

Newsletter  
February - 2012

*Finding God's  
Tender Loving Care  
at  
Trinity Lutheran Church*

**OUR VISION:**  
To create disciples for  
unified ministry  
in God's kingdom.

**OUR MISSION:**  
Proclaiming and sharing  
God's love in  
a relevant way.



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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Now that I've had about three months to get into the nuts and bolts of the operation of our church and to observe the many jobs and tasks that are required to keep things going in a steady and orderly fashion, it has become very apparent to me that we have a very few who are doing so much, and still there are many tasks that are being overlooked or under supported. I suppose such discoveries are the result of having to look at the details that I have avoided in the past.

At this time I am going to touch again on one point in my January newsletter article where I quoted St. Paul regarding Christians being one body in Christ. There I was encouraging your support to the leadership of our congregation in trying to grow our church out into our community. Now I want to expand on some of the areas where more efforts and assistance are needed.

Keeping our worship facility maintained, clean and attractive; assisting with making the worship services reverent and meaningful; and supporting the many other functions that provide education, fellowship, and ministering to the needs of fellow members and others are all areas that are important and necessary to have a relevant and vibrant church. Most of us find it joyful and rewarding when serving our Lord by volunteering to help our church accomplish its mission. However, many times when these numerous jobs are continually carried out by the same few, we begin to feel tired and burdened. Sometimes we hesitate to volunteer for a task for fear that we may be stuck with a job that everyone expects us to continue indefinitely without assistance or relief.

Some of the tasks in our church in which a few do so much include ushering, cleaning and maintaining the facility, teaching and helping with youth, altar guild, office support, financial management, offering counters, making bank deposits, setting up for fellowship, etc. The same people tend to carry out these tasks week after week, month after month. Most never complain; yet, if we had more volunteers, the duties could be rotated around on weekly or monthly bases, making the load light on everyone. More and expanded involvement of members also serve to provide experience that supports transition into leadership positions when necessary.

Therefore, I take this opportunity to again encourage you to look around at all the many tasks that are carried out in our church and try to find a job that you might enjoy being a part of. Or, just contact one of our council members to find out where your abilities may be utilized. You will find the results rewarding, and you will be blessed.

Yours in Christ,  
*Joel Shealy*



**FROM THE  
PASTORS DESK**

Dear Friends in Christ,

Grace and peace to you from our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ!

It feels as though we just put the Christmas decorations away and already the seasons of Lent and Easter are upon us. The time from celebrating the birth of our savior until when we shout, “Halleluiah, He is risen, he is risen indeed,” seems so short – less than three and a half months.

February 22 is Ash Wednesday – the beginning of the 40 days of Lent. This Lent we will be using a 40 day devotional titled, JESUS REVEALED. The note from the publisher of JESUS REVEALED describes this 40 day adventure this way:

Jesus revealed is a collection of 40 messianic prophecies that were written hundreds of years before Jesus was born.

There are hundreds of messianic prophecies in the Bible.

A prophecy describes a 'prediction of the future, made under divine inspiration or a 'revelation of God.'

A 'messianic' prophecy is a prediction about a “coming Messiah.”

The 39 books that make up the Old Testament of the Bible were written between 430 B.C and 1450 B.C. And contain hundreds of prophecies about the Messiah who would arrive years later. The Messiah would come to deliver, save and fulfill the promises made to the Jewish people and to all believers.

These prophecies and promises also said that the Messiah would come to save all nations.

We will be passing out JESUS REVEALED on Sunday, February 19 after our morning worship and then again on Shrove Tuesday, February 21 at the Pancake Supper.


What is Shrove Tuesday you ask? It is the last day of the season of Epiphany and is the vigil for the beginning of Lent – the next day, Ash Wednesday. One of the traditions of Shrove Tuesday is that it is the last day for eating rich foods before beginning the traditional fasts of Lent. The day is also called Fat Tuesday, because on that day the faithful would eat their last meal of sweets and fats – the traditional items that many believers have “given up” for Lent.

Our Shrove Tuesday Pancake supper is a fun way to help get us ready for Lent and a fun evening of fellowship and good food. I hope you will come and enjoy a variety of sweet pancakes and rich sausages with us that evening. AND come Ash Wednesday evening for the imposition of ashes and the beginning of our journey through Lent to the celebration of Easter.

Peace,


Pastor Bob

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## Birthdays

Jean Dilts-----	2/1
Helen Hall-----	2/9
Paul Schmalzer-----	2/12
Ed Hill-----	2/13
Diane Coben-----	2/19
Arlene Mostert-----	2/19
Paul Hall-----	2/22
Eleanor Rummel-----	2/25
William Rodecker-----	2/28



## Wedding Anniversaries

Patrick & Susan Coyle-----	2/2
William & Laura Anliker Sr.-----	2/5
Robert & Jane Riggs-----	2/14
Donald & Judy Packer-----	2/19
Ed & Vicki Hill-----	2/27

### TRINITY SEWING GROUP

The quilters recently sent 24 quilts to a Women's Rape and Abuse Center in Mansfield, Ohio. Nine quilts were sent to the Titusville Salvation Army and nine more to our local Women's Shelter. The next batch will go to the local Dementia Center.

