

The Trumpet

Trinity Lutheran Church

509 Center Street, Bryan, OH

419-636-3387

Pastor Mary Beth Smith-Gunn

Deacon Jean Wise

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

Pilgrimage Ponderings

February includes the celebration of St. Valentine's Day...the day which can result in extreme discomfort for school age children, guilt trips for one's significant other, and memories of gifts lovingly given for those who are now alone. Sure, Valentine's Day can also come with some chuckles, sweet gestures and kind thoughts. But it's one of those holidays you either celebrate or you don't. I try to remember those nearest and dearest to me in some way...Jeff gets his favorite candy and a card, the kids get a reminder that Mom would give her all for them.

Historically speaking, St. Valentine is not a figure easy to pin down because there are several different accounts about him. A few things seem consistently certain - that he defied the Emperor Claudius, insisting that soldiers should be permitted to marry, that he performed miracles of healing, and that he died a martyr's death. As he died, history states, he left a note to a young girl he had miraculously healed, signed, "Your Valentine." He gave his all for what he believed in and who he cared about.

In the church we talk about grace quite often. We describe it as God's unmerited favor, offered through Jesus and His sacrificial love for the whole human family. Yet we have a tendency to put constraints or expectations on how that grace is experienced. Earlier today, on this day when we did not have worship in the Williams County ELCA Parish congregations, I reflected upon a question from a colleague about the sacrament of Holy Communion. The question was why we put constraints on the grace God offers in Holy Communion - expect people to know what is happening and understand before receiving those gifts of grace. I don't know about you, but I can't put a definition on grace or love because about the time I think I have it figured out the situation changes or I change. I think about that first group with whom Jesus shared the Bread & Wine of the Lord's Supper - one would betray him, one would deny him, a couple bickered about choice places in the pecking order, and a few others probably wished they could just fade into the background rather than put their future on the line for this one who sacrificially loves. Nevertheless, Jesus includes those men and all of us in the meal's gracious invitation and nourishes us to nurture us in His grace and goodness. Sinners one and all who are included because of who Jesus is not who we are or ever can become.

As we move into Lent an opportunity will be offered to non-communing children in Kindergarten and older, to learn a bit more about Holy Communion and be invited to receive the sacrament. I encourage parents to consider a few Marks of Readiness for Holy Communion. Those Marks are: 1. Does my child understand the impact of doing right and wrong; 2. Does my child understand what it is to be loved unconditionally; and 3. Does my child know how it feels to be excluded rather than included. Because I think the answers to those questions get to the heart of the sacrament of Holy Communion, where our sin, no matter how bad is forgiven, not because we are loveable, but because God is love, and includes all the faithful to the table of the family meal.

God bless & Happy Valentine's Day!

Pastor Mary Beth

Pastor Mary Beth Smith-Gunn



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



Souper Bowl of Caring
February 3, 2019



February 14, 2019
Valentines Day



February 18, 2019

LOOKING AHEAD...

TLMM Sausage Sale
February 16 - 24, 2019



TLMM Pancake &
Sausage Supper
Shrove Tuesday
March 5, 2019

Ash Wednesday
March 6, 2019



Worship Focus for February

February 2nd & 3rd Fourth Weekend of Epiphany

The glory of God is often revealed when and where it is least expected. God uses our lips to declare that glory, inexperienced and hesitant though they may be. God uses our love to demonstrate that glory and so urges us to exercise it. God uses Jesus of Nazareth, water and the word, bread and wine, to reveal God's glory where and when God chooses. Take heed, lest the glory of God slip through our midst unnoticed.

February 9th & 10th Fifth Weekend of Epiphany

The fifth Sunday after Epiphany continues to highlight unlikely instruments and circumstances appointed to reveal the glory of the Lord. "Who will go for us?" queries the voice of the Lord. A man of unclean lips, a former persecutor of the church of God, and three fishermen who couldn't catch a thing. More surprising still, perhaps, is the fact that we are also called.

February 16th & 17th Sixth Weekend of Epiphany

Blessings and curses abound on the sixth Sunday after Epiphany. We would do well to listen closely to whom the "blessed ones" and the "woe tos" are directed and to find our place in the crowd among those who desire to touch Jesus. The risen Christ stands among us in the mystery of the holy supper with an invitation to live in him and the power to heal us all.

