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## SOUPER BOWL OF CARING BEGINS IN JANUARY

This January we will again be competing in our annual "Souper Bowl" Competition.

The four quarters of the competition will be the last four Sundays in January. Food items should be taken to the basement entrance. Monetary donations should be placed in the offering plate in an envelope marked "Souper Bowl" (any checks should be made payable to HTLC).

One point will be awarded for each item donated and two points for every dollar donated to the Food Pantry. The winners will be the churches with the most points.



## NEW WINTER SCHEDULE BEGAN DECEMBER 25

Beginning December 25, worship will only be held at 9:00 a.m. There will be NO Sunday School on Christmas Day. Sunday School will begin at 10:15 a.m on New Year's Day.

The 8 a.m. service will return in March along with our normal Sunday School schedule.



## Worship Schedule

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As I write these words, Christmas is still two weeks away and much of our attention is no doubt centered on it. It is a mystery and a miracle which continues still to befuddle the modern mind - unless one chooses to dismiss or ignore it. But for the rest of us, I can offer no greater insight than this.

"The word was made flesh, but how he was made flesh, we do not know. The doctrine from God, I have; the science of it, I do not have... Isaiah even says 'Who can describe his generation? What had Isaiah meant then by saying the virgin shall be with child and bear a son?' He is telling us what has happened, but when he says 'Who can describe this generation?' he is revealing to us the fact that he has been born, but how he has been born, we do not know." This is from the supposedly superstitious and ignorant ancient church Father Jerome writing in the year 400 in the cave where Jesus was born. Jerome knew enough to separate the "what" of Jesus from the how".

Christmas leads us into the mystery of the Christian God which is far different than any other "god". And that God is only revealed as he speaks to us through his holy word - sacred scripture. To attempt to decipher the nature of God from any other source - science, experience, sociology is to make that God no larger than the observer. Thus Christmas inevitably leads us into the church season which follows - Epiphany.

Epiphany means manifestation and it will begin on January 6th and continue until February 21. The manifestation occurs through the presentation of Christ in the scripture where we are invited to view all obscure scripture by the clear passages which illuminate all other. Luther always said where Christ is clearly preached is the "core" of scripture by which other scriptures should be judged and interpreted.

In January, we will also celebrate from January 18 - 25 the week of prayer for Christian unity. This annual emphasis begun in 1908 clearly follows from the prayer of Jesus in John 17: 20-23 where he prays that all his followers will be one. Sadly, that is not the case and in point of fact may never have been actualized fully. So we pray for what we cannot achieve on our own.

Two caveats - this cannot be achieved by any external determination of what minimal is needed. In 1799, the German King imposed a superficial unity on all his subjects who were protestant. It was called the Prussian Union and subjects rightly rebelled with it never achieving its unity goal. Becoming one means becoming one in central doctrine which only happens after long study prayer, forgiveness for past mistakes and clarity about what is really important.

G.K. Chesterton writes that the vice of the modern notion of mental progress is that it is always something concerned with the breaking of bonds, the effacing of boundaries, the carting away of dogmas. But if there is such a thing as mental growth, it must mean growth into more and more definite conclusions into more and more dogma. The human brain is a machine for coming to conclusions. As he piles doctrine on doctrine and conclusion on conclusion "he is" becoming more and more human. "When he drops one doctrine after another in a refined skepticism he sits as God, holding no form of creed but contemplating all in that process sinking slowly backwards into the vagueness of the vagrant animals and the unconsciousness of grass. Trees have no dogmas. Turnips are singularly broad-minded."

The second caveat of unity is to believe that even a purified church "with complete success in the work of renewal of the church will be a fragile and mixed vessel. Whether this is a very different ELCA, a reformed LCMS, an energized NALC or LCMC, or even the church of Rome it can never be perfect or free of error." Jesus warned us that even the kingdom will have wheat and tares which can only be sorted out of the end of the age. Hence "we should be prepared to live with all sorts of difficulties, set backs, strategic retreats and challenges. If any one discourages, I urge them to read the writing of the fourth century leaders. Athanasius complained that when the Arians took over his church in Alexandria folks were frolicking naked in the baptismal fonts. Yet Athanasius stayed the course, organized the faithful in exile, suffered banishment at least five times and eventually won the day for our gospel and the faith." This is from the brilliant book by William J. Abraham about doctrinal confusion in the United Methodist Church (which is now in full communion with the ELCA).

