



The Orbit

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Lectionary Readings for the Month of February

February 5, 2017

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Isaiah 58:71-9a(9b-12)
Psalm 112:1-9(10)
1 Corinthians 2:1-12(13-16)
Matthew 5:13-20

February 12, 2017

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

Deuteronomy 30:15-20
Psalm 119:1-8
1 Corinthians 3:1-9
Matthew 5:21-37

February 19, 2017

Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

Leviticus 19:1-2,9-18
Psalm 119:33-40
1 Corinthians 3:10-11,16-23
Matthew 5:38-48

February 26, 2017

Transfiguration of Our Lord

Exodus 24:12-18
Psalm 2
2 Peter 1:16-21
Matthew 17:1-9

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SAVE THIS DATE

**ASH WEDNESDAY
MARCH 1**

The next Orbit Deadline is March 1st

Please get your article to the newsletter in one of the following ways:

- Email your article to:
trinity@triluth.org
- Drop your article in the Orbit mailbox inside the Christian Education office
- Call the office and dictate your article to Brenda or drop it off in the office

Please remember:

- **All articles will be included as long as space permits.**
- **Articles will be edited for grammar and/or clarity where needed.**
- **Any article turned in after the deadline will be included in the next month's Orbit.**

Thank You!

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TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH, JUNIATA, ALTOONA, PA

February 2017



From the Pastor...



"When you have finished paying all the tithe of your produce in the third year (which is the year of the tithe), giving it to the Levites, the aliens, the orphans, and the widows, so that they may eat their fill within your towns, then you shall say before the Lord your God; 'I have removed the sacred portion from the house, and I have given it to the Levites, the resident aliens the orphans, and the widows, in accordance with your entire commandment that you commanded me...I have obeyed the Lord my God, doing just as you commanded me.'"

Deuteronomy 26: 12-14

As we enter the month of February my thoughts turn to finances. Commercially from establishments ready to use our tax refunds for purchases are flooding the airways. The start of tax season and the start of the new year remind us that indeed money is important (especially it seems to the government). In the church there is one committee whose job is the finance (money) of the congregation. They deal with the budgeting of funds for the work of ministry. Our passage from Deuteronomy reminds us that we are commanded by God to give. We collect an offering every week in our worship services and frequently ask for extra contributions for special projects. When considering our giving, it is important to realize why we are giving, and why our giving is important. We give for the sake of others. Our giving is also a form of worship. The writer of Deuteronomy tells us that our giving is sacred. That is how important every penny we offer is, it is not only necessary, it is sacred. Did you realize what you put in the offering plate each week or what you contribute to the youth or the building or the social ministry committee is sacred? We use your contributions for ministry as God has commanded, feed the hungry, take care of those in our midst who cry out in need. Yes, we need to pay the light bill and the gas bill and fix property problems, but much greater than those things, we obey the Lord's command to serve others. Remember the words of Deuteronomy next time you decide what to put in the offering plate. The more the Finance Committee has to work with the more social action our budget can reflect.

Peace,
Pastor Eli

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

A new year has begun and we have a great group of people serving on council. As we look forward, I have asked the council members to look for goals for the church for the coming year and beyond. We are asking all members of the church to participate in this goal setting. What would you like to see the church accomplish in the future? It can be anything that you feel the church needs to look at and consider. This can be building, spirituality, hospitality, outreach, new ministries, etc. As a church, it is easy to become complacent in the mission we have been given by God, and we have to get ourselves revved up to renew our spirits. A flip board will be placed by the cry table with the goals the council has listed so far. We invite everyone to write what goals they would like to see pursued.

One goal we have discussed is to increase our weekly offering. This is always a difficult topic to discuss, but is necessary. Our offerings have remained stagnant and our costs rise every year. The church is more than 100 years old and there are many things that have needed significant money to repair/replace. In the past year, we have frequently had to take funds from our reserves to cover our costs. Recent upgrades and repairs have cost more than \$32,000. We are asking all members to consider how much they give every week. Is it possible to add another five dollars to your envelope? If you can do more than five dollars, fantastic! If you are on a tight budget, then one dollar extra a week will help.

I also want to formally thank the entire congregation for their support of my seminary education. The financial and spiritual support I receive from this congregation is amazing. In talking to my classmates, not all of them have this kind of support and I appreciate it. I couldn't do it without you!

