

Tidings

from

Trinity



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When I was 5 years old, I started taking piano lessons. Although I wasn't old enough to understand then, the 15 – 20 minutes my mother made me practice every day was teaching me discipline. As I grew older and I advanced in my piano study, I needed longer periods of practice to learn the more difficult music. Soon practice sessions were measured in hours, not minutes, and I was grateful for the discipline I had already learned. Doing anything well takes practice. And getting yourself to practice day after day, again and again, takes discipline.



The season of Lent invites us to practice our faith. To stretch our faith muscles. To get in spiritual shape. To learn new things. To advance in our study. To grow as disciples. And this practice takes discipline.

Discipline. For some people, it's a bad word with negative connotations of punishment and angry parents. For others, it reminds them of the discipline necessary to achieve their goals – running a marathon, losing 30 pounds, getting to the bottom of the in-box on a regular basis.

As Christians, the word “discipline” has a different connection. Discipline isn't punishment. Discipline isn't self-flagellation (literal or figurative). Instead, discipline is the practice of being a Christian.

The disciplines of Lent – the actions and activities which help us practice being a Christian are traditionally listed as repentance, fasting, prayer, and works of love. However, there are many different ways that we can “practice” our faith. Studying scripture, giving to the poor, serving the needy, praying for the sick, giving up a luxury, and visiting the home-bound are just a few.

This Lent, I encourage you to be disciplined – to take the opportunity to practice your faith every day, to stretch your spiritual muscles and improve your walk with God. Start with one thing – one discipline. Find a place to do it and maybe a friend to do it with. Whether it's studying the Bible or visiting in a nursing home, giving money or giving up Starbucks. It won't be easy. But, with practice, it will get easier.

Praying that you might have a blessed, disciplined, and growing Lent,

Pastor Chapman



Prayers of the People

Give us your peace, O God, that we may rejoice in your goodness to us and to all your children, and be thankful for your love revealed in Jesus Christ. Especially, we thank you for:

- People who reveal your truth and righteousness...
- Courage to be bold disciples...
- Those who show hospitality...
- Surprises that have blessed us...
- The unity of the church in Jesus Christ...
- Soldiers far away from home....
- Our sister church in Tanzania – Mombo Parish...

Give us your peace, O God, that we may be confident of your care for us and all your children, as we remember the needs of others. Especially we pray for:

- Trinity that we might be light in the darkness...
- Friends and relatives who are far away...
- Neighbors in special need...
- Those who suffer hunger and thirst...
- Those who work at night while others sleep...
- Episcopal and Methodist churches...
- Those who are dying...
- Those who battle cancer...

These people known to us who are hurting in different ways: **Betty Bleam, the family of Frank Cassidy, Darlene, Helen Gallagher, Doris Gump, Jean Hafler, Sandy Hager, Grace Henderson, Rocky and Michelle Lonetti, Matthew Mumbauer, Janette Meyers, Norma Myers, Eileen Nelson, Shari Orzechoski, James Riley, Rose Shannon, Kitty Shaw, Debbie Smith, the family of Larry Somers, and Carol and Carl Widen.**

Amen.

Prayer Thoughts from Pastor:

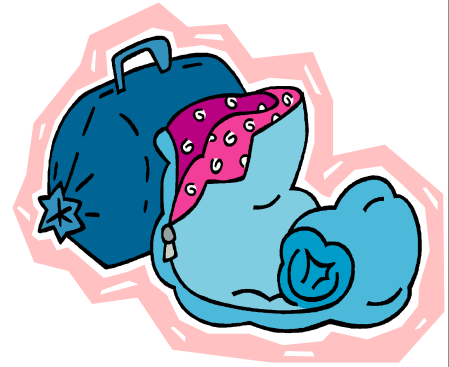
Sometimes our prayers are too big, too dangerous, too overwhelming, to put into words. We can't form the phrases. We don't know what to say. It is in these times when we simply sit in the presence of God, laying our hearts bare before the Lord, trusting that he hears and knows and answers. This silent prayer is powerful. Because in the silence, we may realize that we are truly known and truly loved by the One who created us, who invites us to pour our deepest fears and griefs before him. This silent prayer is powerful. Because in the silence, we may hear God speak- directly to our hearts, our hopes, our situation. Lord, hear our prayer, even those we cannot utter.



Pastor Chapman

Confirmation

At our January retreat, we got wet and we talked about “walking wet” – living out our baptism in our daily life. Together we explored lots of images for baptism. We also learned more about communion, made bread together, and (attempted to) create some artworks. Our February retreat will be a “lock-in” from 6 p.m. Sunday, February 19 – 10 a.m. Monday, February 20.



