



Pastor's Message

Dear Members and Friends of Trinity,

There is no doubt in my mind that the major "happening" of November (that is after our Sauerkraut Supper and the opening of hunting season) is Thanksgiving. I must say that Thanksgiving is one of my favorite holidays. I love the turkey, stuffing, potatoes, pumpkin pie, football games, the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade and I dare not forget being with family and friends. Of course, we as Christians, are aware that Thanksgiving for us should be more than just the above. We know that our first responsibility on that day is to "give thanks to the Lord for He is good and His mercy endures forever." As a matter of fact, I am sure that we are aware that we should give thanksgiving to God not just on Thanksgiving, but each and every day of our lives.

Giving thanksgiving to God! Yes, we do know that we are supposed to give thanksgiving to God. However, do we? I must confess that at times I fail miserably in giving the thanks the Lord deserves. You may too. Many Christians admit that thanksgiving is more often than not way down at the bottom of their list when they pray to God. But why is this the case? Well, I believe that there are many reasons. However, two of these reasons seem to stand out the most. I would like to share them with you now.

One reason as to why we may not give thanksgiving to God is that we may have become so "busy" with our personal lives that we simply do not recognize God's goodness and mercy. We are so caught up going here and there, doing this and that, you name it, that we are not even aware of God in our lives and what He has been doing for us. Thus, we will not be inclined to give Him thanks for we are unaware of Him, His gifts, and His work.

Another reason for our failure to give thanks to God might be that we simply do not believe that God has been all that good and merciful to us. When the children do poorly in school or get in trouble, when the spouse leaves, when the employer severely criticizes or even fires you, when a test shows cancer, when a loved one dies—when everything that can go wrong does go wrong—we are certainly more inclined to say, "Why me Lord?" or "Don't you love me?" or "Why have You abandoned me?" Let's face it, when things go wrong we tend to question and doubt God's goodness and mercy. And if we do not think God has been good or merciful to us, we certainly are not going to want to give Him thanksgiving.

Friends, we need to stop every so often and focus on God and what He does. Believe it or not, His goodness and mercy does endure forever. Just look at His goodness: the warmth of the sun; the refreshment of a cool breeze, the beauty and color of changing leaves; the peace of a purring cat; the joy from a smiling baby. To tell you the truth, we could go on and on. What about food, clothing, shelter, good government, your brothers and sisters in Christ, your family. Why His goodness surrounds us day in and day out. There is not a moment in our lives when we are not surrounded with His goodness. As we remember this, we will want to give God thanksgiving.

This is even true when it comes to the troubled times. We are never alone. God is always with us. His promises to us are real. He will give us a way out of temptation. He will not give us more than we can handle. Above all, He will work all out for our good. Just look at your past life. I am sure that if you look hard enough you will see God's hand working for your encouragement and good. Once again, as we remember this, we will want to give God thanksgiving.

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Special points of interest:

- 2nd Monday
Elders Mtg 7pm
- 3rd Monday
Cong. or Council Mtg. 7pm
- 1st Tuesday (APR-DEC)
Ladies Aid 7 PM
- 2nd Tuesday
Evan. Mtg. 4pm
Prop. Mtg 6pm
- 3rd Tuesday
Men's Club 6pm
- Saturday Bible St. 9:30am
Saturday Worship 7:30pm
- Adult Bible Study
Sunday 9:00am
Tuesday 9:30am
- Sunday Worship 10:30am

However, what we really need to do is to look at His mercy. His mercy is clearly seen in the gift of His Son Jesus Christ. Without Jesus we would have been lost in our sins. We would have been condemned to Hell. However, God placed on His only Son Jesus all of our sins and then sacrificed Him on the cross. By doing so He paid the punishment of our sins thereby defeating sin, death, and the Devil once and for all. Because of God's mercy, and only because of His mercy, are we the children of God who will inherit eternal life. Once again, as we remember this, we will want to give God thanksgiving.

What a God! What a God! Truly He is good and His mercy endures forever. Please take time this Thanksgiving to recall His goodness and mercy. Please take time each and everyday to recall His goodness and mercy. If you do, you cannot help but give Him the thanksgiving He truly deserves.

Your servant in Christ,
Pastor



ANNUAL VOTER'S MEETING NOTICE

Attention Members: Please plan to attend our annual Voter's Meeting on Sunday, November 29 immediately following the worship service. This purpose of this annual meeting is for nomination and election of officers. A special recommendation will be presented at this meeting due to the anticipated adoption of our new constitution in January 2010.

