

The Trumpet

Trinity Lutheran Church

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Guided by
the Holy Spirit,
Trinity Shows & Tells
God's Love in Word & Deed
with ALL!

Pilgrimage Ponderings

I'm writing this from the balmy climate of San Juan, Puerto Rico to share with the congregation some of the life-changing realities our mission team experienced this week. And, in a unique "God-cidence" kind of way, one of the out-of-our-comfort-zone experiences has included the experience of prayer - public prayer, prayer for one another, prayer for strangers, prayer by strangers, prayer in Spanish, prayer in English then translated into Spanish. When we first arrived, our host and primary coordinator of all the service projects, Pastor Neyda Albarran, informed us that everywhere we go we would be privileged with the opportunity to pray with the people. Then, Pastor Marc Miller, Sr. Pastor of Union Church of San Juan, and another of the hosts, informed us that the preferred practice is that the lay people pray. Gotta admit, it seemed like that left us clergy off the hook - but to see and hear the people of God, lay or clergy, resident or guest, pray, is humbling and good. As we looked around the room, having been informed of that expectation, a few of us thought, well, we will be here 7 days, and there are 18 of us, that should work out to 1 prayer per person aloud. But when the Spirit moves it moves mightily, and a few folks acknowledged that they were already way outside their comfort zone, so why stop with a prayer, why not do a devotion, and a story of faith compelling participation in this team as well.

I say that this experience is a God-cidence, because the Northwestern Ohio Synod, at the invitation of our Bishop, is living together under the theme of Prayer for 2018. Our memory verse is: "Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God." Prayer will also be the theme of our congregation's journey through Lent. Later in this Trumpet you will see how those Lenten services will use prayer as the focus.

Prayer is an essential part of living in the faith. Jesus prayed often. The apostle Paul, who penned the words of our 2018 memory verse to the church of Philippi - known as the church of joy, also knew the necessity of prayer - to pray always, in adversity and triumph, and with thanksgiving. I think that's the piece of the puzzle I saw put in place in Puerto Rico - the thanksgiving piece. The people here are thankful - in little and in much (and when I say much, by our standards for most of them we would call it little,) and from that gratitude and thankfulness, springs forth generosity and joy. I sat with Eduardo at lunch on Monday, at a soup kitchen where our team had provided and prepared 100 box lunches, and I asked him, about his experience of the Hurricane. He was spared from major damage, but still the people of various agencies sought to aid him, and he encouraged them to understand, that he was doing fine, had enough, was content, that they needed to help others. Contentment finds it's root source in gratitude, and being thankful in all things can re-shape our prayer life. In fact, I think I could probably spend a few months of 2018 with just that middle phrase of our memory verse, "...but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving..."

A Prayer: In everything God, we give thanks, to you, for your Son, for the Spirit's call to follow, and in following to trust that who we are and what we have is gift and grace. Amen.

Pastor Mary Beth



Winter Worship Schedule
Sundays 10:30am
Sunday School 9:15-10:15am
Saturdays 6:00pm



Souper Bowl of Caring
February 4, 2018



February 14, 2018
Valentines Day

Ash Wednesday
February 14, 2018



February 19, 2018

Worship Focus for February

February 3rd & 4th

Fifth Weekend of Epiphany

In Isaiah it is the one God who sits above the earth and numbers the stars—it is that God who strengthens the powerless. So in Jesus' healing work we see the hand of the creator God, lifting up the sick woman to health and service (*diakonia*). Like Simon's mother-in-law, we are lifted up to health and diakonia. Following Jesus, we strengthen the powerless: like Jesus, we seek to renew our own strength in quiet times of prayer.

