

# Trinity Lutheran Church

Smithsburg, Maryland



*January 2012*  
*The Angelos*

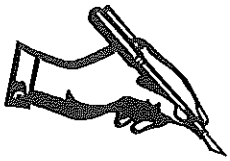
# Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

## Mission Statement:

To worship Jesus Christ and be inspired to respond in love to others.

## *Vision Statement:*

To be the cultural and spiritual center of our community.



## *FROM THE PASTOR....*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

And seeing the star they rejoiced with exceeding great joy. And entering into the house, they found the child with Mary his mother, and falling down they adored him; and opening their treasures, they offered him gifts; gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Matthew 2: 10-11

The flurry of activity that is the Christmas season is drawing to a close and the season of Epiphany is upon us. Christmas is a time of peace and joy. We told again on Christmas Eve the ancient story of the holy family who made their temporary home in a stable, and of shepherds who were terrified by angels who brought them the stories of the greatest joy and hope becoming flesh in the tiny babe in the manger. Those shepherds went with haste into Bethlehem to find this child, and after finding him, they left with great rejoicing, and shared the story of his birth with everyone they met.

The challenge for us, as we take the decorations off the tree, pack them up, and put away the festive lights, is to make sure that we do not put the Christmas story away as well. It is our privilege to treasure the story of Jesus' coming into the world, and to continue to share the story throughout the year. We are very blessed to have the season of Epiphany to help

us contemplate the joyful song the angels sang in the sky on the first Christmas night. We also have the example of the Magi, the wise men who traveled from a distant land to find the Christ-child and brought expensive gifts to offer him. They came from far away, and it most likely was a very difficult journey to find him, but when they did, they knelt down and they worshipped him. They provide such a wonderful example for us in how we may approach our faith.

As the days of winter may be cold and gray, and our warm beds may be so inviting, it is also important to remember our relationship with God, and to be drawn to worship the Lord each week. The wise men did not come to the child merely because it was easy and convenient. They traveled a great distance, they put up with hardship, but they came and worshipped him. The next two months offers a great time to bask in the light the Christ-child brings to us, and to draw near and worship him!

May His light continue to brighten your days and nights! May he continue to richly bless each of you!

Pr. Cain



## **\*\*Change in Office Hours\*\***

In consultation with Church Council, the church office hours have been changed to Monday thru Friday, 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm. We believe offering coverage for each day of the week will assist us in meeting the needs of our parish.

### **Church Council Openings**

There are open positions for Church Council. Please see Michael Conrey or Marilyn Hembrock if you are interested.



## **\*\*MARK YOUR CALENDARS\*\***

**The 2012 Annual Congregation Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 29, 2012.**

### **Head Usher's Needed!**

Currently, we only have 4 people who serve as Head Usher at the 10:30 worship. We could really use more volunteers for this position. Please see Linda Stayer or contact the church office if you are interested in serving. Thank you!

# "Thank You"

Pastor Cain, Paige McElroy and Kim Williams would like to thank the congregation for the many cards, expressions of kindness, and Christmas gifts shared with each of us during this Christmas season. We thank you for your partnership in ministry.

## Christmas Pageant and Dinner

On Sunday, December 11, we held a birthday celebration for Jesus. Many delicious side dishes were shared, and after the meal we were treated to the pageant, "Chain Reaction", in which all the names for Jesus were presented, interspersed with Christmas hymns. How wonderful to see so many participants! The afternoon concluded with a beautiful and delicious birthday cake made by Pam Grove. **Thank you**, to all who helped with this Advent celebration. Whether you participated in the pageant, brought food, helped with preparing for and / or clean up after dinner, or just came to enjoy the fellowship, you made this event a success!

# Outreach

## **Giving Tree**

Thanks to all who donated gifts for our Giving Tree outreach program. We are all blessed when we share what we have with others. For those who don't know, we ask our three local elementary school guidance counselors to provide us the information on three families that would benefit from our Giving Tree program. This year we received nine families that we have never served before. The need is there in our community and I know that we all benefited from the beautiful sight of the Giving Tree overflowing with wrapped gifts for these families. What amazing things we can accomplish when we come together as a church family!

