

Trinity Lutheran Church

February 2020 Newsletter



“Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God’s love was revealed in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loves us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.”

1 John 4:7-12

February is the month we most associate with love. Or, at least love to the extent that it is represented by the red and pink candies and cards and gifts that are marketed for Valentine’s Day. At its best, Valentine’s Day is a reminder to show love and appreciation for the people who are dear to us. But Valentine’s Day is unhelpful when it privileges romantic love over all other kinds of love, or equates love with commercialism. That’s not the kind of love the writer of First John is describing.

To begin with, this passage emphasizes that God’s love always comes to us first. All too often we experience love as transactional - I’ll love others if it benefits me in some way, or if the other person demonstrates that that deserve my love. But God’s love is not like this. Instead, we rejoice that the power of love is not that we love God, but that God loved us - before we could try to deserve it, before we could prove any benefit to God.

Furthermore, it is *because* God loves us that we are even able to show love to one another. It is God’s love that strengthens and empowers us - not for love as *feelings*, but love as action. Love is about showing up, even when things are uncomfortable or messy; supporting one another; choosing patience, gentleness, and kindness.

We rejoice that God is love and that God loves us. We rejoice that God strengthens us to love one another, and that, even when we fail, God’s love is steadfast.

Blessings,
Pastor Kerri

Church Council

Room Usage Request Form – Going forward, any individual/group/committee wanting to use the social room must fill out a Room Usage Request Form for Church Council approval. These forms are located on the metal cart in front of the church office.

Council Training – New and returning Council members are invited to attend a Congregation Council Training on **Saturday, February 22 at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in McMurray**. Carpooling is available; talk to Pastor Kerri to register.

Summary of actions – Below are some of the actions taken at our January Council meeting. Meeting minutes, once approved, are posted on the blue bulletin board near the offices.

- Approved 2020 budget to be submitted for the congregation's consideration at the annual meeting.
- Approved request for a bulletin board to be hung in the social room to share announcements and church activities with the groups that meets there.
- Approved request for red doors to be locked on Sundays after worship begins. The main sanctuary doors will remain unlocked during the service so that the ushers may better direct those entering the church.

Faith Formation

Adult Sunday School – What do sloth, envy, wrath, lust, gluttony, pride, and greed have in common? Join us for Adult Sunday School on **February 2 & 16** following worship for conversation as we learn about the seven deadly sins.

Bible Storytime – Bible storytime will take a break for the months of February. Stay warm!

Confirmation Class – Confirmation class will be held **Saturday, February 1 from 9:30am to 12:30pm at St. Paul's**.

Fellowship & Outreach

Meeting – The next meeting will be held on **Monday, February 3 at 11am** to go over the German Christmas Marketplace and plans for the Soup & Sandwiches, soup walk, & Tea.



Soup & Sandwiches Luncheon – Join us on **Sunday, February 9 immediately following worship** for soup & sandwiches and Valentine’s Day themed desserts. Hope to see you there!

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner – Join us on **Tuesday, February 25 from 5:30 to 7:30pm** for a pancake dinner celebrating Shrove Tuesday, the last day before Lent begins. The meal will be prepared by our Confirmation students and their families, and donations toward their week at Confirmation Camp this summer are appreciated.



Finance

December 2019 Income & Expense

	December	Jan. – Dec. YTD Actual	Jan. – Dec. YTD Budget
Total Income	\$13,542	\$107,170	\$109,450
Total Expense	\$10,147	\$150,973	\$149,300
Net Income	-\$3,395	-\$43,803	-\$39,850
Withdrawal from Reserves		\$50,000	\$40,000

Donations for the Restoration Account should be marked “Restoration Account” and will be gratefully appreciated.

Meeting – The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, February 12 at 11am**.

February Offering Counters

Date	Counters			
2	Marcia Davis	Ron Kerns Sr.	Melva Roland	Alan Sandusky
9	Melva Roland	Linda Ruth	Cindy Workman	

16	Carolyn Kerns	Melva Roland	Cindy Workman	
23	Marcia Davis	Melva Roland	Alan Sandusky	

Shout Outs

Thank you to everyone who supported the Turkey Dinner fundraiser. We raised \$1,450.00 for the Back-to-School Clothing Giveaway!



Thank you to those who helped put away the Christmas decorations – we appreciate your time and effort.

Thank you to Linda Ruth for proofreading and helping put together the newsletter.

Social Ministry

Meeting – The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, February 5 at 11:30am**. Hope to see you there!

Food Collection for Community Ministries – Every third Sunday. Be sure to bring in some food items on **Sunday, February 16!** If you didn't yet get a red "Trinity" reusable grocery bag, you can pick one up at the rear of the sanctuary.



Chicken and Biscuit Dinner – Join us on **Saturday, March 7 from noon to 6pm** for the Chicken & Biscuit Dinner. Meal includes chicken & biscuits, mashed potatoes & gravy, green beans, applesauce, dessert, and drink. The cost is \$8 for adults and \$4 for children 12 years old and younger. Proceeds from the meal will go toward the Back-to-School Clothing Giveaway.



