



the Trinity Trumpet

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The Parish Newsletter of Trinity Lutheran Church; Danville, Illinois

National Lutheran Schools Week is over. Just. But rejoicing and giving thanks for our Lutheran School and all Lutheran schools is something we can do all year long. And not just all school-year long, all 12-months-of-the-year long.

Trip Rodgers, the Central Illinois District Education Executive, sent me an e-mail in January. In it, he asked two questions. "How many students do you have in your school?" Answer, "41." "How many students were baptized last school year through the present school year?" Answer, "7."

Seven baptisms. That's a big deal. But my fear is that we don't fully appreciate what that means. Seven students have been born again as holy children of our heavenly Father. Seven students have been clothed with Christ and His righteousness. Seven children have received the gift of the Holy Spirit who has called them to faith in Jesus and we pray will keep them with Jesus in the true faith. Seven children have entered God's kingdom of grace and have been made heirs having the hope of eternal life.

Every time we see a school student at the font being baptized it reminds us and reinforces for us why we have a school. That is why our congregation and school exists—to make disciples by baptizing them and by teaching them.

Some might say, "But many of those newly baptized students never come to church." Maybe not on Sunday. But every Wednesday they attend our chapel service. In our chapel service we do most of the things we do at a Sunday service. God's Word is read and preached. The creed is confessed. The Lord's prayer and other prayers are prayed. Hymns and parts of the liturgy are sung in

praise to Jesus our Savior, the Father who sent Him, and the Spirit who testifies to Him. We even take an offering and support a variety of missions! For our newly baptized students, Wednesday is their Sunday. It becomes their Lord's Day.

Others might say, "But unless their parents become members, when they leave our school, they'll never be seen again." Maybe, maybe not.

But we have that same problem with families who are members of the congregation. Too many of Trinity's baptized children never get confirmed. Too many who get confirmed don't remain faithful in coming to church, hearing the Word, and receiving the Supper. It's something we all have to guard against.

But consider this, when our baptized students, whose families don't become members, leave our school, they are still baptized. Every promise God made to them in their Baptism remains forever true.

This school year's theme Bible verse is Hebrews 12:2, **"Let us run with endurance the race set before us, looking to Jesus, the Founder and Finisher of our faith."**

To run the race, you have to be in the race. Baptism, through which faith is **FOUNDED** in our students' hearts, puts them in the race. The Word of Christ, by which faith comes, empowers them to **FINISH** that race.

To that end, we should pray for all the children of our congregation, especially our newly baptized students. We must encourage them to run the race set before them with endurance, even as we run that same race alongside them. We should do all we can to help them look to Jesus who alone is the Founder and the Finisher of their faith and ours.

A VOICE FROM THE PAST

In February, when Valentine's Day hits, we hear much about love, our love. Paul Gerhardt, in his great Advent hymn "O Lord, How Shall I Meet You," speaks beautifully of the love of God who is love:

*Love caused your incarnation; Love brought you down to me.
Your thirst for my salvation procured my liberty.
Oh, love beyond all telling, that led You to embrace
In love, all love excelling, our lost and fallen race.*

IN THE WORD: BIBLE STUDY AT TRINITY

<i>Class</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Date/Time</i>	<i>Topic</i>
-Cafeteria Class	Cafeteria	Sundays, 8:30 a.m.	Gospel of Mark
-Thursday Morning Class	Cafeteria	Thursdays, 9:30 a.m.	Book of Romans

OFFICIAL ACTS FOR JANUARY

Calls: 10 (no HC)

BULLETS FROM BOPE (Board of Parish Education)

- Yet again we thank the Sunday school students who, along with our day school students, proclaimed God's Word and sang His praises at the service on Sunday, January 26.
- "Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of Christ." Parents, bring your children to Sunday school so they can hear the words OF Jesus ABOUT Jesus and believe in Him. They will literally thank you forever!

SCHOOL MUSINGS

-As always, it was wonderful to have our day school students studying and worshipping with us on Sunday, January 26. We thank the students especially for using their voices to God's glory—singing His Word and His praises.

