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JANUARY 2019 NEWSLETTER

"Then he gives a command, and the ice melts; he sends the wind, and the water flows." ***Psalm 147:18***

Happy New Year! As we ring in the New Year, we often bring in changes with it. Most of us will struggle for the next few weeks to write 2019 on the checks we write as opposed to 2018. As frustrating as that may seem, we eventually adjust. This morning I received my quarterly copy of *Seeds for the Parish, A Resource Paper for Leaders of the ELCA.* The lead article was informing it's readers that this would be the last print edition of the publication. It will live on as a monthly e-newsletter. Several other publications that I subscribe to informed me that my November/December issue would be my last issue of their publication in print. The electronic world of publications is finally eclipsing the world of print.

At Trinity we will begin the New Year with a major change. We will no longer have an 11:15am service. Beginning January 6th, we will have only two services; 8:30am and 10:00am. I am not going to take up space in this article to reiterate the rationale behind this, that was explained in my report at our 2018 Annual Meeting.

For several years our congregation council has planned some type of winter event to bridge the activity gap between Christmas and Lent. This year we will be hosting a "Sing Along, Bring Along" brunch on January 27th. Bring a dish to share and we will enjoy brunch together after the 10:00am service has concluded. Then we will return to the sanctuary for a sing along. It is our plan to have more activities in the time slot after church and this will be our first. Also, moving the Annual Meeting from late afternoon to 11:00am made a significant increase in attendance. We are hoping that this time slot will help to get more members in attendance at events. I hope you are able to join us. If you do, make something good, I like to eat!

As you know, there are several Sundays during the year when we have a Unity Service (one service only at 10:00am). As these Sunday's approach, they will be listed in the Sunday Bulletin, the monthly newsletter calendar and the Friday e-mail. There will be plenty of notice. At the request of the church council, I am listing the entire schedule of Unity Services in this article. They are as follows:

April 28	The Second Sunday of Easter (also known as "low" Sunday)
May 26	The Sixth Sunday of Easter (Memorial Day Weekend)
July 7	The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost (July 4th Weekend)
September 1	The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost (Labor Day Weekend)
December 22	The Fourth Sunday of Advent (The Sunday before Christmas)
December 29	The First Sunday after Christmas (The Sunday after Christmas)

We will be making some minor changes at 10:00. First, we will have the Praise Band worship service the second Sunday of the month. Since both Palm Sunday and Pentecost (the day of confirmation) occur on second Sundays, we will have our regular worship on those days. Also, in the near future we will begin reading all three of the appointed lessons for the day instead of just the reading that is the focus of the sermon. Other minor changes to the service may occur from time to time to keep things fresh and interesting.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Andy

SERMON PREVIEW

January 6, 2019 – The Epiphany of Our Lord
Isaiah 60:1-6
"BASKING IN THE GLORY OF THE LORD"

January 13, 2019 – The Baptism of Our Lord
Isaiah 43:1-7
"TRUSTING THE GOD WHO IS WITH AND FOR US"

January 20, 2019 - The Second Sunday After the Epiphany
Psalm 36:5-10
"THE UNWAVERING LOVE OF GOD"

January 27, 2019- The Third Sunday After the Epiphany
1 Corinthians 12:12-31a
"THE LESS HONOURABLE FUNCTIONS OF THE BODY"

February 3, 2019- The Fourth Sunday After the Epiphany
Luke 4:21-30
"FACT CHECK: JESUS CLAIMS HE IS THE MESSIAH"

February 10, 2019- The Fifth Sunday After the Epiphany
1 Corinthians 15:1-11
"THE PAY IS LOUSY, THE HOURS ARE LONG, BUT THE BENEFITS ARE OUT OF THIS WORLD!"