February 23rd & 24th Seventh Weekend of Epiphany

Mercy. Mercy. Joseph lives it in Egypt. Jesus preaches it in the gospel. The Spirit guides us into merciful lives with the power of forgiveness to reconcile what is fractured and divided. Such merciful living is the baptismal blessing of having put on Christ. It is the gift of the life-giving Spirit. It is a reflection of the glory of God revealed in the Christ.



Return Service Requested

www.tlbryan.com
Phone: 419-636-3387

Trinity Lutheran Church
509 Center Street
Bryan, OH 43506

The Trumpet

Trinity Lutheran Church
February 2019

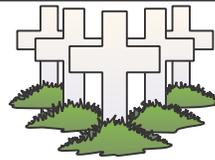


Non Profit Organ.
Postage Paid
Permit #164
Bryan, OH 43506



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

The month of February brings birthdays for three of our Trinity members... On the 1st of February, Mary Arnold, Live Oaks Assisted Living, 2300 N Cedar Street, #11, Foley, AL 36535, turns 91. Celebrating his 88th on the 20th is Don Collins, 06586 St. Rt. 15, Defiance 43512. On February 21st Roger Chappuies, 112 Sycamore Lane, will celebrate his 81st birthday. God's blessing to the three of you.



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

the family of Leroy Hoops with his passing on December 5th. His funeral service was held at Trinity on December 8th. Leroy was 85.

to the Joe Whisler family with the passing of Jane's stepmother, Doris Meister of Alvordton. She passed away on January 10th at the age of 94.

Gary & Barb Arnos with the passing of Barb's mother, Dorothy Mavis on January 22nd. Dorothy was 91.

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

FIGHT HUNGER IN OUR COMMUNITY February 3, 2019



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 3rd 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 2019 offering envelopes from the table in the narthex.

The 2018 giving statements are also available to be picked up.

College Graduations



Congratulations to Lauren Taylor who graduated from Dayton University on December 15th earning her Bachelor of Science Degree in Pre-Dentistry. Lauren will be applying to Dental Schools this spring with the hope to become a dentist in the future.

Congratulations to Rachel Whitman who graduated from University of Toledo and Scott Jessup Honors College on December 15th earning her Bachelor of Arts in Psychology. Rachel is now applying to graduate programs with the hope of getting her Doctorate in Psychology.



Strawberry Festival 2019 Planning Meeting

will be on Monday, February 25 at 7 p.m. in the Lighthouse Room. Please attend and share your thoughts and offer your talents as we look forward to this annual event in the life of Trinity and Bryan. Bring a friend!

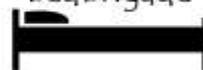
Look Who's New in Pink...



Congratulations to grandparents, Steve & Jan Mantel with the birth of Elin Grace born on November 22nd to Steve & Kati Mantel. Elin is also welcomed home by her big sister, Ivy.

Congratulations to grandparents, Tom & Lisa Smith with the birth of Evelyn Carter born on January 23rd to Ty and Carli Smith.

The
Bed Brigade



Help Painting Scripture Boards

If you are interested in helping the Bed Brigade paint scripture boards, come to the Trinity Lighthouse Room on February 9th from 9:00-11:00am. Please try to let the church office (419-636-3387 know if you are coming so we can plan for donuts, juice and coffee.



Wise Words

The Year of Scripture has begun. The synod provided a reading plan if you didn't get one, you can find here <http://nwos-elca.church/scripture/daily-reading-plan/>.)

I know many of us won't be able to keep up with this detailed plan but let's not use that as an excuse either. Make this year, the year you dig into the Word of God as often as you can.

How can you do this as a family? Read together. Model for others as they see you reading your Bible, especially important for parents and grandparents. One of my last memories of my mom was visiting at her home and seeing the open Bible by her favorite chair.

Chat about what you are learning in the Bible. Ask them what they've been reading. What's your favorite story? We just finished Genesis and Exodus - which character did you learn more about? Make it normal to talk about and enjoy the Word of God in your everyday life.

Remember: *"A Bible that's falling apart usually belongs to someone who isn't."* Charles H. Spurgeon

One more item to share. Several people asked me to clarify about presiding at communion as a Deacon. In the ELCA, Deacons can preside at communion with the permission and guidance from the synod bishop. Bishop Beaudoin and the synod council granted me permission to preside within our parish. This is renewed yearly, and they send me a letter verifying this honor and privilege. Thank you for asking as I am sure others have wondered about this role for me. I am blessed to serve you in the Williams County ELCA parish!

