



THE LAMPLIGHTER

TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
1600 Kanawha Boulevard, East
Charleston, WV 25311

Our Mission is to live and share God's Word in Jesus Christ

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Corner**

October 2011

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As a deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the loving God. When shall I come and behold the face of God?
Psalm 42: 1 & 2.

Has anybody, anywhere, at any time in history, ever said it better than the psalmist? In these two little verses the psalmist describes the search for God that takes place inside the deepest part of who we are. Underneath all my journeys and all my movements, and all my quests, this is taking place. The outer journeys and activities are nothing more than a reflection of this inner drive. Underpinning all the joy and delight I might experience on the surface of my life, this wonderful longing for God is working itself out. Unnoticed, unseen, but under every sin and mistake I make, this quest is under way. And just as hidden, just as quiet, this quest is greatly responsible for everything I do right.

If I am a new Christian—if I am new to life in the church—say Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church—it is because this thirst for God has found some satisfaction here, where God is present and where God's people are found. Likewise, even if I have spent years among God's people, and have faithfully worshipped God here, this mysterious thirst is still operative, and still beckons me to a deeper relationship with the Almighty. For this is part of the mystery—the more I get of God, the more I want. The thirst never abates. The longing is never satisfied—yet, mysteriously, I come to realize I am satisfied enough for now—and the satisfaction will grow and increase as God and I continue this wonderful relationship. Meanwhile, with the psalmist, I hear myself ask, "When shall I come and behold the face of God?"

That is why, no matter how good life is, all Christians search for something more. We long for lives that are more fulfilling, more rich, more meaningful, and more joyful—even as we already have experienced fulfillment, contentment, meaning and joy.

We at Trinity have decided to use this deep thirst for nothing less than God as the fountain of this year's stewardship program. We have given our program a name: **Waters of Life**. Starting Sunday, September 18th, we will identify the ways God's waters and nourishes the deeper chambers of our souls, and how we can take advantage of what God is doing, how we can drink in more water, how to enjoy that water, how to find ourselves awash in it.

Waters of Life is headed up by Laura Knauff. Our **Waters of Life** team is made up of George McKinney, Chuck Jones, Charlie Young II, Nick Mitchell, Brenda Franklin, Karen Ashworth, Fritz Christ, John Rawlins, Melinda Apperson, Cliff Yost, Richard Wolford, and Linda Cook. As this newsletter goes to print, these people have already spent a lot of time and energy preparing for this program. About the time you receive this newsletter in the mail, these people will hold a small service of prayer and scripture reading in which they dedicate themselves to our Lord Jesus who gave us the name of our program when he told the Samaritan woman: "Those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life" (John 4:13)

Waters of Life targets our deepest need. And **Waters of Life** answers that need. We are asking you to go to your calendar now and reserve a date in October. The date is Sunday, October 23rd. On that day we will conclude our **Waters of Life** with a congregational luncheon.

CONTACT US!

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To include your news item in your Church publications, please observe the following deadlines. Submission by email is appreciated!

Bulletin	9:00 a.m. Tuesdays
Midweek	9:00 a.m. Mondays
Newsletter	The 20th of the month

*God's Work ...
Our Hands*

Peace,
Pastor Ron



LUTHERAN LINES

The latest issue of *Lutheran Lines* is available at www.Lutheransonline.com/mtnwelca. A copy is also on the board in the Social Hall. Learn more about WELCA on the national website: www.womenoftheelca.org

Women of the ELCA

Our Purpose:

As a community of women created in the image of God, called to discipleship in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves to grow in faith, affirm our gifts, support one another in our callings, engage in ministry and action, and promote healing and wholeness in the church, the society, and the world.

WELCA Dates for 2011

September 17	Saturday Brunch at Trinity 10:30 am (meeting)
September 18	Coffee Fellowship
October 15	Hot Dog/ Bake Sale
October 16	Coffee Fellowship
October 22-23	Fall Retreat at Tygart Lake
November ?	Bean Soup Mix Sale
November 20	Coffee Fellowship
December 18	Coffee Fellowship (Christmas Program)

August WELCA Convention Highlights

"Sisters Supporting Sisters". The Synodical Women's Organization convention was held August 5-6, 2011 at Bishop Hodges Center for Pastoral Care, Huttonsville, WV.

