THE PIPER



AUGUST 16, 2015

Trinity Lutheran Church

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The altar flowers are given by Bette Larson to the Glory of God and in memory of husband James.

PRAYER LIST

TLC DISCIPLES

Alicia Musheno, Barb Trout, Don Leslie, Ray Petersen (military), Kris Glad (military)

TLC FRIENDS

Elaine Seymour (cancer), Lynea Morgan, William Lee, Colleen Wisniewski (cancer), Janet Spencer and family, Roger Shouse and daughter

A Christian Education meeting will be held on Thursday, August 13, at 6:00 pm in the Faith room. Anyone interested in teaching grades 2-5 is welcome to attend.

I would like to thank all those who helped with VBS this summer. Thanks to all of your hard work, it was a success. A special thanks to Lena Scheaffer for all her help with decorations, snacks, set up and clean up. A special thanks to Jay Aubuchon for help with the decorations, and Karl Raynar for a great job with bible stories. A special thanks to all the behind scene help. I hope everyone had a good time.

~Valerie Frey

TRINITY EVENTS

<u>SUNDAY, AUGUST 16</u> 8:15 am Worship with Communion 9:30 am Outdoor Worship with Communion 10:45 am Worship with Communion

> Monday, August 17 5:30 pm Zumba

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19 5:30 pm Zumba 7:00 pm Yoga

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22 10:00 am Zumba

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23 8:15 am Worship with Communion 9:30 am Outdoor Worship with Communion 10:45 am Worship with Communion

PARISH DIRECTORY UPDATE

Please remove Bette Larson's email address from your Parish Directory.

A new Directory will be coming out soon. Please email Marla with any changes or corrections.

CALLING ALL SINGERS

Joyful Voices will begin rehearsing on September 13, at 9:30 in the Sanctuary. We would love to have you join us. The choir practices on the 2nd and 3rd Sundays of each month from 9:30 to 10:20 and we sing at the 10:45 service on the 2nd and 3rd Sundays. If you are going to attend Sunday School you can still sing with the choir. All we ask is that you come to rehearsals by 10:00 to run over the anthems for the next two Sundays. I will work the rehearsals so that you will have plenty of time to learn the songs. If you would like more information on the choir you can talk to any of the current members or give me a call at 237-2107. I hope you will consider joining us on Sunday, September 13 and give us a try.

Donna Weller



Box TOPS FOR EDUCATION AND LABELS FOR EDUCATION are two simple ways we can have a big impact in our community. You might have already seen these labels and wonder what they are all about. Each label donated helps to raise money for an organization at no additional cost to you. Just simply cut them out and bring them with you on Sunday.

trips, guest authors, art supplies, and playground equipment. The Labels for Education will be delivered to the children's area at Schlow Library to help purchase additional learning materials.



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK...

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Some weeks ago my sermon revolved around human needs. Worshipers were invited to share their needs by way of small index cards. Here are some of the responses.

Family, Worship, Faith, Community, Love

At another church, there were Adult Sunday School leaders or group leaders that would check in on other members not attending the worship service. Having a chance to reach out to others and not always concerned with my own problems or situation.

As a congregation: need to find time to relate to other members on a personal level.

Heal Luke.

A warmer, more comfortable room to gather after church for coffee and conversation and friendship.

Need: Involvement. Solution: Reaching out to others, to be a part of our community of faith.

Better relationships between family members. Successful business.

Air; shelter; clothing; water; food; love; community; purpose.

Marriage growth small group or workshop. More contemporary praise and worship songs during worship (not just choir).

Is there a group/person who coordinates meals/rides, etc. for people in the congregation who need them?

Small group gatherings for people to get better acquainted in a way that does not happen Sunday morning or at other official church functions.

Better music for service (i.e., modern Christian music)

Need: a church "family" – friendships and support each other in faith – ways to connect those at similar life stages or interests.

A music program that engages children, youth, and adults.

Acceptance of who I am and the decisions I make (right or wrong).

There is <u>nothing</u> I need. 😊

This is not an exhaustive list but examples of where we are as a community of faith. As you can see we are quite a diverse gathering of folks in this congregation!

My thanks to those who shared their responses to needs! Thanks also to those of you praying for us as a congregation! If you have any ideas of addressing these or other needs please let me know! I will share the complete list with the Congregation Council even as I continue to pray for God's guidance and direction to serve as your Pastor! Blessings to all!

Yours in Christ,

Pastakon

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Thanks to all who helped make Vacation Bible School happen this summer! Special thanks to Valerie Frey who spearheaded the program! Thanks to the many folks who served! Thanks to all who donated or shared items that were used for the week! Once again our church facility was transformed into an amazing and exciting setting for our younger disciples to experience <u>Everest</u>, the theme for this year's VBS. Another great week! Another amazing ministry! Thanks, one and all!

THEOLOGY ON TAP

A small group study will be facilitated by Pastor Ron using the book, <u>A People's History of Christianity</u> by Diana Butler Bass. The night and location have yet to be determined but this will be a weekly study through the fall. Watch for details.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

For the last few years there has been a growing interest in a service that provides a blessing for animals. So, on Sunday, September 6, the Outdoor Worship will feature a Blessing of the Animals for all our pets and animals in our lives. This will be a shorter worship than usual for the sake of the animals that will be present. So, plan now to bring your pets or pictures of your pets for a special blessing. For the safety of the animals and people in attendance, please make sure your pet(s) will be under control at all times. Any questions or concerns may be directed to Pastor Ron.

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK... continued

SATURDAY WORSHIP

As the summer winds to a close the worship schedule will once again undergo a minor change. The Sunday morning 9:30 am Outdoor Worship service will end on Sunday, September 6 (Labor Day Weekend). On Saturday, September 12, the Saturday evening, 5:00 pm worship service will resume.

BEER TASTING

Plans are underway for another series of beer tasting classes. Cost this year will be \$25. The reason for the increase is twofold: one, the previous classes were underwritten by two donors, (the fee from participants covered about half of the expenses); two, this year we plan on focusing each class on a type of beer, the cost for them is greater. If you have questions feel free to contact Pastor Ron! Also, watch for more details and dates!

VISIT GERMANY IN 2016

Have you ever wanted to visit Germany but didn't know how? Would you like to visit cities that were significant in Martin Luther's life? Then sign up for an 11 day tour of Germany with Pastor Greg Van Dyke of Davidsville, PA, for only \$3,179. This price includes breakfast and most evening meals, all transportation and transfers with your US flight beginning and ending in Washington DC. The trip begins October 31 and ends on November 10, 2016 and all it takes is a \$400 (first come first served) deposit with final payment due 100 days before departure. If you have questions or would like a brochure, email me at <u>dam4@psu.edu</u>.



Duane Moberg



TLC FINANCIAL INFORMATION July 1, 2015 – July 30, 2015

Income	\$16,641.05
Expenses	\$21,075.55
Difference	- \$ 4,434.50

These amounts represent operating income and expenses and do not include any interest, dividends or investment value changes.

SPEED BUMP by Dave Coverly



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