#### NEW YEAR'S DAY

January 1, 2012

#### EPIPHANY

January 6, 2012

#### BAPTISM OF THE LORD

January 8, 2012

#### WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

January 18-25, 2012



**DID YOU KNOW... ALTAR FLOWERS, BULLETINS MAY BE DONATED?**

**A**ltar or chancel flowers may be donated in memory of a departed loved one, in honor of someone or to recognize a special milestone. The suggested donation for flowers is \$22. To order flowers, contact Tracey Kiesnowski at (814) 267-7118.

Sunday bulletins may also be donated in someone's memory or honor. The suggested donation is \$20. If interested, please call the Church Office at 267-5014 or e-mail at [htelc@verizon.net](mailto:htelc@verizon.net).



**HTLC FELLOWSHIP HALL POLICIES**

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Members may borrow the **OLD** tables from the Fellowship Hall, which are stored in the back of the church basement. If you would like to use these tables, you must first call Sherry Noakes at 267-5165 .



In January all contributing members will receive a statement of their annual contributions to Holy Trinity.

**Believe.**  
**HOPE.**  
*Encourage.*  
**PERSEVERE.**

**W**hat if we took our lengthy lists of changes we want to make in the new year and narrowed them down - way down? Rather than making a half dozen or more commitments that we're unlikely to keep, how about zeroing in on a single word that captures the essence of what we want to achieve or become?

North Carolina pastor Mike Ashcraft encouraged church members to each find one word that points to or describes a characteristic or vision they wanted to achieve in the year ahead.

Do you know what your one-word resolution would be?

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**

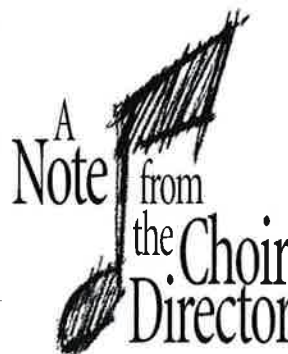
**I**nformation for the February issue of **THE VISITOR IS DUE MONDAY, JANUARY 9.** Information received after that date may be held for the March edition of the newsletter.

Dear Members:

Thank you to all of you that came to the combined bell choir concert. I appreciate your support and so did our bell choir as well as the other two choirs. We were able to raise \$500 for the Salvation Army. Also a big thank you to everyone who provided

special music over the holidays. All the music was beautiful. Please check the calendar for the dates and times for all

music ensembles and their practices. I pray that the new year brings new joys and renewed faith to each one of you. God Bless You and Happy New Year!



Maria



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**Sun**

**Mon**

**Tue**

**Wed**

**Thu**

**Fri**

**Sat**

**EVENT KEY:**

CV= Compassionate Visitors  
 HC= Homebound Communion  
 Committee  
 JNB= Joyful Noise Band  
 SC = Senior Choir  
 UL = Uncommon Life  
 YGC - Youth Of God Chimes

**EVENT KEY:**

YPM - Youth Planning Meeting  
 AB - Adult Bells  
 JF - Joyful Noise  
 WBS - Women's Bible Study  
 YGC - Youth of God Chimes  
 BBG - Baby Boomers Group  
 SEWS- Saturday Evening Worship Svc.

