



Trinity Lutheran Church

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PRAYER LIST

TLC DISCIPLES

Bette Larson, Jerry Wion, Kris Glad (military), Raymond Petersen (military)

TLC FRIENDS

Kylee Dart (4-year-old needs a new heart), Theresa Dvorsky (cancer), Stan Lembeck, Moe Gordon, (cancer), Lois Rearick, Cathy (cancer), James Nash (dementia), Gary Ayres, Basil Costantino (cancer), Bill Sherman (return cancer), Mary Whitlock (cancer), Jake Petersen (military), Sean Slane and family (move), Rosanne Majors and family, Amanda Sigman (return cancer stage 4) and children

Happy New Year! While I will share the detailed CROP Walk information with you shortly, I wanted you to know that we have, once again, set a new record for the State College CROP Walk!

Our best effort prior to this year was 2010 when we tallied \$33,675.

Our unofficial total so far this year is \$33,750 which may rise a bit.

Thank you for your good, hard work!

Jim Campbell
 State College CROP Walk

TRINITY EVENTS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14

9:00 am Quilting
 10:00 am Zumba
 5:00 pm Worship with Communion

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15

8:15 am Worship with Communion
 9:30 am Sunday School
 9:30 am Joyful Voices
 10:45 am Worship with Communion
 11:45 am Coffee Hour

MONDAY, JANUARY 16

10:00 am Foxdale Bible Study

TUESDAY, JANUARY 17

5:45 pm Zumba
 7:00 pm Council

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19

5:45 pm Zumba
 7:00 pm Simple Gifts Concert

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21

8:30 am A Lutheran Approach to
 Climate Change
 10:00 am Zumba
 5:00 pm Worship with Communion

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22

8:15 am Worship with Communion
 9:30 am Sunday School
 10:45 am Worship with Communion
 11:45 am Coffee Hour
 2:00 pm Ecumenical Service
 Cathedral-Blessed Sacrament
 Altoona

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Kelsy Lelko	5
Chris Snyder	5
Joan Kimerer	8
Megan Gonet	10
Angela Kendall	12
Kaida Bowers	14
Brian Sikorski	14
Lorene Stitzer	14
Bryce Wenrich	15
Bruce Lorich	17
Gerald Krupa	18
Joyce McCiellan	18
Ann VanBlargan	19
Fritz Stechele	20
Donna Weller	20
Tracy Krawczyk	22
Seth Muchmore	22
Gretchen Weyandt	22
Samuel Muchmore	23
Benjamin Musheno	24
James Aubuchon	27
Heather Bowers	28



WEEKLY READINGS

January 15

Isaiah 49:1-7
 1 Corinthians 1:1-9
 John 1:29-42

January 22

Isaiah 9:1-4
 1 Corinthians 1:10-18
 Matthew 4:12-23

TLC FINANCIAL INFORMATION

July 1, 2016 – December 31, 2016

Income \$ 125,147.95
 Expenses \$ 133,195.21
 Difference \$ -8,047.26

These amounts represent operating income and expenses and do not include any interest or dividends.



CARE OF CREATION CORNER by Karl Raynar

For some time I have been thinking about writing periodic **Care of Creation** articles for the *Trinity Piper*. I ask others with an interest in this topic to also consider sharing your ideas in our newsletter.

As I reflect on the beginning of 2017 and our first Saturday morning *Laudato Si* discussion group meeting, I am thankful for the interest shown by our Church and other members of the community who joined us as we began our study of Pope Francis' encyclical, *Ladauto Si*.

The fourteen people who braved a 12°F morning were rewarded with breakfast casseroles and interesting discussions. The group is diverse with nine

Lutherans, three Catholics, an Episcopalian, and a Methodist minister – conservatives and liberals – climate change believers and skeptics – all sharing a concern for our environment and interested in framing it in a theological perspective.

We began with St. Francis' prayer thanking God for his gifts that connect us to Nature and concluded with singing Marty Haugen's "Canticle of the Sun", which puts St. Francis' prayer to music. We watched introductory videos on *Laudato Si* and discussed Pope Francis' appeal for Care of our Common Home. Jon Brokopp gave us background on the activities of Interfaith Power and Light and some insights into the theological background of *Laudato Si*.

