

Trinity Lutheran Church

February 2019 Newsletter



Getting to Know the Body of Christ

Name: Diane Ratai

What brought you to Trinity, and how long have you been attending? I started worshipping at Trinity while I was in college (in the early 1970's). Dating Joe Ratai may have played a part in that.

What keeps you here? Trinity is my family now. I feel very comfortable here. And like the saying: There's no place like home.

What fills your time? Five grandchildren keep me busy. I'm usually babysitting 3 - 4 days a week. When I'm not being DeDe (my grandma name) I enjoy going to movies, playing tennis and reading. You can also find me playing trivia at Bud Murphy's on Thursday nights.

What are you good at? I feel I'm good at being supportive. I'm blessed to have most of my family living nearby. So, when I'm needed I'm there for them and vice versa. Being supportive of my friends and the church are important to me too.

Share a favorite memory of a worship service or event here. I remember a Shrove Tuesday talent show (many years ago). We had a talent show. Andrea Dubler and I did a tap dance number! Hopefully no one remembers that.

Share your favorite hymn/Bible verse/Bible story. There are so many hymns that I have loved thru the years that it's hard to pick a favorite. But my new favorite hymn is You are Mine (from the red hymnal).

Share about a time God seemed especially present with you. Communion feels very special and sacred to me. It's the part of our service that God seems present to me – through his son Jesus.

What do you think God is calling our congregation towards? I feel God is calling our congregation towards change. Change is never easy. But our church is struggling with finances and decline in attendance. My prayer is that whatever change our congregation decides – we will thrive and grow here at Trinity.

Faith Formation

Adult Sunday School – We will meet on February 10 & 24 following worship for conversation and learning. Hope you can join us!

Bible Storytime – Our storytime for kids 4 and under and their parents or grandparents will meet **Saturday, February 2 and Thursday, February 28 at 10:30am upstairs**. Hope you can join us!

Fellowship & Outreach

Meeting – Join us on **Monday, March 4 at 11am**. Hope to see you there!

Stewardship

Offering Envelopes – 2019 offering envelopes are available for pick-up at the rear of the sanctuary.

Finance

Meeting – The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, February 13 at 7pm**.

February Offering Counters

- 3rd** – Ken Goucher, Melva Roland, Linda Ruth, & Cindy Workman
- 10th** – Carolyn Kerns, Melva Roland, Alan Sandusky, & Cindy Workman
- 17th** – Marcia Davis, Ken Goucher, Ron Kerns Sr., & Melva Roland
- 24th** – Ken Goucher, Melva Roland, Linda Ruth, & Cindy Workman

January – December 2018 Income & Expense

| | December | December YTD Actual | December YTD Budget |
|--------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Total Income | \$7,218 | \$111,419 | \$107,750 |
| Total Expense | \$12,962 | \$152,707 | \$142,733 |
| Net Income | -\$5,744 | -\$41,289 | -\$34,983 |

Social Ministry

Meeting – The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday, February 12 at 6pm**. Hope to see you there!

Food Collection for Community Ministries – Every third Sunday at the beginning of worship we'll invite the kids to collect the non-perishable food items you bring in for Community Ministries. Be sure to bring in some food items on **Sunday, February 17!** If you didn't yet get a red "Trinity" reusable grocery bag, you can pick one up at the rear of the sanctuary.

Worship & Music

Dinner Church – On the second Saturday of each month we will participate in an ancient format of Christian worship – gathering for word and sacrament around a meal. On **Saturday, February 9**, we will gather downstairs in the Social Room for a meal, a time of scripture and teaching, and communion. If you'd like to bring food for our meal, please sign up on the bulletin board in the sanctuary. Hope you can join us!

Meeting – The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, February 13 at 3pm**.

February Greeters

- 3rd** – Carey Connors (E) & Ginny Beecher (W)
- 10th** – Cassie DeAngelis (E) & Marcia Davis (W)
- 17th** – Lynn Hazel (E) & Jim Gearhart (W)
- 24th** – Carolyn Kerns (E) & Ron Kerns Sr. (W)

Altar Flowers

The cost for sponsoring altar flowers is **\$25**. Please make sure to make your check payable to Trinity Lutheran Church and write Altar Flowers in the memo portion of the check or place a cash payment in an envelope with your name and Altar Flowers written on the outside of the envelope.