**WORSHIP KEY:**

W= Worship  
 SS = Sunday School  
 C = Communion  
 W & A Worship & Anointing

1 9:00 AM - W & C 4:00 PM - W & C	2	3 7:30 PM Property	4 6:30 PM SC	5	6	7 5:30 PM SEWS
8 9:00 AM - W 10:15 AM - SS 4:00 YG 5:00 PM - YGC 5:30 PM - YPM	9	10 7:00 PM Council	11 6:30 PM SC 7:30 PM JNB	12	13	14 5:30 PM SEWS (Communion)
15 9:00 AM - W 10:15 AM - SS	16	17 6:30 PM Council Dinner	18 6:30 PM -SC 7:30 PM AB	19	20	21 5:30 PM SEWS
22 9:00 AM - W 10:15 AM - SS 4:00 YG 5:00 PM - YGC 7:00 PM - BBG	23	24	25 6:30 PM -SC 8:00 PM JNB	26	27	28 5:30 PM SEWS
29 9:00 AM - W & A 10:15 AM - SS 11:30 AM Game Day Luncheon	30	31	<b>CHURCH OFFICE HOURS 8:30 A.M.-12:30 P.M., MONDAY - THURSDAY</b>			



**CHURCH COUNCIL**

**HIGHLIGHTS**

**Minutes Submitted by  
Nita Swank**

**COUNCIL MINUTES  
December 12, 2011**

**Present:**

Pastor Harmon, Homer Kreinbrook, Carolyn Rastrelli, Joyce Meese, Julie Leydig, Nita Swank, Tim Clites, John Yeager, Brianna Leydig, Wayne Schrock, Lee Woida, Dave Marker.

**Opening Prayer / Devotion:**

Pastor Harmon

**Meeting called to order by Homer Kreinbrook, Council President**

**Minutes of prior meeting:**

A motion was made to approve last months meeting minutes by Joyce Meese and seconded by Wayne Schrock. The motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report:**

A motion was made by Tim Clites to approve this report and was seconded by Wayne Schrock. The motion passed.

**ACTION ITEMS**

**Congregational / People Concerns:**

- A request was heard to not have Sunday School on Christmas Day.
- Lee Woida requested that the loose offering from the Christmas Eve Service be donated to the family of Jeremy Miller who recently passed away. This was approved on a motion by Lee Woida, seconded by Carolyn Rastrelli.
- Several members have requested to know the church's status with CORE and Pastor noted that we are still a

member. Several members questioned if we would be leaving ELCA anytime soon. Pastor reviewed the process for this to take place, which initially requires two voting sessions of eligible members with 2/3 approval. He suggested a non-binding straw vote to determine where the congregation stands before doing an official vote. There are three groups outside the ELCA that work with CORE - LCMC, Augsburg Lutheran Church and NALC.

**Correspondence:** Requests from Meals on Wheels and one from the Somerset Community Clinic are tabled to a later date.

**From the Suggestion Box:** None

**OLD BUSINESS**

- The Worship Committee will meet Wednesday. Attendance for the previous two Saturday services has been nine and 12.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- Ads will be placed in the Somerset Daily American and Meyersdale Republic for approximately \$61 and \$20 respectively for Christmas Eve Service.
- The Council Dinner will be held January 17 at 6:30 PM. Julie Leydig will confirm that date as available at the Borough Building.

**PASTOR'S TIME**

- Pastor referenced several books from the Conference Pastors' monthly meeting. Young Adult Sunday School, ages 18-35 will begin in February. Pastor will use the book "A Life Worth Living". A mailing will be sent in January to potential members with the class beginning the first Sunday in February.
- Youth Group continues to grow with up to 18 in attendance. Future activities are being planned.
- Confirmation class will begin in January.

**MINISTRY REPORTS**

**Property:**

No meeting was held. The new wreath has been hung. Pastor reviewed possible legal means to construct a ramp using the Gindlesperger property.

**Deacons:**

The Advent Dinner had 45 in attendance.

**Finance:**

No report.

**Youth:**

Already discussed.

**Publicity:**

Already discussed.

**Other Business:**

None.

**Adjournment**

A motion was made by Lee Woida, seconded by Tim Clites and passed. The meeting was closed with the Lord's and sharing of the peace.

