



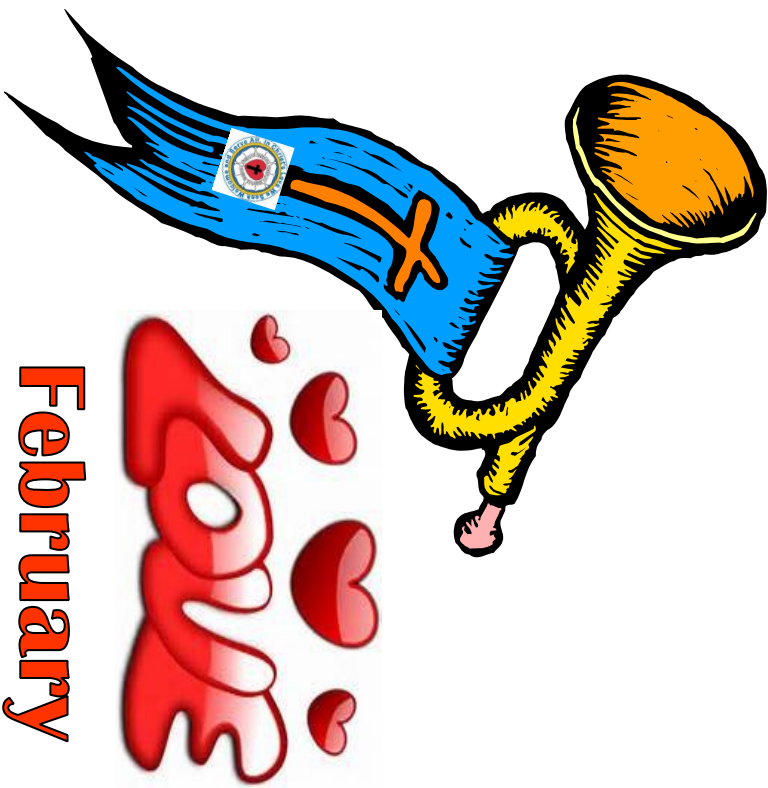
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THE PUBLIC IS CORDIALLY INVITED

February 14, 2016-Valentine's Day

From 5:30 to 7:00 PM - For A

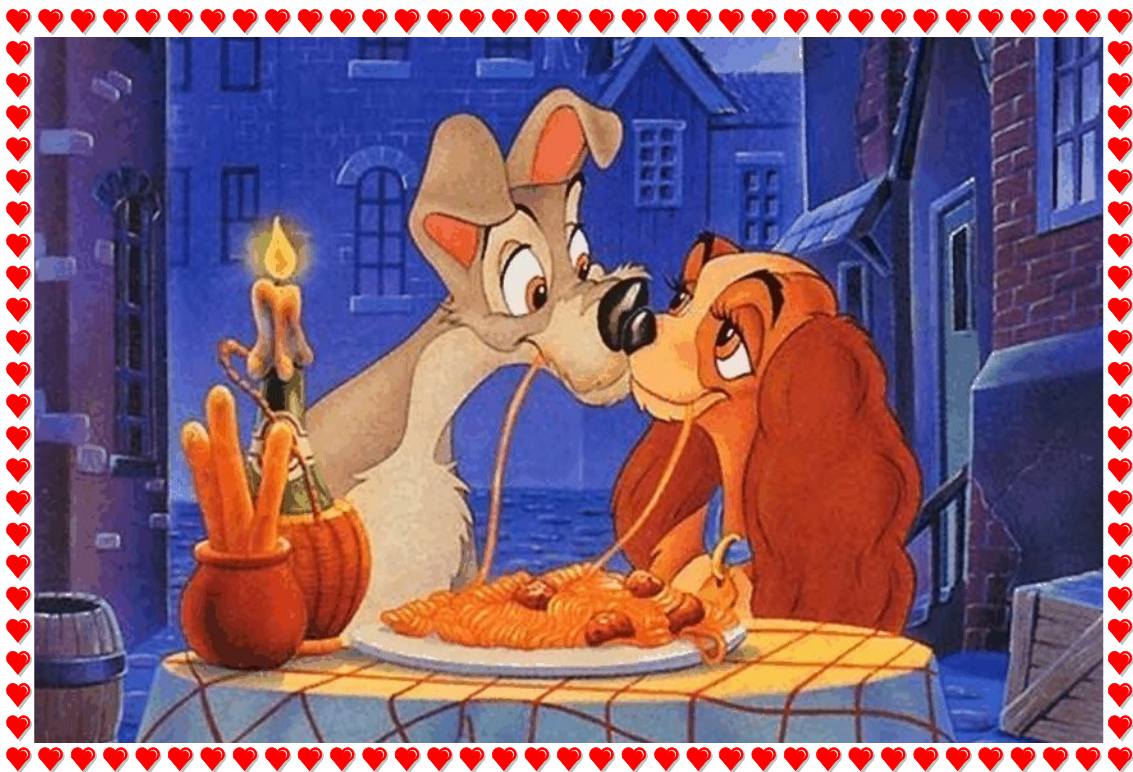
“SWEETHEARTS”

