

# *Trinity Lutheran Church*

## *"Proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ..."*

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## **Parish Announcements**

### **~ February 5, 2012 ~**

#### *This Week...*

- Sunday (5) EPIPHANY 5 ~ EUCHARISTS: 8:30 & 11:00 am  
Sunday School & Adult Forum: 9:45 am  
Youth ~ Super-Bowl Party: 6:00 pm (hosted by Jill Aaronson)
- Monday (6) Liturgical Deacon Discussion: 5:00 pm  
Adult & All-Parish Ministry Team Meeting: 6:00 pm  
Outreach Ministry Team Meeting: 7:00 pm
- Tuesday (7) Morning Prayer & Study: 10:00 am  
Book Club: 1:30 pm (at Hebrews)  
Faith & Fun Club After-School Children's Ministry: 3:15-4:30 pm  
Free Community Dinner: 5:30 pm (St Thomas RC Church serving)  
Theology on Tap ("TOTs"): 6:00 pm (at Jean Bonnet Tavern)  
Eucharist – Bedford Anglican Fellowship: 7:00 pm (Trinity Hall)
- Wednesday (8) Bell Choir Rehearsal: 6:00 pm  
Vespers: 7:00 pm  
Anthem Choir Rehearsal: 7:30 pm
- Saturday (11) Women's Winter Retreat: 9:00 am-3:00 pm

#### *Next Week...*

- Sunday (12) EPIPHANY 6 ~ EUCHARISTS: 8:30 & 11:00 am  
Farewell Reception w/ Vr Tormod: 9:30 am (Trinity Hall)  
Sunday School & Adult Forum: 10:00 am  
"Chicken Parmesan" Youth Gathering Benefit Dinner: 4:30-6:00 pm
- Monday (13) Finance & Stewardship Ministry Team Meeting: 6:00 pm  
Worship Ministry Team Meeting: 7:00 pm
- Tuesday (14) HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!  
Morning Prayer & Study: 10:00 am  
Faith & Fun Club After-School Children's Ministry: 3:15-4:30 pm  
Free Community Dinner: 5:30 pm (Bedford United Methodist Church serving)  
Eucharist – Bedford Anglican Fellowship: 7:00 pm (Trinity Hall)
- Wednesday (15) Bell Choir Rehearsal: 6:00 pm  
Vespers: 7:00 pm  
Anthem Choir Rehearsal: 7:30 pm

***Sunday Morning Fellowship Time ~ Please Join Us!***

***9:30 am in Trinity Hall***

- Parishioners and friends are invited to gather in Trinity Hall following the 8:30 am Liturgy every Sunday morning!
- Thank you to this morning's host: Ron & Mary Johnson and Roy & Marlene Seese.
- Please remember to take your turn as host. A sign-up sheet is in Trinity Hall.



***Souper-Bowl Offering AND Youth's Super-Bowl Party***

***Sunday, February 5***

- Our youth will take the lead in gathering our offerings for the national "Souper-Bowl of Caring Offering" following both morning liturgies. Our gifts will be shared with the ELCA's World Hunger Appeal which touches the lives of those plagued by hunger and poverty at home and around the world. Please share generously!
- Then, at 6:00 pm, we'll be gathering for our annual Super-Bowl Party at Jill Aaronson's house. Please bring a snack and/or drink to share. Friends are invited. A sign-up sheet in Trinity Hall. Mark the date now and plan to come!

***Special, One-Day "Winter Retreat" for Women of the Parish***

***Theme: "Water: The Power of Comfort and Healing"***

***Saturday, February 11, 2012; 9:00 am – 3:00 pm; Spring House Estates***

- ❖ One of God's many gifts to us is water. As His children, we might use it for recreation, refreshment, exploration, nourishment, renewal, or delight. At times, we find that the gift of water can be healing and soothing to our bodies and souls. Come to the *Women of Trinity Retreat* and learn how water is a blessing that can be used for comfort and healing. Our time together will be enriching, fun, educational, and inspirational. Be assured this retreat will be a joyful experience!
- ❖ The retreat will be held at Spring House Estates and will be led by Janet McKelvey (Linda McElroy's sister). In addition to Janet, two other guests will add to our day's experience.
- ❖ \$35 covers meals, materials and presenter fees. Please see Linda McElroy or Mary Ann Martz on Sunday mornings or Kathie, in the church office, during the week.