February 17, 2019- The Sixth Sunday After the Epiphany
Jeremiah 17:5-10
"THE BLESSEDNESS OF A TRUE HEART"

February 24, 2019- The Seventh Sunday After the Epiphany
1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50
"DEATH; THE PORTAL TO THE KINGDOM OF GOD"

OCTOBER 20, 2018

LAURA DANIELLE HUGHES
TO
RYAN CHRISTIAN HUNSBERGER

DECEMBER 1, 2018

MICHELLE ELIZABETH STEET
TO
MICHAEL AMATO

Sunday School News - January 2019

"Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will never fail, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Luke 12:32-34 (NIV)

Happy New Year! Make a resolution not to worry. Have you not heard that Jesus said: "Therefore I tell you do not worry about your life, what you will eat; or about your body, what you will wear?" "Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life?", or "Your Father knows what you need. Seek his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well." Your head assures that He will provide for your needs; but your heart is not quite so certain. Worry divides the mine between the things of this world and of heaven. The alternative is not to be careless but trustful. How much better it is to entrust ourselves to God! If we trust the gospel our lives will be different from that of the unbeliever. The way we look at God determines the way we will look at life, and what we deem to be important. We will replace worldly concerns with concerns about His Kingdom. The crucial issue in life is not the amount of our treasure, but where we place it: we can choose limits, not luxury; cultivate compassion not greed. A person who pursues confidence in God is one who will find he is growing in Godly wisdom.

I hope you enjoyed our Christmas program at the 10:00 AM service on December 16th. Pre-K through 2nd grades sang "The Angels Sing", and then again on Christmas Eve. The upper grades, 3rd through 6th presented a skit, "Teach Me about Christmas". They all gave a wonderful performance. Our winter semester resumes January 6th with our regular lessons. Please remember to have your child bring an offering every Sunday to help cover the cost of curriculum materials. Wear your Rally Day T-shirts every third Sunday of the month as a reminder that we were "Created with a Purpose!"

As part of your New Year's Resolution please help to feed the hungry by supporting our outreach. Donate peanut butter and jelly, bottles of water, packaged snacks and warm socks to UR Important 2 US". Our next Sunday for donations will be January 20th. Come join us the Saturday before January 19th at 9:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall to make PB&J. We have a nice group of individuals and families who come to help while having fun and fellowship. During this past Advent Season we were able to supply 144 blankets to the homeless through UR Important 2US. Also please remember to donate to help Mission Teens. They help the desperate by ministering the Gospel of Jesus Christ to those willing to seek God as the answer to their problems. Make checks payable to "Trinity Lutheran Sunday School", donation envelopes are available as you enter the church.

Thanks Carol (Rowen) for all your years of dedication to our Sunday School. We will certainly miss you!

In the Name of Jesus may this New Year Bring Great Joy and Blessings to All.

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Trinity's Bring-Along Sing-Along BRUNCH

Sunday January 27th

Immediately following the 10:00 AM Service

Sign-up sheets are available on the Johnson Avenue side of the Church if you would like to donate an Entrée, Side Dish or Dessert

(4-8 Servings)

Sing-Along after Brunch

The girls and boys of the Junior Choir are always a joy to be around. This year all of the children worked really hard to learn the words to the songs and Logan Tsvik and David Shockley sang solos on December 16. Katy Reichert and Austin Hui sang solos on Christmas Eve. All of them have done an excellent job – sometimes will all sorts of other responsibilities popping in also. Thanks to each of them and to the people responsible for having the children here for rehearsal and for helping the children with their words.

Now 2018 is just a lot of memories and 2019 is ahead of us; it will be exciting to see how our music makes so many members of the congregation looking forward to the third Sunday of each month to hear their message for that day. We appreciate the support.

Because this is the time of year when the weather isn't as predictable as we might like, I have given the children the words to the songs we will be doing in January, February and March. We look forward to singing them and the congregation looks forward to hearing them!

January 20 we will be singing "Trust in the Lord with All Your Heart". In February "I Will Not Fear" on the 17th. And March 17th we will be singing "Give a Little". I trust that all of you find the messages in these songs to be very meaningful.