FREE SPAGHETTI DINNER & ENTERTAINMENT

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TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

We're located at 8520 OAKES ROAD!!!



(Freewill donations will cheerfully be accepted by those who wish to do so!)

Any and all proceeds will go directly to the 150th Anniversary Celebration Fund

As Trinity prepares to celebrate 150 years of ministry, on July 10, 2016.

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Hey! Just in case we forget to mention it . . .

this meal and entertainment are free to the public!

150th Anniversary Update

Things are rolling right along according to schedule as your Trinity 150th Celebration Team is hard at work getting all the details in place for our BIG CELEBRATION. Please spread the word about our puzzles and mugs that are for sale at the very reasonable price of \$10 = mugs & \$15 = puzzles. All of the proceeds go to help reduce the cost of the catered meal the day of the celebration.

Another fund raiser is going to be our "Sweethearts" spaghetti dinner w/entertainment on Valentine's Day, Sunday, February 14, from 5:30 to 7:00 PM with the entertainment to last as long as we still have a crowd. We are asking for donations of boxes of spaghetti, grated cheese, garlic bread, and spaghetti sauce, which can be canned, bottled, homemade, or store bought, with meat or plain. We will simply add them all together for a yummy delightful meal. We will also welcome anyone wishing to make meatballs or purchase ready made meatballs. The sign-up sheet will be on the "TABLE" across from the office starting Sunday, January 10th.

Also starting Sunday we will have "Save the Date" postcards that you may take home and address and all you need to do then is bring them back to the church and drop them in the wooden drop box. We will put a stamp on them and mail them for you. This will allow us to record the address of the people you're sending to so that when it comes time to mail out the invitations for the big event we will have all the addresses in advance. All we ask is that you don't take more cards than what you will use as we have to pay for each one that we print.



Save the Date

Front of Postcard

PLEASE JOIN WITH US
JULY 10, 2016
AS WE CELEBRATE THE
150th ANNIVERSARY
of
TRINITY EVANGELICAL
LUTHERAN CHURCH
of
PITTSBURG, OHIO
8520 OAKES RD. PITTSBURG, OHIO
Worship with Holy Communion @ 10:30 AM
A Celebration Dinner @ 1:00 PM
Will be held @ Franklin-Monroe School
To share pictures, memorabilia, or for more
info contact secretary@pittsburgtlc.org or
Phone: 937-692-5670 You may write to us:
Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
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Message side for you to address, return to church, and we will record the address and supply postage and mail it for you.

Please help us to make this day a very special milestone in the history of our beloved church and in your own lives as well. On behalf of the 150th Celebration Team we want to thank you in advance for your help and cooperation.

150th Celebration Team
Portia Boord - Team Leader

Women of the ELCA

January, February, March are the months we are collecting for Health Kit supplies. The items needed are adult tooth brushes, bath size bars of soap, wide tooth combs, bath towels (dark in color and 52x27), nail clippers w/nail file included. Our meetings start with devotions and then we have our video by PJ with discussion, then we conduct our meeting. Come join us the first Wednesday of each month at 6:30 P.M. We do have fun. Our next meeting will be February 3rd. Our upcoming event on Sunday, February 14 Valentines Day will be our Spaghetti Dinner, 5:30 to 7:00 P.M. which the proceeds will go toward some cost of the 150th Anniversary. Plan that evening and bring your sweetheart. Our monthly outing for lunch is February 10th 12:00 noon at D'Alessios in where the Palace use to be in Greenville. All ladies are welcome. Please leave Shirley Rhoades know if you want to attend by Sunday February 7th. I have all the time in the world to do things, but can't find enough time to do them. Take a little time and do the little things!

Sharon Wirrig, President



Dartball May Be Over, But the Fun Is About to Begin!!!