Lynn, Karen, and Pat attended this year with our national representative, Phyllis Rude. Phyllis was glad to meet several of you on Sunday, August 7th. She enjoyed seeing as much of our "wild, wonderful" state that we could squeeze in her short stay. At our convention we elected Norma Bowyer as our president; Linda Roland, vice president; Lois Broyles, secretary; and two board members, Marilyn Pemberton and Beverly McDonald. Our business meeting was well organized, the devotions were exceptional, the Bible study very enlightening, and the speakers very informative., including "brother" Bishop Dunkin. We spent time learning about our sisters and we plan to support them throughout the year with cards and prayers. Next year the convention will be held here in Charleston, August 3-4, 2012!

SUSANNA CIRCLE will meet on Tuesday morning September 6th at 9:30 in the Social Hall. Plan on joining us for a morning of study and fellowship.

Rebekah Circle

Our next Rebekah Circle meeting will be Thursday, September 25, 2011 at 7:00 pm. in the church Social Hall. Lynn Schillings will present our Bible study People of God: Unity in the Midst of Diversity, Session 3—Stewardship. Stewardship is about more than money. It's about taking care of that which has been entrusted to us by God! Vickie Schlak will provide us with our tasty treat during fellowship. Hope you can come and join in our study and fellowship.

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Where Love and Faithfulness Meet

A devotion for September:

Opening hymn: O God, My Faithful God ELW 806 (vs. 1–2)

Reading: Psalm 85:8–13

Let me hear what God the Lord will speak, for he will speak peace to his people,
to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts. Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him,
that his glory may dwell in our land. Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;
righteousness and peace will kiss each other. Faithfulness will spring up from the ground,
and righteousness will look down from the sky. The Lord will give what is good,
and our land will yield its increase. Righteousness will go before him,
and will make a path for his steps.

Reflection

We are asked to give back what God has given us, and as Christian stewards, we acknowledge God's blessings and know that we are called to use them to promote love, justice and peace. As the psalmist writes, God's goodness is for all God's faithful people, and our love and compassion for our brothers and sisters in Christ should motivate our stewardship. Our steadfast and faithful generosity can only strengthen our giving community of women disciples now and in the future.

Prayer

God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Closing hymn: O God, My Faithful God ELW 806
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Convention Love Offering....

One half of the love offering will go to the scholarship fund, one-fourth will go to publishing Lutheran Lines and one-fourth to a local ministry. At the convention we received \$1,206.00 and Marjorie knows she had about \$200.00 already sent to her. The basket raffle netted \$629.00 which will go to Lutheran World Relief.

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Coffee Fellowship

The Rebekah Circle invites you to come and visit with friends with coffee and tasty treats on September 18th at 10:30 in the social hall. That's also Rally Day! See you there.



Sunday School News



We will start our 2011-2012 Sunday School Program on Rally Day, September 18th at 9:45 in the Social Hall. Plan to join us for fellowship, opening, a special craft, and a tasty treat at the Coffee Fellowship! We have a variety of classes which will begin on September 25th! Come and meet the teachers and class participants on the 18th! We're looking forward to a great year!

Saturday Brunch

Our Saturday Brunch Gathering will be on September 17 at 10:30 in the Social Hall. Who knows what our program will be? Maybe something about Alaska? Bring a covered dish to share and your creative minds. See you on the 17th.

Fall Retreat

We will be meeting at Tygart Lake again this year on October 22-23 starting at 1:00pm. More information will be coming soon so put the date on your calendar for a great time!



It's not too early to start planning for our annual fall YARD SALE !! As the summer winds down and you are cleaning up, don't throw any treasures away, please save them for the Yard Sale! As you know, the Yard Sale is our primary fund-raiser for Trinity's Christmas Food Baskets, so the more great stuff we can sell, the better!

Church Yard Sale

Meadowbrook

You are invited to join us in our nursing home ministry at Meadowbrook Acres Nursing Home on Friday, September 30th at 2:00 p.m. We will celebrate birthdays as we sing songs, offer prayers, and eat cake. For more information, please call Jonalee Young at 304-346-1851 or Pat Schillings at 304-345-9003.



Coffee Providers

Thanks to all the people who have been keeping our coffee hutch in the Social Hall filled with supplies. We are still in need of volunteers for 2011 and the volunteer list is at the hutch. Thanks again for your helpfulness!



Men's Breakfast

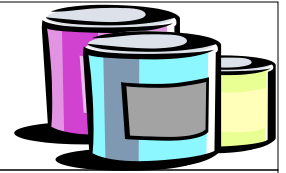
The Men's Breakfast will be held on September 17th at 8:30 a.m. Y'all come and bring your appetites. It is a great way to start your Saturday with fellowship and good food.