February 10th & 11th

Transfiguration of our Lord

The Sundays after Epiphany began with Jesus' baptism and end with three disciples' vision of his transfiguration. In Mark's story of Jesus' baptism, apparently only Jesus sees the Spirit descending and hears the words from heaven. But now Jesus' three closest friends hear the same words naming him God's beloved son. As believers, Paul writes, we are enabled to see the God-light in Jesus' face, because the same God who created light in the first place has shone in our hearts to give us that vision. The light of God's glory in Jesus has enlightened us through baptism and shines in us also for others to see.

February 17th & 18th

First Weekend of Lent

On Ash Wednesday the church began its journey toward baptismal immersion in the death and resurrection of Christ. This year, the Sundays in Lent lead us to focus on five covenants God makes in the Hebrew Scriptures and to use them as lenses through which to view baptism. First Peter connects the way God saved Noah's family in the flood with the way God saves us through the water of baptism. The baptismal covenant is made with us individually, but the new life we are given in baptism is for the sake of the whole world.

February 24th & 25th

Second Weekend of Lent

The second covenant in this year's Lenten readings is the one made with Abraham and Sarah: God's promise to make them the ancestors of many, with whom God will remain in everlasting covenant. Paul says this promise comes to all who share Abraham's faith in the God who brings life into being where there was no life. We receive this baptismal promise of resurrection life in faith. Sarah and Abraham receive new names as a sign of the covenant, and we too get new identities in baptism, as we put on Christ.



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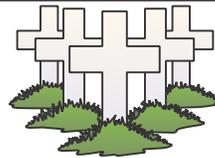


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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

The month of February brings birthdays for two of our Trinity members... On the 1st of February, Mary Arnold, Live Oaks Assisted Living, 2300 N Cedar Street, #11, Foley, AL 36535, turns 90. Celebrating his 87th on the 20th is Don Collins, 06586 St. Rt. 15, Defiance 43512. God's blessing to you both.



Sincere Christian sympathy and prayerful support to the following...

the Matt Grube family with the death of Tamara's father, Kenneth Grime on December 30th at the age of 90. He was from West Unity.

the family of Christa Hitt with her passing on January 8th. A memorial service will be held for Christa at a later date.

to JoAnn Ebbert with the passing of her brother, James Cousins on January 1st at the age of 77.

"Rest eternal, grant them, O Lord:
and let light perpetual shine upon them"

FIGHT HUNGER IN OUR COMMUNITY February 4, 2018



The Souper Bowl of Caring is the result of thousands of young people joining together to fight hunger and poverty in their local communities. Our youth will again participate in this worthwhile program that since 1990 has raised millions of dollars for hunger programs around the United States. Youth will be at the door after the service on February 4th with soup kettles and ask that you give \$1.00 (more if you wish). Everything collected will go to the First Lutheran Church Food Pantry.



Please pickup your 2018 offering envelopes from the table in the narthex.

The 2017 giving statements are also available to be picked up.

Several of the members of the Trinity Senior choir have flown the coop for much deserved R & R for the winter.... but I have some 3 part SAB and some SSA music that I think we could prepare for some of the Sunday services in upcoming months. And we can always welcome some newcomers (high school age and older) to the group! I propose the following rehearsal and singing schedule and hope that you will plan to be there as much as possible. We always meet in the choir loft!

Rehearsal, Wednesday, February 7 - 7 pm.

Sing on Sunday, February 11th which is the last Sunday before Lent begins!

NO rehearsal on February 14 - Ash Wednesday service will be held at 7 pm.

We will NOT sing February 18th.

Rehearsal February 21 and 28 after mid-week Lenten services until 8:20/30.

Sing on Sundays February 25 and March 4.

NO rehearsal on March 7.

We will NOT sing on March 11.

Rehearsals March 14 and 21 after mid-week Lenten services until 8:20/30.

Sing on Sunday, March 18 and on March 25 (Palm/Passion Sunday).

Regular 7pm rehearsal on Wednesday, March 28th in preparation to sing on Easter, April.