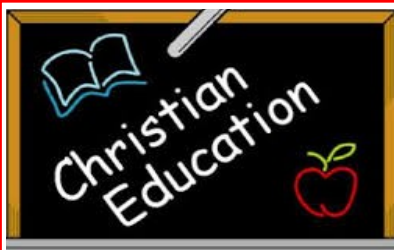
That's right fellas, the season may be over and once again we are not bringing the banner home to Trinity, but there is always next year!?!? So in the meantime let's all get together and eat all we can eat of some great pizza and drown our sorrows in our beer (root or barley, whichever you prefer,) and get together one more time until next year @ Marion's Piazza in Troy, located @ 1270 Experiment Farm Rd. Bring yourself, your spouse, your significant other, your friend or even a prospective player for next year's competition, as we get together Sunday evening, February 21st, @ 5 PM. Hope to see you all there!!!



Wednesday, February 10, 2016
12:00 Noon & You're Invited
D'Alessios Restaurant
537 S. Broadway in The Palace
Suite #102
Greenville, Ohio 45331



Please let Shirley Rhoades know no later than Sunday, February the 7th if you plan to attend either by phone: 939-737-0097 or at church that morning. This restaurant is rated with a 4.6 out of 5 stars and has a wide variety of genuine Italian cuisine. Come join us!



Christian Education Team News

Trinity congregation and parents of children, thank-you so much for your help and support of our many recent events. You all make meeting the kids' needs possible!

Two awesome events for all children, St. Nicholas Day and the Christmas program were made possible due to supporters and helpers! Your volunteer time is appreciated! Many positive comments were heard about both events, so we are already planning for those same events with a twist for 2016. Your feedback is always welcome.

The Trinity Troops (3rd - 6th graders) have been busy with tubing in January and making Valentines for shut-ins in February!

We are looking forward to the Easter Egg Hunt again this year and hope to accommodate children attending both the early and later service. Small wrapped candy donations will be helpful as well as money to put in some eggs.

Family Fun Day will be coming on April 10! The whole congregation and family can be involved in our Karaoke Night! You are encouraged to dress in costume representing an individual singer or group. More participation means more fun for all. If nothing else, come for a good laugh! We will be serving Walking Tacos and Ice Cream Sundaes! The time will be 5:00PM - ?

Good news! Yes, we will be having Bible School as last year. The theme is so fitting for Darke County! Barnyard roundup. The June 26 picnic will be the kickoff day with 4 sessions on Wednesdays in July. I heard a rumor about a "Petting zoo".

Sunday School volunteers are still needed! Thanks for the support!

Christian Education Leader, Marge Warner

Prayers & Squares Quilters will be meeting Friday, Feb. the 12th from 9 AM until 1 PM, and then Monday Feb. 29th also 9 AM to 1 PM. As always be watching in your weekly bulletins or in the projected announcements as sometimes an extra day of quilting is added and sometimes quilting days get changed altogether. Come join in the fun!!! There's a job for everyone and anyone that's willing!

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10^(Ash Wed.) Rob Arling
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21 Sharon Wirrig
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MARCH NEWSLETTER
DEADLINE IS
MONDAY FEBRUARY 15



NOTES FROM YOUR PARISH NURSE

Choosing a Nursing Home

Currently, I am working as a case manager. As a case manager, I meet with patients and their families to determine where the patient wants to go upon discharge from the hospital. Patients may go home, they might go home with home health care, or they may need to go to a nursing facility for a short rehab stay or for long term.

Odds are high that someone in your family will need a nursing home sooner or later. A majority of people over age 65 will require some type of long-term care services during their lifetime, and over 40 percent of people will need a period of care in a nursing

home, according to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

Once the decision has been made for a nursing home- how do you choose a facility? The number one reason most facilities are chosen is the location is close to home. Talking with other individuals who may have been at a nursing home or had a loved one at a nursing home may give you an honest opinion of the facility. It is important to understand that two individuals at the same facility may have two completely different experiences. It is important to do your own research on two to three nursing facilities prior to choosing which facility is best for your needs or the needs of a loved one.

When visiting a nursing home look around:

Safety hazards aren't always obvious. For example, you should look for frayed carpets and other potential fall hazards.

Adequate staffing is critical to a safe and healthy environment. Without enough nurses and aides, care suffers. A resident with shaky hands who doesn't get the help she needs at meals can become malnourished. An infirm resident who has to wait to get help with toileting can develop a urinary tract infection that could progress to a life-threatening blood infection or kidney failure. Ask about the patient to staff ratios.

You can pick up signs that staff members respect and care about residents in the small interactions. Before entering a room, for example, do nurses knock? Do staffers address residents casually and impersonally, or politely and by name?