**RECEIVED  
NOVEMBER 2011**

Current	\$9,949.29
Benevolence	\$969.00
Building	\$2,988.00
Other	\$6,869.55
Total	\$20,775.84

**EXPENSES  
NOVEMBER 2011**

Current	\$9,866.33
Benevolence	\$924.75
Building	\$3,339.95
Other	\$509.45
Total	\$14,640.48

**POSITIVE \$6,135.36**

# NEWS

## & Notes

**BAPTISM:** NONE

**DEATHS:** Our sympathies to the families and friends of Eugene Ohler who passed away on December 5th and Roy Shaulis who passed away on December 15th.

**WEDDING:** NONE

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Did you know Holy Trinity has a new prayer email chain? This is a great way to keep members of our congregation up to date on good news, recent deaths or any urgent prayer requests. If you're not already signed up, please email the church office at [htelc@verizon.net](mailto:htelc@verizon.net) today! If you would prefer to receive a text on your cell phone, just send us your cell number!



Would you like to receive your copy of **THE VISITOR** by e-mail? Contact us at 267-5014 or e-mail [htelc@verizon.net](mailto:htelc@verizon.net) to get your online version, usually sent a day before it arrives in the mail.



**AS OF  
DECEMBER 15, 2010**



**HOSPITALIZED:**

Tom Gerber.

**RECUPERATING AT HOME:**

David Adams, Joyce Beachley, Janet Bender, Leo Bittner, Pauline Blubaugh, Glen Brant, Joyce Brant, Esther Brooks, Nettie Brown, Tim Clites, Tom Dively, Ray Engleka, Tom Fisher, Debra Fogle, Justin Foreman, Faye Glessner, Geneva McVicker, Bill Mothersbaugh, Esther Mowry, Everett Nicklow, William Ringle, Tim Rhoads, Bill Shipley, Nora Virtue, Susan Walker, Jay Whipkey, Eddie Zorn and Robert Zorn.

**RESIDING IN NURSING/PERSONAL CARE HOMES:**

Ray Adams, Trudy Baker, Marie Countryman, Isabelle Gonger, Lloyd Herwig, Ella Hittie, Catherine Maust, Alice Scheferston, Jean Swanson.

**PRAYERS REQUESTED:**

Ann, Chad Barron, Kim Bennett, Dorothy H. Bittner, Lisa Bittner, Private Nicholas Bittner, Brittany (Sleasman) Brady, Kathy Jo (Knotts) Brant, Caroline, Jo Cawthern, Chad, \*Cpt. Aaron Chonko, SSGT Anson Chonko, LCPL Dustin Churchel\*, Kirk Cober, Lillian Coughenour, Sharon Cugini, Dave Custer, Pastor Frank Demmy & Pat Demmy, Roger and Mary-Alice Duckett, Darcel Fahy, Bill Farber, Ryan Ferre, Cpt. Brian Fisher, CW2 John Fisher, David Fullard, AEC Carrie Gardner (Thomas), Donald Gardner, Joy Gardner, Jennifer, Ryan and Sarah Gardner, SSGT Jason Gerber, Tom & Dorothy Gerber, Nicholas Gerin, Phyllis Gladden, Clyde Gray, Marsha Grossman, Roger Hanson, Sadie Harmon, Susan Heisler, SGT Bobby Hoffman, Edith Hoffman, Lori Hoppert, Gary Lape, Travis Hummel (USAF), Joann, Julie, Leon Knepper, Tonya Knotts, Cpt. James Leister, Villa Leslie, Linda Leverknight, Nick Lorson, Kathy Lowes, Lou Ann, Mario & Mary Lombardo, Dawn Lynch, Sam Marker, Dave and Joyce Meese, Carl Metzgar, Sonya Meyers, Eloise Miller, Mrs. Keri, Mindy, Bob and Bonnie Murphy, Dick Murray, Mary Nicklow, Lindsay Ohler, Beth Patt, Mjr. James Paxton, III, Cpt. John Paxton\*, Thayer Paxton, Melissa Petro, Wayne Potter, Larry Powell, Lloyd Purbaugh, Ruth Queer, Earl and Linda Reed, Amelia Rhoades, Roger Sarver, Pat Saylor, Sam, Harold Shaw, Dave Silko, Pauline Stone, Doran Walker, Glenda Weimer, Peggy Woida, CAPT Scott Woida, David Yutzky, Joe Zeigler. \* **Serving in Afghanistan**