ON-GOING MINISTRY

In each monthly newsletter there is usually included a list of the needs of various agencies in our area such as the Gabriel Project, Covenant House, and the Food Pantry. You may sometimes ask yourself "when do I have time to take my donations to these different places, where exactly are these various agencies located, and what hours might they be open to accept donations?" Those are very good questions, and Trinity's Social Ministry Committee has the answers! To make it easier for Trinity's members to donate to the many needs of these local groups, there is a collection box in the Church foyer. At the end of the month, the Committee will deliver all of the donated items.

Food Pantry Needs

Donations are welcome in the Food Pantry. The food pantry is in need of any type of grain items such as cereal, macaroni and cheese, and plain macaroni. Canned fruit and vegetables, and canned meats, pasta sauce, and peanut butter are also appreciated. Canned soup is especially needed right now.



The Gabriel Project

Please bring in new or used onesies, sleepers, socks, and receiving blankets. Also, diapers, baby food, and baby toiletries are always needed. Similac Sensitive Formula is particularly needed.

Trinity's Table served 2,400 meals from May 1 to July 10, an average of 200 meals each night. The number of meals we are serving has been growing all summer long. We have not served less than 200 meals any night for the last seven weeks.

Because of donations of money and food from many members of Trinity and people from the community, we have been able to keep our costs extremely low. Our total expenditure for food for this time period is \$1,437.40. For 2400 meals, that works out to an average of 60¢ a meal! And year to date, we've served 5,219 meals at a cost of \$3,372.12, or 65¢ a meal. This low cost is especially astonishing considering that Feeding America statistics show that an average meal in West Virginia costs \$2.42. And they have been quality meals: a recent menu included barbecued ribs, baked barbecued chicken, creamed corn, fresh cucumbers, watermelon, and brownies with ice cream.

We are extremely blessed by numerous volunteers from Trinity every Sunday, as well as many volunteers from outside of Trinity. We are very grateful for all who give of their time and their resources to help support this ministry. We have a great time every Sunday, and invite you to come join us!

The following information, taken from Feeding America's website, provides some very enlightening information about the face of the hungry in America, the working poor. These are the folks who constitute a large percentage of the guests we serve every Sunday at Trinity's Table.

Working Poor

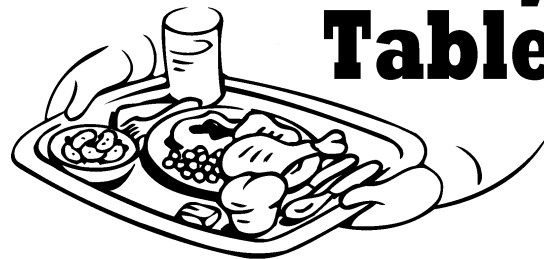
One of the most common misconceptions is the assumption that if someone is hungry, that means they do not have a job and are living on the streets. What most people don't understand is that anyone can experience hunger. It is a silent epidemic that affects more than 49 million Americans.

According to the US Census Bureau, in 2008, 19 million people lived in working-poor families. This translates into nearly 9 percent of all American families living below 100 percent of poverty have at least one family member working. In fact, 36 percent of client households served by the Feeding America network have one or more adults working.

Working Poor Facts

- Female-headed households were more than twice as likely to be among the working poor as male-headed households in 2008.
- Married-couple families with children under 18 were almost 5 times as likely as families without children to be among the working poor in 2008.
- Among families with at least one member working at least half a year, families with children were 4 times more likely than families without children to live in poverty in 2008.
- According to a survey on hunger and homelessness conducted by the United States Conference of Mayors, 92% of cities participating in the survey cited unemployment as one of three major causes of hunger in their city.
- Thirty-nine percent of all adult clients served by Feeding America have completed high school or equivalent degree with no further education beyond high school.
- Thirty-four percent of all client households served by Feeding America have had to choose between paying for food and paying for medicine or medical care.
- Sixty-five percent of working families that received SNAP were single-parent families.

Trinity's Table

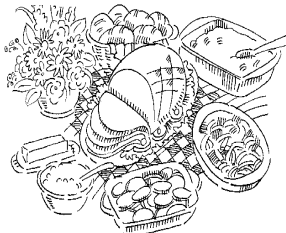




HANDBELL NEWS

It is about that time again. Handbells will begin their regular practice schedule on September 19th. We are starting a little bit later this year because four of the ringers (including your director) will be out of town and unable to start sooner, This year, we have several positions open. Linda Dover will have to drop out because of her work schedule. This is a treble bell position, and in order to do that you need to be able to read the higher notes on the treble clef. If you have a desire to join but have lots of questions, please talk to Karen or Lynn Schillings . Either of us will be glad to help you. As a reminder, we rehearse on Monday evenings in the Social Hall at 7:15 p.m. If you can read music (either treble or bass clef), please think about becoming a Trinity Bell Ringer.