## **Habitat for Humanity Fund Raiser**

Each year Trinity is asked to provide a fundraiser basket with a minimum value of \$75 to be auctioned at the Habitat for Humanity Annual Dinner and Auction. Our basket is due by January 31. Please see the bulletin for more information about donating to our gift basket for this worthy fundraiser.

## **2012 Flower Chart**

The 2012 Altar Flower Sign-Up Chart is now posted in the Narthex behind the current Flower Chart. Please feel free to begin signing up to place flowers on the Altar. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

## **New Treasurer**

In case you haven't heard, Trinity has a new treasurer. Kim Bullock has stepped up to fill the position of treasurer. Should you have any questions for her, Kim Bullock can be reached by email using a newly established email for the treasurer. That email is: [tlctreasurer@myactv.net](mailto:tlctreasurer@myactv.net).

### **Trinity Lutheran Church Summary Financial Report**

Year to Date as of 11/30/11

#### General Fund

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Revenues	\$174,498.86	173,891.74	607.12
Expenses	<u>178,806.96</u>	<u>177,418.78</u>	<u>-1,388.18</u>
Net	(-4,308.10)	- 3,527.04	-781.06

#### Attendance for November

<b>Sun., November 6th:</b>	<b>175</b>
<b>Sun., November 13th:</b>	<b>154</b>
<b>Sat., November 19th: (contemporary)</b>	<b>64</b>
<b>Sun., November 20th:</b>	<b>169</b>
<b>Sun., November 27th:</b>	<b>161</b>

Faithful Attendance  
In Sunday School for:



**NOVEMBER**

**\*Ms. Lisa:** Michael, Nicolas, Jacqueline, Joseph, Vivian,  
Sara

**\*Ms. Sue:** \*Anthony, \*Dana, Madison, Katie, Lillian, Sam,  
Kathleen, Cadence, Jade, Gracie

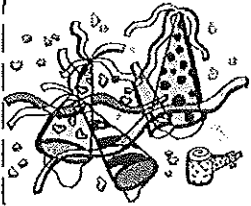
**Ms. Sherry/ Ms. Devon:** \*Michael, \*Mitchell, \*Quinn,  
Ryan, \*Lynnae, Kelton, Thomas, Evan, Madison, Abigail,  
Makayla, Sage

**Ms. Jeanne / Ms. Wendy:** \*Hallie, Shaylee, \*Emmitt,  
\*Reed, \*Nolan, Ainsleigh, Austin, Carlee, Maida, David D.,  
Logan, David B.

**Mr. Jason / Ms. Ann:** Sydney, \*Lucy, \*Jenna Wallace,  
\*Cameron, Oliva H., Sean, Logan R., Cameron S.

**Ladies Retreat Follow-Up**

The ladies who attended the retreat in November will be finishing their study of Real Women, Real Faith on Wednesday evenings, January 18, and February 5, 2012. This study is not dependent on previous material covered at the retreat. We will look at the life and actions of Leah and Hannah from the Old Testament. **All women are invited to join us** in the USS at 6:30 PM on those evenings for fellowship and learning.

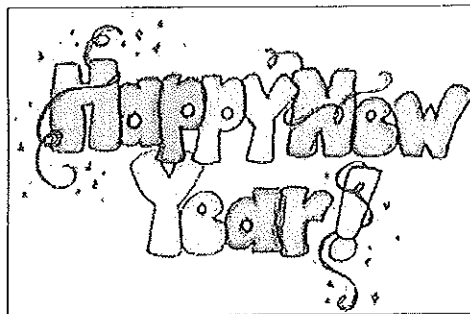


## News from Trinity Learning Center

Happy New Year! We are so excited to begin 2012! January is always a fun month; it is our Spirit Month! We will be having a lot of fun days like Crazy Hair Day, Mismatch Day, Inside Out Day, Hat Day, and Pajama Day to name a few. We will be learning about Snow & Winter Fun, Martin Luther King Jr., Zoo Animals and Farm Animals. We will end the month of January with a Pet Show and Tell Day! This is always such a fun day for the children to bring their pets to the end of class to show their friends.