Stewardship

Offering Envelopes – 2020 offering envelopes are available for pick-up at the rear of the sanctuary.

Amazon Smile – Do you often shop on Amazon? Be sure to sign up for Amazon Smile to support our ministry



at Trinity! Amazon Smile will donate 0.5% of the cost of eligible purchases to Trinity. To sign up, visit www.smile.amazon.com, sign in with your regular Amazon username and password, and follow the directions to search for “Trinity Lutheran Church Connellsville.” If you have questions about how to register, please contact Pastor Kerri.

Worship & Music

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

Dinner Church Hiatus – Due to the evening time slot and potential for winter weather, **we will not have Dinner Church in February.** Join us again for worship around the table on Saturday, March 14, 2020.

Ash Wednesday Worship – Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the season of Lent. A worship service with the distribution of ashes and Holy Communion will be held on **Wednesday, February 26 at noon at Trinity**, a joint service led by Pastor Kerri and Pastor Daniel.

February Greeters

Date	East Narthex	South Entrance	West Narthex
2	Sandy Nicholson	Karen Pastorius	Ron Kerns Sr.
9	Sally Stoots	Bill Stoots	Ron Kerns Sr.
16	Melva Roland	Alan Sandusky	Ron Kerns Sr.
23	Jim Workman	Jeff Williams	Ron Kerns Sr.

Altar Guild

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

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

February – Ginny Beecher

March – Beth Williams

April – Sally Stoots

May – Beckie Merchant

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

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 – 2, 9, & 23

March – No flowers during Lent

April – 19 & 26

May – 3 & 17

Contact Us

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Pastor Kerri Clark

Cell: 724-603-5589 (call or text)

Email: rev.kerri.clark@gmail.com

Parish News

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

February Bible Readings

1: Galatians 3:23-29

4 Epiphany – 2

Micah 6:1-8

Psalm 15

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

Matthew 5:1-12

3: Galatians 4:1-11

4: Galatians 4:12-20

5: Galatians 4:21-31

6: Galatians 5:1-15

7: Galatians 5:16-24

8: Galatians 5:25-6:10

5 Epiphany – 9

Isaiah 58:1-12

Psalm 112:1-10

1 Corinthians 2:1-16

Matthew 5:13-20

10: Galatians 6:11-18

11: 2 Timothy 1:1-14

12: 2 Timothy 1:15-2:13

13: 2 Timothy 2:14-26

14: 2 Timothy 3:1-17

15: 2 Timothy 4:1-8

6 Epiphany – 16

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Psalm 119:1-8

1 Corinthians 3:1-9

Matthew 5:21-37

17: 1 Timothy 1:1-17

18: 1 Timothy 1:18-2:15

19: 1 Timothy 3:1-16

20: 1 Timothy 4:1-16

21: 1 Timothy 5:1-22

22: 1 Timothy 6:1-21

Transfiguration of Our Lord – 23

Exodus 24:12-18

Psalm 2

2 Peter 1:16-21

Matthew 17:1-9

24: Hebrews 1:1-14

25: Hebrews 2:1-10

Ash Wednesday – 26

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17

Psalm 51:1-17

2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

27: Titus 1:1-16

28: Titus 2:1-15

29: Titus 3:1-15

February 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
<p style="text-align: center;">AM: Assistant Minister R: Reader</p>		
<p style="text-align: center;">2 <i>4 Epiphany</i></p> <p>9:15am: Holy Communion AM: Alan Sandusky R: Mickie Sandusky</p> <p style="text-align: center;">10:30am: Adult Sunday School</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">3</p> <p style="text-align: center;">11am – Fellowship & Outreach Meeting</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">4</p> <p style="text-align: right; padding-right: 20px;">7pm – Boy Scouts</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">9 <i>5 Epiphany</i></p> <p>9:15am: Holy Communion AM: Ginny Beecher R: Chandler Daugherty</p> <p style="text-align: center;">10:30am: Soup & Sandwiches Luncheon</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">10</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Council Packet Information Deadline</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">11</p> <p style="text-align: right; padding-right: 20px;">7pm – Boy Scouts</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">16 <i>6 Epiphany</i></p> <p>9:15am: Holy Communion AM: Donna Welsh R: Laura Kupets</p> <p style="text-align: center;">10:30am: Adult Sunday School</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">17</p> <p style="text-align: center;">6:30pm – Church Council Meeting</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">18</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Newsletter Deadline</i></p> <p style="text-align: right; padding-right: 20px;">7pm – Boy Scouts</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">23 <i>Transfiguration of Our Lord</i></p> <p>9:15am: Holy Communion AM: Cindy Workman R: Tammy Hart</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">24</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">25</p> <p style="text-align: center;">5:30-7:30pm: Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner</p> <p style="text-align: right; padding-right: 20px;">7pm – Boy Scouts</p>