### FINANCIAL ANALYSIS JAN. - DEC. - 2011

	<u>CONTRIBUTIONS</u>		<b>(LOSS) or</b>
	GENERAL FUND	EXPENSES	<u>GAIN</u>
<b>2011</b>			
JAN	13,707	15,201	(1,494)
FEB	12,540	14,132	(1,592)
MAR	12,487	13,951	(1,464)
APR	16,140	14,148	1,992
MAY	10,494	17,422	(6,929)
JUNE	8,931	13,694	(4,763)
JULY	12,369	13,994	(1,625)
AUG	14,757	13,818	939
SEPT	8,008	13,964	(5,956)
OCT	10,702	12,192	(1,490)
NOV	9,146	9,539	(394)
DEC	14,814	15,888	1,074
		<b><u>YEAR TO DATE-NET LOSS</u></b>	<b>----- (23,850)</b>

**NOTE: Only Contributions to General Fund can be used for operating expenses.**

*Submitted By: Don Packer, Treasurer*

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1  Sewing 9:00 am	2  Games/Potluck 2:00 pm	3	4  Work Crew 9:00 am
5  Worship 9:30 am 11:00 am Sunday School  5:30 pm Bldg. 418 Youth Group	6  TLC Prayer Group 11:00 am	7  Games 2:00 pm  Small Group 6:30 pm (PB & Deb's Home)	8  Sewing 9:00 am	9  COUNCIL MEETING  6:30 PM	10	11  Work Crew 9:00 am
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26  Worship 9:30 am 11:00 am Sunday School	27  TLC Prayer Group 11:00 am	28  Games 2:00 pm  <i>Girl Scouts</i> 6:00 pm	29  Sewing 9:00 am  Lenten Worship 7:00 pm			

## EVANGELISM

Dear Members of Trinity,

February is Heart Month--- Valentines, Engagements, Weddings, etc. I had this grand idea to make a list of heart symptoms like a medical record. I would look for all the scriptures regarding the HEART. Do you know how MANY there are?? God is interested in the condition of your heart!! From a list of 66, I chose a few. I encourage you to take time this month to do your own study.

**HEART SYMPTOMS:** Check those that pertain to you.

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|--|------------------------------------|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hardened        | <input type="checkbox"/> Pure      | <input type="checkbox"/> Anxious           | <input type="checkbox"/> Grudging          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Afraid/troubled | <input type="checkbox"/> Loving    | <input type="checkbox"/> Devoted/committed | <input type="checkbox"/> Calloused         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cheerful/joyful | <input type="checkbox"/> Forgiving | <input type="checkbox"/> Foolish           | <input type="checkbox"/> Seeking/searching |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Obedient        | <input type="checkbox"/> Serving   | <input type="checkbox"/> Trusting          | <input type="checkbox"/> Deceitful         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Faithful/loyal  | <input type="checkbox"/> Steadfast | <input type="checkbox"/> Doubting          | <input type="checkbox"/> Undivided         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Noble/good      | <input type="checkbox"/> Wise      | <input type="checkbox"/> Broken/wounded    | <input type="checkbox"/> Gentle/humble     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Discerning      | <input type="checkbox"/> Giving    | <input type="checkbox"/> Peaceful          | <input type="checkbox"/> Changed           |

Words from A PERFECT HEART. " Praise the Lord, who reigns my life with so much love, He can make a perfect heart."

God of love, help us renew our affection for those we love and rejoice in the relationships you place in our lives.

Love and Blessings,

*Jeanette Ritz*

OPPORTUNITY\*\*\* ANY MEMBER CAN USE THIS SPACE TO WRITE THEIR TESTIMONY, SHARE A MESSAGE ON YOUR HEART, OR AN EXPERIENCE GIVING OUT A TRACT + + + + +

## STEWARDSHIP

It has been apparent for several years that our congregation's financial status has been in a steady decline due to decreasing contributions. The past few years have ended in significant deficits, where our expenses have exceed our income from offerings.

In 2012 we need to seek further understanding of our financial abilities and develop solutions to the problems so we can continue to function as a viable church. We hope and pray you will join us in seeking God's will and His help in our situation.

We should all be mindful of our own personal stewardship responsibilities of all that God has entrusted to us.

God's Blessings to all,  
Joel Shealy and Grace Keinath

## PROPERTY

Starting in February, Men's Work Day will change from Wednesday at 9:00 am to Saturday at 9:00 am.

We need more volunteers to help with cleaning the church on Wednesday and/or Saturday. For more information and to volunteer contact me.

Thank You,  
Randy Klaus  
Property Chairman

## SOCIAL CONCERNS

### *GIVING THANKS AND SHARING OUR BLESSINGS*

NOISY OFFERINGS—So, far, Noisy Offerings have benefited:

- **SEPTEMBER - Food for the Poor - \$325.06**
- **OCTOBER: - Good News Jail & Prison Ministry - \$410.98**
- **NOVEMBER: - N. Brevard Charities - \$320.48 Bible Sticks for Military - \$565.60**
- **DECEMBER: - Hope for North Brevard - \$ 314.40**

Thank You Everyone for your generosity,  
Diane Gilbert,  
2011 Social Concerns Chairman

## **SOCIAL CONCERNS New Council Member**

Hello Trinity Members,

I would like to introduce myself, my name is Nancy Maul. I am a new council member and Chairman of Social Concerns. I have stepped into the very large shoes of Diane Gilbert and I will do my best to be an asset to TLC.

Being new to this position and still learning, I would welcome any suggestions members would like to offer or ways I can improve to do a better job.

I am looking forward to helping our church and others have a better year.

Thank you,  
Nancy Maul

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