Many thanks to our community this month! Our new concrete pad is finished out back in our play area and we thank all those who helped to make this happen. The children and teachers are very excited about it! Thank you to everyone who supported us at our Chick-Fil-A Spirit Night. We raised \$107 for the center that evening!! We enjoyed the Home Town Christmas parade and singing at the Live Nativity for Trinity. Keep collecting those Campbell's Labels and Drink Pouches. We are building up points from Campbell's and money from Drink Pouch Brigade to get something nice for the center. Thank you and keep warm this January!

Kelli Kittel  
Director



# WANTED!

## **A/V Volunteers**

If you're interested in operating or learning how to operate the Church's Audio Visual equipment, please see Jeff Berk.

## **Digital Pictures and Movies of Church Events**

With our new PC's we have plenty of room to build a repository. If you have any pictures or videos on a CD or a smart card, please see Jeff Berk so we can download them. Your media will be returned.

### **Thank You!**

I want to thank everyone who shared their musical talents during our Advent, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day worship times. I know a lot of hard work went into getting ready so a special note of "thanks" for your time and efforts.

Thank you!  
Paige McElroy

# January 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	6:30 Christian Ed Group	3	4 6:30 PM Parish Life Group—PH 7:00 PM Adult Bible Study (Hembrock)-PH	5 7:00 PM Adult Choir	6 9:00 AM Quilting Fellowship  6:30 Girl Scouts (Gearhart) - USS	7
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## Health and Wellness



Do you have a New Year Resolution? I think most people do and many of them require losing weight or exercising.

### **How to Successfully “Diet”**

“Dieting” actually is not the proper way to describe weight management. How to change your food habits and still love food that is good for you is more accurate. The diet you choose to follow the rest of your life needs to be balanced, varied and likeable. You calmly choose foods that are nutritious most of the time and don’t feel great guilt over consuming foods that you don’t consider “diet” food. Because you can have such foods you won’t over indulge. You avoid thinking about food all the time by finding enjoyments outside of food. Worrying over the next meal, what will be served at the party and other food obsessions only makes you hungry. It makes you a “restrained” eater—one who tried to stay in tight controls and fears “losing it”. Worrying so much over food takes its enjoyment away. If you have followed the diet over time to slowly lose weight, it is second nature by now. You didn’t lose weight rapidly and so weight changes will be minimized. Don’t weigh yourself daily, once a week is plenty to check your progress.

### **Exercise Tips**

Exercise is the only way to get your body stoked to burn more calories. As you exercise, you will increase your muscle and that alone will burn many more calories. Your metabolism will burn faster up to 24 hours after an exercise session. Exercise is for life, too, so start slow, select activities that you really enjoy and stick with it. Remember, though, that the scale will appear to play “tricks” on you as you exercise more. As you decrease fat and increase muscle, you may actually gain weight, since muscle weighs more than fat.

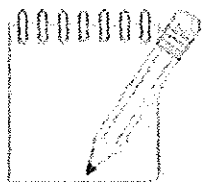
## Up With Attitude

You can see that diet and exercise plans are as much of an attitude as they are an activity. You need to love and accept yourself and praise yourself for your success. It will take time to make a philosophical overhaul. You also need to consider the fact that you may have unrealistic goals about your weight. Chasing that last five pounds the rest of you life may not be worth it. For times of the year when you see your weight normally increase, like the holidays, you may need to make some slight adjustments. This does not mean dieting in January. Overeating one day and under eating another is all part of the normal eating experience. Trust yourself to balance it out by following your appetite.

Information from Meritus Health  
January 2012

In Julianne F. Harp, RN, MSN, FCN  
Parish Nurse

### ANGELOS SUBMISSIONS:



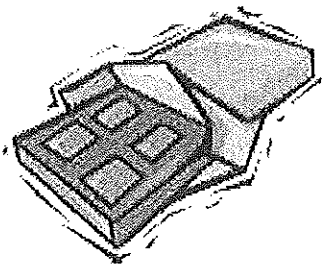
If you would like to have an announcement placed in the January Angelos, please be sure to have you information submitted to the Church office no later than **January 15th**. Thank you.

