

Trinity Tidings for February, 2022

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Pastor Julie Osterhout, Deacon Carol Koch, Musician: Nancy Moyer, Sexton: Roy Kline

A Meditation on Water and Jars



corner.

I “purchased” it at a sort of silent auction house. I bid the minimum \$3 for it and got it. I was surprised that no one else wanted it. Didn’t people see the significance of it? These are women at the well! You know, the well! Like the one where Jesus met that woman and he told her everything about herself and then he told her that he was living water. And then she got so excited to tell others about what had happened to her at the well that she left behind her water jar—the one that held *ordinary* water. Maybe that’s because she was now the water jar—a jar to hold living water.

When I look at these tiles, I think about that story. I think about these women coming to the well to fill their jars with bubbling, cold, clear water. The women in these tiles are full of life and movement as they bend and reach and lift their full amphorae (those egg shaped, two handled, clay vessels for carrying water) onto their shoulders. In a way, we are those women. Daily we, too, remember our own baptisms and the filling of our jars with the water of eternal life. It is in our baptisms that the boundary between heaven and earth is breached as the gift of life-giving physical water is poured out upon us out of the life-giving living water of Jesus Christ.

And now, as we move through the month of February watching the snow come and go, as we acknowledge those we love on Valentine’s Day, and finally close out these 28 days with Jesus standing on the mountainside adorned in rays of shining light, we remember God’s message to listen to Jesus.

Listen to the One who told the woman at the well, “Everyone who drinks of this [well] water will be thirsty again, but 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.” “Gushing” is exactly the right word. It is in this gushing water that we, too, are washed and transformed—made new.

The light is growing longer now. The days will become gentler, and Lent is on the horizon. The water is pure, clean, and cold. So, lift your amphorae to the mouth of the well and let the water run in till overflowing.

Blessings, Pr. Julie

Prayer Chain

If someone you know– or you yourself– are in need of prayer, allow us to add your prayer request to our daily prayers. Prayers will always remain confidential. Prayer requests may be as detailed or as anonymous as you prefer. Ex. "Pray for my Aunt Nellie who has cancer," or "Pray for healing for a friend." To activate the prayer chain, please call Mary Young at 610-678-4470. If there is no answer, please leave a message or call at a later time if you are not comfortable leaving a message. Your prayer request is important and we do not want to miss it.



A reminder to all Committee Chairs, task forces, etc. that the deadline for all reports for the Congregational Meeting is Sunday, February 14th. They can be e-mailed (preferred method) to the office-tlcworship@aol.com. Otherwise, a hard copy should be in Carol Koch's mailbox by the above date.
The Annual Congregational Meeting for reception of reports and adoption of endowment and rental management budgets will be held following worship on Sunday 3/14.

How are We Doing?

Trinity's Financial Summary for December

Average Weekly Giving in December, 2021: **\$6,169.91**

Average Weekly Giving in December, 2020: **\$6,439.50**

Total income to date in 2021: **\$192,904.63**

Total income to date in 2020: **\$193,085.73**

Total expenses to date in 2021: **\$170,700.08**

Total expenses to date in 2020: **\$183,885.14**

Total income in December: **\$24,679.63**

Total expenses in December: **\$18,163.70**

Percentage of Mission Support for 2021: to Synod: **100%**, to Mission District: **100%** **Thank you for your generosity.**

Please remember in your prayers:

Members who are sick or recently hospitalized: Elaine Briner, Tedd Hickernell, Karen Houck, Sandra Miller, Pamela Moyer and Joe Sickler.

Members who are homebound or in care facilities: Joan Kava, Diane Klinger, Rosie Putt, Betty Reber, Pat Sickles, and Kay Weatherholtz.

The Military: Rena Butcavage, Natalie Ketner, and Justin Klinger.

Family and Friends: Wanda Barnett, Carolyn Bryant, Fred DeLong, Marge Dietrich, Peggy Guido, Kevin Hartman, Glenn Helbert, Betty Kauffman, Shirley Kerchner, Tom Koerner, Hannah Kramer, Ian Pirl, Jake Powers, Clairre Putt, Tom Reppert, Jerry Zachousk, and Ann Zimmerman.

Special Ministries: Our missionary in Tanzania-Stephen Friberg and his Family

Please let us know when our prayers are answered so we can keep our prayer list current.

Thank You



December 18, 2021

Pastor Julie Osterhout
Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
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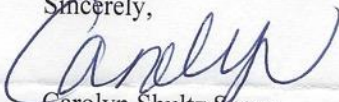
Dear Pastor Osterhout,

Bethany Children's Home provides a safe haven for youth to heal from their pasts and prepare for their futures! Our youth come to us with some degree of trauma from abuse, abandonment, neglect, or drug/alcohol exposure. They are seeking an opportunity to learn new skills for their journey in coping with the past, setting positive education and life goals for the present, and preparing for their future. Often arriving frustrated, angry, and broken, it takes time, structure and a caring environment to help our youth to realize their potential to succeed.