Find out ways the staff keeps residents occupied throughout the day. You don't want Mom in the hall in a wheelchair all day.

In the end, a home has to be affordable. A year in a nursing home now costs an average of close to \$100,000, and not all charges are obvious. Some homes, for example, tack on fees for physical therapy or dentist appointments. Medicare only pays for short stays following hospitalization, and Medicaid—which not every home accepts—requires depleting most of a resident's assets.

If you would like more information on the questions to ask when choosing a nursing home- there are copies of "Your Nursing Home Checklist" from U.S. News and World Report on the table across from the office.

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

Parish Nurse

PJ Musser MSN RN CNRN RN-BC

Blood pressure Screenings are the third and fourth Sundays of the month in the adult Sunday school classroom immediately following church service.

\$ FINANCIAL NEWS FROM JAN. 03, 2016 - JAN. 24, 2016 \$

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

Benevolence Budget Per Week: **\$341.54**

Building Fund: No budgeted amount. The restroom project is paid in full.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Current</u>	<u>Benevolence</u>	<u>Building</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
01/03	\$ 1,457.00	\$ 77.00	\$ 50.00	57
01/10	\$ 1,513.00	\$ 165.00	\$ 50.00	47
01/17	\$ 1,125.00	\$ 785.00*	\$ 65.00	56
01/24	\$ 1,956.00*	\$ 325.00	\$ 40.00	62

150th Anniversary Donations to Date = \$768.80. Envelopes for giving specifically to this fund are on the back middle window sill in the church. Please include your envelope number if you wish to have it recorded.

* Denotes Sundays we met or exceeded our budgeted giving.

Figures printed in red are those amounts not meeting budgeted giving.

Current total includes both envelope giving and loose funds placed in the offering plate.

Benevolence funds come from member's envelopes who designate an amount specifically for the Benevolence fund in the appropriate box.

There is no set budgeted amount for the building fund. It is sustained by individual members' generosity, who choose to contribute to it.

We have begun a **"Capital Fund Drive"** starting in January to raise the funds for the parking lot renovation project! Please give this matter your prayerful consideration.





Stewardship Minute*:

"Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, our time and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen."

The above prayer is one of the offering prayers in the Evangelical Worship book. It lifts up some key insights about good Christian Stewardship:

1. Everything we have comes from God. We are caretakers of God's stuff, which he has blessed us with to meet our needs and to allow us to partner with him in meeting the needs of others.
2. Stewardship is more than just what we do with money. Money is an important part of it, but it goes beyond how we use money to how we use our very lives in gratitude to God for His gracious love.
3. Good Stewardship is not about getting the most for the least, or finding the cheapest way to do things. God gave his very best to us, his only Son Jesus Christ, who willingly gave his very best, his life on the cross, for us.

Good Stewardship therefore doesn't look for the "least" I can do, but rather the best I can do, in gratitude for God giving his best for me. We plan to highlight some aspect of Stewardship each month in order to give us all a clearer picture of this important part of our Christian faith. Thank you for your faithfulness in being the best Steward of God's stuff you can be!

From Your Congregational Council

The President's Perspective



President's Perspective -

Happy New Year! It is great to be starting 2016 off with so many good missions to continue and expand upon. I want to thank Dean Thompson and everyone who got us to this point. We still need everyone's help to keep things rolling. The biggest thing we have to do is continue Christ's ministries.

One of our worldly projects is the 150th Anniversary celebration. Think of it as a big birthday, graduation, and reunion party rolled into one. It will take lots of planning and work and we would like everyone to be on board and help in any way they can.

Another biggie is the parking lot. This is a long term investment and we would like to have it completed in time for our big party. This may require some type of capital investment account and fund raisers. We look forward to hearing your ideas for sharing your time and talents to accomplish this goal.

We, the Church Council, welcome ideas, suggestions, help, and prayers that everything we do is for the Glory of God.

In Christ,

Eldon Erdmann

February The Trinity Trumpet 2016



I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ² Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God-- what is good and acceptable and perfect. (Romans 12:1-2)

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and from Jesus Christ, whom we worship and adore, amen.