One final quote about the Bible:

"The primary purpose of reading the Bible is not to know the Bible but to know God.

James Merritt

Jeanie

Take 5 for Faith

5 Minutes - 5 Steps - Everyday

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. 1 Lev. 1-4	Feb. 17 Num. 14-15
Feb. 2 Lev. 5-7	Feb. 18 Num. 16-17
Feb. 3 Lev. 8-10	Feb. 19 Num. 18-20
Feb. 4 Lev. 11-13	Feb. 20 Num. 21-22
Feb. 5 Lev. 14-15	Feb. 21 Num. 23-25
Feb. 6 Lev. 16-18	Feb. 22 Num. 26-27
Feb. 7 Lev. 19-21	Feb. 23 Num. 28-30
Feb. 8 Lev. 22-23	Feb. 24 Num. 31-32
Feb. 9 Lev. 24-25	Feb. 25 Num. 33-34
Feb. 10 Lev. 26-27	Feb. 26 Num. 35-36
Feb. 11 Num. 1-2	Feb. 27 Deut. 1-2
Feb. 12 Num. 3-4	Feb. 28 Deut. 3-4
Feb. 13 Num. 5-6	Mar. 1 Deut. 5-7
Feb. 14 Num. 7	Mar. 2 Deut. 8-10
Feb. 15 Num. 8-10	Mar. 3 Deut. 11-13
Feb. 16 Num. 11-13	Mar. 4 Deut. 14-16
	Mar. 5 Deut. 17-20



SAVE the DATE

Join us for Lutheran Ministries of Mercy Annual Meeting

Monday, March 11th

Hilton Garden Inn

Perrysburg Levis Commons

6165 Levis Commons Blvd, Perrysburg, OH 43551

Registration begins at 5:30 pm

Dinner served at 6:00 pm



159th Annual Meeting of Member Congregations

Hope Lutheran Church
2201 Secor Road
Toledo, Ohio 43606

5:30 p.m. Registration and hearty
hors d'oeuvres

6:30 p.m. Worship service and
annual meeting

For reservations, call Bev
at 419.861.4954 or email
BApel@Genacross.org
by April 4, 2019.

11 APRIL
THURSDAY

SAVE
the date

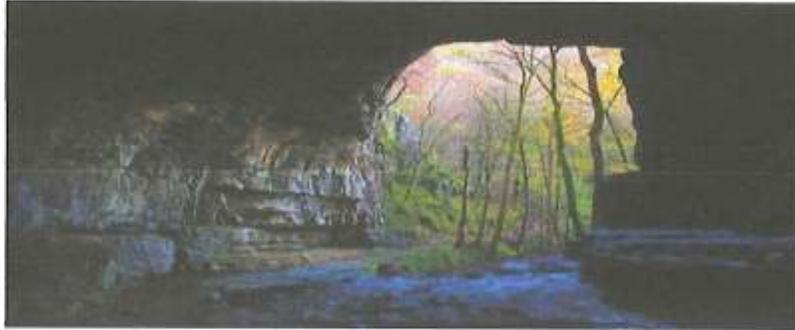


a place where people are formed in and for God's Mission

Withdrawing into Holy Presence

A Six Day Silent Directed Retreat

June 17, 5:00pm - June 22, 2019 3:00pm



In the Christian world, retreats find their origin in Jesus's own practice of "withdrawing" from those around him to pray in "a secluded place" in order to have time with his "Abba." We all need to "withdraw" and find a place for "one on one" time with God, the Source and Sustainer of our lives. This relationship matters. Once we withdraw we experience the solitude and silence that opens into Presence for and with God. What a gift this is.

Please consider gifting yourself with this retreat time away. As part of the retreat, you will meet with a spiritual director once a day who will help guide you in prayer and discernment. Let your heart-space and heart-life be renewed and refreshed by this holy withdrawing time at Victory Noll Center.

Peace and stillness await you in the beauty of this campus and the beauty of Divine Presence within. Come, join us for this time of a recharging and deepening of your spiritual life.

Retreat Directors: Sr. Nancy Brousseau, op and Jean Wise

Cost: \$475 includes spiritual direction, single occupancy and meals. Space is limited.

Full payment is required seven days before the retreat unless arrangements are made.