***A Special Farewell Reception with Vr Tormod***

***Sunday, February 12; 9:30 am***

Vr Tormod, who has served among us faithfully through the past years as our Parish Vicar and Pastoral Assistant, will be concluding his ministry among us on Sunday, February 9. We've been blessed by his presence and ministry and wish him God's richest blessings as he continues to finalize the details for his "First Call" and Ordination. Please join us to wish him the best. Feel free to share cards and other gifts of appreciation with the Vicar at this time.

***Chicken Parmesan Dinner***

~ 2012 ELCA New Orleans Youth Gathering Benefit Dinner ~

~ served with salad, sides, desserts, and beverages ~

***Sunday, February 12 ~ serving from 4:30-6:00 pm***

***Trinity's Social Room***

***Cost: \$20.00***

***Please see any Youth/Families or stop at the church office for Tickets***

## Worship & Music Ministries

### ***Tuesday Morning Matins & Studies ~ 10:00 am***

- We gather regularly on Tuesday mornings to sing Morning Prayers together and then spend an hour or so in study. Please join us for this time of worship and learning. Friends are always welcome!
- Our 2012 Winter/Spring topic will be “The Augsburg Confession”. We’ll pay particular attention to the Biblical roots of the various discussions and debates of this classic Lutheran document. Please join us. See Pr Short with any questions,

### ***Bedford Anglican Fellowship***

#### ***Tuesday Evening Eucharists and Bible Study at Trinity***

Parishioners and friends are always welcome to worship on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 pm with our friends from the Bedford Anglican Fellowship... Eucharist is celebrated at 7:00 pm and you are also invited to remain (should you desire) for Bible Study. Fr Mark Zimmerman or Sr Marion Kuch (an Anglican Priest and Deaconess) lead these liturgies.

### ***Wednesday Evening Vespers ~ 7:00 pm***

Parishioners and friends are invited to gather in the nave for this time of contemplative prayer, Scripture-reading, and traditional Biblical canticles. The melodies of the Canticles are written by the contemporary composer, Marty Haugen. Please join us!

### ***Choir Rehearsals ~ Wednesday Evenings***

#### ***Come and Ring and/or Sing with Us!***

- Bell Choir rings the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month and rehearses Wednesday evenings at 6:00 pm
- Anthem Choir sings at the 8:30 am liturgy the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month and at the 11:00 am liturgy on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays, and rehearses Wednesday evenings at 7:30 pm
- “Children Sing” shares a special song at worship on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month early in the 11:00 am liturgy. The children learn their songs during Faith & Fun Club and Sunday School.

### **✠ ASH WEDNESDAY ✠**

*“Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return...”*

*~ A Day of Contrition and Penitence As We Begin Our Lenten Pilgrimage ~*

Readings, Prayers, Imposition of Ashes

***Wednesday, February 22***

***7:30 am and 7:00 pm***

Please gather in the NAVE for Both (Morning and Evening) Liturgies.

### ***“At The Foot of the Cross” ~ A Special Choir is gathering for our Easter Cantata***

#### ***Rehearsals: Wednesdays evenings; 7:30 pm (beginning February 29)***

Parishioners and friends are invited to join your voices to praise God in this special Cantata, composed by Terry Osman. We’ll rehearse Wednesday evenings at 7:30 pm for about 20-25 minutes and sing the Cantata at the Sunday Liturgies on April 15 (The Sunday after Easter). Please see Terry or Susan Casteel with any questions.

## Children & Youth Ministries

*Growing Years Child Day Care Ministry at Trinity  
Administered by Allegheny Lutheran Social Ministries*

Monday through Friday, 6:30 am-5:30 pm

*For More Information & Registration Details call 623-2096*

### *Weekly “Sunday School” Gatherings...*

#### *Sunday Mornings; 9:45 am*

- Pre-Schoolers ~ especially for 3-5 year olds ~ Lessons and Crafts
- Grades K-2 and 3-5 ~ Bible Stories, Crafts, Songs, Visits, and more!
- Middle-School Youth ~ Lessons and Conversations
- Sr High Youth ~ Reflections and Discussions
- Adult Forum ~ “The Augsburg Confession” ~ Discussions in Trinity Hall



Join a  
Sunday School  
Class

Classes for all Ages!