In closing, I am always reminded of the graciousness of God and the blessings he has bestowed upon me and our community. Let us do as our faith statement tells us "To fulfill the call of Christ to 'go make disciples...'" and all are invited to this call.

Peace and Blessings!
Ted Williams, Council President

Prayer List

Please keep the following people in your prayers ...

Trinity Members

Jim Aungst
Judy Baird
Tyler Bennett
Amy Bush & Baby Zoe
Russ Burda
Carol Callis
Craig Cameron
Tina Chestney
Debbie Conway
Paul Hamilton
Kathy Hatch
Kristina Henderson
Bob Hofmann
John Kutz
Jarod Kutz
Arlene Leonard
Jaden Matta Rhode
Sarah Minnoia
Ken B. Myers
Ray Nycum
Dave Olinyk

Trinity's Homebound Members

Jo Ann Boyd
Chris Burda
Bob Nearhoof
Mary Olinyk
Joan Rhiver

Those Serving in the Armed Forces

Sarah Brown
Jason Buck
Nathan Frank
Peter Quinn
Justin Patz

Gene/Joyce Otto
Arlene Roessing
Ruth Ann Saleme
Doug Simons
April Shackelford
Alaina Stevens
Emily Thompson
Daniel Thompson
Michelle Thompson
Bert Watchey
Donna Williams
Nancy Yeager
Church Health Team

Baby Allison
Elisabeth Armstormg
Janet Aungst
Michael Baughman
Jim Baughman
Baby Blade Beckwith
Kris Bennett
Michael Bennett
Dee Bernicki
Blade
Mrs. D. Brown
Casey Bondarenka
William Burda
Pat Burk
Ron Closson
Baby Cowan
Danielle
Denise
Gloria Billie Dugan
Rodger Ecker
Haley Gehret
Krista Gerheim
Shyann Gooma
Ann Gosnell
Jack Grassmyer Child
Dianna K. Green
Mark Haigh
Bob Hamilton
Ann Hanczaryk
Jody Haring
Doris Hollingshead
Don Haslam
Joe Hershel
Linda Hess
Helen Hummel
Yamce Hollen

Family Members and Friends

Don & Martha Johnson
Ellie Kenney
Glories Kimmel
Richard M. Kolbe
Jim Kutz
Janelle Lehr
Rose Marlett
Matthew Martz
Kirin McCaulley
Tom McClellan's Family
Dylan McGilvary
Mike McGraw
Nick Merritts
Benjamin Metzger
Charles Miller
Kate Mimmich
Brenda Murray
Sharon Myers & Family
Caydan Noel
Beth Noye
David Oswald
Joe Pacifico
Krista Pedone
Bess Patton
Ann Pryfogle
Lucille Rodell
Joe Roub
Nancy Roessing
Carl Ruckinger
Jim Settlemyer
Jessie & Justin Shackelford
Dustye Sheffer
Patricia Slone
Connie Sooy
Elaine Stetser



Please know that you may add someone to our prayer list at any time by calling the church office or Trudy Lynch (944-7908). If it is appropriate to remove someone from the prayer list, again, please inform the church office or Trudy. Names of family and friends will remain on the prayer list for two weeks. You may keep someone's name on the list by calling the church office and giving us a brief update so that we can continue to effectively pray for your loved one.

KIDS BIBLE WORDSEARCH

Kids Bible Wordsearch

Fit the words in the list into the diagram below reading forward, backward, up, down, diagonally, always in a straight line.

Men of the Old Testament
Puzzle #6

- AARON
- ABEL
- ABRAHAM
- ADAM
- AMOS
- CAIN
- DANIEL
- DAVID
- ELIJAH
- EZEKIEL
- GIDEON
- GOLIATH
- ISAAC
- JACOB

A	E	D	I	V	A	D	O	T	J	L	J	M
M	A	L	R	R	J	P	O	B	A	E	O	Z
O	L	W	I	O	G	L	W	N	C	I	N	N
S	D	E	S	J	E	O	O	B	O	K	A	O
W	A	E	U	I	A	M	L	I	B	E	T	E
Q	P	U	N	M	O	H	Q	I	H	Z	H	D
H	P	A	L	L	A	I	I	R	A	E	A	I
Q	D	J	O	B	S	S	K	N	O	T	N	G
N	O	S	M	A	S	S	I	L	N	H	H	X
A	B	R	A	H	A	M	E	L	N	C	C	I
G	U	C	A	A	R	O	N	S	E	I	G	Q
A	U	H	S	O	J	Y	Q	G	O	B	A	Z
E	M	A	D	A	J	O	N	A	H	M	A	C

