57 |
| 12/28 | \$ | 1,165.00 | \$ 70.00 | \$ 55.00 | 40 |

Birthdays

1 Beth Thompson
1 David Warner
2 Joshua Long
3 Roxanne Groff
4 Pat Netzley
4 Terry Warner
6 Nonnie Myers
7 Josiah Zderad
8 Melanie Merzke

8 Sara Moberly
10 Pam Myers
12 Barbara Gettinger
13 Courtney Jasinski
13 Matthew Dornbusch
16 Kevin Ressler
18 April Zderad
18 Mark Brumbaugh
18 Theresa Sarver
18 Zachary Gettinger
20 Ava Erdmann

20 Jay Merzke
21 Betsy Clauss
21 Justin Troutwine
22 Florence Dietrich
22 Lee Stanley
23 Ashton Myers
24 Elainah Nickol
25 Winnie Netzley
26 Elizabeth Long
26 Eric Campbell
27 Harold Harleman

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



30 Claire Wilt
31 Denny Cool
31 Jim Payne
31 Michael Long
31 Steven Vanatta
31 Tess Tauscher



Anniversaries

17 Dean and Donna Thompson
30 Lowell and Nina Unger



Baptisms

1 Olis McKibben
1 Rhonda Rich
3 Shirley Rhoades
3 Parker Hesler
3 Patty Sackett
12 Wyatt Tauscher
23 Darryl Mehaffie
24 Tyler Hofacker
26 Jack Mehaffie
28 John Erdmann



**FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS
THURSDAY, JANUARY 15**



To my new Congregation Family!

A deep and heartfelt THANK YOU to each and every one of you for the generous Christmas Purse you gave to me this Christmas. I am extremely bowled over by your generosity, not only for the money, but also for all your kindness shown in so many ways. It is such an honor to serve Christ alongside all of you! May the New Year bring Christ's peace and profound joy into each of our lives as we work together in God's Kingdom. Thank you once again from the bottom of my heart!

In Christ's Love,
Pr. Mel Musser



TO: TRINITY
FROM: ROXANNE

Dearest Trinity Family,

Thank you so very much for the generous Christmas gift. I get a warm "fuzzy" each time I think of everyone here at our church, because you are the most compassionate and affectionate congregation ever! Thanks again from the bottom of my heart!

Roxanne



Dear Olis and Trinity Church Members,

We wanted to thank you for all your support and your assistance to our families by adopting kids for Christmas this year. You brought a lot of joy to those you helped.

The Gateway Youth Programs

THANKS !!!

Ladies Luncheon League

For the month of January the Ladies Luncheon League will be staying locally and head up to Pittsburg's own Pizza and Grill owned by Brad and Jean Jones, and located at 127 North Jefferson St. Please call or see Shirley Rhoades (937-737-0097) no later than Sunday, January 11th so she can make reservations for our group. Bring a friend, neighbor, or family member with you. Come join the fun, all are welcome!!



January Health Tips

Good Samaritan Hospital Health Ministries

Step In the Right Direction

Practice Good Foot Care

Take a look at your feet often; use a mirror to look at the bottoms of your feet. Look for cuts, blisters, and ingrown toenails. Ask a member of your family for help if you need it. If you have diabetes, be sure to check your feet everyday. Remember to put your feet up when you are sitting down. This helps the circulation in your feet. So can stretching, walking, or having a gentle foot massage. A warm foot bath is also helpful. Make sure your feet are dry before you put on your shoes. Wear shoes when you're outside. If you are sitting for a long time, stand up and move around every now and then. If you cross your legs, reverse or uncross them often.

Make Sure The Shoes Fit

Wearing comfortable shoes that fit well can prevent many foot problems. Here are some tips for making sure your shoes fit:

- Shoe size may change as you age, so always have your feet measured before buying shoes. The best time to measure your feet is at the end of the day when your feet are largest.
- Most of us have one foot that is larger than the other. Make sure your shoes fit your larger foot.