-The students of our school spent the rest of the week enjoying a variety of activities to mark and celebrate National Lutheran Schools Week. We thank the Lord of the Church for every Lutheran School and for the teachers who teach and the students who learn. We take great comfort and confidence in God's promise that the Holy Scriptures are able to make our students wise unto salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

-Trinity Lutheran School is hosting an Open House on the evening of Wednesday, February 26. Keep your eyes open for more details about that important event.

ADULT INSTRUCTION

We are still on the verge of completing one adult instruction class so we can begin a new one. That means, it's not too late to invite someone to attend or to decide to attend

yourself. The day and time for the new class to meet will be announced once it has been determined.

DISTRICT EXECUTIVE VISIT

Dr. Ken Schurb oversees the work of our Central Illinois District (CID) in the areas of missions, evangelism, and stewardship. He will be at Trinity on Sunday, February 23, and preach in the service—and he is a great preacher. In addition, during the Sunday school hour he will present to us information about a program that is being piloted in the CID called “Beyond the Classroom.” This program helps congregations to see the Lutheran school as their greatest opportunity to reach out to the community with the Gospel and coaches them on how to seize that opportunity. Trinity’s Board of Evangelism is considering participating in the program. Join us and learn more about it.

QUARTERLY VOTERS MEETING

The voters will meet on Sunday, February 16, at 11:00 a.m. Reports from the officers, board chairmen, and pastor will be presented. In addition, any old or new business will come to the floor to be discussed and decided. Please stay to listen, speak, and vote.

AND THE
peace of God,
WHICH TRANSCENDS
ALL UNDERSTANDING,
WILL GUARD YOUR HEARTS
AND YOUR MINDS IN
Christ Jesus.

PHILIPPIANS 4:7, NIV



TRINITY'S MISSION STATEMENT: The purpose of Trinity Lutheran Church is to proclaim Jesus Christ to our members, our community, our world, and to the next generation.

THE VALUES OF TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH ARE: Strong Biblical preaching and teaching; our Lutheran heritage; fellowship in faith and love toward one another; bringing Christ's mercy in Word and deed to the community; and our Lutheran day school.

TUNE INTO THE RADIO BROADCAST EVERY SUNDAY on WITY, 980 AM or 99.5 FM and listen to The Lutheran Hour at 10:00 a.m. and Trinity's church service at 10:30 a.m. You may also listen to Trinity's service again at 10:30 p.m. on Sunday evening.

WORSHIP ANEW celebrates the new life all believers have in Jesus with a 30-minute broadcast service. Christ's love is shared through weekly Scripture readings, favorite hymns, prayers, and a pastor's message that reveals God's grace and truth. View every program at www.WorshipAnew.org or tune in Sunday mornings on channel 49 WCIX Springfield at 7:30 a.m., channel 50 CW at 8:00 a.m., or channel 2 WTWO Terre Haute at 8:00 a.m. Eastern time.

PRAY FOR THESE TRINITY MEMBERS: Brad & Teresa Lappin & children, Brandie, Brandon, Breanne; Shirley Lee; Sue Lenfesty; Olivia Lenfesty; Craig Lewallen; Betty Lewis; Don Lewis; Greg Makos; Zach Martin; Dwight & Connie Marxman; Kari McBride & children, Seth & Megan; George & Connie McCloud; Megan McCloud; Kellie Messmore & daughter, Kylie; Jan Mielke; Katie Mikel; Ariana Miller; Leslie Miller; Mike & Liz Million; Carol Mitchell; Barbara Moews; Ami Moody; Brenda Moore; Patrick Mossholder; Sabrina Moulton & daughters, Hannah & Alexia; Amy Mourer; Brenda Mourer; Brian Mourer & daughters, Maddaylan & Amara

BETHANY BARKS

Each comfort dog is assigned a Bible verse when they are named and begin their training. Bethany's verse is James 1:27, "Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world." What does this mean? Broadly this means to love and help your neighbor while staying true to God's word. This is the goal of the K-9 ministry at Trinity.

THE DEADLINE for submissions for the March newsletter is Friday, 21, 3:30 p.m.

