

THE PIPER



JANUARY 16, 2022

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PRAYER LIST

TLC DISCIPLES

Jerry Wion, Carol Bernlohr, Dee Kiel,
Linda Leslie, the Brownson Family

TLC FRIENDS

Rita Shetler, Kayleigh, Burnell &
Doris Reichart

Readings

Isaiah 62:1-5

Psalms 36:5-10

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

John 2:1-11

TRINITY EVENTS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 15

5:00 pm Worship w/Communion

SUNDAY, JANUARY 16

8:15 am Worship w/Communion

10:45 am Worship w/Communion

YouTube Worship Service Recorded

12:00 pm Deeper Waters Zoom

MONDAY, JANUARY 17

7:00 pm Zoom Bible Study

TUESDAY, JANUARY 18

5:30 pm Bell Choir

7:00 pm Zoom Council Meeting

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19

8:00 am Faith & Fitness in Church

SATURDAY, JANUARY 22

5:00 pm Worship w/Communion

SUNDAY, JANUARY 23

8:15 am Worship w/Communion

10:45 am Worship w/Communion

YouTube Worship Service Recorded

12:00 pm Deeper Waters Zoom

RESUMING THIS WEEK

Monday Night Zoom Bible Study 7:00 pm

If you would like to join and have not received the
Zoom invitation, please email Beth in the office

at: tlcoffice2@comcast.net

Tuesday Bell Choir Practice 5:30 pm

We successfully recorded our musical selection
for Christmas Eve. We will start
practicing for future services.



FROM VICAR TED'S DESK

Dear All at Trinity,

What an amazing year! As my internship is ending at Trinity Lutheran Church, I have been reflecting on this year and cannot begin to express my gratitude.

This has been an amazing year of learning and growth and every one of you has contributed in a variety of ways. You have shown me what a community of Christ followers looks like.

A special thanks to those I worked closely with this year to include Pastor for sharing his years of wisdom and developing my preaching skills. Beth and her administrative skills, showing me what a good administrator looks like. And of course, the internship committee that has walked this journey with me this year.

The committee tells me that I set the bar high for future interns, but this church has set the bar high for my expectations in any church I may serve.

You have all been warm and welcoming to me since the first day I arrived at Trinity, and it has made my time here special.

As I go forward in my journey, all of you will be with me in my journey. Thank you again, for a wonderful year.

Yours in Christ,

Vicar Ted

From the Pastor's Desk

January 15/16, 2022

Dear Beloved of God,

In the Old Testament book of Ecclesiastes, the Teacher (also call Preacher) reflects on the meaning of life and the value of working hard in light of the evil throughout the world. Chapter 3 opens with these observations:

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

a time to be born, and a time to die;

a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;

a time to kill, and a time to heal;

a time to break down, and a time to build up;

a time to weep, and a time to laugh;

a time to mourn, and a time to dance;

a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together;

a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;

a time to seek, and a time to lose;

a time to keep, and a time to throw away;

a time to tear, and a time to sew;

a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;

a time to love, and a time to hate;

a time for war, and a time for peace.

Surely life is a journey through these seasons, one ending so the next can begin. As someone once observed, you can't have a new beginning with the ending of something else. Beginnings and endings are related.

Nearly a year ago we were blessed with a new beginning, Vicar Ted Williams began his year of internship with us. Various things ended so we could attend to the new beginnings an intern brings. Now, nearly a year later, Vicar Ted's internship is coming to a close, an expected ending. His last Sunday with us will be January 30. Vicar Ted will preach at all three services and after each worship we will have a simple and safe reception for him with some light refreshments.

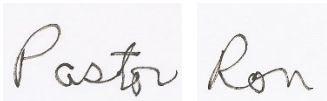
If you would like to give Vicar Ted a gift showing your appreciation or his ministry among us, there will be a basket to receive your financial gift as well as a table where you may place all other gifts. The Council has arranged for a congregational gift and the Lay-Intern Committee has a gift for him as well. If you cannot join us on January 29 or 30, please feel free to drop off any cards or gifts at the church office. He has been a gift to us here at Trinity and rich blessing a to me as his supervisor. He will serve the church well as an ordained pastor.

February 1, 2021 was a time to welcome Vicar Ted into our lives and our community; January 30, 2022 is a time for us to bid him farewell and Godspeed as he moves into the next season of his journey in life. Our thoughts and prayers go with him.

His next step is to secure the approval of the Candidacy Committee and then be interviewed by a Call Committee. Once he accepts a call to a congregation he will be ordained. We will keep you posted as to his continued progress.

Thank you, on his behalf, for all your support and encouragement as he has served this season of internship!

Yours in Christ,



Pastor Ron

COVID-19 PROTOCOLS

As you know, the omicron variant of the coronavirus has caused positive cases to skyrocket. Even those who are fully vaccinated and received the booster shot, have contracted the virus in some form. While omicron causes much less severe symptoms, it is highly contagious. For those not vaccinated, any form of the virus tends to lead to hospitalization and for some, death.

Like you, we are all weary of trying to live under these conditions, but we still need to be careful and vigilant. For now, we will continue to offer in-person worship at our normal times. We urge people to wear a mask, noting that cloth masks do not seem to offer as much protection for the omicron variant as N95 and KN95 masks do. We have secured such masks and will have them available on the table at the doors to the worship space. Of course, hand-washing (at least 20 seconds) and/or the use of hand sanitizer are encouraged.

We will continue to sing, though only two hymns and we may limit the singing to one verse, depending on infection rates. Holy Communion will also continue to be shared. If infection rates continue to climb or if we find more TLC folks have contracted the virus, we will revisit these protocols.

So far, we, as a congregation, have not contributed to the problem and we don't want to.

So, be safe and take care as we trust in God to continue to guide us and bless us during these trying times. Your support and cooperation are very much appreciated!

SNOW CAMP 2022

AT CAMP SEQUANOTA

FRIDAY, February 25th to Saturday, February 26th

6th - 12th Graders

Games, Crafts, Food, Sledding, Worship, Learning
Accommodations in Sequanota's Winterized Cabins

Space is limited! Registration will be open from

January 15th to February 13th

Register at: www.sequanota.com

Join with youth from around the Allegheny Synod
as we regroup and rediscover what it means to take part in

HOLY COMMUNITY

COVID tests will be administered for entrance to the event to help
provide as safe and "normal" a retreat experience as possible.

Pastor & Congregational Youth Leaders - get info
for your congregation to participate by
emailing revtracimarriott@gmail.com



Happy Birthday!

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Chris Snyder	5
Joan Kimerer	8
Megan Gonet	10
Leana Topper	10
Angela Kendall	12
Brian Sikorski	14
Lorene Stitzer	14
Bryce Wenrich	15
Bruce Lorich	17
Gerald Krupa	18
Joyce McClellan	18
Ann VanBlargan	19
Fritz Stechele	20
Donna Weller	20
Tracy Krawczyk	22
Benjamin Musheno	27
Jay Aubuchon	27

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