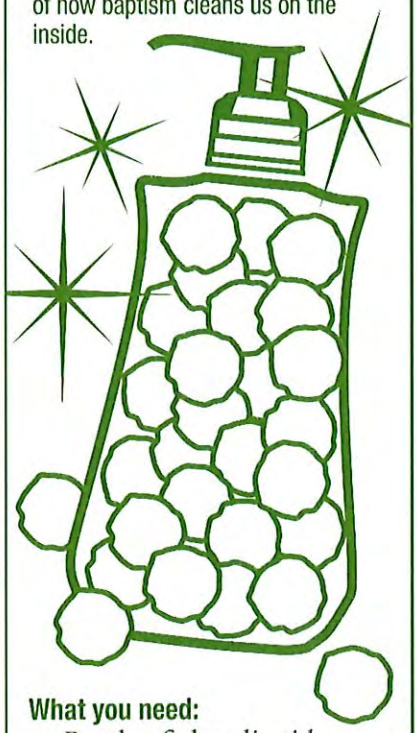
As this New Year begins, let each of us try to lead others to Jesus as we serve here at Trinity. If you know some children in your neighborhood who would like to join us, be sure to extend the welcome mat to them.

Love to all,
Mrs. Schmidt

Kids Page

Washed Clean

Decorate a soap bottle as a reminder of how baptism cleans us on the inside.



What you need:

- Bottle of clear liquid hand soap
- Small craft pompoms (different colors)
- Wooden skewer

What you do:

1. Remove the bottle label and unscrew the lid.
2. Using the skewer, push pompoms down into the soap one at a time.
3. Replace the lid and put the dispenser in a bathroom or kitchen.

Puzzle

A fresh start

Baptism is a blessing because it changes us and gives us hope.

Directions: Write the boxed letters in the squares below. Then unscramble those letters to form two words that complete the Bible verse and represent the gift of baptism.

We were therefore buried with him
through baptism into death in order that,
just as Christ was raised from the dead
through the glory of the Father,
we too may live a _____ _____.

Romans 6:4, NIV

___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___

Answer: f i e l e w n; new life

The Prayer Shawl monthly meeting was held on Friday December 7, 2018. In attendance were: Barbara Anconetani, Val Colasuonno, Peg Cochran, Linda Finch, Dolores Keller, Helen McGarvey, and Mary Raws. The meeting officially started at 10:05 a.m., with The Lord's Prayer.

We received the following:	8 Prayer Shawls/Lap Blankets and 1 blanket 2 Baptismal Blanket
Cathedral Kitchen:	7 scarves, 1 hooded scarf, 2 gloves, 3 blankets and 1 pair of slippers
Osborn Family Med.Ctr.	3 Baby hats, 1 child hat & scarf set, 3 mittens and 1 baby blanket
Purple Crying Caps	4 Baby Caps
Cooper Hospital	20 Baby hats
UR Imp. 2 US	41 Adult hats, 6 Hat and scarf sets, 13 Children hats, 7 Gloves and 6 Pairs of socks

We appreciate the donations made by Marie Thatcher, Beth Shute, Susan Dilks, and our own, Janet Lipski, that are included in the above listing.

Distribution:

	1 Lap Blanket was given to Debra Harrow and 1 Prayer shawl was given to one of our parishioners, Ruth, who has celebrated her 102nd birthday.
Cathedral Kitchen	161 hats, 27 scarves, 2 pair of mittens, 3 blankets, 1 leg warmers and 1 pair of slippers. These were delivered on Dec. 20th.
Osborn Family Med.Ctr.	2 Baby blankets, 26 baby hats and 4 pair of mittens.
Purple Crying Caps	22 Baby caps
Cooper Hospital	20 Baby Hats
UR Imp. 2 US	30 Children hats, 55 Adult hats, 9 Hat and scarf sets, 7 scarves, 11 Adult gloves, and 6 Pair of socks.
Camden Children Advocacy	1 Crochet blanket.

Corresponding Secretary: Barbara Anconetani read a note from the Eberhardt family thanking us for remembering their mother with a shawl for her 90th birthday.

Baptismal Historian: Mary Raws reported that there were no Baptisms.