# Upcoming

## Chocolate Festival

*Chocolate cookies, Chocolate brownies, Chocolate fountain, Chocolate candy, Chocolate cake, Chocolate milk, Chocolate, and more Chocolate!!!*

*Come join the fun as we just celebrate and enjoy chocolate on*



*Saturday, February 11, 2012  
from 11:00am - 3:00pm  
at Trinity Lutheran Church  
16 N Main St. Smithsburg, MD.*

Silent auction items  
Chocolate Fountain  
Pie eating contest  
Valentines crafts for children

Lunch menu  
Cookie contest  
Chocolate Cakes  
Willy Wonka movie

**The Chocolate creation: In the beginning, the Lord created chocolate, and he saw that it was good. Then he separated the light from the dark, and it was better.**

The proceeds benefit the Trinity Lutheran Church Youth summer programs.

# Events...

## Men's Retreat

Our men's retreat will be held Friday evening March 2 through Saturday, March 3. We will meet in the USS at 5:30 PM Friday evening for supper before going to Gettysburg Seminary's Singmaster House. The retreat will conclude approximately 8:00 PM on Saturday. Bed linens and towels are provided, and we will take food to prepare our Saturday meals. The cost is just \$45 each. This covers our reservation and individual fees, as well as curriculum materials. The theme will be "Crazy Love", based on the book by Francis Chang, by the same title.

We will balance our time in bible study with free time for socializing, relaxing, and getting to know our brothers at Trinity better. There are 18 single beds at Singmaster House. Let's fill them all. **Please join us!**

Questions? See Leigh Zahm.

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Yes, Count me in! My \$45 is enclosed.

Make checks payable to "Trinity Lutheran Church" with "Men's Retreat" on the memo line.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Please place this form in an envelope, and put it in the offering plate.

**Deadline for registration: February 19, 2012**

If you would like to attend but your budget is tight, do not let that be a hindrance. A scholarship, paying the cost of the weekend, is available and would be handled with the strictest of confidence. We want you to come. See Leigh Zahm

## New Group Starting!

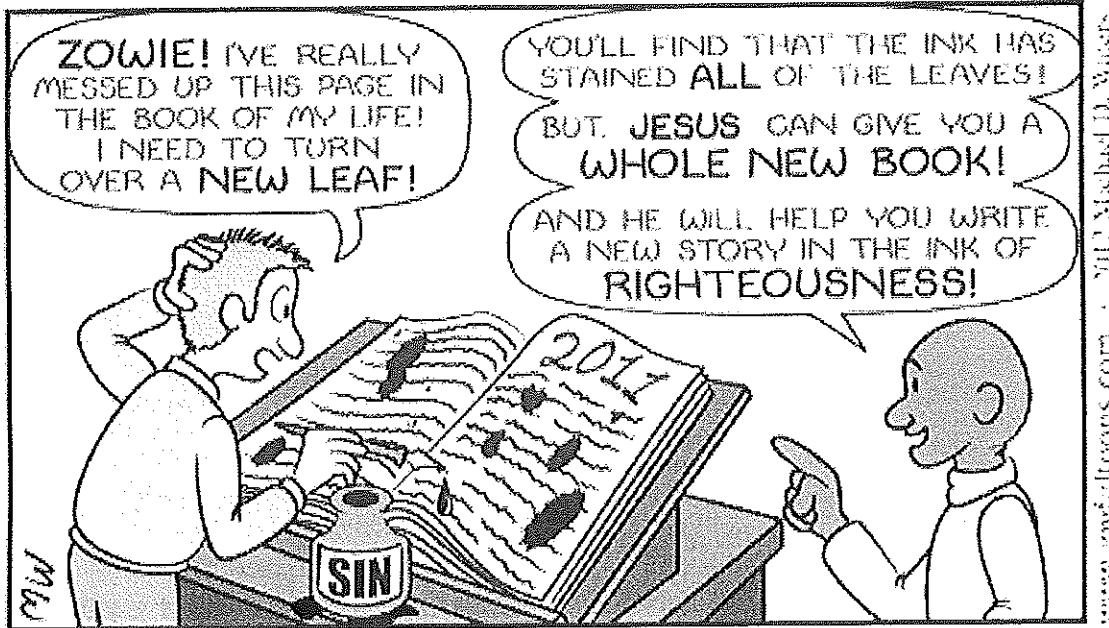
A new group is starting at Trinity for widows. The group will be meeting on the third Friday of each month, beginning January 20, 2012. The first meeting will be at noon at Carmine's in Smithsburg. If you are a widow, a member of Trinity and you would like to join this group, please contact Sam Smith.