Payment must be received by the end of the month that flowers had been ordered. **Thank you!**

Dates Available

February 3rd, 10th, 17th, & 24th

March – 3rd

April – None Available

Altar Guild

Anyone interested in helping to launder linens, please call Linda Ruth at 724-626-0131.

Thank you Kim Petko (January) for all your help doing the linens, your time and hard work is gratefully appreciated.

If you are unable to serve, please contact Linda Ruth.

Community Ministries

Connellsville is blessed to have such a great resource present in Connellsville Area Community Ministries. Their food pantry, thrift store, medical supply distribution, case workers, support of the Circles program, and more serve hundreds of people in our area each month. As a congregation, we can point people in need to them for a more thorough supply of resources than we are able to provide alone.

In support of this important ministry our goal is to send financial support to CACM on a regular basis. **If you would like to contribute to this, check the box marked “other” on your offering envelopes and write “Community Ministries”.**

SWPA Synod Calendar of Causes

SWPA Synod Calendar of Causes – As a way for us to support the many ministries supported by our synod, a Calendar of Causes has been developed. Each month we will lift one ministry – you are encouraged to learn about these important ministries working in our area and support them with prayer and monetary donations as you feel called to do so.

February's highlighted ministry is Camp Agapé, which is an outdoor ministry of the Lutheran Church, providing summer camping programs and retreat facilities. Located approximately 35 miles southwest of Pittsburgh, Camp Agapé has over 250 acres of rolling hills, fields and forest. This beautiful rustic site provides a unique opportunity for Christian growth and living in a simple environment. To support this ministry, visit their website at www.campagape.org.

February Anniversaries

8th – Mick & Angela Black
13th – John & Diana Mulnix
26th – Todd & Kim Clark

February Baptismal Anniversaries

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| 5 th – Madison Wadsworth | 21 st – Amber Ritenour |
| 12 th – Chaney DeWitt | 25 th – Kathy Ansell |
| 16 th – Ron Kerns Jr. | 28 th – Callie Cunningham |
| 18 th – Nichole Soforic | |

February Birthdays

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| 3 rd – Charles Karwatsky | 21 st – Jill DeWitt |
| 4 th – John Mulnix III | 22 nd – Wendy Shaw |
| 5 th – Louis Mauro | 23 rd – Andrew Wilttrout |
| 6 th – Betty Sandusky & Callie Cunningham | 24 th – Gwen Rose & Bill Shepler |
| 15 th – Scott Kress & Sharon McLaughlin | 25 th – Diane Cassidy |
| 18 th – Chrissy Dusha | 26 th – John Morrow, Katy Cimino, & Edward Stephenson |
| 19 th – Milania Black | |

Shout Outs

Thank you to Linda Ruth for proofreading this month's newsletter. Also, thank you for helping me put the newsletter together.

Parish News

Anyone desiring a ride to church may call the Church Office, and transportation will be made available.