In addition to sitting in on the class, there are opportunities for action. We initiated Project *Share the Light* to help Food Bank recipients save money and electricity by using energy saving LED light bulbs. Greg Williams will also be leading a group at Walnut Springs Park working on Habitat Restoration by removing invasive plants.

If you missed the first session, you are still welcome to join the group and find out more about Trinity's **Care of Creation** team, **Pennsylvania Interfaith Power and Light**, and Pope Francis' Encyclical *Laudato Si*, on Care for our Common Home in the upcoming sessions on the first and third Saturdays of January and February.

Homework: Review Pope Francis' appeal in sections 13-16 (pp 13-16).

Read Chapter I "What is Happening to Our Common Home" and Chapter II "The Gospel of Creation."

Reflect on the environmental degradation that we are experiencing and what the bible instructs us to do about Creation.

Come prepared to share the major take-aways you felt after reading these chapters.

Share the Light

The *Care of Creation Team* at Trinity Lutheran Church has started a conservation and savings program in co-operation with our local food bank to distribute energy efficient one hundred watt (100W) LED light bulbs to families in need. We ask you to consider placing something in the basket located in the narthex to help someone in need to minimize our impact on the environment.

The cost of these bulbs (approximately \$10.00 each) makes it unlikely that a family in need would purchase these bulbs, but they would save approximately \$13.60 per year in energy costs (based on using the bulbs 4 hours per day and local electricity costs of \$0.11/kwh). Matching funds from Thrivent will be used toward the purchase of these bulbs and supplies needed for packaging. The local Lowe's store has agreed to provide the bulbs at cost.



Wanted: Choristers for Ecumenical Choir
Concert Showcases Music from Multiple Denominations on Wednesday, April 12

If you enjoy singing and are interested in performing music from various denominations that has influenced our collective worship, please join the 2017 Centre Region Ecumenical Choir, directed by Laurel Sanders. The concert takes place on Wed., April 12, at 7:30 pm at Grace Lutheran Church in downtown State College and also includes Penn State's Oriana Singers, Centre Brass, handbell choir, and the choir of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church. Entitled *Salvation Unto Us Has Come: The Music of Our Faith*, the concert features music from many denominations that has influenced Christian worship: Presbyterian psalm settings, Lutheran chorales, Wesleyan hymns, parts of the sung mass, and choral pairings of the *Magnificat* and *Nunc Dimittis* (Song of Mary and Song of Simeon) as well as African-American Spirituals and Taize music.

Rehearsals are on Sunday afternoons at Grace Lutheran Church beginning March 5 from 2-4 pm, with make-up opportunities for missed rehearsals. No auditions required; modest music reading skills are helpful. Contact Laurel Sanders at (814) 238-2478 or lsanders@glcpa.org for details. All singers are welcome!

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INTERFAITH COFFEE HOUR & GAMES NIGHT

DATE: Tuesday, January 24, 6:30 – 8:00 pm

LOCATION: Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

780 Waupelani Drive Extension, State College.

Fun & interesting game of interfaith sharing (adults).

Children games available too.

Hot Beverages & Delicious Snacks served.

Bring your own favorite snacks and games also!

A Free Event.

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Park Forest Preschool

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January 5, 2017

Dear Trinity Lutheran Church, Pastor Miller and Marla,

As the holidays come to a close, please know that the generosity and kindness of your gift this holiday season will be long felt by the children and their families who have received them.

Thank you for providing Art Kits for the children in our program, they were greatly appreciated. The children will use these kits to help spark their creativity. Without your generous support we would not be as successful in helping the families in our program. Knowing that people recognize and value the mission and work we do here at Park Forest Preschool is a blessing in our lives and the lives of the children and families we serve. Thank you for your continued support of our children, families and staff.

Our goal at Park Forest Preschool is to provide FREE quality early childhood education in a warm environment where everyone feels love and accepted; a place where everyone and grow socially, emotionally and academically. We certainly would not be here without continued support from our community and organizations such as yours. Thank you for your dedication to this mission. Please feel free to stop by and see all the wonderful things happening here at Park Forest Preschool.

Kindly,

Barbara Geist and Debbie Lower
Directors