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Tidings from Trinity

January 6, the Day of Epiphany, marks the official start of the Epiphany season in the church. The star is the traditional symbol for Epiphany and for the Epiphany season as we celebrate the revelation of God in Jesus Christ. The word “epiphany” means something like revelation, discovery, uncovering, or guidance. So a star as a symbol makes sense.

After all, the magi followed the star of Bethlehem to find the child Jesus. The star guided them along their journey, giving focus and destination to travelers who didn’t know quite what they’d find at the end.

We are beginning a new journey here at Trinity. I have been installed and welcomed as your new pastor. We’ve celebrated our first Christmas together. Some things are as they have always been, some things have changed. I’m sure with the work of our Council, our Worship Task Force, our Mutual Ministry Committee, and all of our leadership teams, other changes will come as well.

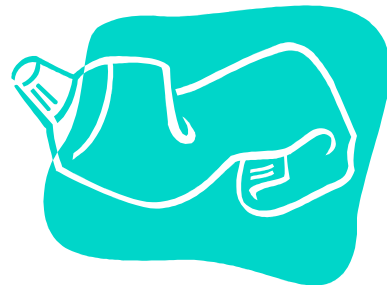
This journey of faith and witness, of renewal and rethinking, of tradition and innovation will be our Epiphany journey, our Lenten journey, our Easter journey, our Pentecost journey. But no matter the season of the year, we will have the guidance of a Star.

The light of God will guide us through this year and through every year we share. The presence of God will be our guiding star as we imagine the future of ministry here. When we lose focus and get distracted by the day to day world and worries of life, we’ll look to God. When we feel lost, we’ll seek God’s guidance. When we feel weary along the journey, we’ll ask God for strength. We don’t know quite what will await us along this journey, but we do know that God will guide us, God will accompany us, God will light the path. God will be our Guiding Star. So I encourage you to turn to God. Spend a little more time in prayer this new year. Pray for the guidance of God and for the future of Trinity. Pray for God’s will to be revealed as we journey together.

Walking in the Light of Christ,
The Rev. Lynette R. Chapman
Pastor

Confirmation

We've now had two Confirmation retreats – and are gearing up for our third – focused around the sacraments. Our December retreat focused on the Ten Commandments – and we taught each other the “positives” of the commandments, making posters to highlight what Luther said we should do. We also wrote thank-you letters to our parents (sorry, kids!) as we discussed honoring our fathers and mothers, had a squeeze-out-all-the-toothpaste relay where we learned that once it's out it isn't going back in (which applies to what we say as well as to toothpaste – illustration of bearing false witness). Bullying and gossip and reputations, our inability to keep these commandments and our need for God's grace – all of it was presented – woven with activities and breaks and several rounds of “Sardines”.



P.S. Remember to turn in your worship summaries! Pastor Chapman will have a tally for Mrs. Hafler in January.

Worship Schedule For January

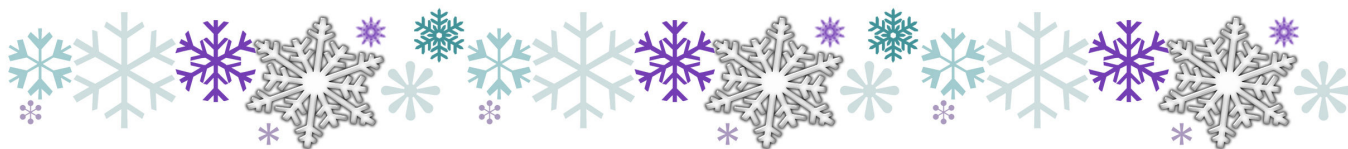
Sunday, January 1 – First Sunday of Christmas - 9:15 a.m. Contemporary; No Sunday school; 10:30 a.m. Communion.

Sunday, January 8 - The Baptism of our Lord - 8:00 a.m. Worship; 9:15 a.m. Contemporary; 10:30 a.m. Communion.

Sunday, January 15 - Second Sunday after Epiphany - 8:00 a.m. Communion; 9:15 a.m. Contemporary; 10:30 a.m. Worship.

Sunday, January 22 - Third Sunday after Epiphany - 8:00 a.m. Worship; 9:15 a.m. Contemporary; 10:30 a.m. Communion.

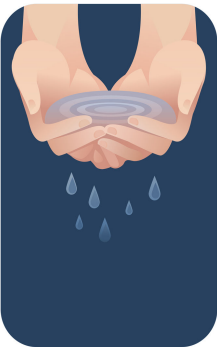
Sunday, January 29 - Fourth Sunday after Epiphany – 10:30 a.m. Blended Service.



Congregation Meeting



The Annual Business Meeting of the Congregation will take place on Sunday, January 29, 2012, following a 10:30 a.m. Blended service and luncheon.



A Celebration of Baptism!

Join us on Sunday, January 8, as we celebrate the Baptism of our Lord by remembering our own baptisms, renewing our baptismal vows, and recognizing all those who've been baptized this past year at Trinity. All the families of the newly baptized have been invited back and will receive a special gift during one of our morning services.