February Bible Readings

1st: Isaiah 50:1-11

2nd: Isaiah 51:1-8

Epiphany 4 – 3rd

Jeremiah 1:4-10

Psalm 71:1-6

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Luke 4:21-30

4th: Isaiah 51:17-23

5th: Isaiah 52:1-12

6th: Isaiah 52:13-53:12

7th: Isaiah 54:1-17

8th: Isaiah 55:1-13

9th: Isaiah 56:1-8

Epiphany 5 – 10th

Isaiah 61:1-13

Psalm 138

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Luke 5:1-11

11th: Isaiah 57:14-21

12th: Isaiah 58:1-12

13th: Isaiah 59:1-21

14th: Isaiah 60:1-22

15th: Isaiah 61:1-9

16th: Isaiah 61:10-62:5

Epiphany 6 – 17th

Jeremiah 17:5-10

Psalm 1

1 Corinthians 15:12-20

Luke 6:17-26

18th: Isaiah 63:1-6

19th: Isaiah 63:7-14

20th: Isaiah 63:15-64:9

21st: Isaiah 65:1-12

22nd: Isaiah 65:17-25

23rd: Isaiah 66:1-6

Epiphany 7 – 24th

Genesis 45:3-11, 39-40

1 Corinthians 15:35-38,
42-50

Luke 6:27-38

25th: Ruth 1:1-14

26th: Ruth 1:15-22

27th: Ruth 2:1-13

28th: Ruth 2:14-23

February 2019

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday |
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| <p>AM: Assistant Minister R: Reader</p> | | |
| <p>3 <i>Epiphany 4</i></p> <p>9:15am: Holy Communion AM: Donna Welsh R: Paul Stephenson</p> | <p>4</p> | <p>5</p> <p>7pm – Boy Scouts</p> |
| <p>10 <i>Epiphany 5</i></p> <p>9:15am: Holy Communion AM: Cindy Workman R: Patty Stephenson</p> <p>10:30am: Adult Sunday School</p> | <p>11</p> <p><i>Council Packet Deadline</i></p> | <p>12</p> <p>6pm – Social Ministry Meeting</p> <p>7pm – Boy Scouts</p> |
| <p>17 <i>Epiphany 6</i></p> <p>9:15am: Holy Communion AM: Don Herbert R: Mickie Sandusky</p> | <p>18</p> <p>7pm – Church Council Meeting</p> | <p>19</p> <p>7pm – Boy Scouts</p> |
| <p>24 <i>Epiphany 7</i></p> <p>9:15am: Holy Communion AM: Ginny Beecher R: Alan Sandusky</p> <p>10:30am: Adult Sunday School</p> | <p>25</p> | <p>26</p> <p>7pm – Boy Scouts</p> |
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February 2019

| Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | 1 9pm – AA Group | 2 10:30am – Bible Storytime |
| 6 7pm – NA Group | 7 6:30pm – Cub Scouts | 8 9pm – AA Group | 9 Confirmation @ Trinity 6pm – Dinner Church |
| 13 <i>Newsletter Deadline</i> 3pm – Worship & Music Meeting 7pm – Finance Meeting 7pm – NA Group | 14 <i>Happy Valentine's Day!</i> 6:30pm – Cub Scouts | 15 9pm – AA Group | 16 |
| 20 10am – Garden Club Meeting 7pm – NA Group | 21 6:30pm – Cub Scouts | 22 9pm – AA Group | 23 |
| 27 7pm – NA Group | 28 10:30am – Bible Storytime 6:30pm – Cub Scouts | | |
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Memorial Donations

In memory of Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Armen

Robert & Barbara Armen

In memory of Mr. & Mrs. Charles Baldwin

Robert & Barbara Armen

In memory of Dolores Brooks

Rhoda & Jon Brooks

Dick & Nick Flannigan

John & Nina Ivey

Hisako Mongell

Ronald Rozell

Susi Rozell

Alan & Mickie Sandusky

Glen & Suzy Sandusky

Cindy & Jim Workman

In memory of Eugene Cunningham

Carol Cunningham

In memory of Flora Sandusky Kowalczyk

Mark Kowalczyk

Diane & Robert Pennline

In memory of Billie Sue Sandusky

Sue Hart

In memory of George Shepler

Bayonne Smith

In memory of Pearl Shepler

Bayonne Smith

In memory of William A. Shepler

Bayonne Smith

In memory of David M. Smith

Bayonne Smith

Community Events

Kayla's Crew

Kayla's Crew are offering 12" Danish Crème Cheese Rolls. The **cost is \$9 each**. Cystic Fibrosis is a disease that is affecting millions of people around the globe. **The deadline to buy these delicious, homemade rolls will be February 24.** These are the same rolls that have been offered in previous years by Kayla's family. Please see Jim Cessna, call the office. Thank you! Please make checks payable to CF Foundation or Jim Cessna. The rolls will be **available for pick up March 3.**

Snow Flurry Fondue Dinner

Greendance Winery

306 Deer Field Rd.; Mt. Pleasant, PA 15666

**Saturday, February 2 & Saturday, February 9
6-9pm**

Annual Snow Flurry Fondues. Cure your cabin fever and join Greendance for our fun-filled, retro fondue parties! Guests will enjoy cheese and bittersweet brandywine chocolate fondue courses with complimentary Wine Tasting...