Students should bring the following:

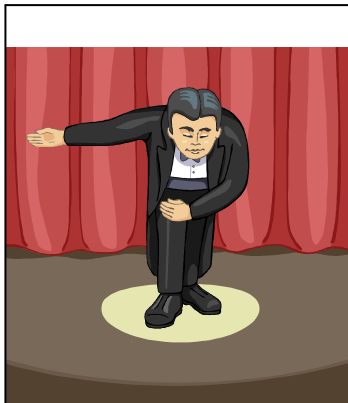
- Appropriate “pjs” for a mixed gender sleepover
- Clean clothes for Monday
- Clothes appropriate for going outside (boots, coats, etc.)
- Sleeping bags, pillows, etc.
- Toiletries, including washcloths
- Their Bible and Catechism
- A snack to share
- A game to share
- Music to share

Students should not bring:

- Cell phones
- Electronic games or personal music players
- Computers or tablets

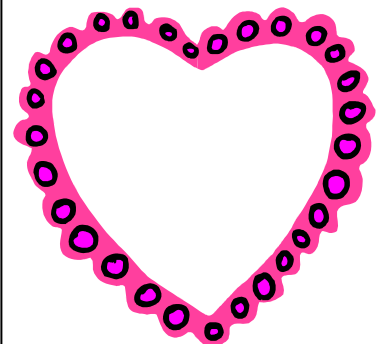
Friends are welcome (in limited number); however, you need to tell Pastor about them at least one week in advance. Also, please let Pastor Chapman know if your child has any food allergies, medications he/she must take, etc.

Students will help prepare breakfast on Monday morning; however, they should eat dinner before they come on Sunday. As always, parents are welcome. See you there!



Calling all actors! (or dramatic people!)

We are looking for some folks to help out with our mid-week (Wednesday evening) Lenten services. If you are up for creative monologues, humorous sketches, or even simple reader’s theatre, contact Pastor Chapman at pastorchapman@trinityquakertown.org





The Congregational Council met on Monday, January 9, 2012. During the financial portion of the meeting, the Treasurer announced that the beginning balance is \$5,225.05. Published reports of the Pastor, Christian Education, and Work Crew were received. During her report, Pastor Chapman presented information on the website, Youthworks.com which provides information on youth service projects and camps. Many opportunities for youth are available closer to home and are very reasonable, cost-wise. In other committee business, Mike Heisey, property committee, brought Council members up-to-date on the installation of the snow guards above the Church office door, the need for work at the VFW building (formerly the "Little Caboose") and the completion of the service cut out in the front of the church which can be used to move large items and supplies into the Church more easily. This work was paid for by a donor. A list of property projects and their approximate costs are included in the report of the property committee in the Annual Report booklet. In other business, a motion to accept the slate of nominees for the vacant Council positions which will be presented to the congregation at the Annual meeting was made and seconded. Council voted in favor of the motion.

Under new business, members voted to make a donation of \$100 to the Quaker-town Panthers athletic group which provides opportunities for children and adults with special needs. The next meeting of the Congregational Council is set for February 13, 2012.



Lenten Worship Schedule
Wednesday, February 22 -
 Ash Wednesday
 2 p.m. Service, 6:15 p.m. Soup Supper,
 7:30 p.m. Service

**Wednesday, February 29, Wednesday,
 March 7, 14, 21 & 28**
 6:15 p.m. Soup Supper,
 7:30 p.m. Mid-week Lenten Service



Thursday, April 5
 6:15 p.m. Soup Supper,
 7:30 p.m. Live Last Supper Portrayal

Friday, April 6
 7:30 p.m. Tenebrae Service

Worship Highlights for February



February 5 - Boy Scout Sunday - The Boy Scouts will lead us in worship.

February 12 - Sixth Sunday After Epiphany - 8:00 a.m. Worship Service; 9:15 a.m. Contemporary Service; 10:30 a.m. Communion Service.

February 19 - Transfiguration of our Lord - 8:00 a.m. Communion Service; 9:15 a.m. Contemporary Service; 10:30 a.m. Worship Service.

February 22 - Ash Wednesday - 2 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. Communion Services and imposition of ashes.

February 26 - First Sunday in Lent - 8:00 a.m. Worship Service; 9:15 a.m. Contemporary Service; 10:30 a.m. Communion Service.

February 29 - Mid-week Lenten Service - 7:30 p.m. service.

GREETER SCHEDULER NEEDED

We are in need of someone to schedule greeters for the services throughout the year. There are a group of people who have volunteered to do this and it is a matter of making a schedule and calling (or e-mailing) the people who are scheduled for the services that week. We offer our sincere thanks to Eleanor Storck who has done this for the past couple of years. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please call or e-mail the church office.