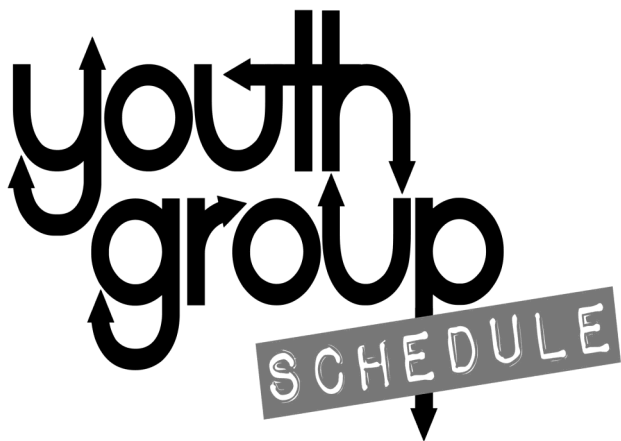
FRIENDLY LUTHERANS Friendly Lutheran News



During the summer, attendance at Friendly Lutherans has dwindled. It sure would be nice to have all of our friends attending again. We will be having a regular carry-in for September. In October, Pat Schillings and I would like to fix baked spaghetti. We are hoping that attendance will pick up. If you know of some who have not be attending, please give them a phone call and make sure they are ok and that they know September is a carry-in month. If you have ideas about a special friendly Lutheran day, please talk to Pastor Ron of Karen about it, or one of the other members. Now that the weather is nice, hopefully more will be able to attend.

Trinity Youth Group (TYG) will hold monthly meetings the 4th Sunday of each month. All Trinity teens are welcome. This year the youth will focus on service while preparing for the July 2012 Gathering. The first meeting was Sunday, August 28th.

July 2012 is the ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans! The youth of the church will be working diligently to raise funds for the trip. This year the West Virginia-Western Maryland Synod youth will travel together via Coach bus over 10 days of fellowship and community, with stops in Beckley and Birmingham. Watch for more information each month! Any questions, contact Kristin Mallory at kleemal-lory@hotmail.com



Do you enjoy the **Children's Sermon**? See Laura Knauff or any of the presenters listed to volunteer.



September 4	Lisa Williamson
September 11	Sara Busse
September 18	Laura Knauff
September 25	George McKinney



ALTAR GUILD

Looking for a new and different way to serve the church? Want to know more about why we do what we do during Communion or the services? Want to get involved with making new banners, paraments, or liturgical art? Then you need to be a member of the Altar Guild! Contact the office, Linda Cook, or Eunice Burch.



There are open dates on the readers list for both services. Stop and look at the chart located on the bulletin board opposite the secretary's office. If you are not comfortable singing the Psalm, the Pastor will do it for you. If you are looking for something to do for your church, this is one thing you can do. Thank you.

Believe it or not while you are melting in the summer heat--Christmas is coming! In the past few years we have used the puppets at Christmas time. Last Christmas, we were visited by two angels. One was a somewhat frantic angel and the other one was a very level headed angel. Izabel Dorst did a great job of being the level headed angel getting ready to announce the birth of Jesus. If you enjoyed that message and would like to hide behind a curtain, become someone else, and have some fun let us know. We would like to once again announce the coming of Jesus using the puppets. There are many puppet skits for Christmas but most require two or more puppets. If you would like to join in this special and joyous way of announcing Jesus birth let Laura Knauff know. (304-343-4735).



FOOD PANTRY NEWS

The Food Pantry is experiencing unprecedented numbers this summer. As you can see from the chart below, it's no wonder we have had a hard time keeping enough food in the pantry to meet our needs. We served 859 people during the month of June. Records that date back five years show we have never served this many clients. The previous high was 725. Following is a break down of the numbers this year compared to last year:

June	2011	2010	%Chng
Adults	566	450	+25.78%
Children	293	244	+20.08%
Families	120	106	+13.21%
Total	859	694	+23.78%

The continued support from Trinity's family is much appreciated. Because of the increased numbers, we are experiencing weekly shortages. Any donations of macaroni and cheese, pasta, rice, dried beans (smaller packages rather than larger), spaghetti sauce, boxed dinner mixes, peanut butter, jelly, cereal, canned soup, canned tuna, instant potatoes, ramen noodles, canned chili, spaghetti-os hamburger helper, and instant stuffing are much appreciated and needed.