Garden Club

Wednesday, February 20 at 10am

WinterFest at Nemaocolin

Friday, February 8 & Saturday, February 9

1001 LaFayette Dr.; Farmington, PA 15437

It's Nemaocolin's Annual WinterFest, the Laurel Highlands region's premier winter adventure event! Take a jump into our snowmaking pond during the "Polar Bear Plunge" or watch our Torchlight Parade from the Apex deck. WinterFest has something for everyone and is a full day of adventure sports, family fun activities, live entertainment and much more.

Call 724-329-6411 for more information.

Special Olympics Winter Games

Seven Springs Mountain Resort

777 Water Wheel Dr.; Champion, PA 15622

866-437-1300

Sunday, February 10 – Tuesday, February 12

- Spectators are welcome to visit any of the competition venues and cheer on the athletes.
- This event requires volunteers from around the state to serve as officials, athlete escorts, award presenters, and in various other ways.
- For more information, or to volunteer, contact Mike Ermer at 1-800-233-5161 extension 243 or mermer@specialolympicspa.org
- Additional information may be found online at the official website for the Special Olympics Winter Games.

Trivia Night

Greenhouse Winery

1048 Pinewood Rd.; Irwin, PA 15642

Every Thursday starting February 21 – April 18

Games start at 6:30pm

Pasta served every Trivia Night from 6-7pm.
Free with wine bottle purchase or \$5 for those under 21.

Prizes for all winning teams!

Col. William Crawford Statue

100th Anniversary Ornament

Available for purchase at
Connellsville Carnegie Free Library or Connellsville Canteen
\$15 each

February Word Search

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GROUNDHOG DAY
HEARTS
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PINK
PRESIDENTS' DAY
RED
ROSES
SECOND
SUPER BOWL
VALENTINES
VALENTINE'S DAY

Red Velvet Molten Lava Cakes

<http://www.spachethespatula.com/red-velvet-molten-lava-cakes/print/>

Yield: 4 cakes

Ingredients

- 8 tablespoons (1 stick) unsalted butter
- 4 ounces white chocolate
- 1 cup confectioners' sugar
- 2 large eggs
- 2 large egg yolks
- 1 tablespoon red liquid food coloring
- 2 tablespoons natural unsweetened cocoa powder
- 6 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- Confectioners' sugar, for dusting
- Melted dark or semi-sweet chocolate, to decorate (optional)
- Raspberries or sliced strawberries, for serving

Directions

- Set a rack in the center position and preheat the oven to 450 degrees. Spray four 6-ounce ramekins with nonstick cooking spray.
- Melt the butter and white chocolate in the top of a double boiler, stirring until smooth. When completely melted, stir in the confectioners' sugar. (I melted my white chocolate and butter in the microwave in bursts of 15 seconds.)
- Lightly whisk the eggs and egg yolks in a large bowl. Stir in the red food coloring and melted chocolate mixture.
- Whisk the cocoa and flour in a small bowl to combine. Add to the batter and stir until just combined.
- Divide the batter evenly among the ramekins. Place the ramekins on a baking sheet and bake until the sides of the cake are set but the centers are still soft. 14 – 15 minutes. Let the cakes rest for 2 minutes, then invert them onto dessert plates.

- Serve the cakes immediately, dusted with confectioners' sugar and with berries on the side. (I dusted mine with the sugar, then drizzled with melted dark chocolate, and served with fresh raspberries.)

Cashsaver Cost Plus Food Store

Start saving your Best Choice labels. Each bundle of 1,000 Best Choice labels is worth \$30. If 50 families buy only 25 Best Choice products per week. In only eight months' time, we will have accumulated \$1,200 for Trinity. Just place your labels in an envelope and turn into the church office.

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