**PRAYER LIST POLICY**

If you or a member of your family are admitted to any hospital, please notify Pastor John or call the Church Office at 267-5014. Please also let us know when a family member or friend wishes to be removed from the prayer list. We will keep names on the prayer list for one (1) month, unless we know the person is still ill because they are a member of our congregation or whoever put them on the prayer list calls to keep them on.



**YOUTH GROUP FOR THE MONTHS OF JANUARY AND FEBRUARY WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:**

January 8th and January 22nd.  
February 5th and February 19th.

**OUR NEXT BIG EVENT:**

Game Day Luncheon!

- Bring a side salad or dessert and old fashioned table games
- After Sunday School on January 29th around 11:30
- Souper Bowl Bake and Vegetable Soup will be served
- We will have a sign-up sheet for donations

**YOUTH PLANNING MEETING**

The next youth planning meeting will be January 8th, at 5:30pm

**UNCOMMON LIFE EVENTS**

**JANUARY 2012**

- 8 - *Leader RE:charge (6:30)*
- 8 - "Uncommon Life" YG
- 11 - Jr. High 12:2
- 14 - **Soul Surfer Movie Night @ 6**
- 15 - "Uncommon Life" YG
- 18 - Sr. High 12:2 @ Dowdy Home
- 21 - **Dare2Share Leader Training, D.C.**
- 22 - "Uncommon Life" YG
- 29 - "Uncommon Life" YG



**NO-SEW FLEECE SCARF**



Winter is a difficult time for people in need, so make this scarf to help someone stay warm.

**What you need:**

- Medium-weight polar fleece, 60" standard width (a 9" portion will make one scarf)
- Scissors
- An adult to help

**What you do:**

1. Cut a piece of medium-weight polar fleece to the size of 60" x 9". Cut the fabric across its width so the material is stretchy.
2. Trim off the edge binding. To add "fringe" along each end, make a 6"-long cut every half inch.
3. For curly fringe, pull each strand and then let go sharply. Another attractive option is to tie an over-hand knot at the top of each strip.
4. Donate your scarf to a local group that helps people in need. For greater impact, encourage your Sunday school classmates or other friends to make scarves, too.





# WISHING ALL OF YOU A WONDERFUL BIRTHDAY AND/OR ANNIVERSARY!!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 McKenna Broderick Missy Miller <b>David &amp; Trudy Baker</b>	2 George Walker	3 Robert Bittner	4 Colleen Maust	5 Cameron Bell Ray Engleka Lee Hoffman	6 Sheree Blubaugh Dwight Maust	7 Joy Gardner Colton Moore
8 Daria Kiesnowski	9	10 David Countryman Mildred Countryman	11	12	13 Bryan Schrock	14 Linda Leverknight Breanna Fisher
15	16 William Baker Carolyn LaBute Dutchie Zorn	17 Leanne Heiple Judy Little	18 Winona Farber	19 Debbie Custer Melissa Suder	20 Donald Noakes Roger Ohler	21 Scott Woida <b>David &amp; Linda Countryman</b>
22 Robert Glessner Clifford Horner	23 John Harmon Leah Kreinbrook Scott Marker Wendy Morgan Bill Shipley	24 Brett Bittner	25 Mary Borg Patricia Smiley Zachary Vena <b>Jim &amp; Jenny Suder</b>	26 Jacqueline Bowman	27 Gerald Johnson Lindsay Ohler	28 Bonnie Beeman Landon Hoppert <b>Norman &amp; Carol Croner</b>
29 Eric Berkey	30	31 Jennifer Gardner	<p><i>Birthdays to Celebrate</i></p> <p><b>January</b></p>			

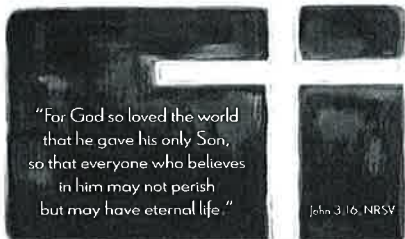


Dear Friends at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

On behalf of the Board of Directors and members of our staff team here at Squanota I am happy to write this letter of thanks for your gift of \$87.90. Your gift is appreciated, especially for what it will enable to happen here at Sequanota.