To Prevent Infections

- Keep your feet clean and dry. Be sure to dry the area between your toes.
- Change your shoes and socks or stockings often to help keep your feet dry.
- Don't buy tight shoes.
- Try dusting your feet every day with talc-free foot powder.

Be Alert

Both diabetes and peripheral artery disease can cause poor blood flow to the feet, which can cause scrapes or bruises to become infected more easily. This makes good foot care very important. Make sure to check with your doctor if you develop a sore on your foot that does not heal.



Source: National Institute on Aging

The material above is general medical information provided for informative and educational purposes only. General medical advice can never substitute for personal, professional advice given based on your medical history, your family medical history, your medication history, and other factors. Because these factors are different for every person, you should always consult your physician before relying on this information. These help tips should not be construed as establishing a patient-physician relationship between you and Premier Health, Good Samaritan Hospital and/or any staff members. If you need medical assistance, contact 1-866-GSH-WELL to make an appointment with a physician, or call 9-1-1 immediately if it is an emergency.

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So grateful for your kindness, so touched by your thoughtfulness,
So lucky to know someone as wonderful as you.

Thank You

Thank you so much for everything you have done for us.
We cannot express our gratitude enough. We thank God that we have
such wonderful people in our lives and hope we can someday return
the favor or express how much you mean to us.

Thank you,
Jake, Niki, Stephen, Lexie,
Micah & Gabriel Angles

How beautiful a day can be when kindness touches it.

Notes from Your Parish Nurse

January 2015



Are you among the 50% of people who will make a New Year's resolution? Will you be among the 12% who actually keeps their New Year's resolution? If you set a goal you will more likely be successful if that goal is measureable (I will lose 3 pounds per month vs. I want to lose weight). You also have a higher chance of keeping your resolution if you share it with someone (a friend's support really helps).

There are 5 basic steps to making a New Year's Resolution.

Step 1 Create a Plan

This is where you set a goal. What steps do you need to take in order to achieve the goal? Set goals that are realistic and will not seem overwhelming. In order for your resolution to have resolve (as the word resolution implies) it needs to have easy steps to follow.

Step 2 Create your plan IMMEDIATELY

Do not wait to write your resolution down. The longer you wait the less chance there is that you will be successful. Try and get your goals written within the first 2 weeks of January.

Step 3 Write down your Resolution

Write your resolution and goals down on paper. Write it somewhere that you will see it often. Place it in a journal or maybe hang it on the refrigerator. In the medical field we are taught that if it is not written then it was not done. Also if it is not written then it never happened.

Step 4 Think year round

This is a new year's goal, not a January 1st goal. This goal is for the whole year so take it slow. Take tiny steps toward your final destination. It takes time to develop new habits and rituals. Do not get discouraged, you have 12 months to achieve your goal.

Step 5 Be Flexible

In order to achieve your goal you may need to change steps along the way. Maybe the goal itself may change. You want to succeed. Give yourself credit for the progress you make no matter how small. If you have a setback do not get discouraged and do not think you will just wait and start all over next year. Remember you have 12 months to achieve your goal.

Some of the most popular resolutions are:

Drink less alcohol, eat healthy, further your education, get a better job, get fit, lose weight, manage debt, quit smoking, environmental awareness, save money, take a trip and volunteer

So what is your New Year's Resolution?

Together we live into the mission of sharing God's grace.

Parish Nurse

PJ Musser BA, ADN, BC, CNRN

From Your Congregational Council

The President's Perspective



Dear Church Family,

Best wishes for a happy and glorious New Year.

To outgoing council members, thank you for your service to your church and church family. I know sometimes it is hard to make meetings but I appreciate your effort.

To new incoming members, welcome and we look forward to an exciting 2015.

To you, the congregation at large, thank you for your love and support in keeping our ministry moving forward.

To our new, incoming, full time minister and his family, welcome and Gods blessings upon your ministry. May the love and respect you have shown us be returned to you many fold.

And now thank you God for the movement of the Holy Spirit, moving around and through our church, our homes, and our lives. May we continue to grow in our ministry to the world and to each other?