SERVING IN THE LORD'S HOUSE IN FEBRUARY:

Altar Guild: Janet Myers, Teresa Parish, and Kathy Thoma

Sound Schedule:

February 2 - Laura Hutchison
February 9 - Dave Tobeck
February 16 - Teresa Parish
February 23 - Chris Kienast

Usher Captains:

February 2 - Dave Tobeck & Doug Hubner
February 9 - Cliff Peak & Terry Mourer
February 16 - Mike Klepp
February 23 - Adam Muehl & Alex Muehl

Communion Assistants

February 2 - Mark Hamm and Terry Mourer
February 9 - Brian Park and Mike Westfall
February 16 - Cliff Peak and Brad Pollert
February 23 - Matins

LWML-EUNICE NEWS (information for ALL women in the congregation)

The Eunice Society will meet on Thursday, February 13, at 12:30 p.m., in the cafeteria. The February hostess committee will bring desserts to share. We welcome all ladies of the congregation to join us. There is no obligation to become a member.

Mites -

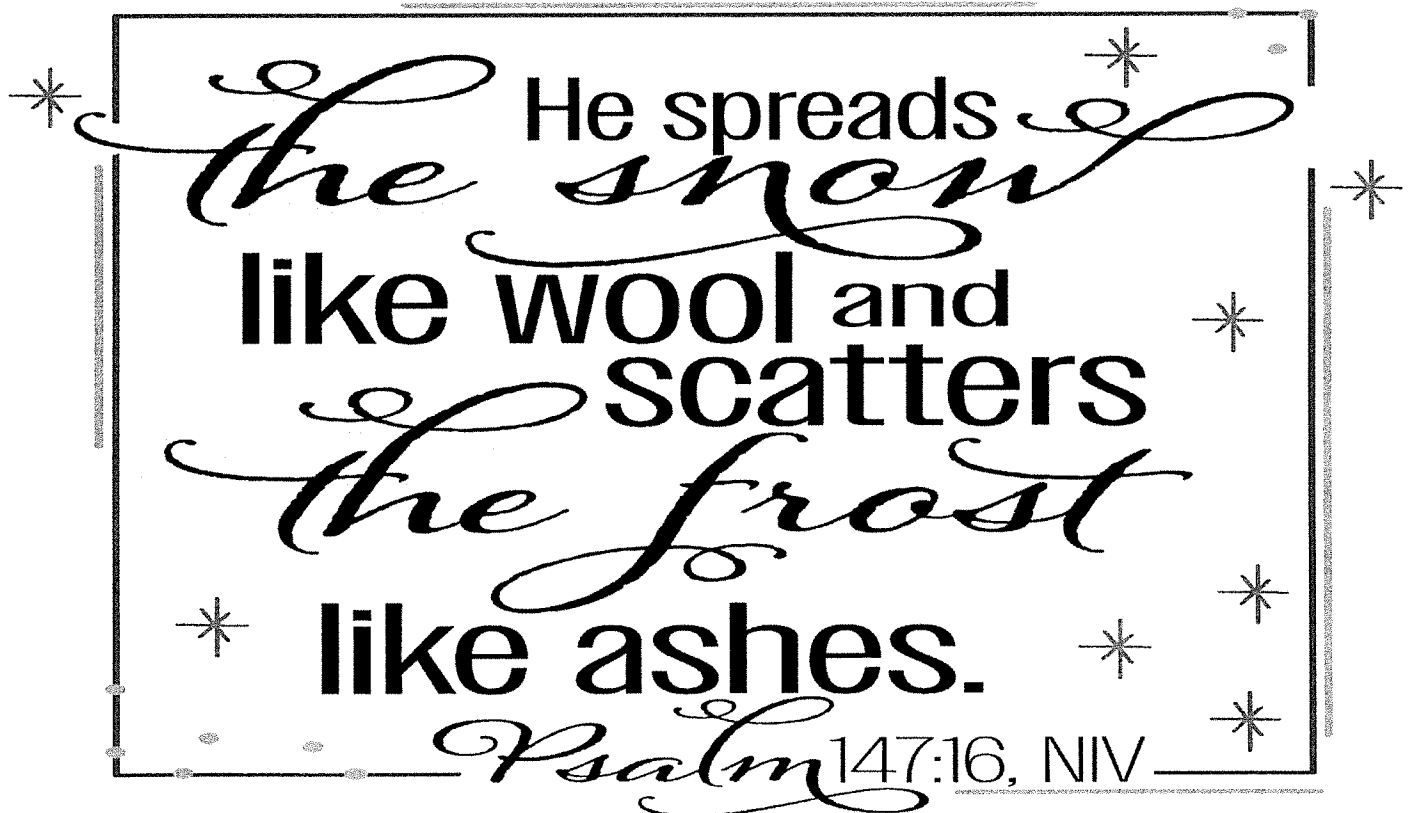
The February Prayer Calendar is included in this mailing. Mites are collected the first Sunday of each month at either entrance, then sent to LWML-Central Illinois District for distribution to the various mission grants, both for our District LWML as well as for National LWML. For more information, view these websites – www.lwml-cid.org or www.lwml.org