February 2020

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 9:30am-12:30pm: Confirmation Class @ St. Paul's
5	6	7	8
11:30am – Social Ministry Meeting 7pm – NA Group	6:30pm – Cub Scouts	9pm – AA Group	
12	13	14	15
11am – Finance Meeting 6pm – Worship & Music 7pm – NA Group	6:30pm – Cub Scouts	Happy Valentine's Day! 9pm – AA Group	
19	20	21	22
10am – Garden Club 7pm – NA Group	6:30pm – Cub Scouts	9pm – AA Group	9am-3pm: Council Training@ Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in McMurray
26	27	28	29
Noon – Ash Wednesday Service 7pm – NA Group	6:30pm – Cub Scouts	9pm – AA Group	

Please call or email the church office if you would like to see your name added to the birthday, anniversary, or baptismal anniversary monthly lists.



February Anniversaries

- 8** – Mick & Angela Black
- 13** – John & Diana Mulnix

February Baptismal Anniversaries

- 5** – Madison Wadsworth
- 12** – Chaney DeWitt
- 13** – Laura Kupets
- 16** – Ron Kerns Jr.
- 18** – Nichole Soforic
- 21** – Amber Ritenour
- 28** – Callie Cunningham

February Birthdays

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

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 Loved Ones

Stanley & Donna Welsh

In memory of my parents, William & Gladys Zimmerman

Rita Lowe

In memory of my brothers, Charles & Frank Zimmerman

Rita Lowe



Community Events

Strengthening Families Program

January 30-March 12 at Connellsville Area Middle School

February 24-April 6 at Connellsville Area Middle School

March 19-April 30 at Springfield CNP Elementary School

April 14-May 26 at Dunbar TWP Elementary School

This free, evidence-based program for youth 10-14 years old and their families is now taking place in the Connellsville area. It is a universal prevention program, and beneficial for *all* families, not specifically those deemed "at risk". This program runs one day/week for seven consecutive weeks, from 5:30-8pm. Dinner is provided, and childcare is available for younger siblings. Please call, text, or email Mel at 724-970-8679, mbrownfield@fcdaa.org for more information or to register.

Flyers are available on the table in the back of the Sanctuary

Social Development Strategy Training

St. Peter's Lutheran Church

121 Walnut Hill Rd.; Uniontown

Wednesday, February 5 from 6:30-8:30pm

This free two-hour training provides skills and encouragement to adults who wish to promote positive youth development and strengthen bonds with family, school, and community. To register, contact Mel at mbrownfield@fcdaa.org.

Snow Flurry Fondue Dinner

Greendance the Winery at Sand Hill

306 Deerfield Rd.; Mt. Pleasant, PA 15666

724-547-6500

Dates: February 7 & 14 from 6-9pm

Tickets: \$35 each



Cure your cabin fever and join Greendance at our fun-filled, retro fondue parties! Guests will enjoy cheese (Emmentaler-Gruyere) and bittersweet brandywine chocolate fondue courses with complimentary Wine Tasting prior to the event.



Special Olympics Winter Games

Seven Springs Mountain Resort

777 Water Wheel Dr.; Champion, PA 15622

866-437-1300

Sunday, February 9 – Tuesday, February 11

- 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.

Valentine's Desserts Weekend

Greendance the Winery at Sand Hill

306 Deerfield Rd.; Mt. Pleasant, PA 15666

724-547-6500



When: February 15 & 16 from 12-4pm

Includes: Your choice of dessert & glass of wine

Cost: \$12 per person + tax

Come out and enjoy a glass of Greendance wine and choose one of our special desserts made by Sand Hill Berries in celebration of Valentine's Day – kick off to the start of our annual Sips & Savories Weekends every weekend in February and March!

Garden Club

Wednesday, February 19 at 10am



Sips & Savories Weekends

Greendance the Winery at Sand Hill
306 Deerfield Rd.; Mt. Pleasant, PA 15666
724-547-6500

When: Every weekend in February & March from 12-4pm

Join us for our Sips & Savories Wine Café weekends – enjoy delicious plates from our weekly tapas menu with your favorite wine! We will also be serving sweet slices of desserts & ice cream from Sand Hill Berries! Casual bistro-style seating will be available inside the tasting room and winery, no reservations necessary.

Check out their website (www.greendancewinery.com) weekly for upcoming menus and new dishes!

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”.**



February Word Search

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ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL
 ASH WEDNESDAY
 CANDY
 COUNCIL TRAINING
 CUPID
 FEBRUARY
 FLOWERS
 FOURTEENTH
 GROUNDHOG DAY
 HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY
 HEARTS
 JUICE
 LENT
 MARDIS GRAS
 PANCAKE BREAKFAST
 PANCAKE DINNER



PINK
 PRESIDENTS' DAY
 PURPLE
 RED
 SANDWICHES
 SAUSAGE
 SCRAMBLED EGGS
 SECOND
 SHROVE TUESDAY
 SOUP
 TRANSFIGURATION
 VALENTINES