Let's give this a try. We are short in numbers but mighty in heart and song! I look forward to continuing our music ministry together! Judy



Some interest has been shown for reestablishing a children's choir at Trinity! HURRAY! I would like to meet with children Kindergarten through sixth grade for a few weeks and see if there is interest in singing at an upcoming Sunday morning service. Since the hand chimes are not meeting until April, I propose we meet at 8:40am on Sunday mornings in February and March for thirty minutes before Sunday School. So...if this interests you, please let me know at 419-519-2237 (call or text) or email jglewis@cityofbryan.net OR by calling the church office. I'll be ready and excited for some FUN!

Thank you

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I want to thank everybody for all my cards and calls I received for my birthday. It really helps make the day special. God Bless you.
Editha Williams

I would like to thank the youth of Trinity, Pastor Mary Beth, and Lisa Whitman for their thoughtfulness for the goodie bag and sharing their Christmas joy with me by caroling. Their beautiful voices and carols were an added touch to my Christmas. My wish to each and every one of you is to have a healthy and happy new year and for the youth to excel in their achievements and grades. Remember to reach for your dreams and God will lead you! Fran Schlachter

Thank you to our church family for all the prayers / concerns and for Pastor Proctors visit during our dear mother's illness and then passing. These things help tremendously during our time of grief and suffering. Love, Keith & Trudy

Lent 2018: Grounded in Prayer

Throughout Lent, the midweek worship opportunities will focus on the content of the book, *Grounded in Prayer* by Brent Dahlseng. Each week those leading worship will look at another facet of a life of prayer for individual and congregation. We will be doing our services in rotation style with Deacon Jean Wise and Pastor Roger Marlow, both from St. Peter's, Edon. The schedule of themes, leaders, and meal hosts is as follows:

Wednesday, February 14 - Ash Wednesday Imposition of Ashes & Holy Communion Worship at 7 p.m. The Theme: The Shape of Prayer led by Pastor Mary Beth. A Lasagna dinner will be hosted by the youth of Trinity who are planning to attend the National Youth Gathering in Houston, TX. Dinner is from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, February 21 - The First Week of Lent worship will be led by Pastor Roger Marlow, and he will focus on the theme of Preparing to Pray. Dinner will be prepared and served by the Mission Quilters & Prayer Shawl Group. Dinner is from 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, February 28 - The Second Week of Lent worship led by Pastor Mary Beth, with the theme of Tools for the Task of Prayer. Dinner will be hosted/prepared by Trinity Lutheran Men in Mission featuring their Pancakes & Whole Hog Sausage, served from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Take 5 for Faith 5 Minutes - 5 Steps - Everyday

Feb 6 - Mark 4:30-31
Feb 7 - Psalm 8:3-8
Feb 8 - Matthew 7:7-8
Feb 9 - Mark 14:35-36
Feb 10 - Luke 18:1-8
Feb 11 - 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18
Feb 12 - Isaiah 59:15-16
Feb 13 - Ezekiel 22:30
Feb 14 - Luke 11:1-4

Share your ups & downs of the day.
Read the suggested Bible passage.
Reflect on its meaning for you and our world.
Pray for family, friends, the church & world.
Bless yourself & others.

Feb 15 - 1 John 1:8-9
Feb 16 - Psalm 63:1-4
Feb 17 - Psalm 92:1-3
Feb 18 - Philippians 4:6-7
Feb 19 - 1 Samuel 3:1-10

Feb 20 - Psalm 3:1-4
Feb 21 - Mark 4:3-4
Feb 22 - Mark 4:13-14
Feb 23 - Mark 3:1-6
Feb 24 - Mark 3:31-35
Feb 25 - Mark 6:1-6
Feb 26 - Mark 5:21-24, 35-43
Feb 27 - Luke 15:3-7
Feb 28 - Mark 4:5-6
Mar 1 - Mark 4:16-17
Mar 2 - Mark 8:31-32
Mar 3 - Mark 9:2-13
Mar 4 - Mark 9:33-34
Mar 5 - Mark 9:38-40

2018 Puerto Rico Mission Trip



Team Trinity



A circle of prayer,
"reaching out...bringing hope..."in every situation.