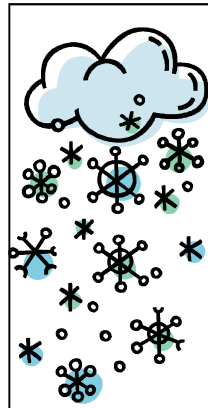
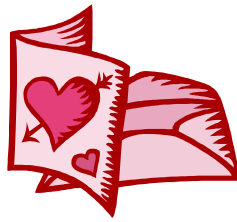


The Altar Guild is currently looking for a volunteer to assume responsibilities for the change of paraments during the months of April, August and December. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact the church office by phone or e-mail at trinity@trinityquakertown.org

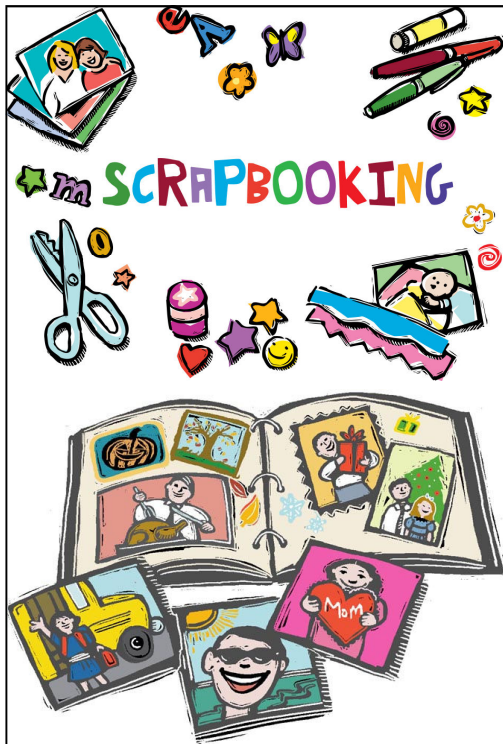
We thank all the ladies, past and present, who have participated in this ministry.

Boy Scout

Sunday
 is
February 5!



The winter season is here! We will post Church and Sunday School delays and closings on WFMZ TV. When inclement weather is expected, simply tune into WFMZ and check for Trinity Lutheran Church, Quakertown.



Do you like to scrapbook?

SCRAPBOOKERS CROP WITH US!!!

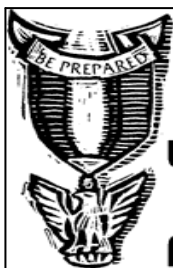
WHERE: Trinity Lutheran Church
 102 N. Hellertown Avenue
 Quakertown (Yerger Bldg.)

WHEN: February 18, 2012
 9:00 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.

Cost: \$15. Ahead or \$20 at the door. For a full day of creative fun. Door Prizes and fellowship. Drinks and snacks will be served. Bring your own lunch.
R.S.V.P. 267-374-0876

**All proceeds benefit
 Trinity Lutheran Church!**

Special thanks to Michelle Stoneback for providing the baked goods!



Boy Scouts Scout Scoop

On Monday, December 12, Troop 55 held its December Court of Honor. Scouts, families and leaders enjoyed desserts, a program, awards and Christmas caroling. Scouts were invited to enter a dessert contest and the winners were Cole Lorah - First place, Tim Bean - Second place and Jonathan Wulffleff—Third place. The troop traveled to Cabela's and Reading Climbing Rocks on Saturday, December 17. Five scouts, one webelos, and three adults enjoyed holiday shopping and the challenge of climbing.

Congratulations to Eagle Scout , Brett Kaseman, for earning a Silver Palm in December.



Happy
Birthday
to...

Jordan Kulp	2/1
Raylynn Chapman	2/2
Allison Goepfert	2/2
Richard Stoneback	2/3
Michael Keller	2/4
Diane Lorenz	2/4
Margaret Mease	2/4
Gina Ewing	2/5
Matthew Reimer	2/5
Joanne Reinhart	2/5
Robert Williams	2/5
Gwen Holsinger	2/6
Andrew Nicholson	2/6
Kelly Remick	2/6
Kenneth Scheetz	2/6
Gregory Grochowiak	2/7
Barbara Horner	2/7
Shylee Williams	2/7
Donald Andres	2/8
Jo Kachline	2/8
Katelyn Blase	2/9
Pastor Chapman	2/9
Chris Engelhardt	2/9
Jean Delcamp	2/10
Kyle Krause	2/10
Nancy Lowe	2/10
Eric Allison	2/11
Peggy Diefenderfer	2/11
Mackenzie Lees	2/11
Matt Schiffer	2/11
Erika Baltzersen	2/13
Mildred Emery	2/13
Jean Hafler	2/13
Will Grzyminski	2/15
Mazie Mitchell	2/15
Deborah Sell	2/15
Benjamin Sonntag	2/15

Erin Silver	2/16
Melissa Dottery	2/18
Dolores Bast	2/19
Ruth Clemmer	2/19
Shane Godshall	2/19
Rylan Dauter	2/21
Denise Fox	2/21
Dale Reichley	2/21
Dorothy Gross	2/22
Lucian Millisock	2/23
Russell Benner	2/24
Brenda Herd	2/25
Susan Young	2/25
Mary Henry	2/26
John Loux	2/26
Timothy Horner	2/28
Eve Kabay	2/28



**PLEASE
REMEMBER
YOUR
PENNIES FOR
BLANKETS
AND FOOD
STAPLES THIS
SUNDAY.
THANK YOU.**



To our Trinity Family & Friends,

We can't thank you enough for all your cards and prayers after Arthur's passing.

Jim & Darlene Mory

Births: none
Baptisms: none
Marriages: none
Deaths: Larry Somers

Parish Notes