Senior Citizens

Seven members and three guests, Gary and Jean Rushmore and Sally Dannheim, met on October 1st in the Dorcas Room. After our meal cards were signed for six shut-ins. June read devotions, which was an inspiring article encouraging us to look deeper before judging others on outward appearances.

Secretary's and Treasurer's reports were given. A motion was made by Marge Vossler and seconded by Eleanor Cott to donate the mission money which we have collected to Sheba for her orphanage.

Our next meeting will be December 3rd at noon.
The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Submitted by Dorothy Herke



Ladies Aid

Our Meeting opened with 15 members and several guests present. We welcomed all those who came to hear our guest speaker, Sheba.

Devotions were done by Marge Vossler, entitled "Light in the Tower". She also read about Luther's faith.

Several business issues were discussed before Shelly Dunne took the floor to tie up loose ends concerning the Hands & Harvest Craft Festival which will be over by this newsletter.

While enjoying cider & donuts provided by Janet Vargo, we had a talk by Sheba using a computer for Visuals. The progress of her school was amazing and made the cause much more meaningful.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer at about 8:15 pm.

*Respectfully,
Sally Dannheim, Sec'y.*

Dorcas Guild

September 26th, with expert directions from Janet & Eleanor, we tied the "Cabin Constellations" quilt! Then October 12th, Janet, Judy & Marge Knowles, marked the "Tumbling Snow Angels" quilt for us to tie. "Thanks girls!"

These two beautiful quilt tops were created by Shirley Neu. "Thank you Shirley!" Shirley creates such interesting and very lovely quilt tops for Dorcas.

Bethesda Lutheran Home has been sent a memorial in memory of Gene Latham, Dorothy Herke's brother-in-law, who died recently.

If you would like to see beautiful quilts and help tie some knots—come and join us.

Work sessions—Nov. 9 & Nov. 23rd at 9:30 am in the Dorcas Room.





TRINITY CHRISTIAN DAYCARE

A Day with Preschool Penguins

Every day is exciting with our preschoolers – Jamie, Isabel, Isabella, Maura, Breydan, Brooklyn, MaKenzie, Alana, Kaylie, Matthew, Alivia, and Jarron. Miss Jessica, our head teacher for the 3- and 4-year olds, leads her little charges through a busy and well-planned day.

At this age readiness for school becomes more important. The “circle” shape was recently the topic for a week. Circle appeared through art in all making caterpillars. Penguins became ovals. Games focused on circles and other shapes. On outside walks the children were challenged to find objects of various shapes. Read-aloud stories centered on shapes. Coloring and name-writing are also important skills that receive attention. And then, there is shoe-tying. Many short activities are necessary to promote the learning process.

In addition to our “Wednesday Church,” Jessica shares a Bible story and a Bible verse with the children. She is encouraging the children to learn the verse. A recent verse was Psalm 66:1. (Look it up!) During this particular week she was also leading the children in thinking ways they can respect God.

As with toddlers described in the last newsletter, the preschoolers are “on the go.” There’s never a dull moment with them.

UPC LABELS are being collected from Campbell Soups, Pepperidge Farm, Franco-American, and Prego products. The daycare is spearheading this drive with assistance from some of the Dorcas ladies. The only part of the label needed is the little rectangular section marked with a barcode and titled “Labels for Education.” There is a box on the back table for leaving your labels. Currently we have 2010 points with labels, but are trying for more in order to redeem them for needed school items. 350 pts “buys” large crayons, a soft 12 ft balance beam is 5950 pts, a Lego set is 3,350 pts. Gym scooters are 750 pts. A new floor mat is 11,300 points. Please help by saving, cutting, and bringing in your labels.




November Birthdays

- 1 Shirley Mangels
- 2 Sue Hand, Haylee Helmer, Helen Riley
- 3 Carol English
- 5 Carolyn Duttweiler, Diane Vossler
- 7 Barry Gridley, Natalie Taylor
- 8 Bernice DiStrola
- 9 Matthew Gridley, Shirley Neu
- 12 Jaxson Green, Sandra Vossler
- 17 Brad White
- 19 Fred Dannheim, Meri Lynch-Madison, Marge Vossler
- 23 James Leonard
- 24 Barbara Raines
- 26 Jean Rushmore
- 28 Carole Aldrich, Ken Bellows, Bhavya (orphan Sponsored by Bellows Family)
- 29 Roxanne Jedraszczak, Kelly Monroe, Rosemary Vossler
- 30 Lawrence Vossler

& Anniversaries

- 6 Ludwig & Barb Delity
- 10 Robert & Gladys Sweet
- 15 Ed & Lois Flurschutz
- 17 Ken & Mary Bellows
- 23 Floyd & Doris Mallory