REGISTRATION FORM (Or register online at www.victorynollcenter.org) for *6 Day June Directed Retreat '19*

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

To ensure registration, return form with full payment to: Victory Noll Center, P.O. Box 306,

Huntington, IN 46750 ****Make checks payable to: Victory Noll Center** enclosed: \$_____

No one is ever turned away from a program because of inability to pay. For payment plans, scholarships and pay-it-forward opportunities, please contact Victory Noll Center at 260.200.1740

Thank you

The family of Marlene Reed would like to express our sincere gratitude to all who sent flowers, cards, prayers and visits during the course of Mom's illness and passing. It is very comforting to us to be surrounded by such caring. Rich, Kim & Brenda Reed

Dear Friends of Trinity, I want to acknowledge with gratitude your gift of \$1,000.00, which we have received at Oesterlen Services for Youth. Our programs of therapy for troubled children, youth, and their families are very dependent upon charitable contributions such as yours. Thank you all so very much for your generous gift and support of Oesterlen. It is greatly appreciated! Blessings, Donald L. Warner, Executive Director

Dear Friends, Thank you for your recent 2018 gift of \$1,000.00 to Luther Home of Mercy. Your gift not only supports our ministry of more than 90 years but offers a new beginning to persons with developmental disabilities. Please accept our gratitude for your generosity and shared partnership in this mission. May God's love light your way and lead you into a new year that shines with His special joy. Sincerely, Megan O'Brien and Terri Rodriguez

Greetings Pastor Mary Beth and Trinity Lutheran Church, Their healing starts with a tiny spark, a glimmer of hope in soft, soulful eyes, a warm and safe embrace, or perhaps a clean, comfortable place to sleep at night. For our youth here at Wernle, the healing has started with you. Thank you so very much for your recent gift of \$1,000.00. Your generous gift is already having an impact and helping us to change the lives of the youth in our care. Joy & Peace to You and Yours, Pastor Cliff Numm

Words fail to express how very moved I was throughout the celebration of the 25th anniversary of my ordination. The worship service was inspiring, the music uplifting, the full church encouraging. A full fellowship hall for lunch, tasty pizza, a wonderful selection of salads, and the sweet ice cream treat to end a sweet day - all made the day a complete joy. And words failed me when, at the luncheon, I was surprised to be presented with a check for nearly \$1500, generously given by the members of the Williams County ELCA Parish Congregations. Thank you, each and every one of you, so much. It is a privilege to serve, I am honored at the trust and respect you have shown and place in my leadership. We are in this adventure of faithfulness together, to God's glory and in Jesus' name. Pastor Mary Beth

Thank you to everyone for all the well wishes, prayers, visits, etc. during my recent knee surgery. Recovery is going well. Blessings, Marsha Kirkpatrick

Numerous calls have come into the church to thank our Trinity Youth for the wonderful Christmas Caroling. Those you visited with your beautiful voices felt very blessed and thankful for making their Christmas so much more special. Thank you Carolers.

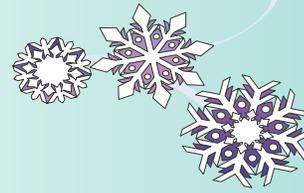
O Christmas Tree, O Christmas Tree, how lovely are your branches...and how grateful the congregation is to DeWayne & Linda Essex for the gift of the beautiful 9' pre-lighted tree which adorned the sanctuary for the Advent & Christmas Season.

Behind the scenes much is accomplished due to the gifts of time and talents of Marsha Kirkpatrick (congregation mailer and sticker affixer extraordinaire;) Joe Whisler (adder climber, projector bulb replacer, and storm window installer;) and Henry Burklo (keeper of the lighting timers and replacer of lightbulbs and electrical switches and vacuum cleaner cords.)

Comfort in times of sadness comes in many forms, not the least of which is a meal which nourishes the body. Thank you to the many who have prepared dishes for funeral dinners, served the meals, and helped to coordinate the effort to comfort through food and fellowship.

Organizing storage space and keeping the building orderly is a special gift of Tom & Rita Baird - thank you so much for helping tidy up the Christmas Decoration Room, Weiblen Hall Cabinets, the narthex and the choir loft.