Prayer Thoughts from Pastor:

A New Year's Prayer and Blessing

May God make your year a happy one!

Not by shielding you from all sorrows and pain,

But by strengthening you to bear it, as it comes;

Not by making your path easy,

But by making you sturdy to travel any path;

Not by taking hardships from you,

But by taking fear from your heart;

Not by granting you unbroken sunshine,

But by keeping your face bright, even in the shadows;

Not by making your life always pleasant,

But by showing you when people and their causes need you most,
and by making you anxious to be there to help.

God's love, peace, hope and joy to you for the year ahead.





COUNCIL NOTES



The Congregation Council met on Monday, December 12, 2011. During the financial portion of the meeting, the Treasurer announced that the beginning balance is \$2,951.64 with purchase orders totaling \$328. The Council adjourned at 7:05 PM to attend the Court of Honor of Boy Scout Troop #52 where a check was presented to the leaders by Pastor Chapman and the Church Council president, a token of Trinity's support and appreciation for the ongoing help and support of the Boy Scouts during the Peach Festival. The meeting was re-convened after the presentation to continue the business of the Council.

Other business: Published reports of the Pastor, Evangelism, Property and Work Crew were received. In other committee business, Mike Heisey thanked all who attended and helped at the Stewardship dinner and announced that 93 families responded to estimated giving for 2012. Worship and Music and Christian Education committees have previewed Pastor Chapman's tentative calendar for 2012 and have presented their suggestions. Mike Heisey and Neil Stettler are continuing to work on the slate of nominees for Council positions which will be elected at the Annual Meeting in January 2012. Trinity members who are interested in serving can contact either Mike or Neil for more details. The proposed 2012 budget was presented by Mike Heisey. After discussion, a motion to approve the proposed budget of \$336,000 passed. This proposed budget will be presented to the Trinity membership at the Annual Meeting for approval. Plans were discussed for the Annual Congregation Meeting to be held on January 29, 2012. After discussion, a motion was made and passed to have Sunday School on that date with a blended service at 10:30 a.m. to be followed by a simple luncheon and the business meeting. The next meeting of the Congregation Council is set for January 9, 2012.



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.

Glory to God in highest heaven,
Who unto man His Son hath given;
While angels sing with tender mirth,
A glad new year to all the earth.

~Martin Luther





Scout Scoop

On Sunday, November 6, Troop 55 had three scouts and five adults head to nearby Paletown Rod & Gun Club to do clean up on the grounds and participate in a fall shoot.. Fun and service in one great outdoor day. Thursday, November 10, Troop 55 had three scouts that attended the Tohpendel district Swim-o-ree held at Pennridge High school. Our three scouts; Troy Kaminski, Raymond Miketta, and Jonathan Wulfleff received trophies in eight events; 25 meter freestyle, 25 meter backstroke, cannonball, t-shirt race, creative dive, underwater distance, duck race and boogie board. Awesome job by Troop 55!

Troop 55 had two scouts earn rank of SECOND CLASS, Jarrett Holbrook and Jonathan Wulfleff. Congratulations, scouts! Troop 55 thanks everyone at Trinity for the continued support in the life of Boy Scouting here at Trinity!. Any male youth seeking outdoor fun, survival skills, character, leadership and more are welcome to join. 1 - 5 grades are invited Thursday evenings to Pack 55. Grades 6 - 12 are welcome Monday evenings to Troop 55. "Again, thank you, and may everyone be blessed with good health and happiness in 2012!"

Prayers of the People



God of all mercies, we praise you that you have brought us to this new day, brightening our lives with the dawn of promise and hope in Jesus Christ.

Especially we thank you for:

The warmth of sunlight, the wetness of rain and snow and all that nourishes the earth...

The presence and power of your Spirit...

The support and encouragement we receive from others...

Those who provide for public safety and well-being...

Merciful God, strengthen us in prayer that we may lift up the brokenness of this world for your healing, and share in the saving love of Jesus Christ. Especially

we pray for:

Those in positions of authority over others...

The lonely and forgotten...

Children without families or homes...

Agents of caring and relief...

Soldiers far away from home....

The church in Asia and the Middle East, especially the Lutheran Church in Palestine...

Our sister church in Tanzania – Mombo Parish...

We are bold to pray for ourselves, trusting in your will and seeking your guidance.

For Trinity and for our witness to the gospel...

That we might follow the Star this new year...

Our ministries with people on the margins of society...

These people known to us who are hurting in different ways: **Abby Bittner, Frank and Katherine Cassidy, Crooke Family, Darlene, Esther Fox, Helen Gallagher, Doris Gump, Jean Hafler, Sandy Hager, Nittany Hendricks, Rocky and Michelle Lonetti, the family of Arthur Mory, Matthew Mumbauer, Janette Meyers, Norma Myers, Eileen Nelson, Shari Orzechoski, Billy Pederson, Ricky, James Riley, Rose Shannon, Debbie Smith, Larry Somers, Tim, and Carl Widen.**



To secure a spot for your child, please fill out a 2012-2013 registration form, include a check for \$25 registration fee, and return to Mrs. Wimmer as soon as possible. A spot will not be held for your child until we receive the registration form and check. Starting February 1, registration is open to the community.