A  from your DCO

October has been a very exciting time for me. I have had the privilege of traveling with Sheba when she speaks at different churches in the area. We have attended 2 different Baptist churches, a Wesleyan Church, and Hope Lutheran in Rochester. It was exciting to watch people as they responded to Sheba's message. There were many expressions of love, caring, and urgency in sharing the Gospel half way around the world with all of those children. By the time you read this, Sheba will have also spoken at a St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Hilton, NY. I would like to share with you how God is blessing this ministry. Sheba and I attended an ordination of a friend of mine into the Episcopal Ministry. In attendance at the service was the head Bishop of the Episcopal Rochester Diocese. Much to our surprise, their Bishop was born and raised in India. Sheba had the opportunity to talk with him and was deeply moved by her work. He then directed the other Priests to find out more and encouraged support for her. We are working on making the connections next year. Also I called the "wrong" Lutheran church by mistake. However, the conversation continued and in talking with the Pastor there, I learned that he was leaving for Hyderabad, India the first of January to look into the type of outreach taking place there. As a result, He has invited Sheba to speak to his congregation this year before returning to India. Please continue to pray for Sheba and the work she is doing. May God continue to open doors and bless Compassion Clement Mission.

Other happenings: There will be an Altar Guild meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 17th at 7:00 pm. Please make every effort to attend. New members are needed. Please contact me if you are interested or would like more information.

In closing, a little bit of humor: "During the day I take a few moments to unwind by reading the Bible. After seeing me do this for several years, my four-year-old daughter became concerned: Aren't you ever going to get finished reading that book?"



Evangelism Committee

The Evangelism Committee has had a busy few months. The Funtastic Carnival fundraiser for Julie Shaver and family was a huge success despite the rain after only 1½ hours of operation. Not only was a lot of money raised, loads of volunteers came out to run kid's games, get hit with pies and help with crafts. There was great fellowship under the "big tent" waiting for the showers to clear so we could complete the clean up. Many thanks to all those who helped in any way. Donations for the family continue to come in which helps Gary with his gas money back and forth to Erie. Why not drop Julie a card? Her address is: Julie Shaver, Health South Rehab.Center, 143 E 2nd St, Erie, PA 16507.

The Evangelism Committee served refreshments in October to the crowd that enjoyed the "We Have Talent" variety show organized by Carol Aldrich and Dee Roeske. What a fun night full of talented people that are rarely showcased. Lois' brownies were a huge hit as were the cream puffs and pinwheel sandwiches.

Friendship Sunday has been postponed until February due to a full calendar at Trinity. We will be planning this event in the next few months and collecting names to send out invitations. If you know of anyone who you think might like to attend, and you don't feel comfortable inviting them yourself, give us their name and address and we will do it for you.

If you haven't picked up your FREE annual calendar at the church, be sure to do so. The Evangelism Committee provided these as a "thank you" to the congregation for their generosity in the various fundraisers this year!

We would love to have your input on our committee. We helped with and/or funded over 15 outreach programs this year and we are always looking for new ways to spread God's word to the community and beyond. If you have ideas or just want to help out please let Kay or Betty know or-just show up on the last Wednesday of every month at 6:00 PM!

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MEN'S CLUB NEWS

The regular monthly meeting of Men's Club was held at the fellowship Hall with 14 members present. A delicious chili dinner was enjoyed by all. Thanks Pastor, Lou, and Dick for preparing the meal.

A short business meeting was held to discuss the upcoming sauerkraut dinner and everyone was asked to volunteer some time to help make it a success. Plans were also made for our December meeting. It will be a Christmas dinner at the Beef Haus restaurant on Dec. 15th at 6pm. Cost will be \$17.00 per member including gratuity. There will be 4 different entrees to choose from and will include beverage and dessert. We will need a count of how many for reservations by next meeting.

Next months meeting will be held at the Fellowship hall on Tuesday Nov. 17th at 6pm.

JUST A REMINDER: Portal of Prayers are available for anyone who would like to take one. A donation of \$1.00 would be greatly appreciated to help cover the cost.

Lutheran Witness Also, the Church will no longer be receiving copies of the Lutheran Witness for distribution. However, if you would like to receive a copy, contact Deb Martin **before November 15th** and you can subscribe through the church and save a little. The cost will be \$9.25, please bring your payment to the church office.

THANK YOU for all the prayer support! God truly hears us and HE has given me a new lease on life! God bless all of you!

*Sincerely, in Christian love,
Marilyn Cornelius*