God bless our church family,

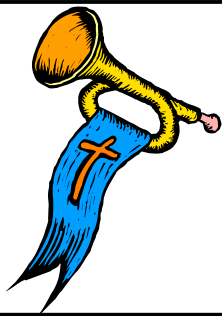
Dean Thompson, President

To the members of Trinity,



I would like to make each and every one of you aware of the profound difference you have made in mine and Cailynn's lives during our struggles over the last year. There are very few people that take time to give of themselves and their resources to someone outside of their own family, however recognizing that the members of Trinity are a family in a sense and a church filled with loving, kind, giving, and wonderful human beings, it is no surprise why you do what you do for others. There are a few individuals that Cailynn and I would like to recognize formally. First and foremost Pastor Mel, without your constant support I am not sure I myself would've made it through. Your presence through my own illness as well as being present for Cailynn's injuries and her recovery in addition you were there for the events that followed. There are no words that can express my gratitude. For all the time you take from your family to give to others you should be richly rewarded... when He calls you home He will say "well done my child". You truly are a blessing from God and I am thankful that He sent you to my family and to our church. Marge Warner, multiple times you have come along for no apparent reason and blessed us with your kindness and generosity. I thank you for taking the time to do all you have done. I am quite certain you have a shopping buddy for life ☐! My Angel Bev Erdmann, I love you dearly and I cannot begin to tell you how much you mean to me, you have always had a special place in my heart since I was a young girl going through confirmation with John. Thank you and Eldon both for all you have done for us and especially the time you took out of your schedules to attend the dinner theatre. I can't think of anyone else I would have rather had sitting at our table! I am grateful to all of the members of Trinity for your diligence in doing God's work. May He bless each and every one of you for your love and generosity.

Love and Thanks,
Sarah L. Stephens
Cailynn M. Stephens



The Trinity Trumpet

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Ecclesiastes 3:1 For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: ² a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; ³ a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; ⁴ a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; ⁵ a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; ⁶ a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to throw away; ⁷ a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; ⁸ a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace.

To all the Saints at Trinity Lutheran Church and my new Church Family; Grace and peace to you from our Lord and Savior, amen.

As There are no more true words than those found in the third chapter of Ecclesiastes! Certainly there is a season for every matter under heaven. For both Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church of Pittsburg Ohio and for Pastor Mel Musser a new season has begun. For my new family at Trinity and for myself as well, we're all going to experience growing pains as we learn together what this new season holds in store. I for one, am so excited to discover the wonders God has planned for us.

Trinity Lutheran Church and Pastor Mel Musser have also both experienced seasons of tumult, upheaval, and some despair. I know we're all ready for a time of healing, laughing, and maybe even some dancing. I am very aware of the fact that Trinity has never had a Pastor solely devoted to ministry alongside the saints of Trinity. Further, I know this was a tremendously huge step to take as a congregation and it took 148 years to get this far. I want to assure each and every one of you that I take this obligation with the utmost solemnity and with great humility. I honestly still have trouble believing God has placed me in the midst of such superb people with such a powerful grasp of the purpose and mission of Christ's Church. I know I'm not worthy nor good enough for such high responsibility, but I assure you I will try with everything I have to lead, equip, and minister with you, to you, and to our neighbors.

A very wise man and our former Bishop, Cal Holloway, once told me that before the people care one iota about what you have to say, they have to know you love them. He said, "Before you can change them they have to know you love them." With God's help, I will love you all from the deepest depth of my heart. I'm not talking about a fluffy, feely kind of love. I'm talking about the kind of love that is an action verb not a feeling. My pledge is to love you by being there with you in all the seasons of your lives. Those times when we mourn and when we leap for joy. Those times when we tear down and when we sew things back together. When we reach out to our neighbors and when we encourage each other.

As we enter this new season together, may we grow in love and service to God, to each other, and to our neighbors near and far. May we decide every day to make love our highest priority and show that love in every thought, word, and deed. May Christ be glorified in all our lives. Amen.

Your Pastor,