What does worship mean to you? How important is worship in the life of a Christian? Can a good person be a Christian without worship on a weekly basis? These are all really important questions for Christians to consider. I just finished a really good book by Michael Foss titled "Real Faith for Real Life: The Six Marks of Disci-

pliship." In this book Foss said, "Worship is about the coming of God. In the midst of the Scripture reading, the preaching, and singing God shows up. In worship, people who long to connect with the Spirit can heal their heart's hunger." In every book I've read on discipleship weekly worship is an extremely important mark, or sign of what makes one a disciple of Jesus Christ. This is so because Jesus promised where two or more are gathered In His Name He is there among them. God is present when hymns or songs of praise are sung, when prayers are said, when the Scriptures are read, and when the sacraments are celebrated. In worship, which is less about what we do or how we do it and more about the One in whom we gather, the longing of our souls is touched by God's Holy Spirit and we encounter the living God. Worship is God's gift to your soul...

The human soul that does not worship shrinks into itself and is far less than it was created to be. There's an old story about a pastor who noticed a member had been absent from worship for quite some time and he decided he would pay the man a visit. He knocked on the man's door and was invited to sit in a chair near the cozy fireplace. The two men sat in silence for several minutes. During this time the absentee parishioner kept waiting to the pastor to rebuke him for failing to come to Church services. Instead the two sat in silence. Finally, the pastor took one of the fireplace tools that was hanging next to the fire and nudged a burning hot coal from the center of the fire. He moved it off to the side, a few inches away from the red hot flames. As the two men continued to gaze at the captivatingly beautiful fire the coal that had been set aside cooled off. In fact it stopped glowing altogether and turned cold and black. Noticing this change, the pastor took the fireplace tool and nudged the coal back close to the center of the blazing fire. The coal almost immediately returned to its former red hot state. A few minutes went by without a word being spoken and the pastor got up and walked to the door. At this point the man was in tears and promised the pastor he would be at worship the very next Sunday. And he was...

Another story I love is told by a professor I had at seminary. He was at a Christian music concert and was seated next to a rather long haired hippy sort of fellow. This man was clearly into the music and loved to sing about Jesus. My professor commented to this person about how much he seemed to be enjoying the concert and the man said he really loved Jesus and loved to sing about Him. When asked about his Church and where he attended the man admitted he didn't attend any Church services at all. My curious professor asked him why he didn't attend and the man said the music, preaching and all that praying were too boring and the service lasted too long. Upon hearing this my professor again asked the man if he loved Jesus and the man said he would die for Jesus... To this my professor replied something along the lines of, "so, you love Jesus enough to die for Him, but not enough to be bored for an hour or two on a Sunday?"













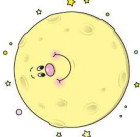





I know February has some bad weather and it might be cold outside, and we might sing songs that are unfamiliar and boring. There might even come a day when you might think the pastor's sermon is boring (although I doubt that's possible...). In fact, I guarantee there will be Sundays when you just don't feel like dragging yourself out of bed to get to Church. On those days, I ask you to consider, "Do you love Jesus enough to be bored for an hour or so?"

For Christians, worship isn't an optional thing—it's what we do! As your pastor, I don't expect everyone to be in Church every single week, but as a follower and disciple of the risen Christ I pray it's so important for the health of your soul that you desire to be present with the living Christ as an essential member of His Body as often as you are able and that worship becomes such a priority in your life that little other can lay claim to Sunday morning.

May you find rest, refreshment, and rebirth every time we worship together. May your fire never become cold because you separated yourself from the source of the flame. And may you be a living sacrifice Holy and acceptable to God each and every time you present yourself to Him in His House for Worship. Amen.

Pastor Mel Ma

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2  GROUNDHOG DAY	3 6:30 PM Women of the ELCA and Confirmation Class	4	5- 3:30 PM-FISH Choice Food Pantry  12 Noon	6
7 Transfiguration Sunday 9:30 AM- Adult Sunday school 10:30 AM -Worship w/Holy Communion	8 	9 7 PM Church Council 	10-12 Noon-Ladies Lunch 7 PM Worship Service  Lent Begins Ash Wednesday	11 2 PM Worship Team 	12- 3:30 PM-FISH Choice Food Pantry  12 Noon	13
14-9:30-AM Adult Sunday school 10:30-AM Worship & Kids Sun. school 5 PM "Sweethearts" Spaghetti Dinner 	15  Presidents' Day	16	17 6 PM  7 PM Mid-Week Lenten Worship	18	19- 3:30 PM-FISH Choice Food Pantry  12 Noon	20
21-9:30 AM-Adult Sunday school 10:30 AM-Worship w/Holy Communion 11:30 AM-Blood Pres- sure 	22 Full Moon 	23	24 6 PM  7 PM Mid-Week Lenten Worship	25	26- 3:30 PM-FISH Choice Food Pantry  12 Noon	27
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