Karen Gallagher shares her story of faith and how she was led to be part of the team.



Debris seen in many yards of forgotten neighborhoods.



Morovis, PR - house #1 before the new roof



Morovis, PR - house #1 after the new roof

Thank you

Thank you to Bob & Sandy Berning for donating a large screen TV to be used for a chancel monitor on which to view projected images more easily.



Judy Lewis, Lynnette Diaz, and Ed Clinker for the musical leadership shared in our Advent and Christmas season worship. The Choir for the gift of "A Thrill of Hope" Cantata; the Bell Choir for enhancing our worship at the candlelight Christmas eve service, and Ed for his accompaniment in the congregational singing at the Saturday, December 23 Lessons and Carols Service. You help us all to make a joyful noise and we are grateful!



Perhaps you've wondered what careful steward of time and talents sharpened all of the sanctuary pencils - well, that would be Ralph Gallagher, who came to the church one afternoon after business hours and with his own sharpener made our pencils pointy and useable - Thank you, Ralph!



In order to make using the chairlift easier, and to obstruct the doorway a bit less, Jeff Gunn moved the control to call for the lift, and those who use it appreciate that.



Trinity's 9th Annual Christmas Day Dinner fed 65 people due to the efforts of Cathy Leu, Rhonda Fackler, Jackie Uran, Mary Beth Snider, Barb & Gary Arnos, Rick & Carol Gilmer, Mike & Sue Bever, Arlene Dahl, and the many of you who provided salads and desserts. Through your generosity Christmas was Merry & Bright for many who would have been alone.



Thank you to the Women of Trinity for their many years of dedicated, often behind the scenes, efforts to share the Gospel and promote Christian fellowship for decades. This year's Advent brunch was one of those opportunities, and we are grateful to Marcia Vargo, Joanne Wolf, JoAnn Ebbert, Peggy Vermillion, Julia Rossow, Linda Essex, Donna Witte and Marsha Kirkpatrick.



Thank you to those who generously shared your treasures to purchase gifts for the angel tree recipients, and to those who coordinated the effort - JoAnn Ebbert, Peggy Vermillion, Joanne Wolf, Linda Essex, and Marsha Vargo.



The ABC's of Christmas provided a message everyone learned from, as shared by the Sunday School Children and the congregation is grateful to Martha Eickhoff and Michelle Fireovid for coordinating the program, and to Kristen Peet, Kristin Diaz, Julie Taylor and Carrie Schlade for assisting.



Thank you to John Wolf for the gift of a new battery and transmitter pads for our church AED device... we hope we never need it, but it's ready if we do.

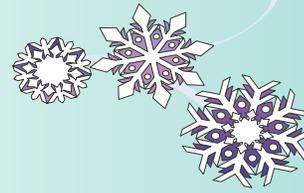


We can see clearer now, the lights are bright and the switches function properly...thanks to Henry Burklo for replacing various light bulbs and light switches throughout the building.



Thank you to Joe Whisler for hooking up the large TV which serves as a computer projection monitor for those in

February 2018



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				 Happy Birthday 1 Mary Arnold (90)	2	3
4 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship w/ HC  Souper Bowl of Caring	5 6:30pm Prayer Shawl	6	7 5:30-6:30 Midwk Manna 6:30pm Catechism 7:00pm Choir Practice	8	9 Pastor's Day Off	10 6:00pm Worship w/ HC
11 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship w/ HC	12 7:00pm Council	13 12:30-4:00pm Mission Quilters	 14 Happy Valentine's Day 5:30-6:30 Lenten Meal 7:00pm Ash Wed Service	15	16 Pastor's Day Off	17 6:00pm Worship w/ HC supper club
18 7:45am TLMM Meeting 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship w/ HC	19 Deadline for March Trumpet 	 Happy Birthday 20 Don Collins (87) 7:00pm Dartball away vs. Stryker	21 5:30-6:30 Lenten Meal 7:00pm Lenten Worship Choir Practice	22	23 Pastor's Day Off	24 6:00pm Worship w/ HC
25 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship w/ HC	26	27	28 TLMM Pancake & Sausage 5:30-6:30 Lenten Meal 7:00pm Lenten Worship Choir Practice			