Festival of Faith

Sunday, September 25, 2011

Saint Paul, Morgantown

“Nourish Us With Sacred Story”



*He is the reflection of God's glory
and the exact imprint of
God's very being*

Hebrews 1:3, NRSV

The WV-WMD Synod, ELCA cordially invites you to attend the Festival of Faith being held at Saint Paul, Morgantown.

Join us for a day of conversation with the members and friends of the West Virginia Western Maryland Synod, ELCA, as we encounter the “sacred story” of the Bible together.

We will gather for a day of exploring what is in the Bible with the help of our presenter Elna Solvang, Associate Professor of Religion, Concordia College, Moorhead, Minnesota.

For more information and/or to register for the event, please contact Helen Harms, (304)281-3217 or email helen.harms@elca.org



CARE LIST



If you or someone you know is in need of prayer on a Sunday morning, please fill out a prayer card and hand it to the usher (as we have done for some time). The usher will give the cards to Pastor Ron, who will mention those names in the prayer of the church that morning. If you or the person whose name you present is in need of prayer over a long period of time, please call the church office so we can put the name on Trinity's prayer list.

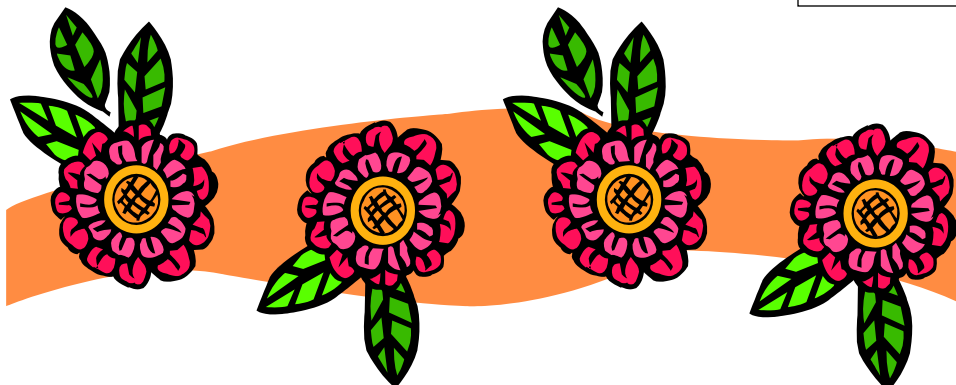
Please let us know if a name needs to be added or removed.

Please pray for:
 Rose Anadei
 Cathryn Angel
 Bob Busse
 2nd Lt. Jonathan Chapman
 Martha Cox
 Kitty DeBolt
 Ruth DeBolt
 Dewey Dixon
 Jonathan Lee England
 Nancy Entley
 Rachel Farnsworth
 Heather Harper
 Florence Heilman
 Barron Helgoe
 Sharon Henson
 Vera Howe
 Judith Judy
 David McCormick

George McKinney, III
 Shawn McKinney
 Michele Kelling
 Penny and Alan Meadows
 Avrie Nelms
 Cynthia Pratt
 Linda Ruthers
 Jeanette Simpson
 Susan Slater
 Dorothy Strohmerger
 Raelyn Strader
 Dennis Straton
 John and Gwen Taylor
 Amy Swann
 Norma Weddington
 Laveda Winkler
 Charlie Young Sr.
 Marian Zamiela

The dear ones below would love calls, cards, or prayers from their friends at Trinity. Won't you contact one of these folks today?

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<p>Florence Heilman Marmet Center – D 36 #1 Sutphin Drive Marmet, WV 25315</p>	<p>E. P. & Betty Harrison 242 Lariat Drive Gallipolis, OH 45631 *** Winter Address 31-104 Vista Garden Trail Vero Beach, FL 32962</p>



YARD SALE

Saturday, October 15, 2011

It's that time of year to clean out your closets, basement, attic and garage and collect your unneeded and/or unwanted treasures for Trinity's annual fall Yard Sale!!

The Yard Sale is the primary fundraiser for Trinity's **holiday food baskets** donated to Covenant House each year. Also, our friends in the East End community rely on our Yard Sale to find some great buys.

Furniture, clothes, books, games, toys, we will sell it all !!

Hot dog and bake sale too - so save the date - October 15!

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