### *Faith & Fun Club ~ Children’s After-School Ministries*

#### *Tuesday afternoons; 3:15-4:30 pm*

- Faith & Fun Club gathers children (K-5<sup>th</sup> grade) and friends of the parish for Bible Stories, Activities, Games, and Refreshments every Tuesday afternoon. Transportation is provided from the Bedford Elementary School to Trinity. Kids from other schools are also welcome to join us. Parents/Adults pick-up kids from Trinity at 4:30 pm. See Jill for registration and schedule details.
- Adult and older-youth helpers are always welcome, and parishioners are invited to support this ministry by sharing snacks for the kids (cupcakes, cookies, etc). A sign-up sheet is in Trinity Hall.

### *Youth Fellowship Gathering*

#### *Sunday, February 26; 3:00-4:30 pm*

The Middle School and Senior High Youth will gather for an afternoon of discussion, snacks, and activities. Friends are welcome. Sign up in Trinity Hall. See Jill Aaronson with any questions.

## Adult & All-Parish Ministries

### *Adult Forum Topic ~ “The Augsburg Confession” ~ Sunday mornings at 9:45 am*

#### *A Reflection on Classic Lutheran Thought & Contemporary Practice*

- The “Augsburg Confession”, prepared in 1530 AD, is the primary defining document of Lutheranism. The first 21 of its 28 “articles” show solidarity with the most basic doctrines and practices of the Church (creeds, Sacraments, etc.). The final 7 address “abuses which have been corrected” (ministration of the Blessed Sacrament in both forms, marriage of priests, etc). Our winter/spring study will explore this historic resource, discerning its Biblical roots, and its significance for the way 21<sup>st</sup> Century Christians live the faith in our daily lives.
- For Parishioners and Friends who would like to learn more about Lutheran insights and perspectives on the Christian Faith – this is the series for YOU!!! Please join us!

### ***Trinity Book Clubs ~ Please Pass the Word and Join Us!***

Coordinated by Pat Macchiarolo, Trinity Book Clubs gather to discuss contemporary works and reflect upon their significance and spiritual implications. We're blessed to have 2 groups which meet monthly ~ one meets in the afternoon and the other meets in the evening.

- The Trinity Afternoon Book Club will meet on Tuesday, February 7, 1:30 pm, at Hebrew's to discuss *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot.
- The Trinity Evening Book Club will meet on Monday, February 20, 6:15 pm, in Trinity Hall to discuss the same book.

### ***Theology on Tap***

#### ***Fellowship & Meditations with Younger Adult Couples and Singles***

##### ***Tuesday, February 7, 6:00 pm ~ Jean Bonnet Tavern***

- Young-Adult Couples and Singles enjoy dinner together, mutual support and fellowship, and discussion of a contemporary theological reflection. Check with Pastor Short to get on the email list and receive the discussion piece in advance of the gathering. Pass the word and invite your friends!

### ***Fastnacht XVI... Pancake Dinner & Team-Trivia Game Night***

#### ***Tuesday, February 21; Dinner at 6:30 pm pm***

- ... Come out and join us for our annual Pancake Dinner, served by Church Council, at 6:30 pm, followed by "Team Trivia Game Night". Families, a few friends... make your team in advance or piece one together the night of the gathering. We'll have new categories for this year's game. And, there will be prizes for the winning teams and fun for all!
- ... The Council will also be serving the same menu for the "Free Community Dinner" ministry in the Social Room this same evening at 5:30 pm (prior to our dinner), so please be aware that seating may not be available much before 6:20 pm...
- ... ***Sign-up sheets for dinner reservations and Trivia Teams are in Trinity Hall.***

### ***Diners & Travelers ~ Fellowship Ministry among our Senior Members***

#### ***Tuesday, February 21 ~ Noon***

Plan now to join us for this month's luncheon at Homewood. We will order from the menu. Pass the word among your friends and plan to join the group for this nice afternoon. A sign-up sheet is in Trinity Hall. Please see Ron & Mary Johnson for more information.