We all wish you and your families a Very Happy and Healthy New Year. We appreciate all the assistance and encouragement we receive from you.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Friday, January 4, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. Please come and join us. Our closing reading was from Psalm 94:19 and we adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Val Colasuonno
Vice President Prayer Shawl Ministry
"May God Hold You in the Palm of His Hand"

SOCIAL CONCERNS

HAPPY NEW YEAR! Well, our busy Christmas season is over, and it has been as busy as ever. We had our third annual "Breakfast with Santa." About 100 children and adults enjoyed breakfast and a special visit with Santa. Everyone had a great time, especially Santa. A special thank you to Santa for doing such a great job and to all those who set-up, cooked and cleaned up.

We went from breakfast with Santa right into our Project Angel. We would like to thank everyone for all of their help with the shopping, sorting, packing, and distributing of the Christmas gifts and baskets. We were able to help 35 families and 26 children this year. We would like to thank Dollar General of Runnemede for the toy donations, and Grace Downing School and Moo Duk Kwan Martial Arts for their generous food donations to our Pantry.

Our pantry days will start up again on January 24th. Other than that, we will be enjoying our usual January rest and relaxation time.

Our Clothing closet continues to provide much needed clothing to our pantry families. The closet is also open to all members of the congregation. If you plan to drop off any of your donations, please remember to keep the bags light. They can be dropped off on the porch at 17 Knight Avenue anytime.

On February 17th, we will be having our annual late Christmas Dinner. Please let Karen Bal know if you plan on attending. All are welcome.

Dates to remember:

Clothing Closet	January 8 and 24
Pantry day	January 24

New members are always welcome. We meet on the third Sunday of the month at 11:15. Please come out and join us. Remember God loves a cheerful giver. Those who not only give of their wealth, but of their time, their talents and their possessions. With God ALL things are possible.

"Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me."
Matthew 25:40

Caring and Sharing
Diane Kochon

January Birthdays

1 - Susan Wallen
1 - Nicole Quinton
2 - Stephanie Kraemer Patton
3 - Rich Haines
4- Tyler Kell
4- Jacqueline Blasko
5 - Miriam Szalabofka
6 - Carol Papa
6 - Floss Robinson
6 - Joseph Ficarro III
7- Craig Joseph Theisen
8 - Michael Belzer
8 - Carolyn Shinseki
9 - Gloria Guenette
9 - Owen Palmer
10 - Amber Scott
10 - Andria Passalaqua
11 - Hailey Siracuse
12 - Fallon Shinseki
12- Joanne Slotterback
12 - Kathy Papa
13 - Jim Fenton
13 - Isabelle Cloud
15 - Phillip Daniels
15- John Zuzulock
17 - Tim McGarvey
18 - Michelle Harris
18 - Brent Bowne
18 - Bryan Mayer
19 - Nicole Thatcher
20 - Jennifer Delmar
20 - Matthew Schaffer, Jr.
20 - Ryan Richards
21 - Barbara Anconetani
22 - Lauren Nagel
22 - Lindsey Lucas
22 - Barbara Shinseki
24 - Stephen Daly
25- Brody Esbensen
25 - Mickey Dunda
25- Nancy Kahoun
26 - Gina Greiner
26- Dorothy Martin
27- Frances Perry
28 - Dorothy Mattern
29- Martha Thomas
29- Carl Nagel

January Anniversaries

2 - Phillip & Nancy Daniels
4 - Anthony & Danielle Devecchio
5 - Richard & Gina Greiner
14 - Robert & Kathleen Zentner
17 - John & Darlene Thatcher

Funeral Services

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family and friends of those listed.

On December 2, 2018
IMGARD L. AARON (81)
Of Lindenwold NJ

On December 8, 2018
JAMES W. LEE (82)
Of Bellmawr, NJ

On December 9, 2018
KARL J. BONAWITZ (75)
Of Glendora, NJ

On December 7, 2018
RITA SCHIVE MOWRER (91)
Of Magnolia, NJ

On December 14, 2018
JOHN S. BRZOZOWSKI (78)
Of Franklinville, NJ

On December 22, 2018
EUGENE E. GRAU (69)
Of Williamstown, NJ

On December 31, 2018
CAROL L. ROWEN (74)
Of Turnersville, NJ

COVER PHOTO- *"Winter Chill"*
by Janet Lipski