FEBRUARY ASSIGNMENTS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>ACOLYTE</u>	<u>PROJECTION</u>	<u>SOUND</u>	<u>USHERS</u>
February 4th	Noah Diaz	Mike Bever	Henry Burklo	Team 5 Tom Smith
February 11th	Hutson Wheeler	Rob Goodlive	Jim Helbig	Team 1 Doug Johnson
February 18th	Eli Schlade	Rhonda Fackler	Tom Smith	Team 2 Henry Burklo
February 25th	Ashtyn Frederick	Joe Whisler	Rick Taylor	Team 3 Floyd Taylor

<u>December Attendance & Offerings</u>		
Date	Attendance	Offering
Budgeted Need \$5,066.00		
12/2 Saturday Worship	35	
12/3 Sunday Worship	82	\$5,750.30
12/09 Saturday Worship	35	
12/10 Sunday Worship	122	\$3,905.00
12/16 Saturday Worship	38	
12/17 Sunday Worship	134	\$4,340.30
12/23 Saturday Worship	24	
12/24 Sunday Worship	94	\$3,969.30
12/24 Family Xmas Eve	39	
12/24 Xmas Eve Candlelight	110	
12/31 Sunday Worship	81	\$3,503.30
Avg Attendance Dec 2017	158	
<u>Other Income for December</u>		
Media	20.00	
Pay for Ed Clinker Music	40.00	
parking lot fund	20.00	
World Hunger	500.00	
Puerto Rico donations	9230.00	
Puerto Rico reimbursement	5184.00	
Thanksgiving	115.00	
memorial	540.00	
Initial Offering	6.00	
lights/zoo reimbursement	203.00	
Christmas	1706.00	
Poinsettia	302.00	

<u>January Attendance & Offerings</u>		
Date	Attendance	Offering
Budgeted Need \$4,823.25		
1/6 Saturday Worship	35	
1/7 Sunday Worship	106	\$5,475.10
1/13 Saturday Worship	29	
1/14 Sunday Worship	65	\$3,823.00
1/20 Saturday Worship	34	
1/22 Sunday Worship	62	\$2,554.00
1/28 Saturday Worship	30	
1/29 Sunday Worship	80	n/a
Avg Attendance Jan 2017	110	
<u>Other Income for January</u>		
Media	20.00	
Pay for Ed Clinker Music	20.00	
parking lot fund	20.00	
Cemetery	200.00	
Foundation	66.33	
initial offering	104.00	
Puerto Rico Relief	2089.00	

February Baptism Birthdays

1 Pat Squires	14 Norma Thielan
3 Lynn Wieland	14 Maris Gendron
5 Sarah Knight	19 Adam Smith
7 Barbara Gorrell	21 Spencer Hastedt
7 Donna Johnson	21 Noah Diaz
7 Ron Kerr	21 Alex Diaz
9 Jeff Chappuies	23 Elizabeth Diaz
10 Sarah Vollmer	26 Luella Weller
13 Eric Gendron	28 Robert Berning
14 Jacqueline Kelley	29 Marilyn Feather
14 Madison Klinepeter	

ALTAR GUILD

Mary Lou Schnitz
Arlene Dahl
Rhonda Fackler

Save the Date

Saturday, March 3
World Day of Prayer 2018
Wesley United Methodist

FEBRUARY BIBLE VERSE

"Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God." Philippians 4:6