2012 - 2013 'Tween Tots Registration Information

2012-2013 Fees
Registration Fee is: \$25 before
June 1, \$30 by July 1, \$35 by
August 1 (\$40 family fee)

2 day program is \$90/month
3 day program is \$110/month



When: Wednesdays, January 4, 2012 through
February 15, 2012

Time : 4:00p.m. - 6:45 p.m.

Cost: \$3.00 per session: for two or more,
\$30.00

Who: Persons in Grades 1 - 6.

Sign-up sheets are available in the narthex and
the Yerger Building hallway.

Come join the fun!

Philemon and Philippi

Take a peek into the 1st Century world of the Bible and learn what the early church can teach us about being the Church and followers of Christ today. Join us for a new Adult Bible Study starting in January on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. and Wednesday mornings at 10:30 a.m.* You choose the time that suits you! Coffee and goodies provided mornings and evenings! This Bible Study will be offered starting Tuesday, January 10, 2012, and ending Wednesday, February 15, 2012. *Note: This is different than what was previously advertised.





A Tale of Two Seas

*There are two seas in Palestine. One is fresh, and fish are in it.
Splashes of green adorn its banks. Trees spread their branches over
it,
And stretch out their thirsty roots to sip of its healing waters.
Along its shores the children play, as children played when He was
there.
He loved it. He could look across its silver surface when He spoke
His parables.
And on a rolling plain not far away He fed five thousand people.*

*The river Jordan makes this sea with sparkling water from the hills.
Men build their houses next to it, and birds build their nests;
And every kind of life is happier because it is there.
The river Jordan flows on south into another sea.
Here is no splash of fish, no fluttering leaf, no song of birds,
no children's laughter.
Travelers choose another route, unless on urgent business.
The air hangs heavy above its water, and neither man nor beast,
nor fowl will drink.*

*What makes this mighty difference in these neighboring seas?
Not the river Jordan. It empties the same good water into both.
Not the soil in which they lie; not the country round about.*

*This is the difference: The Sea of Galilee receives but does not keep the Jordan.
For every drop that flows into it another drop flows out.*

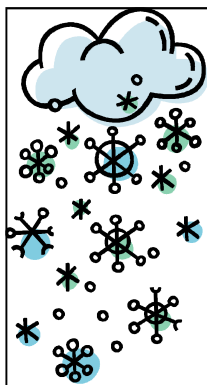
*The other sea is shrewder, hoarding its income jealously.
It will not be tempted into any generous impulse.
Every drop it gets, it keeps.*

*The Sea of Galilee gives and lives. This other sea gives nothing.
It is named The Dead.*

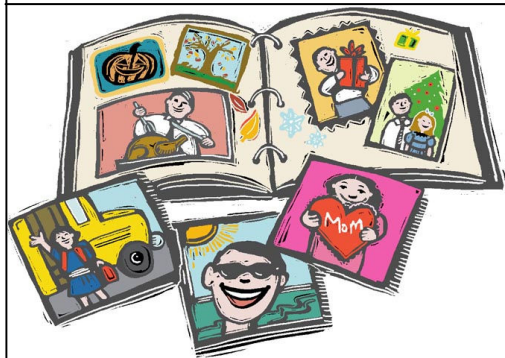
There are two seas in Palestine.

There are two kinds of people in the world.

Of which kind are you?



The winter season is here! We will post Church and Sunday School delays and closings on WFMZ television. 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: January 28, 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!





Happy Birthday to you...

Beth Ann Kulick	1/28
Shirley Afflerbach	1/31
Lana Kline	1/31



Barbara Snyder	1/2
Betty Remick	1/3
Kyla Transue	1/3
Ralph Buzby	1/4
James Custer	1/4
Alex Eichlin	1/5
Skyler Andres-Lopez	1/10
Eva Lacey	1/12
Angel Lew	1/13
Helen Nosal	1/13
Greg Shannon	1/13
Collin Reinhart	1/14
Emily Fox	1/16
Paul Hippeli	1/16
Gery Kirkner	1/16
Charles Scheetz	1/16
Elizabeth Wasser	1/16
Cody Geissing	1/17
Melissa Merritt	1/17
Eric Young	1/17
Barry Holsinger	1/18
Wilbur Aikey	1/19
Heidi Dauter	1/19
Dean Foulke	1/19
Angela Knowles	1/19
Agnes Besch	1/20
Kyle Cruz	1/20
Oscar Koch	1/20
Ellen Miron	1/20
Mae Mann	1/21
Brian Fluck	1/22
Kenneth Cressman	1/23
Krysalyn Juchno	1/23
Ann Poulton	1/23
Curt Hartman	1/24
Eric Miron	1/24
Warren Storck	1/26
Linda Mitman	1/27
Jake Neiman	1/27

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



Parish Notes

Births:

Baptisms:
Dominic Louis Torres

Marriages:

Deaths: Arthur Mory
Lillian Scheetz