- JOB
- JOEL
- JONAH
- JONATHAN
- JOSEPH
- JOSHUA
- LOT
- MOSES
- NIMROD
- NOAH
- SAMSON
- SAMUEL
- SAUL
- SOLOMON



SUNDAY SCHOOL

We would like to wish everyone much happiness in this New Year. We are so very grateful to share our Sunday school lessons with such bright and cheerful children. We would like to thank all of our students and their parents/grandparents for their continued participation in our Sunday School Program. Looking forward to sharing a fun filled New Year.

Peace, Love, and Happiness from your Sunday School Teachers

December Perfect Attendance for Sunday School.

Back Row

Jillian & Hannah Pieranunzio, Alexis Battisti, Adin Yarnell, Maddison Conway, Caleb Terza, Lucas Bartlebaugh

Middle Row

Avalynn Counterman, Emma Morgan, Maura Thompson, Brayden Conway

Front Row

Annalisa Counterman, Lydia Thompson



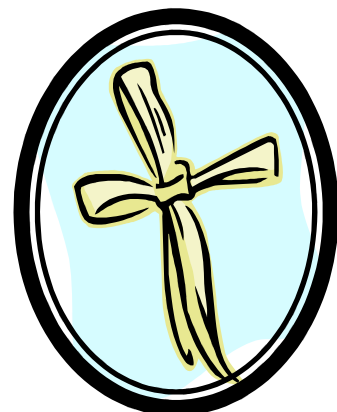
Worship and Music Notes

The following dates are currently available to sponsor *bulletins*: 2017

3/19/2016
3/26/2017



If you would like to help sponsor palms for Palm Sunday, please contact Patty Bennett or the church office. The cost of palms this year is \$70. You may sponsor the entire amount or just a portion.



Just a reminder that
Ash Wednesday
March 1
Services are Noon and
6:30 PM

Lenten Services
Wednesday Noon and
6:30 PM
March 8,15,22,29
April 5,12,19

Please
remember to mark your
calendar with these dates.

We are now accepting orders for Easter flowers. Envelopes are located in the back of the church. Your choice of flowers are: lilies, tulips, hyacinths and mums. Be sure to indicate which flowers you would like and if you will be claiming your flowers after the 10:45 a.m. service. The cost for each flower is \$7.00. The **dead line** to order will be April 2.



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Epiphany Season

EPIPHANY SEASON



Epiphany Liturgy/Scripture Connection

From The Manual on the Liturgy

Liturgy means “work of the people.” The liturgy has always been the responsibility of all of the people of God. Therefore, the presiding minister, along with the congregation intelligently participate in the worship service sharing an awareness and understanding of the components of worship. Our Lutheran liturgy emphasizes shared leadership to indicate that the service is NOT something that the pastor does while the people watch, but is something which is an action shared by all who assemble to worship.

Our Liturgy/Scripture Connection inserts are intended to provide information explaining where our liturgical components of worship come from and why they are contained within our service. Since the Bible provides the inspiration for our liturgy, most of our sung and spoken liturgy is either directly quoting scripture or is a composite of various related scripture passages.