Pastor George Mason  
Executive Director

Thank You notes may be sent to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church at 507 Main St., Berlin, PA 15530.



Memorial Donations may be sent to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 507 Main Street, Berlin, PA 15530.

Please include your name and address with the donation, along with the name of the person for whom you are donating and the fund in which you want it placed.

**SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

**JANUARY 7**

Lector Usher OPEN  
Joy Deem

**JANUARY 14**

Lector Usher Pastor John  
Doug & Kathy Bell

**JANUARY 21**

Lector Usher Carolyn Rastrelli  
Julie Leydig

**JANUARY 28**

Lector Usher OPEN  
OPEN

**We are always looking for Lectors and Ushers for our Saturday Evening Worship Service. If you can help, please contact the church office as soon as possible. Thank you!**



**BABY BOOMERS GROUP GET TOGETHER!**

**B**orn between 1946 and 1964? Feel like you were born between '46 and '64? Your kids don't understand what's so funny – or what you're talking about at all? Lived more than three decades in blue jeans? Wish you'd hear real rock and roll again? Don't trust anyone over 30? (Oops – that's us!) Still want to change the world? Is the sound of a Chevy small block still music to your ears?

Just want to hang out with kids your own age?

Join your fellow Boomers (Lutherans and non-Lutherans alike) for an evening without an agenda, without a dress code, and without a menu. What you will have is music and a place to have conversations – about anything - and laughs with people our age. Sort of a "Be-In", if you will. Bring a friend or two on **Sunday, January 22, 2012.** We will meet at the Holy Trinity Parlor at 7:00 PM



**If you have questions, concerns, suggestions, or anything else regarding our church, please contact your council representatives (below). They welcome your input! Our suggestion box is located at the rear of the church, if you'd prefer that.**

Villa Leslie	445-7257	Carolyn Rastrelli	267-6277
Homer Kreinbrook	267-7397	Julie Leydig	267-9960
Joyce Meese	267-4421	Tim Clites	267-3519
Wayne Schrock	267-3389	John Yeager	270-2197
Connie Slope	267-4170	VJ Chalk	267-4433
Lee Woida	267-4420		

Youth Representative: Briana Leydig 267-5208



**"ECCE AGNUS DEI"**

Latin for "Behold, the Lamb of God," this is the phrase John the Baptist used twice to point out Jesus to others (John 1:29, 36). It marks Jesus' Epiphany (manifestation, revelation) as the Anointed One (Christ, Messiah).



May God make your year a happy one!  
 Not by shielding you from all sorrow and pain,  
 But by strengthening you to bear it as it comes;  
 Not by making your path easy,  
 But by making you sturdy to travel any path;  
 Not by taking hardships from you,  
 But by taking fear from your heart;  
 Not by granting you unbroken sunshine,  
 But by keeping your face bright, even in the shadows;  
 Not by making your life always pleasant,  
 But by showing you when people and their causes need you most,  
 and by making you anxious to be there to help.  
 God's love, peace, hope and joy to you for the year ahead.