THE EVANGELISM COMMITTEE

Psalm 105:1 "Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon His name; make known His deeds among the peoples!" I hope you are as excited as I am about reaching out to friends and neighbors to make known the Lord's deeds. Thanks to the recent survey by the board of Stewardship, we have the names of people willing to serve as greeters for our Sunday Worship services. At our next meeting we will determine greeter guidelines. Thank you to Mark Gale for volunteering to coordinate the Greeter Program. If you expressed an interest in being a greeter, expect a call from Mark Gale in late February. As mentioned in the January newsletter, there will be a presentation on Sunday, February 23, in Bible class about a training program called "Beyond the Classroom." We ask that you come listen to the presentation and decide if you are interested in attending the training or supporting its implementation.

According to a flyer put out by DeafOutreach.org; 98 % of deaf people do not know Jesus. Communication is one of the biggest challenges. On March 15 and 16 Reverend Reinke will be here to help us understand Deaf Outreach and present the Gospel to the Deaf community.

Our next meeting is February 12 at 4:45 in the conference room outside the school office. We will discuss upcoming events and post event updates in Sunday Service folders. In the meantime, I challenge you to continue to "make his deeds known among the peoples."



FEBRUARY

This is a monthly prayer guide for your daily use. Each day as you pray, please feed your Mite Box in support of district and LWML Mission Grants. As you lift up the countries and mission grants listed, pray that the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ would be heard by those who live there or are served by our mite offerings. Each country listed has been a recipient of a mission grant from LWML at some time since 1942. What a joy it is to bring these prayers to our Father's listening ears!



1. For your LWML sisters.
2. For LWML Mission Grant #4.
3. For Bolivia, one of the 83 countries where LWML has supported a grant.
4. For your church organist.
5. For those fighting cancer.
6. For our Lutheran Women in Mission Vice President of Christian Life.
7. For the country of Botswana.
8. Pray the LWML Pledge.
9. For the needs of those on the mission field.
10. For the country of Brazil.
11. For those in the Armed Forces.
12. For the President of the United States.
13. For love in your heart for your neighbor.
14. For Christ's sacrifice for us.
15. For the country of Cambodia.
16. For the LWML Kansas District.
17. For those who are caregivers.
18. For an opportunity to share your faith.
19. For the country of Cameroon.
20. For those who write devotions and Bible studies.
21. For LWML Mission Grant #5.
22. For those facing the loss of a loved one.
23. For the country of Canada.
24. For the LWML Missouri District.
25. For your LWML district officers.
26. For the country of Chile.
27. For your LWML group members.
28. For the lonely to feel God's presence.
29. For God's gift of another year of your life.



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9 <i>Epiphany 5</i> 8:30 Bible Class/SS 9:30 DIVINE SERVICE 11:00 Jr Confirmation	10	11 9:00 Knitting & Crocheting 6:00 Choir	12 8:30 Chapel 4:45 Evangelism	13 9:30 Bible class 12:30 Eunice 5:00 Yoga 6:00 Elders	14	15
16 <i>Epiphany 6</i> 8:30 Bible Class/SS 9:30 DIVINE SERVICE 11:00 Voters meeting	17 <i>President's Day</i> No School	18 9:00 Knitting & Crocheting 6:00 Choir	19 8:30 Chapel 6:30 DIVINE SERVICE	20 9:30 Bible class 5:00 TLS Board 5:00 Yoga	21	22
23 <i>Epiphany 7</i> 8:30 Bible Class/SS 9:30 MATINS 11:00 Jr Confirmation	24	25 9:00 Knitting & Crocheting 6:00 Choir	26 8:30 Chapel 10:30 Word at the Villas 6:00 Council	27 9:30 Bible class 5:00 Yoga	28	