## **Outreach Ministries**

### ***Bedford Food Outreach ~ 2 Distribution Dates Each Month:***

#### ***February: Thursday 2/16; Noon-2:00 pm & Friday 2/17; 10:00 am- Noon***

- Distributions are held at the new home of The Bedford Food Outreach, at 140 School Street, Bedford. Please contact Dan Kerr (623-6384) to learn more about this ministry and how YOU can be involved.
- Please bring your gifts of non-perishable food items to the Collection Area inside the Penn Street Door in the front Narthex of the Church. THANKS!!!





### ***February's Special Ministry Highlight & Appeal...***

#### ***ELCA World Hunger Appeal ~ Souper Bowl of Caring Offerings...***

The Ministries of the ELCA's World Hunger Appeal addresses issues of poverty and provides food for hungry people across the country and around the world. Please share generously with this very special ministry of the Church through the weeks of February. Special Envelopes are in Trinity Hall (please make checks payable to "Trinity Lutheran Church")

### ***Free Community Dinner Notes...***

#### ***Every Tuesday ~ Serving from 5:30-6:15 pm***

Trinity hosts this weekly ministry which supports local families, serving an average of 70+ dinners each week. Parishioners of neighboring congregations also share in the ministry, giving witness to our common Christian devotion to the needs of those in our community.

## **Church Council & Ministry Team Notes**

### **Officers / Executive Committee:**

President: Dave Betts      Vice-President: Linda McElroy  
Secretary: Rosie Leppert      Treasurer: Fred Shumaker

### **Ministry Team Coordinators:**

Worship Ministries: Connie Claycomb & Pr John Duffus  
Children & Youth Ministries: Chuck Replogle & Jill Aaronson  
Adult & All-Parish Ministries: Brenda Jennings & LaDonna Snyder  
Outreach Ministries: Mike Macchiarolo & Rosie Leppert  
Property Ministries: Dan Wakefield & Linda McElroy  
Finance & Stewardship Ministries: Linda Vensel & Fred Shumaker

***We extend our thanks and support to those willing to serve in these positions of leadership!***

### ***Ministry Teams' Upcoming Meeting Dates:***

Adult & All-Parish Team: February 6 (Monday); 6:00 pm  
Outreach Team: February 6 (Monday); 7:00 pm  
Finance & Stewardship Team: February 13 (Monday); 6:00 pm  
Worship Team: February 13 (Monday); 7:00 pm

## **Other Notes**

### ***Sponsors for Altar Flowers, Missionary, Bulletins, and Sanctuary Lamp...***

Parishioners and friends are invited to sponsor the Altar Flowers which adorn the church each Sunday and are delivered to parishioners in special circumstances, as well as our congregation's Missionaries to Africa, the Sunday Worship Pamphlets & Announcements, and the Sanctuary Lamp which illumines the Tabernacle. Sponsors, and those in whose memory or honor their gift has been shared, are noted in the Church Announcements. Sign up sheets are in Trinity Hall.

- ❖ Altar Flowers ~ \$40.00 (includes 2 vases)
- ❖ Missionary to Africa ~ \$25.00
- ❖ Sunday Bulletins ~ \$20.00
- ❖ Sanctuary Lamp ~ \$5.00

***Pledges for the Roofing, Steeple, Lighting, and Painting Project***

***Our Goal: \$190,000 ~Pledges & Support to date: \$141,432.00 ~ Remaining Need: \$48,568***

- THANK YOU to parishioners and friends who are sharing offerings to support the expenses of these much needed projects!
- If you’ve not taken the time to make a pledge to support this work, please consider joining those who are shouldering this responsibility.
- We’re requesting monthly, quarterly, or annual pledges, to continue through December 2013. Pledges can be made as memorials to loved ones, or as honorarium gifts to recognize a special person or occasion. Pledge Cards are in Trinity Hall or please call the church office.
- The list of donors and pledges, along with memorial and honorarium notes, is posted in Trinity Hall.

**Daily Devotions**

***Resources for Daily Devotions are Available in Trinity Hall...***

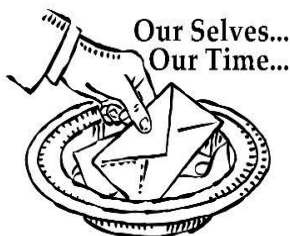
Parishioners are encouraged to engage the Scriptures as a regular part of their daily routines. There are various printed resources in Trinity Hall (for adults and families) and even more “on-line” to guide you in this Spiritual Discipline.