Author unknown

**TOGETHER IN MINISTRY 2011**

Our ministry depends on people sharing their time, talent and/or gifts for our ministry. Without willing people, lots of good ministry cannot happen. Please take a moment to prayerfully consider how you might share your gifts with us. Some of our needs are:

**SATURDAY WORSHIP (5:30 PM): YOUTH COMMITTEE:**

- Usher  Youth Group
- Lector  Helper
- Technology Assistant

**SUNDAY WORSHIP**

- Be a Communion Assistant  8 AM  10/10:40 AM
- Be a Lector  8 AM  10/10:40 AM
- Usher  8AM ( Communion /  No Communion)
- Usher  10/10:40 AM ( Communion/ No Com.)
- Children's Sermon
- Help In the Nursery  8AM  10/10:40 AM
- Be a Homebound Communion Assistant
- Technology Assistant



**EDUCATIONAL**

- Help With Sunday School  Elem.  Jr. & Sr. High
- Help With Uncommon Life Youth Ministry Snacks

**WHISKEY REBELLION HAM DINNER**

- Help with set-up and food preparation
- Help with serving
- Help with clean-up

**CARING FOR OUR PROPERTY**

- Help with maintenance and fix-it work
- Help decorate church

**(PLEASE X WHERE YOU CAN HELP.  
 RETURN FORMS IN THE CHURCH OFFICE.)**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Would you like email reminders sent instead of postcards?** \_\_\_\_\_

**SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP**

Don't let bad weather Sunday morning or tight family, sporting activity, and social schedules keep you from having a chance to get to church. Our Saturday evening worship service continues this month, with services on the 7th, 14th (communion), 21st and 28th. Dress is casual and the 5:30 PM time fits nicely between afternoon activities and chores and your other Saturday evening plans.

Our Saturday service has proven popular for those who would otherwise be unable to attend or those who might be having some health problems that make that service easier. It's even allowed more people to attend each week, keeping Holy Trinity a larger community of active worshippers.

If you haven't tried it yet, take a chance to see a different form of the way Lutherans can teach and preach the Gospel.



**VISITOR DEADLINE**

Please have all your information for February's issue of the Visitor turned in no later than Monday, Jan. 11. Information received after that date may be held until the March 2012 issue.

**OFFERING ENVELOPES**

If you haven't been able to pick up your offering envelopes (located on the back tables in the Sunday School area of the church), let us know and we can arrange delivery.

Please review your statement when you receive it; if you find any discrepancies, please call the Church Office so we may make any necessary corrections.

**SEEKING VOLUNTEERS**

We are always seeking new lectors, ushers, and other volunteers at the church. If you are interested in serving in one of these capacities, please call the Church Office at 267-5014 or e-mail us at [htelc@verizon.net](mailto:htelc@verizon.net).

Thank you for a wonderful, wonderful year. I cannot express to you how much I appreciate and love my job here at Holy Trinity!

Stephanie

**SCENES FROM THIS YEAR'S CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM**



**THANKS TO EVERYONE THAT HELPED MAKE THIS YEAR'S CHRISTMAS PLAY A SUCCESS!!**

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

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**IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO HELP WITH WORSHIP ON THE DAY YOU ARE ASSIGNED, PLEASE FIRST TRY TO FIND SOMEONE TO TRADE DATES WITH, THEN CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE AT 267-5014 TO LET US OF THE SCHEDULE CHANGE. THANKS!**

**HEAD USHER:** Lee Woida

**ALTAR GUILD:** Larry & Sandy Shober

**\*C** = Communion

DATE	TIME	ACOLYTE	CHILDREN'S SERMON	LECTOR/WORSHIP	USHER
Jan. 1 *C	9:00 AM	Tess Straight	Susan Straight	David Meese	Tim & Sue Clites, Nita Swank
	4:00 PM	NA	NA	NA	Lee Woida
Jan. 8	9:00 AM	Maeve Kreinbrook	Maria Mowry	Villa Leslie	Homer & Andrea Kreinbrook
Jan. 15	9:00 AM	Daria Kiesnowski	Pastor John	Connie Slope	Dave & Mary Ann Marker
Jan. 22	9:00 AM	Kaylin Dunn	Lee Woida	Christine Blubaugh	Bill & Shirley Riley
Jan. 29	9:00 AM	Nicole Oaks	Rachel Prosser	Katharine Harmon	Ron & Kathy Yoder