### *Romans 6:4*

Every New Year seems to be a time when we want to make a new start to our lives. We make resolutions to improve ourselves. But it is only through Jesus that we can truly have a new beginning, and a new life.

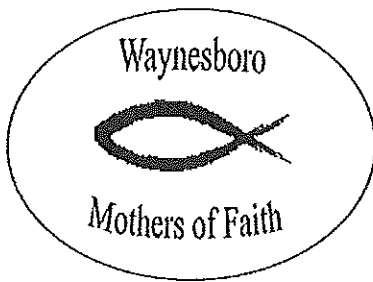
#### A NEW LEAF?

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



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 new life.

ROMANS 6:4 NIV



## January 2012 Meetings



**January 6th, 9-11 a.m.:** WMOF Book Club will meet in the YMCA Community Room. Our December book is "Heaven is For Real" by Todd Burpo! If you have any questions about the book club, please feel free to email Sarah Gardner @SEG101102@gmail.com.

**Friday, January 13, 9-11 a.m.:** At the YMCA Community Room with guest speaker Sherri Wolfe. She is the Franklin County Abstinence Spokesman and will be sharing ideas and information about how to talk to your children about sex. Come for an informative and fun morning!

**Friday, January 20, 9:00 a.m.:** Breakfast at Brother's Pizza on 11882 Buchanan Trail East! The kids have off school for Teacher-In-Service so bring them along! Brother's Pizza has a big selection and pretty reasonable prices!

**Friday, January 27th, 9-11 a.m.:** At the YMCA Community Room with guest speaker Rhoda Custer. She has been baking cakes for the families of Waynesboro for many years! She will be talking about baking yummy and pretty cakes!

# Happy New Year!

## SERVER SCHEDULE: JANUARY



Who's Serving		January 1	January 8	January 15	January 22	January 29
Commun. Assistants	8:00	Maggie Flores	Rick Reynolds	Dick Hembrock	Charlie Starliper	David Young
Commun. Assistants	10:30	Susie Fisher	Linda Hessong	Kent Reynolds	Kim Burns	Susie Naylor
Flowers						
Lesson Readers	8:00	Marilyn Hembrock	Tara Wynkoop	Charlie Starliper	Dick Hembrock	Harry Reynolds
	10:30	Susie Fisher	John Kieffer	Kent Reynolds	Rich Sneckenberger	Jeff Berk
Acolyte	8:00	Justin Martin	JoAnn Brown	Fiona Zahm	Courtney Friese	Jordan McDonald
Acolyte	10:30	Kelsey Winters	Harrison Brown	Jensine Edwards	Brooke Penwell	Lucy Conrey
Crucifer	8:00	Allen Reynolds	Justus Brown	Emma Zahm	Lindsey Friese	Ashley Metzger
Crucifer		Sarah Winters	Justine Wallace	Corey Scharenbroch	Lindsay Penwell	Emma Conrey
Nursery						
Nursery	10:30	Michael & Allison Conrey	Kimberly Sneckenberger	Jeanne Wallace	Kim Bullock	Becky Herman-Smith
Greeters	8:00	Bobbie Lou Hottinger	Wynkoop Family	Charlie & Lois Starliper	Wayne & Cheryl Weatherly	McDonald Family
	10:30	Winters Family	Gladys Brown	Cathy Wynkoop	Don & Betty Warrenfeltz	Kieffer Family
Head Usher	8:00	Bill Hottinger	David Young	Charlie Starliper	Wayne Weatherly	Leigh Zahm
	10:30	John Kieffer	Kent Reynolds	Rich Sneckenberger	John Hammond	John Kieffer
Counter's		Susie Fisher Steve Reynolds	Wayne Weatherly Mary Lou Smith	Vic Martin Kent Reynolds	Cindi Hull Steve Reynolds	Susie Fisher Wayne Weatherly
Children's Church		Sue Snyder Josie Snyder	Sue Snyder Josie Snyder	Sue Snyder Josie Snyder	Sue Snyder Josie Snyder	Sue Snyder Josie Snyder