February 2018



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					 Happy Birthday 1 Mary Arnold (91)	2
					Pastor's Day Off	6:00pm Worship w/ HC
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship w/ HC  Souper Bowl of Caring	6:30pm Prayer Shawl		6:00pm Bed Brigade 6:30pm Catechism		Pastor's Day Off	9:00am Paint Scripture Boards 6:00pm Worship w/ HC
10	11	12	13	 14 Happy Valentine's Day	15	16
9:10am Choir Practice 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship w/ HC	7:00pm Council	12:30-4:00pm Mission Quilters	6:30pm Catechism		Pastor's Day Off	6:00pm Worship w/ HC supper club TLMM Sausage Sale
17	18	19	 Happy Birthday 20 Don Collins (88)	 Happy Birthday 21 Roger Chappuies (81)	22	23
9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship w/ HC TLMM Sausage Sale	Deadline for March Trumpet  6:00pm TLMM Meeting at Four Seasons	5:30pm Midweek Manna 6:30pm Catechism			Pastor's Day Off	6:00pm Worship w/ HC TLMM Sausage Sale
24	25	26	27	28		
9:10am Choir Practice 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship w/ HC TLMM Sausage Sale	7:00pm Strawberry Festival Meeting		5:30pm Midweek Manna 6:30pm Catechism			

FEBRUARY ASSIGNMENTS

DATE ACOLYTE PROJECTION SOUND USHERS LAY LEADERS

February 3	Eli Schlade	Mike Bever	Henry Burklo	team 3 Floyd Taylor	Barb Arnos
---------------	----------------	---------------	-----------------	------------------------	---------------

February 10	Trinity Slabaugh	Buddy Rossow	Jim Hitchcock	team 4 Rob Goodlive	Jason Johnston
----------------	---------------------	-----------------	------------------	------------------------	-------------------

February 17	Eyon Frederick	Joe Whisler	Tom Smith	team 1 Doug Johnson	Lisa Whitman
----------------	-------------------	----------------	--------------	------------------------	-----------------

February 24	Ava Moore	Rob Goodlive	Rick Taylor	team 2 Henry Burklo	Jan Mantel
----------------	--------------	-----------------	----------------	------------------------	---------------

<u>December Attendance & Offerings</u>		
Date	Attendance	Offering
Budgeted Need \$4,037.08		
12/1 Saturday Worship	35	
12/2 Sunday Worship	82	\$4,407.00
12/8 Saturday Worship	30	
12/9 Sunday Worship	212	\$6,370.00
12/15 Saturday Worship	32	
12/16 Sunday Worship	120	\$2,379.00
12/22 Saturday Worship	30	
12/23 Sunday Worship	103	\$3,219.06
12/24 Christmas 4:30pm	55	
12/24 Christmas 10:30pm	142	\$2,836.00
12/30 Sunday Worship	85	\$3,391.00
<i>Avg Attendance December 2018</i>	146	
<u>Other Income for December</u>		
Media	30.00	
Pay for Ed Clinker Music	50.00	
parking lot fund	30.00	
Thanksgiving	90.00	
initial offering	6.00	
memorials	560.00	
memorials midweek manna	250.00	
Joint Parish - 1st Lutheran	1389.89	
25th gift donation	1385.00	
poinsettia	232.00	
world hunger	500.00	
Christmas	2078.00	

February Baptism Birthdays

1	Pat Squires	14	Madison Klinepeter
5	Sarah Knight	14	Maris Gendron
7	Barbara Gorrell	19	Adam Smith
7	Donna Johnson	21	Spencer Hastedt
7	Ron Kerr	21	Noah Diaz
10	Sarah Vollmer	21	Alex Diaz
11	Eli Kelley-Love	23	Elizabeth Diaz
13	Eric Gendron	26	Luella Weller
14	Jacqueline Kelley	29	Marilyn Feather

FEBRUARY BIBLE VERSE

And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three;
and the greatest of these is love.

1 Corinthians 13:13

January Attendance & Offerings

Date Attendance Offering
Budgeted Need \$4,152.91

1/5 Saturday Worship	36	\$138.00
1/6 Sunday Worship	95	\$4,264.01
1/12 Saturday Worship	23	
1/13 Sunday Worship	75	\$3,135.00
1/19 Saturday Worship		
1/20 Sunday Worship		cancelled
1/26 Saturday Worship	32	
1/27 Sunday Worship	72	n/a

Avg Attendance January 2019 111

Other Income for January

cemetery	200.00
initial offering	76.00
foundation	0.42
midweek manna	500.00
Joint Parish - 1st Lutheran	1798.55
Joint Parish - St. Peters	3597.09
building use	350.00
world hunger	500.00
Christmas	100.00

ALTAR GUILD

Mary Lou Schnitz
Arlene Dahl
Rhonda Fackler