- “Portals of Prayer” (Daily Devotions for Adults ~ regular and large print)
- “Sparks Family” (Daily Devotions for families with Children)
- Please visit “Godpause”, at [www.luthersem.edu/godpause](http://www.luthersem.edu/godpause) for daily devotions. While at this site, you can register for daily devotions to be emailed to you.



***Bible Readings ~ as we prepare to worship next Sunday....***

- Readings for Sunday, February 12 ~ The Sixth Sunday After Epiphany: 2 Kings 5:1-14; Psalm 30; 1 Corinthians 9:24-27; Mark 1:40-45



**Our Selves...  
Our Time...**

**and Our Possessions...**

**Worship Attendance & Offerings**

***May our Worship and Tithes be an out-pouring of our gratitude in response to our Lord’s gracious gifts of Life and Salvation.***

***This Past Week ~ through February 3, 2012***

**Attendance: 239**

**Tithes & Offerings: \$3,948.50**

**Year to Date Tithes & Offerings: \$23,453.33**

***Thank You for your Tithes and Offerings which support Trinity’s Ministries***



## **Please Pray for...**

Please contact the Church Office by Thursday afternoon to have family and/or friends included in this prayer list, and in the weekend's prayers. Parishioners and friends of the parish who would appreciate pastoral visitation and/or prayer while hospitalized are asked to contact Pastor Short or the Church Office.

### ***The Church...***

- ❖ For all servants of the Church, especially Bishop Gregory, and all who labor for the sake for the Gospel.
- ❖ For those who serve in leadership tasks among us, especially our Pastor, Church Council, Ministry Teams Participants, and Teachers of our Children and Youth.
- ❖ For the ELCA's World Hunger Ministry, especially the impoverished, the hungry, and those who share their resources in compassion for others.

### ***Our Nation and the World...***

- ❖ Those who lead the nations of the world and all who govern, especially the President, members of Congress, the Courts of our Land, and our state and local officials.
- ❖ Military personnel and their families serving at home and over-seas.

### ***Parishioners and Family & Friends in Special Circumstances...***

- ❖ Ben & Jess Altman, Pr. John Duffus, Jerry Gronborg, John Imler, Roger Markle, Alvaretta Sneed, Raye & Mert Speicher
- ❖ (1/29) ~ Mary Chidley (Samantha's mother), Scott Love (Ray & Brenda Jennings' friend), Maxine Thomas (Fran Leibfreid's mother), Linda Beegle (Carol Siegfried's friend)
- ❖ (1/22) ~ Royce Waltman (Mary Kauffman's son-in-law), Lloyd Casteel (Susan's father), Fern Vensel (Ted & Smoke's mother), Caroline Kneisley (Michelle Toth's friend), Carol Kramer (Jerry Gronborg's sister)

### ***Rest Eternal Grant Them, O Lord...***

Joseph Bree (1/30 Melissa (Feather) Lindstedt's grandfather-in-law), Marie Williams (1/18 Betty Estep Frailey's sister), Loretta Wilson (1/08 Former Parishioner), Brian Miller (1/08 Emmi Hagenbuch's friend), Fr. Joseph Gatto (1/06 Ray & Brenda Jennings' friend), David Stuchinski (1/04 Diane Cogan's friend), David Bittner (12/31 Frank & Alice's son), Megan Miller (12/29 Doug & Carol Feather's neighbor), Ellen Blough, Marianne Ziehl, & Peggy Keys (12/28, 12/30, 12/4 friends of Pat Macchiarolo), Arlene Carl (12/27), Virginia Heming (12/17 Dena Imler's sister-in-law), Daniel Allshouse (12/13 Jill Aaronson's brother-in-law), Gail Leppert (12/10)

### ***To The Glory of God...***

- ❖ The Flowers are sponsored in honor of Meredith Barron's and Ed McCreary's birthday by Audrey McCreary.
- ❖ The Sanctuary Lamp burns in memory of John C. Imler, Sr. by Dena Imler and family.