## HEAR OUR PRAYERS....

Let us pray for our family, friends and loved ones and  
for those who are sick or hurting....

**Members of our military, especially our troops in the Middle East  
who continue to defend our country and freedom:**

John Hottinger, Jr.	Nadine Wendt	Bryan Senz
Dennis Patterson	Daniel Watson	Matthew Fairall
Joey Gardenhour	Susan Gardenhour	Cody Andrews
Brian Cook	Kenny Kelly	Eric Windsor
Cameron Meadows	Andrew Ryan Johnson	Austin Barkdoll
Arlan Strand	Josh Kolenda	Charles Lyons

**Those who are home bound or in nursing care facilities:**

Ellen Toms	Lloyd & Lois Hanlin	Maude Kent
Dick & Pat Martin	Lynn Ellzey	Pearl Bowers
Garland Lung	Richard & Gertrude McGowan	
Lettie Cartzendafner		

**Those who need healing and comfort:**

Sandra Needy	Betty Carter	Keith Sunde
Debbie Kindle	Jane Patterson	Linda Frazer
Bill Moore	Edward Pencek	Fisher Heck
Jared Cole	Russell Teel	Ronnie Tibbs
Donald Del Balzo, Jr.	Doug Pryor	Ruthie Heinz
Tommy Walsh	Marie Moore	Pam Mackley
Angela Kearns	Charlie Thomas	Lena Mae Dulling
Mary Sisbee	Ida Mae Pepple	Kelly Bell
Faith Bohrer	Jan	Joshua James
David Hardt	Brian Martin	Sara McCall
Mary Sierzega	JR Bothell	Claudia Brandes
Jen Watkins	Richard Hess	Dick & Pat Martin
Deina Melville	John Melville	Betty Thompson
Kenneth Carpenter		

**Those recently hospitalized for illness or surgery, those awaiting upcoming  
surgery and those recovering from recent hospitalization or surgery:**

Matthew Branch	Hailey Hoffman	Kat Carson
Patty Muldoon	Eva Gaver	Terry Whalen
Scott Bloyer		

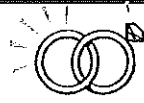
**Those who are grieving the loss of loved ones:**

The family of Nevin Lewis	The family of Bud Lucesson
The family of Jeannette Kuhn	The family of Timothy Day



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

01/01 Clarence Miller  
 01/01 Lewis Persons  
 01/03 Sean Ruane  
 01/06 John Hottinger Jr.  
 01/07 Cindy McDonald  
 Kendra Scharenbroch  
 Madeline, Hommel  
 01/13 Richard Sneckenberger Jr.  
 01/14 Ruth Gaver-Wade  
 01/18 Bobby Rohrer  
 Mason Harp  
 01/19 Cynthia Hull  
 April Sheppard  
 01/21 Sara Jane Ridenour  
 01/22 Michael Trueblood  
 01/29 Maggie Flores  
 Donald C. Stottlemyer  
 Quinn Conrey



## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

01/11/1952 Robert & Betty Harris  
 01/24/1970 David & Dorene Young

## BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

01/ /2004 Ryan Scott  
 01/03/1988 Abraham Nehemias  
 01/09/2005 Abigail Franceschina  
 01/11/2004 Shaylee Metzger  
 01/11/2009 Macy Peters  
 01/13/2002 Olivia Penwell  
 01/16/2005 Jacob Gardenhour  
 01/17/2010 Gavin Gross  
 01/21/1990 Jayna Harshman  
 01/26/2003 Caitlyn Seibert