ELEMENTARY YOUTH GROUP

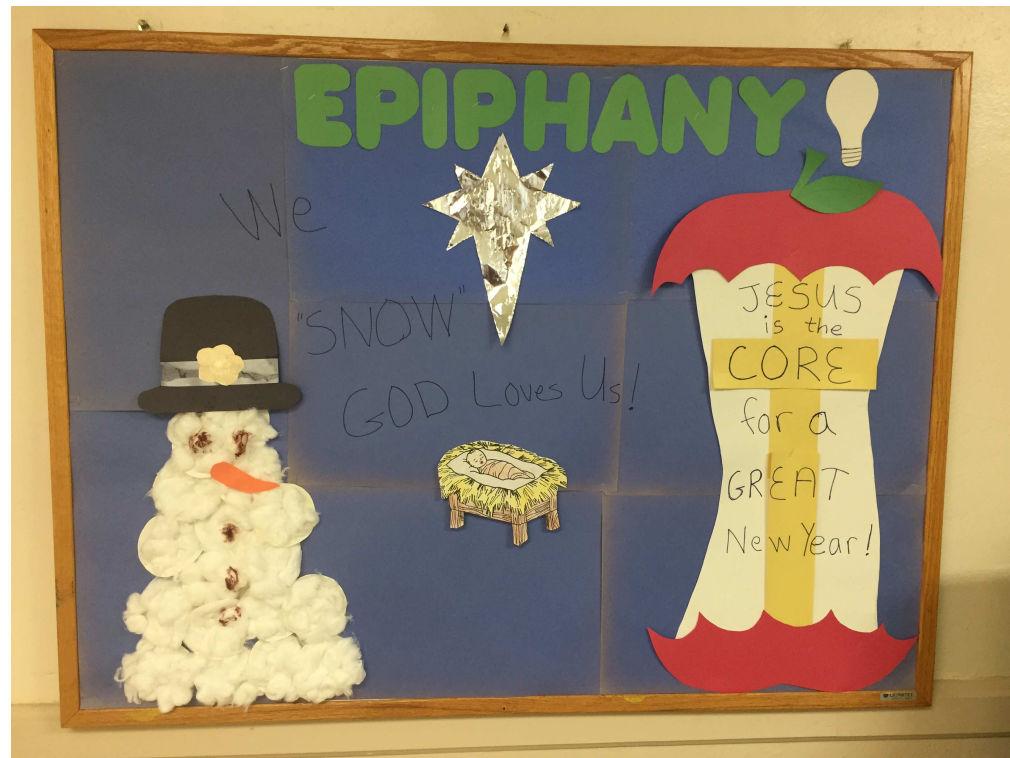
Elementary Youth Group

The Elementary Youth group is for all interested children between the ages of 5 through 12 years. The youth group generally meets on the first Friday of the month. The group is responsible for creating a scene on the bulletin board in the basement social hall. The group also shares a meal, fellowship through activities and has fun together. Remember, all children in that age bracket are welcome to come as well as to bring a friend.

In December 2016, the youth group met and discussed our greatest gift "the birth of Jesus". They learned about the candy cane (ie. J for Jesus, the hook being our Shepard's staff, white for purity, red for the blood he shed to save of from our sins). The children had fun singing Christmas songs, doing art activities and watching a Christmas movie in their PJs while munching on popcorn.

The first Friday in January 2017, the youth group met and celebrated Epiphany. Art activities were accomplished (creating the bulletin board scene, making a light bulb to help remember that God is the light of the world, our light eternal. They also created a candle replica to help us remember that too). Having a relay race that included building an Epiphany star was an exciting part of the evening festivities and discussing the "m" on m & m s added some interest to the Epiphany celebration; particularly the part where we got to eat the m & m s.

I hope parents, grandparents and other adults give thought to helping the children ages 5 to 12 years come share in the youth group and have some fun.



News From All Around the Church

To all of my Trinity friends, I extend a big thank you for the beautiful flowers in celebration of my retirement ; how very thoughtful. Also, extended is a special thanks to my life long Lutheran friend, "Vivie June", for sharing my joyous occasion with the congregation.

God bless you.
With smiles, Debbie Simpson



Dear Trinity Lutheran Church
Thank You for your kind donation of food to the Williamsburg Food Bank. We will never forget your kindness.
We really appreciate your support to our 80 families, 205 individuals and 150 backpacks for kids. We couldn't do it without you!
God Bless,
Williamsburg Food Bank

SOCIAL MINISTRY

The Committee took a well-deserved break during the month of January. We had an awesome year! Many projects were completed. There was something every month. We will start again in February. Please plan on joining an active committee. Bring your ideas to our next meeting on **February 9, 2017 at 11:00 in Trinity Hall**. See ya there.

ST. ANDREWS PRESCHOOL



St. Andrew preschool celebrated the Christmas season with "A Star Shines in Bethlehem" play, special music, and a visit from Santa. It was a busy day, but everyone worked hard, sang loud, and enjoyed some yummy snacks! We are working on some new ideas for the new year and look forward to having more fun.

ST. ANDREWS PRESCHOOL