Thank you for your contribution of in-kind general wish list items. In-kind contributions are a valuable asset to our organization as they enable us to provide additional opportunities and services for the youth in our care.

Together, we are providing each youth the opportunity to become the person they really want to be and have the life they so desperately deserve.

Sincerely,


Carolyn Shultz Spano
Director of Development



For our Christmas gifts from the giving tree in the narthex.



YOU'RE INVITED TO A FUNDRAISING EVENT

ORGANIZATION:

Western Berks Shepherding Ministries

EVENT DATE:

Wednesday February 9, 2022

Thursday February 10, 2022

Bring this invite to:

Austin's Restaurant & Bar - 1101 Snyder Road - West Lawn 610-678-5500

Coastal Grille - 2713 N. Meridian Boulevard - Wyomissing 610-743-4006

20% of your food purchases – alcohol not included
(dine in or take out) will be given to:

Western Berks Shepherding Ministries

Invitation must be presented for purchase to qualify

VOID IF DISTRIBUTED AT RESTAURANT

Reservations Suggested



June Festival/Community Outreach

Last April 6, 2021 eight members of the Strawberry Festival Task Force met to determine if we could have a Strawberry Festival in June 2021. After discussing the uncertainties and limitations set by COVID we determined we would not hold a Festival in June 2021. The Task Force decided we would meet in February 2022 to discuss the feasibility of a Festival or how an outreach to the community could happen in June, building on the success of past Festivals. That meeting is now set for **Tuesday February 22, 2022, 7:30 pm. to 8:30 pm.** at the church.

We invite **everyone** who has thoughts on having a traditional Strawberry Festival, a new and improved Strawberry Festival, or another form of meaningful outreach to the community in June, to come share your ideas on Tuesday Feb. 22. All ideas will be heard and a path will be chosen either at this meeting or a future meeting, as time allows.

If you have ideas or comments to share, but are unable to attend the meeting, please email or call Betty Lou Franzen at blou-clue@comcast.net or 610-678-7330, before Feb.20, and your ideas will be shared at the meeting.

Flower and Bulletin Sponsorship

The cost of sponsoring the flowers is \$40.00. If you are sponsoring the flowers, please note that there are flower envelopes in the narthex beside the sign up list for altar flowers. Please put your check (payable to Trinity) or cash in the envelope and place in the offering plate. The cost of sponsoring the bulletins is **\$15.00.** We need altar flower sponsors for 2/6 and 2/13 and bulletin sponsors for all the Sundays in February. Please sign up on the appropriate chart in the narthex.

Altar Flower Sponsors for February: 2/6-available, 2/13-available, 2/20-Laura Miller in memory of her brother, 2/27-Pam Moyer in memory of her mother.

Bulletin Sponsors for February: All Sundays available.

Helpers for February

Altar Guild: Nancy Moyer

Council Devotions and Snacks: Izannah Bashore

Communion Assistant: 2/6-Betty Lou Franzen, 2/27-Bob Bashore

Acolytes: 2/6-Aislin Given, 2/13-Quentin Light, 2/20-Carson Enck, 2/27-Arianna Sitlinger.

Lay Readers: 2/6-Ron Rush, 2/13-Beth Byler, 2/20- Kelly Light, 2/27-Mary Nace.

Ushers: 2/6-Lawrys, 2/13-Bashores, 2/20-Kurtzes, 2/27-Givens

Sound System: 2/6-Wendell Byler, 2/13-Scott Franzen, 2/20-Stephanie Kurtz, 2/27-Wendell Byler.

Children's Sunday School Teachers: 2/6-Kathy Bashore, 2/13-Harmony Wentzel, 2/20-Morgan Enck, 2/27-Kathy Lawry,

Counters: 2/6-Rapley/Pirl-Roth, 2/13-Hummel/Jarsocrak, 2/20-Debiec/Rinehimer, 2/27-Franzens.

Bulletin Assemblers: 2/2-Sharon Black, 2/9-Marilyn Weatherholtz, 2/16-Mary Young, 2/23-Mary Jane Evans, 3/2-June Rapley.

Newsletter Assembly: Kathy Lawry

Church Council Members

Harmony Wentzel, President 610-390-9986

Glen Given, Vice President 484-955-1780

Izannah Bashore 610-488-0520

Betty Lou Franzen 610-781-8132

Tacy Grippon 484-878-9345

Dawn Hickernell 717-507-3549

Jerry Jarsocrak 610-670-0954

Elwood (Woody) Noll 484-638-2057

Cindy Hassler-Schappell 610-451-6131



Ruth Rush will be 84. Happy Birthday Ruth.

Church Council Highlights for January

- Set date of March 13 for Congregational Meeting following worship.
- All committee/Task Force and financial reports into the office by Thursday 2/10 so report can be compiled and distributed by 2/27.
- Elected Harmony Wentzel as President and Glen Given as Vice President of the council/congregation.
- Endowment Budget for 2022 was approved.
- There will be a church council retreat at the church on Saturday, 4/30.